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## Pair charged with selling company secrets

BY BRAD KADRICH  
 STAFF WRITER

Officials at Plymouth-based Metaldyne are confident trade secrets are safe despite the arrest Tuesday of two former employees charged with selling those secrets to a Chinese company.

Anne Lockwood of Rochester Hills and Fuping

Liu of Shanghai were arrested on a complaint charging them with theft of trade secrets, transmitting trade secrets to a Chinese company and conspiracy. Lockwood, 52, is a former vice president of Metaldyne, an automotive parts supplier, who resigned in February 2004. Liu formerly worked for Metaldyne's Shanghai office until April 2004, when he

began working for Auburn Hills-based GKN Sinter Metals' Shanghai office. The complaint alleges Lockwood and Liu took confidential information belonging to Metaldyne and, without authorization, transmitted it to Chongqing Huaifu Industry Co Ltd., a Chinese manufacturing company. Liu is also charged with taking confidential

information from GKN's Auburn Hills headquarters and transmitting it to Lockwood.

Metaldyne spokeswoman Myra Moreland declined to speak Wednesday about specific secrets Lockwood may have sold, for fear of compromising the FBI's case. She did, however, express confidence that no serious damage was done

"We're confident that, through the judicial process, our trade secrets will be protected," Moreland said.

An affidavit in support of the complaint written by FBI Agent Jeffrey Edwards alleges Lockwood "obtained detailed information regarding Metaldyne's secret powdered metal forging process, including technical specifications and

confidential cost information, and provided this information to (Huaifu)."

According to the affidavit, Liu introduced Lockwood to Huaifu representatives and served as a partner and go-between in the transfer of trade secrets.

Lockwood and Liu, who was

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## Light set for Ridge crossing

BY BRAD KADRICH  
 STAFF WRITER

When her daughter was injured in a traffic accident at the intersection of Ann Arbor Road and Ridge two weeks ago, Kim DelCol had had enough.

After witnessing several near-misses at what police call a dangerous intersection, and then seeing her daughter and a friend injured in a crash, DelCol started calling anyone she could think of — Plymouth Township police, Michigan State police, Michigan Department of Transportation — to lobby for a light there.

She is apparently going to get her wish. Township police said Tuesday MDOT officials have told them a blinking traffic light will be installed there this spring.

"There are sight issues there, and it's also heavily traveled by the expanding community," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said. "We've been working with the state for at least two years to get a light there."

Tiderington said two years ago, his department turned over crash data to MDOT officials, who then conducted a study and determined there wasn't sufficient evidence a full traffic signal was warranted.

Tiderington said he was told more than a year ago the light would be installed, but it never was. He said he was told last week in an e-mail conversation with MDOT officials the light was a go.

"I can't really give a definitive date, but it is going in this season," said Michael Budai, traffic and safety engineer in MDOT's Taylor office. "There were some delays with responses from utility companies, but it's going forward now."

Budai said that stretch of Ann Arbor Road can't get a full traffic signal in part because there's no left-center turn lane. However, he said such a lane is projected to be added in 2006.

"We hope at that time to upgrade the light to a full traffic signal," Budai said.

That comes as good news for DelCol, whose 18-year-old daughter Tracey was the passenger in a car driven by a friend, Jessica Glidden. Glidden made the left from southbound Ridge onto eastbound Ann Arbor Road, but didn't

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HVAC technician Brett Vanderveen of Keeth Heating and Air Conditioning in Plymouth runs an exhaust line down the chimney.

## Warming things up

### Contest win lets Plymouth woman turn up the heat

BY BRAD KADRICH  
 STAFF WRITER

For four winters now, Rhonda Danis has set the thermostat in her Ann Arbor Trail home at around 58 degrees, snuggled under electric blankets given her by her father and made due. Tuesday night, she turned the heat up above 70.

Danis got a new furnace to replace the ancient, heating-oil furnace she's been using since moving into the house four years ago. Danis, a single mother out of work because of back problems, got the new furnace through a contest co-sponsored by WDIV's popular Ruth to the Rescue segment and by Lennox Industries.

"I was shocked that we won," said Danis, who lives in the house with her 9-year-old son, Austin. "It's unbelievable. I feel very honored and blessed, and I'm so grateful."



Homeowner Rhonda Danis and Jack Vanderveen, president of Keeth Heating and Air Conditioning, stand next to the new furnace installed to replace Danis' old oil-burning unit. Danis won a contest to have her furnace replaced for free.

Becky Forma has been a friend of Danis since the two met at a wedding for Danis' cousin 10 years ago. It was Forma, a personal banker for Standard Federal Bank in Redford, who nominated Danis, mostly because she was tired of freezing when she went to visit.

"It's freezing in her house, I didn't like to go over because we had to

she kept the temperature in her house around 60. She and Austin would eat meals with her mother, who lives nearby. Her father provided electric blankets after Austin told him how cold it was.

"That shouldn't be a problem any more. As a contractor for Lennox Industries, Jack Vanderveen of Keeth Heating and Cooling in Plymouth spent the day Tuesday replacing Danis' oil heater with a new furnace. Vanderveen and his staff took out the old unit and even replaced the liner in Danis' chimney.

"This one was in our town, so they asked us to do it, and we're happy to do it," said Vanderveen, who even got Plymouth Township to waive some \$85 in fees. "She'll probably save 50 percent on her heating bill. It'll be a huge difference for her."

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## District may close Miller for one year

### Repairs force school officials to eye options

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
 STAFF WRITER

Groundbreaking for the new elementary school being constructed in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village needs to happen soon to guarantee opening in time for the 2006-2007 school year.

School district officials also say opening of the school in August 2006 is paramount to plans affecting more than 600 students at Miller Elementary in Canton — which houses the Talented and Gifted program with students from Plymouth and Canton — who are expected to be displaced for an entire school year when Miller is closed to complete \$3.5 million in renovations.

Both projects are part of the \$109 million bond issue passed by Plymouth-Canton school district voters in September. Ken Jacobs, assistant superintendent for administrative services, said surveys and soil borings are being conducted at the 20-acre site on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Denton.

Design work for the building must be approved and fit in with the Cherry Hill Village architecture, and is expected to be sent to the Canton Township planning commission in time for its March 7 meeting.

However, Jacobs admits the time frame to build and open the school is a bit shorter than what is generally considered acceptable for a school project.

"It's shorter than what we would feel extremely comfortable with. But, if everything goes right, we should be OK," Jacobs said. "We can't afford any trip-ups along the way, because there is no room for maneuvering."

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**Governance role**

Plymouth resident Steve Barnaby has been named to the American Hospital Association Committee on Governance. In that role, Barnaby will participate in the development of policies to represent, guide and assist the nation's hospitals.

The COG is a primary vehicle for effective hospital trustee involvement in grassroots advocacy, providing input into AHA policy development and enhancing communications and involvement of trustees in the AHA.

Barnaby is a board director at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, where he serves on the governance committee. He also is board chairman of Community Emergency Medical Service, a medical emergency and transport company based in Southfield.

Barnaby is president of the Plymouth-based Century Communications Group, a strategic planning company that provides facilitation and mediation services.

**PCAC auction**

An evening of Black Satin and Pearls is planned for this year's 'Artful Affair' presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 5:30 p.m. March 19 at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College. As the only major fund-raiser for the PCAC each year, the goal for the dinner auction is

\$50,000 with proceeds going toward the council's many and varied educational and community arts programs.

The evening includes fine dining, dancing to the sounds of Channel 6 and live and silent auction items.

Advance tickets are \$85 per person and are available by calling the PCAC at 734-416-4278. Those who would like to donate items for the auction can call the same number.

**Who's Who**

Charlotte Moore-Viculin, a Dearborn Heights resident who runs art and music studios in Plymouth, has been selected for the second time to be included in the biographical directory 'Who's Who in America' and will also be included for the first time in 'Who's Who in the World,' published by Marquis.

Moore-Viculin is a self-employed portrait artist, mural painter, pianist, vocalist, music arranger, teacher and professional music judge. A graduate of both the Detroit Conservatory of Music and Wayne State University, had studios in Detroit and Livonia, and has had studios in Plymouth since 1980.

She belongs to many professional organizations and has been on the boards of several

of them. She has been married to Richard Viculin since 1977.

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Individuals should go to the magazine area of the library's front parlor, where librarians will assist anyone interested in donating the cost of a magazine's subscription for the coming year.

For more information, stop at the library or call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

DAR meets. Irene Foster will be the keynote speaker when the Daughters of the American Revolution Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of Plymouth-Northville holds its Good Citizen Reception at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 21 at the Plymouth District Library.

The library is located at 223 S. Main. For more information, call (734) 420-2775.

Fox Hills events. Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will host a Friday Fish Fry every Friday beginning Feb. 4.

The events will run 5-9 p.m. and include all-you-can-eat fish, choice of potato, cole slaw

and a dinner role for \$8.75 per person.

For more information, call (734) 453-7272.

The Golden Fox hosts a Valentine holiday dinner at 7 p.m. Feb. 11, with entertainment starting at 8 p.m.

The \$50-per-person ticket includes hors d'oeuvres, a four-course dinner and the entertainment.

To make reservations, call (734) 453-7272. Fox Hills is located at 8768 N. Territorial.

**Pioneer Mystery Zone**  
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This dessert theatre will showcase the acting, dancing, singing and writing talents of the Pioneer eighth-graders. In addition to being a culminating activity for their mystery unit, students hope to raise money to refurbish Pioneer's 30-year-old stage.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$8 at Pioneer Middle School. A silent auction featuring donations from local businesses and parents will also be held.

The Educational Excellence Foundation will handle the money raised from the Mystery Zone until there is enough to begin refurbishing the stage.

**Mom-to-mom sale**  
Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples will hold their Spring/Summer Sale from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 5 at Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill, North of Ann Arbor Road.

The event features department-style shopping with baby and children's clothing from newborn to size 7, maternity clothing, toys and baby gear. There will also be a bake sale.

Admission is \$1 for adults, no strollers please.

**Lenten fish fry**  
The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a fish fry every Friday from Feb. 4 through April 1.

All-you-can-eat meals of fish and chips (\$6), shrimp (\$7) and macaroni and cheese (\$4) will be served from 5-7 p.m. Free coffee and punch will be available.

The Knights of Columbus is located at 150 Fair in Plymouth. For details, call (734) 453-3966.

**Blood drive**  
St. John's Episcopal Church hosts a Red Cross blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21.

Donors can call Carolyn Liebau, (734) 455-5395, to make an appointment or simply drop in.

St. John's is located at 574 S. Sheldon.

**Lincoln birthday bash**

Patrons get a chance to celebrate President Lincoln's birthday at the Plymouth Historical Museum from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 12.

The night will feature a 'Strolling Dinner' where visitors will meet with living historians in period costumes, wine tasting by BellaVino's of Plymouth, period music with special performances by Leroy Hyter, a Frederick Douglas historian and musician who has put Douglas words to music.

Tickets cost \$35, of which \$25 is tax deductible. For more information, e-mail director@plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940.

**Jobs summit**

State Rep. John Stewart will be a panelist at The Kalamazoo Regional Chamber of Commerce Jobs Summit at the Radisson Hotel Friday, Feb. 4.

'I am very honored to talk about jobs and our economic conditions at this summit,' said Stewart, R-Plymouth Township. 'There is a need for higher education to best prepare our employees of the future in this high-tech world and draw more employers to our great state.'

Stewart was asked to participate in the summit because he held a Jobs and Manufacturing Summit in January 2004 and has a diverse background on this topic. The Kalamazoo summit will provide topical

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**Headache seminar**

Dr. Nicole Whitehead appears at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Plymouth Cultural Center for a free headache relief seminar that focuses on how balance, posture and nutrition can bring relief to even the most chronic headache sufferers.

To register for this free workshop, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

**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.

**'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.

**Little Lambs preschool**

Preschool registration for next year's (2005-06) classes at Little Lambs Christian Preschool takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The school is located inside First Baptist Church on N. Territorial between Sheldon and Beck.

The school emphasizes social skills, problem-solving, fine motor skills, pre-reading, writing and math skills and listening. Extra amenities include field trips, a Christmas program, student evaluations, parent conferences and an end-of-year picnic.

Students must be 3 or 4 years old by Aug. 1. For more information call Shari at (734) 414-7792.

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# Kiwanis Club taking a bite out of hunger

## Group seeks volunteers to help feed children around the world

# Locals wonder if underpass will come

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

After eating a nutritious meal of a fortified rice soy mixture with added dehydrated vegetables, chicken and 21 essential vitamins and minerals, members of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth received some stunning information at its weekly Thursday noon-time meeting.

"We lose about 40,000 children who starve to death every 24 hours," said Don Burwell, president of Feeding Children International of Michigan, a non-profit organization. "It's a staggering number of children we lose every year. Plus, we have hungry kids in our own country."

The Kiwanians found out first-hand what some children consider a gourmet meal, considering many get very little else to eat.

"Today you got a chance to sample the product that is sent around the world to starving kids, and hungry kids in the United States," said Kiwanian Lee Harrison, who is taking charge of the club's drive to help feed starving children. "If we were in a third world country and hadn't eaten in a couple of weeks, that rice dish would have been very spectacular."

The Kiwanians are doing their part in helping to feed seven million children throughout the world, participating with Minneapolis-based Feeding Children International and its Kids Against Hunger program. It's part of the Kiwanis International Young Children Priority One project.

"It's the major project we've taken on this year," said Harrison, who last year spent several hours at a church in Oak Park packaging thousands of meals for needy children, along with nearly 20 Plymouth Kiwanians, for Burwell's group. "We became aware that getting people to come from all over the tri-county area to Oak Park to package meals would be a real challenge."

The Kiwanis Club of



Members of the Kiwanis Club and the Key Club (Kiwanis Club of the high schools) are helping in the fight against childhood hunger. Among them are Kiwanis Club members Jim Walker, Don Burwell, Jim Walk, Jim Jabara, Lee Harrison, Mark Riegal, Rob Noel, Chris Lynn, Mike Merio and Krista Noel.

Colonial Plymouth donated a van and trailer (nearly \$25,000) so Burwell could take the Kids Against Hunger program on the road, making it easier for groups to participate in raising money to buy food and then supply volunteers to package the rice meals that will be sent abroad.

Now, the Kiwanians are hoping to broaden their scope by finding groups who have money to buy food and help package it, or by pairing those with money with groups that can supply volunteers.

"What we'd like to do now is get more groups to take on a day, raise money and provide volunteers to have this mobile operation come to their church, school or civil group and package meals," Harrison said. "There may be people who out there who want to give big donations and we have plenty of groups with kids who want to participate, but can't raise that kind of money."

Burwell said it costs \$1,600 for a group to spend between 2-3 hours of time packaging 7,000 meals. Harrison said the Plymouth Kiwanians are contributing another \$8,000 in grants to groups who raise a portion of the money.

Kiwanian Mark Riegal helped prepare the surprise meal his club ate at its weekly meeting.

"We secretly put a few things in there to spice it up a little bit, but we wanted to stay close to what the children get," said Riegal. "You can't stop but to think about them when eating that meal and be happy our kids don't have to eat like that. Losing 40,000 children a day to starvation is just unbelievable."

Richard Proudfit, founder of Minnesota-based Feeding Children International, told Kiwanians he took on the worldwide project after visiting Honduras some 20 years ago.

"They (children) were literally dying around me and it broke my heart," said Proudfit. "God broke me to my knees. I had to do something about it."

Currently, the packages of food — which contain six servings and are prepared in less than 20 minutes by adding to boiling water — are feeding seven million children in 32 countries. Proudfit said his goal is to feed 20 million starving children within a couple of years.

Burwell said the van and

trailer donated by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth will begin making the rounds in metro Detroit March 1, with its first stop at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park where high school students will package food.

"Kiwanis is on the cutting edge of what is about to take place in Michigan," said Burwell, whose plans include opening more packaging centers throughout the state. "In the meantime, transporting to the high schools will ignite something throughout the state of Michigan and the country."

Kiwanian Jim Jabara was among those who spent several hours packaging meals at the Oak Park center last year.

"It makes you feel good because you're doing something big for very little effort, and giving something back," Jabara said. "We're all very lucky here."

For information on the Kids Against Hunger program contact Lee Harrison at (734) 416-6055 or Don Burwell at (313) 510-7156.

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BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County officials are reportedly still saying the \$10.6 million project to build a railroad underpass at the Sheldon Road CSX crossing in Plymouth Township is set to get off the ground this fall.

Local officials are more skeptical than ever, however, that the project, in the works for more than five years now, will ever get done. Without even an intergovernmental agreement in sight, they feel their skepticism is justified.

"The lawyers are still bouncing the intergovernmental agreement around," Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said. "According to the county, CSX still hasn't signed onto the project."

At issue in terms of the agreement is locking in the amounts of money the township and city are going to have to pay. Several years ago, the township board agreed to pay just over \$1 million, the city agreed to some \$500,000 and the county was going to pay for the bulk of the project out of federal money earmarked specifically for that project. If the project doesn't get done, the county loses that money.

There have been several roadblocks. County officials had trouble acquiring all of the rights-of-way they needed along Sheldon, but they have now done so. One of the major issues right now is water to the area. There's a water main that will need to be moved in order to maintain water service, but the sides are disputing responsibility for such a move. County officials couldn't be reached for comment.

According to Sincock, county officials have told the Detroit Water and Sewerage

Department since the equipment belongs to them, they have to move it. Detroit water officials have refused, and now the county is considering suing.

"So the county is thinking about starting this major project by suing one of its primary participants," said Sincock,

who said commissioners would discuss the issue at Monday's commission meeting.

At a project meeting two weeks ago to discuss utilities, city and township officials arrived to find representatives from Detroit

Water, Consumers Energy and even the county's own engineering people didn't attend.

"It costs us money every time we do these meetings, because we have people there plus we're paying our engineers to be there, as is the township," Sincock said.


The project is scheduled to close Sheldon south of the underpass, with traffic north of it detoured to 5 Mile for some 23 months. More than 20,000 drivers use Sheldon daily.

Local officials, tiring of waiting for the county to get started, are looking at other things on which to spend the money, particularly if the price is going to rise.

"We back any improvements in the Plymouth Township community," township supervisor Richard Reaume said. "We originally put it in the budget at \$1.026 million, and if we have to pay an increase, that's a budget-blower."

"We might be able to find the funds, although it would be hard for us because we have other projects planned," Reaume added. "We'd have to be robbing from those to pay any increase in the underpass."

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# Ficano appoints deputy county executive

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has appointed Azzam Elder as deputy Wayne County executive. Elder, 35, of Dearborn has served as Corporation Counsel for Wayne County since 2003, overseeing a legal department of approximately 100 employees. As deputy executive, he will succeed Charlie Williams, who left the county in December. Elder's appointment to the second highest position in the executive office will require approval of the Wayne County Commission. Azzam Elder is solution and performance oriented, said Ficano. "He is dedi-



Elder

cated to making government more efficient and implementing the vision of this administration. The residents of Wayne County will benefit from his leadership. "Charlie Williams did a tremendous job," Ficano said. "His experience and knowledge of the workings of government were assets that benefited the people of Wayne County in numerous ways. During his tenure as chief civil attorney for Wayne County, Elder restructured the county's legal department into specialized teams led by senior attorneys. Under his direction, the legal department has helped county departments become more efficient and generated millions of dollars in increased revenues

from settlements, collections of taxes and other initiatives. Prior to becoming Corporation Counsel, Elder was an assistant Wayne County prosecutor. He served as chief prosecutor in charge of litigation and directed the Drug House Unit and the Abandoned Properties Unit. Elder received a bachelor's degree in political science and psychology from the University of Michigan. He earned his Juris Doctor from the Detroit College of Law, graduating magna cum laude. Elder is involved in various civic business and civil rights organizations. He is the treasurer of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS). Elder and his wife Charlene, also an attorney, are the parents of four children.

# Shirley Waldman 'personified O&E's special ways'

Shirley Waldman and Fran Gillis met each other in the classified ad department of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Shirley filled in as manager when Fran was on maternity leave. When Fran returned, the pair became co-managers of the department - a title they held for 31 years. Their longtime working partnership developed into a warm and loving friendship. Shirley Waldman, 78, of West Bloomfield and formerly of Livonia, died Monday of complications from emphysema.



Mrs. Shirley Waldman

Services were held Wednesday at Ira Kaufman Chapel in Southfield. Interment was at Adat Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery in Livonia. Gillis, her longtime co-worker, called Waldman a beautiful, sweet and loyal friend who was always courageous in the face of illness. "We were buds. We complemented each other. We worked hard, but we also had a tremendous amount of fun working together. Our motto was faith, family and loyalty to our staff and company," said Gillis. Shirley's voice could be heard throughout the classified department as she announced "Calls waiting." Shirley personified the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and our special way of doing things, said Philip Power, chairman of the board of HomeTown Communications Network, the parent company of the O&E. Together with Fran Gillis she ran the classified advertising phone room with a velvet hand and an iron will that required every sales rep to respond to each and every customer as though they were the most important person in the world, regardless of whether they were placing a big ad or a small one. She helped customers

write their ad for maximum impact, she cajoled slow payers into developing a payment plan that worked for their business as well as ours, she made sure every sales rep was well taken care of, whether sick or just feeling blue. She was the person who originally suggested I bring dozens of red roses into the phone room for Valentine's Day to pass out to our sales reps, a practice that I continued for years while I was running the papers, said Power. Waldman retired in March 1992. She always said it was the best place she ever worked. She loved it and all the people, said Les Waldman, her husband of 58 years. Other survivors include sons, Jeffrey of Glendale, Wis., and Richard of Grosse Pointe Park, daughter, Terri of Tucson, Ariz., grandchildren Weston, Noah, Sara and Erin Waldman, great-grandchild, Kane Waldman, sisters, Elsa Bleeman of Toronto, Canada, Rosalie Schwartz of Farmington Hills and brother Robert Abramovitz of New York. Memorials may be sent to the American Lung Association.

# Local author gives talk on Catholic councils

Local author, the Rev. Francisco Radecki, will speak at the Wayne Public Library 7 p.m. Feb. 10, at on the history of the ecumenical councils of the Catholic Church. He is the author of *Tumultuous Times*, a book that describes this history. His presentation will appeal to a wide audience, from the high school student to the theological expert. Radecki will discuss how the ecumenical councils have shaped the Catholic Church and have clarified Catholic teachings. This will prove to be an educational and entertaining evening for anyone interested in history or religion. Copies of *Tumultuous Times* will be available for purchase. Radecki is a member of the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen. He and his identical twin brother, the Rev. Dominic Radecki, the co-author of *Tumultuous Times*, were ordained to the priesthood on May 27, 1988. Francisco Radecki has been at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wayne, Michigan for 11 years.

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### Postal Service warns residents to clear walks

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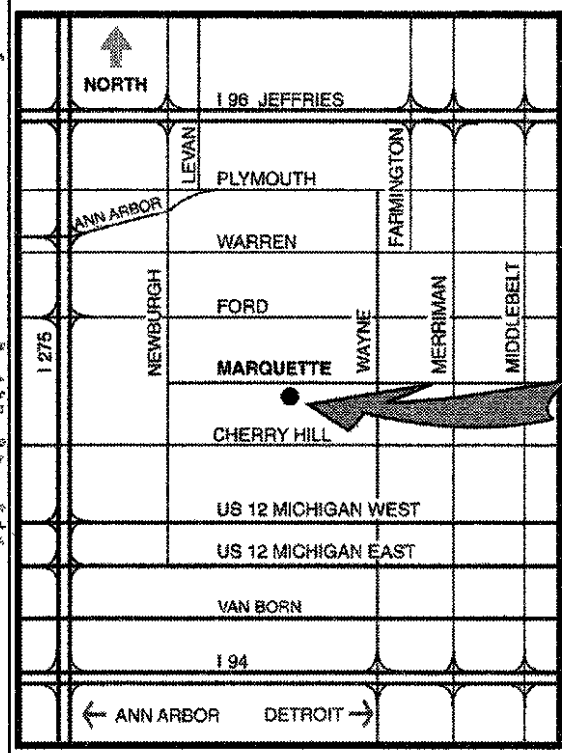
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**SCHOOL**

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Jacobs said problems with the site, labor problems or material shortages would put the scheduled opening of the school in jeopardy

"Do we feel confident? Absolutely," Jacobs said "Are we on schedule now? Yes"

As blueprints for constructing the new school move forward, Jacobs and his staff are also planning more than \$90 million in repairs and renovations at all the district's buildings constructed before 2000

That includes Miller, where the outlay of \$3.5 million will most likely mean closing the building for an entire school year to add walls to classrooms which currently have dividers, replace doors, install new flooring and windows, replace boilers and lighting, and repave the driveway, parking lot and bus loop

"It's got a unique design," Jacobs said of Miller "Because of the odd shapes, we just can't put up walls. We're looking at tearing everything out and reconstructing it. We're also looking at building a small addition"

Because renovations at Miller can't be completed within a summer, the district's Housing Committee is considering plans to move Miller students for one year, until construction is completed

Miller most likely will be closed during 2006-2007," said Barbara Church, assistant superintendent for instructional services "We know there is no perfect decision, and whatever we decide someone will be disappointed. But, what is best for students is the bottom line"

Of the 621 students who currently attend Miller, Church said 120 are already bused from Central Park Estates and will become part of the new elementary school community

"We currently have 137 students in the TAG program, and we'll have to find five classrooms somewhere else in the district for that year," said Church "The TAG students will stay together, but not in the new school because there isn't enough room"

Church said students in the Miller attendance area, which currently numbers 364, would be housed at the new Cherry Hill elementary

"That looks like the best thing, right now," said Church "One area of the new school would be for Miller students and staff, keeping them all together"

With the students who live in the new elementary school boundaries, as well as the Miller students, Church said the new elementary would be close to its 750-student capacity the day it opens

"We'll have to make some decisions quickly," said Church

Miller PTO president Donna Nehasil said more information is needed, but closing Miller for a year might not be a bad alternative

"You have to think in terms of the dust and quality of education for our children while construction is going on," Nehasil said "Unfortunately, our kids will be bused to the new school, but then they'd be back much quicker than if they were trying to piece-meal the work while students were at school"

"I don't see it as a problem, but any time you inconvenience someone it's a problem," she said

Leshie Raiford, who has lived in the district since 1989 and has a kindergartner and second-grader at Miller, isn't yet convinced moving students for a year is the best solution

"I'm not pleased, at all, to have the kids relocated for a year," Raiford said "I have a kindergartner who took part in the district's pre-school program and has been at three schools already. To have him go another year at Miller, then be bused somewhere for a year, and then back to Miller, is disconcerting"

"If there's no reasonable way to renovate and keep the kids at Miller, then we'll have to make the adjustments," she said "It's probably easier to do it that way, but sometimes easier isn't in the best interest of the kids"

**Views split on increasing minimum wage**

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

Democrats in the House and Senate are proposing to raise Michigan's minimum wage by \$2 to \$7.15 per hour in an effort they called long overdue for working families

"We can't keep waiting for Washington to act - we need to stand up for Michigan's working families right now," said Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington/Farmington Hills "Not only will it offer fair compensation for hard work, but it'll provide a shot in the arm to our local economy. It's sensible public policy"

Some local business owners aren't so sure it's a good idea, however

Jerry Burger, owner of Dagwood's Deli in downtown Farmington, said he's against the idea

"I'm a firm believer in letting the market dictate wages," he said

If the minimum wage is raised, Burger said, "I would have to raise prices"

The sandwich shop owner said it is usually high school-age workers who settle for minimum wage pay of \$5.15 an hour

"We're training them for future jobs," he said "There's a burden on us to be patient with them. We're imparting experience on them"

He said once a worker gains experience, he or she usually can demand \$8 or \$9 an hour without a problem

According to Democrats, raising the minimum wage by \$2 per hour would directly benefit at least 464,000 Michigan workers - or nearly one in six hourly workers statewide

Vagnozzi said even though the state is facing hundreds of millions of dollars in budget cuts and it is tied with Alaska for having the worst unemployment rate in the nation, the bills aren't anti-business

"There is never a good or bad time to introduce something like this," he said "It would, to a large extent, stimulate the economy"

In November, 70 percent of Florida voters agreed to increase the state's minimum wage to \$7 an hour, he added

Should Michigan follow the trend?

Maureen Cowley of Cowley's Pub and Restaurant in downtown Farmington said she's not sure if the measure would help businesses

"Any time it affects the bottom line, it will cost more," she said

Cowley said she can understand the proposals would help people making low wages

"It's a difficult topic to approach," she said "They're trying to pay their bills. It's got to be a balance between the business and the wage earner"

**LIGHT**

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see the car coming at her from the east

Glidden told police she stopped at the intersection and looked both ways before starting her turn. Ann Arbor Road to the east of Ridge dips, and Glidden said she didn't see the car coming in time. According to DelCol, the car was hit a second time on the passenger side

When firefighters arrived, she said, they had to extricate Tracey DelCol. DelCol suffered back and neck injuries and was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where she was treated and released

"I've seen so many accidents there I can't believe it," said

DelCol, whose family just moved from Canton in August "The way Ann Arbor Road is laid out isn't very safe. Back when they built these roads, this was probably farmland. Now there are these big subdivisions, with hundreds of homes"

There are also speed issues along that stretch of road. The speed limit is 55 mph now, and police and residents have lobbied to have that reduced

However, according to Tiderington, the state says studies don't show such a need

But locals vigorously disagree. Not only is there a growing amount of traffic in the area but, when the weather is nice, there are also pedestrians trying to cross Ann Arbor Road. headed to the Picnic Basket across the street, which offers pizza by the slice and

outside dining. A lot of kids, even those who don't drive, go over there, said Frank DelCol. "My fear is someone going to be crossing that street on a bike, or walking their bike across, and someone doing 55 is going to take them out"


Picnic Basket owner Al Jonna has even offered to chip in money, if that's the state's reason for not slowing the speed limit or putting in a light

"If it's a money issue, I'd definitely pitch in just for safety, because it's too fast," Jonna said "There are so many near misses it's unbelievable. If there's ever been an intersection that needs a light, this is it"


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# Rock on

## Battle of the Bands draws young music lovers

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

This Battle of the Bands idea is working as well as anyone could have figured.

As far as the sheer number of kids that support it, we don't have to market it heavily, said Jon LaFever, youth development specialist for Canton Townships leisure services department.

They're proving to be much larger than expected, said LaFever, who has been overseeing the shows four times each year since 2001 at the ballroom at the Canton Summit.

"You can go see your local bands and hear the music you like," explained Ryan Hepkowski, 16, who organized the show at the Summit on Friday.

"Kids right around here are into local bands a lot. It's because a lot of the bands are friendly, you get to know them and hang out with them and become friends," he said. "It's not like when you go to a huge concert at Clutch Cargo and can't meet the band backstage."

Admission is typically \$5-\$8, and the proceeds go to causes including the Goodfellows Toys for Tots and Plymouth-Canton High student radio station WSDP, which presents its own Battle of the Bands show Friday, March 18.

Hundreds of youths typically attend the 6 p.m. midnight



Drummer Nick Keebaugh of the band Which Way Is Home? performs Friday during the Battle of the Bands at Summit on the Park.



Mark Paponetti of Plymouth, and Kristen Drozdowski of Canton listen to the bands Friday.



Ted Krisko of The Transfer waits for his band's turn on stage Friday during the Battle of the Bands at Summit on the Park.

Friday shows in the room which holds more than 1,000.

I provide the facility space and the support staff and sound equipment and staging, LaFever explained. They provide marketing aspects and getting the bands.

Shows are typically promoted through fliers distributed at high schools and on WSDP. "We never have a shortage of bands," LaFever said.

There are two stages, which allows the music to continue nearly uninterrupted as bands set up or tear down while the other plays. Each band plays a half hour; there are typically 12 bands each show.

Shows are of high school and early college age.

While the event is called a 'battle of bands,' no winner is declared. Yet, show-goers agree one band is more popular than others: Sandbox Heroes.

They draw a huge crowd, LaFever said. "They have a ton of friends, their music is good, they're a friendly group of guys."

The style of music at the shows is a blend of alternative and punk rock, preferred over hip hop.

LaFever is trying to organize a contest in which youths attending the shows can vote for favorites and the winners would perform June 16-17 at Liberty Fest. The winners

would also receive studio time and coaching from Axis Music Academy of Canton. Guitar Center has helped provide equipment for Battle of the Bands shows.

I'm proud to say it's a very safe environment, said LaFever, adding the room is not vandalized, nor have there been fights or detectable alcohol abuse.

"We don't allow moshing at all, just for safety," LaFever said. Stage diving is also forbidden, and a staff of eight helps enforce the rules.

It's a mess when they leave. We just clean it up and it's ready to go the next morning.

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### ALL WASHED UP

Mike Toomey spent the past four years in the dog training business. In the meantime, he's grown fond of a clean, well-trained pup. That's what led the Ypsilanti resident to open ShamPooch, the first self-serve dog wash in the Plymouth-Canton area.

The business just opened its doors on Thursday and Toomey said all pets are wel-

come. The business provides all you'll need, from pet shampoos, conditioners and ear cleaners, to forced-air fur dryers, brushes, combs, nail clippers and aprons. The cost will run from \$15-\$22, with a \$5 charge for larger dogs with a long coat. But



through the end of February, ShamPooch is charging \$10 per dog. The benefit of ShamPooch is that customers don't need an appointment and pet owners stay with their pets.

"You get to pamper your own pet, and you don't have to clean up," said Toomey, who came up with the concept 2 years ago. ShamPooch is located at 44270 W. Warren Road in Canton. Call (734) 414-0331 for more information.

### RARE NEWS

Westland residents whet your appetites. Longhorn Steakhouse is preparing to open its doors at 35400 Warren Road.

The restaurant chain originated in Atlanta in 1981 and has since spawned 235 locations.

According to Tracee Raglow, part of Longhorn's management team, the steakhouse offers a wide range of menu selections including our savory chicken, mouth-watering salmon and of course our legendary steaks.

The restaurant will also feature a fully stocked bar. An opening date has not yet been announced. For details, call (734) 466-4300.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the Observer Newspapers. E-mail tips on your favorite new Wayne County shop to scasola@homecomm.net or call (734) 958-2054.

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## DEATHS

**A**  
Carol M Albrecht 82 of Lake Orion, died Jan 30  
Martha L Armstrong 92 of Livonia died Jan 17

**B**  
Nellie May Barr, 99, of Waterford, formerly of Clawson died Jan 28  
Randy D Benefield of Westland, died Jan 22  
Martha M Brown 87 of Bloomfield Hills, died Dec 31  
Wallace H Brown, 92 of Auburn Hills, died Jan 6

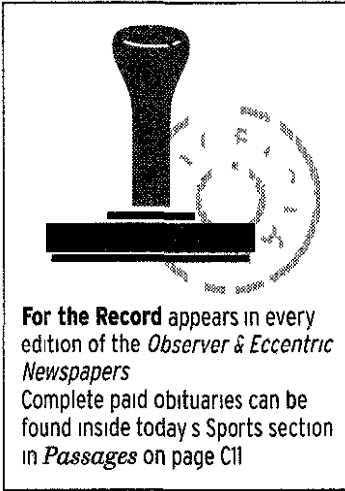
**C**  
Mary E Cartier 66, of Pontiac, died Jan 28

**D**  
Harold M Davis of Westland died Jan 23  
Donald R Deno 66, of Pontiac, died Jan 28

**F**  
Dolores M Farwell, 72, of Plymouth died Jan 27  
Donald G Ferguson 84, of Auburn Hills died Jan 14

**G**  
James A Gilmore 91, of Bloomfield Township died Jan 19

**H**  
Edna Hall 68, of Westland died Jan 31  
Donna J Harless, 75, of Rochester Hills died Jan 23  
Edna L Harp 75 of Auburn Hills, died Jan 15  
Josephine N Helzerman, 75, of Rochester died Jan 29  
Doug L Humer 57, of Auburn Hills, died Dec 28



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 C11

**J**  
Jerry D Johnson, 65 of Winter Haven, Fla., died Dec 28  
Jack H Jones Jr, 19, of Inkster died Jan 20

**K**  
Robert M King, 79 of Rochester Hills, died Jan 30

**L**  
Grace R Lemerise 83, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 3

**M**  
Tia Lynn McArthur 38, of Plymouth, died Jan 28  
Leda McBee 90, of Plymouth formerly of River Rouge, died Jan 30  
Carroll 'Howard' McDonald, Jr., 62, of Farmington Hills, died Jan 19  
Anna L Mueller, 98 of Rochester Hills, died Jan 28

**O**  
James M O Toole, 85, of Westland died Jan 20

**P**  
Robert E Parr, 59, of Rose City,

died Jan 30  
Harold E Paulus, 90 of Troy, died Jan 11  
Dennis Peyton, 91 of Plymouth, died Jan 29

**R**  
Floyd E Ramsey, 81 of Rochester Hills, died Jan 6

**S**  
John R Schettenhelm, 85 of Rochester Hills, died Jan 23  
Margaret E Stallard, 79, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 18  
Donald E Stapleton, 77 of Rochester Hills died Jan 10  
Helen Stymelski 78, Jacksonville Fla died Jan 28

**T**  
Leonard Bernard Tasiemski, of Westland, died Jan 25

**V**  
Mable Vincent, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Jan 5

**W**  
Madlyne R Walter, 91 of Rochester Hills died Jan 14  
Jack V Wick, 82 of Farmington, died Jan 20  
James H Woodall, 82, of Rochester, died Jan 2

**Z**  
Walter B Zetterlund, 75, of West Bloomfield died Jan 15  
Atsuko Zmich, 59 of Rochester Hills, died Jan 18

## FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Jan 26 Feb 1

■ Tuesday, Feb 1 -- Rescue run on

Haggerty west of Plymouth Road, special run on westbound M-14 west of Sheldon, residential rescue runs on Terry and on Sheridan

■ Monday, Jan 31 -- Commercial rescue run on Sheldon, smoke investigation on Main, industrial rescue run on Genoa, residential rescue runs on Adams, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Dewey

■ Sunday, Jan 30 -- Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Newport and on Northville Road, commercial rescue run on Sheldon

■ Saturday Jan 29 -- Commercial rescue run on Beck, residential rescue runs on Pinecrest, on Main, on Newporte on Auburn, on Lincoln and on Marguerite, rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road

■ Friday, Jan 28 -- Residential rescue runs on Blunk, on Northville Road, on Oregon Trail and on Haggerty investigation on Waterstone mutual-aid fire run on Clipper, mutual aid-received run on Pinetree vehicle accident at 5 Mile and Haggerty, rescue run on the ramp from southbound I-275 to westbound M 14

■ Thursday, Jan 27 -- Residential rescue runs on Lilley on Nantucket on Tyler and on Roe, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Trail, rescue run at Schoolcraft and Wilcox

■ Wednesday, Jan 26 -- Industrial rescue runs on Plymouth Oaks and on Haggerty commercial rescue runs on Concept and on S Main, residential rescue runs on Green Valley, on Harvest and on Lilley.

## Tickets available for tsunami benefit

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.

The more we heard about

all of the deaths and the tragedy that occurred, the more we wanted to do something to help," said Belbin, who lives in Canton. "Ben and I have been involved in fundraising ice shows before, so we knew how difficult they are to put together, but we've received a lot of help from sponsors and companies who have donated their services for free. We haven't spend one cent yet on anything."

Among the performers will be Belbin and Agosto, who won their second consecutive United States Figure Skating pairs ice-dancing championship two weeks ago in Portland, Ore., 1992 Olympic gold medalist Victor Petrenko, 2002 Olympic and World medalist Timothy Goebel, 2005 U.S. national champion Johnny Weir, 2005 U.S. pairs champions Katie Orscher and Garrett Luchash, and five-time U.S. National Champions Liz Punsalan and Jerod Swallow.

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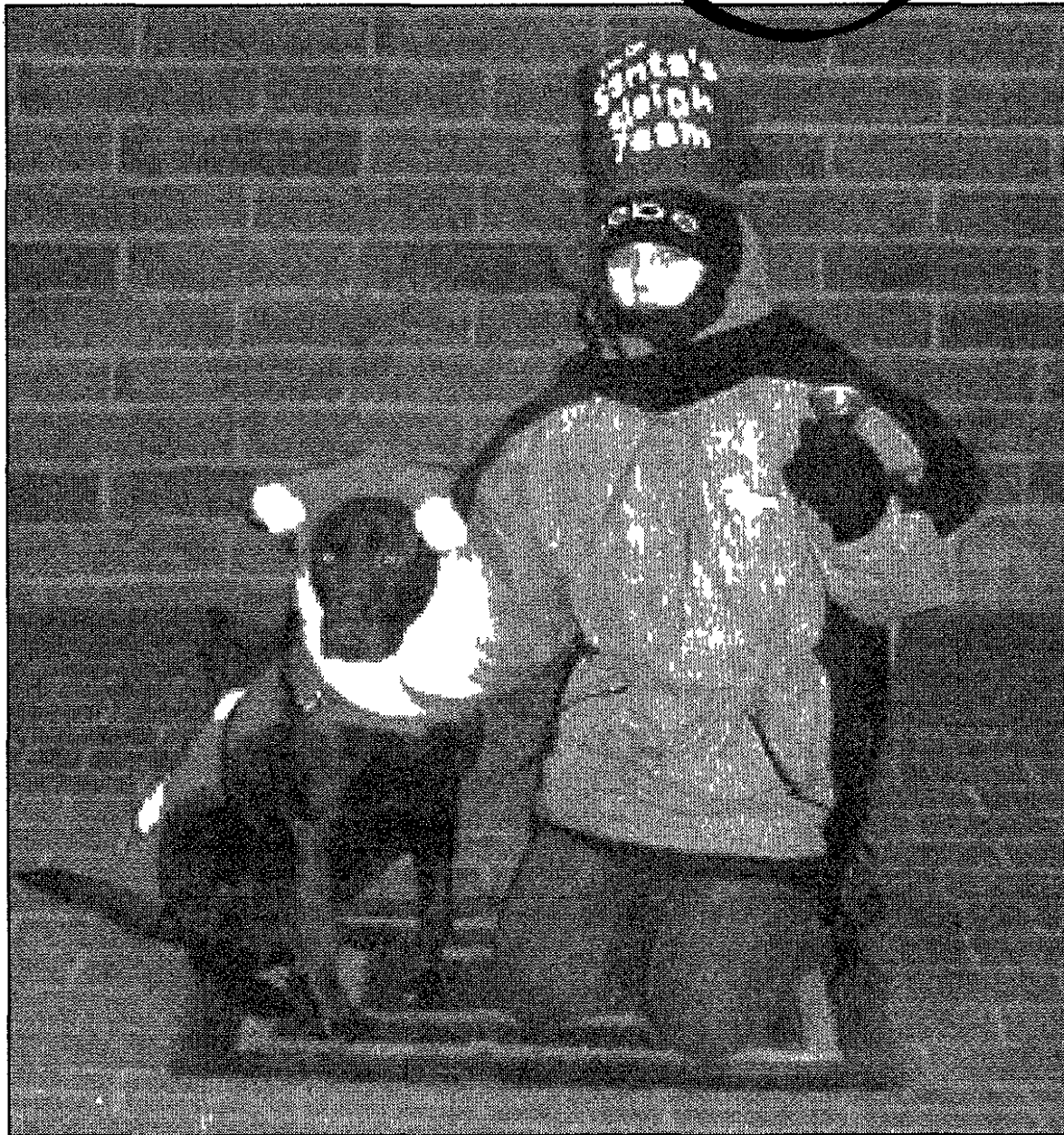
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IN BUSINESS

Best Lawyers listing

Robert M Vercruyse and David Calzone, longtime residents of Plymouth and directors of the Bingham Farms law firm of Vercruyse Murray & Calzone, have been included in the Woodward/White's 2005-2006 edition of The Best Lawyers in America under the category of Labor and Employment Law

(Management) Vercruyse has been included in every edition of the publication since 1989 Calzone has been included in every edition since 2001

New Metaldyne VP

Officials for Metaldyne, headquartered in Plymouth, announced Kim Kovac has been appointed vice president of human resources Tim Leuliette, chairman, president and CEO, made the announcement Kovac will be responsible for

the overall human resources function including compensation and benefits, labor relations and management resources

I am excited to have Kim in this leadership position, said Leuliette "She has played a key role in developing a common compensation and benefits strategy, and achieving our vision of 'One Metaldyne I look forward to the value she will bring the organization in her new position'

Kovac joined Metaldyne in 2001 as a compensation and benefits consultant She also served as corporate benefits manager before being appointed to her most recent position as director of compensation and benefits

Kovac holds a bachelor's degree and a master's of business administration degree, both from Lawrence Technological University She lives in Grosse Ile

Plante & Moran associates

Plante & Moran officials have named Sarah Banks and Rachel Harris, both of Plymouth, as associates in the firms Southfield office Banks, who

joined Plante & Moran in 2003, is a member of the firms Management Consulting practice, specializing in operational and process improvement Prior to joining Plante & Moran, she worked as a European process manager for APL in Rotterdam, The Netherlands

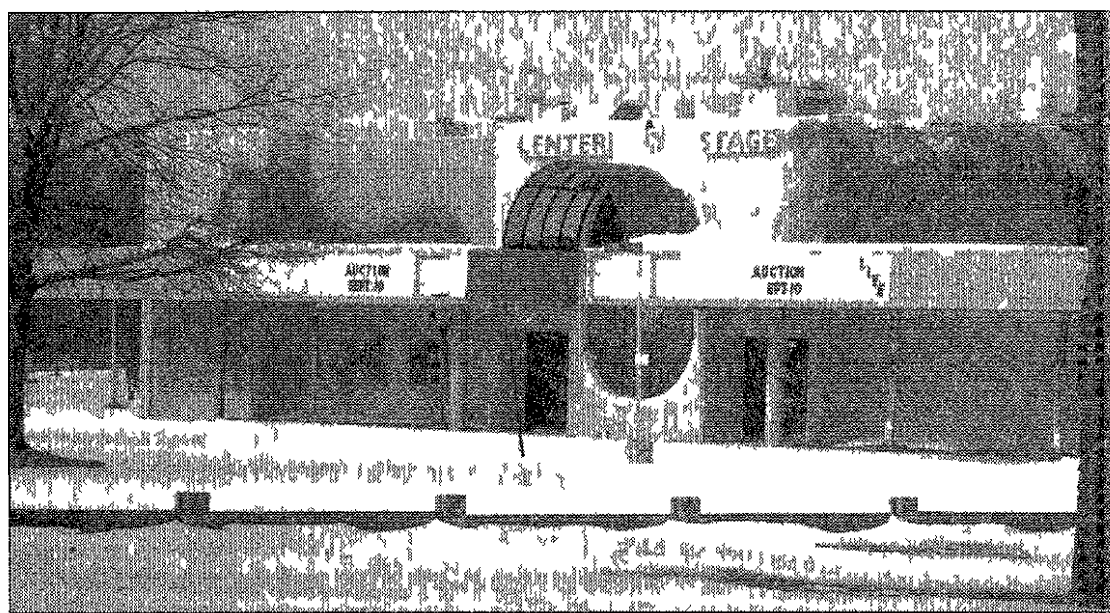
Banks has a bachelor of arts degree in international relations and is a member of the American Society for Quality and the American Society of Transportation and Logistics She currently lives in Plymouth

Harris, who joined Plante & Moran in 2000, is a member of the firm's Tax Department and specializes in serving the real estate/construction and service industries

She has a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from the University of Michigan and a master of accounting degree from Notre Dame

Harris is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants She currently lives in Plymouth

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Center Stage, long abandoned is expected to be torn down to make way for a strip mall and Gordon's Food Service market

Center Stage is facing wrecking ball

BY KEVIN BROWN STAFF WRITER

The Police, Rodney Dangerfield, The Allman Brothers Band and Grand Funk Railroad all played Center Stage in its late '70s early '80s heyday

Now, plans call for demolishing the club on Ford Road east of I-275, and building a 11,500 square-foot strip mall and a 14,000 square foot Gordon's Food Service market

The strip mall developer is negotiating with Starbucks Noodles and Company restaurant, and others to occupy sites

"They would like to go as soon as possible," said project engineer Bob Rowe adding the project must win approval from township planners

Developer Bill Banicki said he expects to buy the property by mid-February, from the family of long time owner John Sassak, who died in 2003

Rowe said "it's real premature" to say when the strip mall and market would open, adding construction would likely begin by fall

Planning requirements for that stretch of Ford Road include brick building facades garden walls and landscape provisions in keeping with the upscale village look township planners have established for the flourishing business district

LIFE AND DEATH OF DREAM

There wasn't a bad seat in the house recalled former Center Stage manager John Goci, who currently owns the U.S. 12 club in Wayne

When Center Stage was built in the mid-'70s, the original

owners had a deal with the top local booking agency of the time, Brass Ring Productions They brought in top acts including Ricky Nelson War, and Brooks and Dunn

When the original owners ran into money problems Sassak - a tool and die business owner who also ran the Urban Cowboy club in Westland complete with mechanical bull - took over

Goci recalled the 20,000 square foot clubs acoustics as superior Center Stage was the largest such club on the west side, holding 1,500 on two levels Even more impressive were two skyboxes available for rentals, before the notion of suites became common

A former World War II bomber pilot, Sassak also showed major boxing matches on closed circuit TV at Center Stage Goci said the legendary Thomas Hearns vs Sugar Ray Leonard bout in 1989 was memorable The club was packed Hearns knocked Leonard down twice, but Leonard was named the winner Everybody was totally distraught the Hit Man lost Goci recalled Everybody thought he won and were quite upset

Around this time, the club was also becoming known for other fights involving groups of teens as Center Stage was also serving as a teen club

The Canton police used to set up vans in the parking lot recalled Township Supervisor Tom Yack

Sometimes teenagers get out of hand, Goci said I don't recall anybody being seriously injured I got a lot of training for this business at Center Stage

Sassak's son, Mark, said his father loved the night club business John Sassak later tried to recast the Center Stage as a dinner club but closed it in 2001 after he was injured in a car accident He died at age 83 in May 2003

MOVING ON

Banicki said he does not have a name for the property, to be developed by his company Model Properties, which is headquartered in Flushing near Flint He's so positive about the prospects for success that the land sale is going through immediately, and isn't being tied to approval of the development by the township government

It's certainly near I-275 You've got a huge anchor next door that draws a lot of traffic Wal-Mart and Sam's Club are very powerful and Ford Road is an absolutely great site for a small strip mall," Banicki said We don't anticipate any big problems

Other strip malls developed by Banicki include the 32,000 square-foot Riverview Plaza at Fort and Pennsylvania roads in Riverview and another at Ford Road and Middlebelt in Garden City which includes a Rite Aid

Yack said the effort to redevelop the property is welcome It fell into disrepair The sign in front looks terrible he said

It's probably one of the best locations in Canton because of proximity to Don Pablos and Sam's Club, Yack said Lotz Road to the north is going to be improved, they won't have to pay any part of that

Calling all former Academic All-Stars

Since 1985 the Observer & Eccentric has honored outstanding students through its Academic All Star program

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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@oehomecomm.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

METALDYNE

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arrested at Metro Airport appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Mona Majzoub According to U.S. Attorney Terrence Berg, Lockwood was released on \$10,000 unsecured bond and required to surrender her passport Lau was held pending a hearing to determine whether he's a flight risk A preliminary examination was scheduled for Feb. 18

If convicted Lockwood and Lau face a potential prison sentence of up to 10 years and fines up to \$250,000

FBI spokesperson Dawn Cleney declined to comment on the case, citing FBI policy and referring all questions to the U.S. Attorney's office

According to Edwards' affidavit, the product at the center

of the case is a connecting rod for large truck engines being built by a Chicago unit of Navistar International The affidavit said Huafu contacted two separate suppliers in 2004 with information including details of Metaldyne's process which only an insider could have had

Both suppliers contacted Metaldyne, which then contacted the FBI

During a trip to China between May 28 and June 6, 2004, Lockwood, according to the FBI, contacted an employee at Metaldyne via e-mail and asked the employee to move some of her old files to a place where they could be accessed by her husband, Michael Haehnel, who at the time was a manufacturing engineer for Metaldyne He has since been fired, though he was not charged in the complaint Moreland said employees of

Metaldyne which has some 7,500 employees in 50 facilities worldwide were reminded of the serious nature of confidential information

"We will use this to remind all of our employees of our confidentiality policy," said Moreland, who said Metaldyne's security is still strong "Any kind of event like this reiterates the policies that are in place, and remind our employees of the serious nature of confidential material"

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## OUR VIEWS

# Underpass needs critical re-think

Five years is long enough  
That's how long the plan to build an underpass at the CSX railroad crossing on Sheldon Road has been kicked around by Wayne County, Plymouth and Plymouth Township officials. The project was to be paid for largely using federal money funneled through Wayne County, with both the city (\$500,000) and township (\$1.2 million) kicking in.

It was a project designed, after some short-term pain, to fix the traffic problems created by trains halting commuters in both directions on Sheldon, which is heavily traveled at drive time. At the time, there were a few kinks to work out, including the acquisition of rights-of-way and moving the water system that feeds the area.

Those were supposed to be worked out in short order, and the project was originally to have been completed in two years. For the longest time, CSX officials dragged their feet. Then moving the water main became a problem. Now the sides are wrangling over language in the intergovernmental agreement that would cap monetary commitments from the city and township at their original levels.

So it's five years later, nothing has been done on the project, and it's time for both Plymouth and Plymouth Township to re-evaluate their support.

The city is particularly vulnerable to this project, because it can't really afford the half-million dollars it's going to take. The underpass isn't even in the city, and commissioners there must decide whether there are other priorities.

Plymouth Township officials are building a new township hall, they have recreational improvements they'd like to make and a sidewalk plan they'd like to see through.

Local businesses along that corridor are also likely to be seriously affected, what with a projected two-year closure of Sheldon at the underpass.

And that's if it really is only two years. The county has had trouble even getting started on this project, there's absolutely no indication it will go smoothly if it ever does get started.

There's a hint the county might be looking for the Plymouths to take on a larger share of the financial burden. If that's the case, the city commission and the township board need to take a serious look at the cost-benefit ratio.

Five years later, it's probably not getting any better.

# Devil's in details of new election law

There's a big difference between passing laws that sound like good ideas and actually making good laws. The devil, as they say, is in the details, and municipal clerks and school officials see plenty of flaws in the election consolidation law that took effect last month.

This law was pushed as a way to improve voter turnout and, in turn, help eliminate stealth elections, those odd-time elections set up by school districts to ensure that only the die-hard "yes" voters go to the polls. It sets four specific dates a year for all elections — eliminating the June school board votes — and specifies all elections are run under state law.

Local clerks, generally, see nothing wrong with limiting the number of elections and making sure voters in city, township or school elections go to the same polling site for each election. And improving voter turnout is a great goal.

The problem, though, has come in administration of the law. In a time of dwindling budgets, the law also looks to be raising the cost of elections. School districts that used to run their own elections — many with paper ballots and using their own rules about numbers of election inspectors — can expect to see their costs multiply as clerks following state law require more election workers and the use of voting machines. Using machines for, sometimes, several hundred or a thousand voters in a small district school election leaves officials understandably angry with the potential new costs of this new law.

School districts are also faced with issues over how clerks' offices will be billing them, and for what hours. The law requires schools to reimburse for costs beyond regular staff during business hours, but at least one municipal clerk — Canton's Terry Bennett — is using the change to seek payment for expenses even beyond what the law requires. Facing that situation, Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan is among those who say it's a "bad law" and he notes, "I feel like we're losing the positive relationship we have with our local municipalities."

Officials agree. This law has gaps and lawmakers will need to make plenty of revisions once we get past this first year of elections. And we can only hope the lessons learned won't end up costing taxpayers even more money. Lawmakers could have avoided some of those issues, it seems, by phasing such a law in over a longer period of time.



Geoff Brooks 2/3/2005 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

## LETTERS

### Communicate with state

Dear parents of Michigan students  
For those of you who are not aware, our state is involved in a financial crisis. This letter is intended to educate and inspire us as parents to gain knowledge and seek the information available to aid in the effort to resolve our funding issues.

As you know we are funded by the state of Michigan. And with so much information out there we are not using the resources available to us to take this to the highest level, which is the state of Michigan.

We as a community need to work with our district in an effort to have our voices heard. Our children need solid foundations, and our schools are a part of that foundation. What does this mean to us? It means that without proper funding we lose valuable jobs, textbooks, school activities, building maintenance, bussing and other important programs.

We need to turn this negative into a positive and use our resources. Please visit the web and share your concerns at www.Michigan.gov/gov and use the format at the bottom of this page to construct your letters. Let them know who you are and where you live and why we need changes, and how these changes affect you! And once you have responded, ask five people to do the same and have the five ask five more!

Please attend your local board of education meetings and become part of the solution and stay informed. These meetings are a wonderful way to learn about how funding works and what we can do to help. The state needs to hear each of our concerns. Our districts are being forced into a corner and they need our help to make funding fair for everyone! Our children are our top priorities! Please take the time to let the state know that they need to make our children their priorities too!

We all know that our community faces budget cuts and downsizing, but how much we allow is up to us! We must speak for our children and ensure them a solid future with the best education possible. Our community does not want to face bankruptcy and job cuts as surrounding districts have. The issues are on your doorstep, let's all invite in a welcome change.

Kelly Adkins

Hamilton Elementary PTA president  
Westland

### Least-liked person

Time magazine has awarded George Bush "person of the year." I would like to nominate him for the least-liked person on the planet for the following reasons.

Canadian officials have called him a moron. They, along with England, cannot understand how we could have possibly re-elected him. Germany, France and Russia not only don't like him, they disagree with him on matters of policy. The Muslim world, composed of billions, would vote negatively on his popularity, to say the least.

Let's add to this popularity contest half of America, who did not vote for him. If

we would add up the number of negative feelings towards George Bush and his policies, he would win the most disliked person on the planet in a landslide.

Robert Leaf  
Farmington Hills

### Overwhelming evidence

We are approaching the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to allow abortion. Thirty-two years ago there was plenty of heated debate about this topic, much of it because medical science did not definitively say whether a fetus is human life.

But in the years since, there has been overwhelming evidence that a baby in the womb is just that — a baby — with unique DNA, who can feel pain, respond to stimuli and can even grab hold of a doctor's finger during intra-uterine surgery. New four-dimensional ultrasounds will astonish those who claim that the fetus is just undeveloped tissue.

The medical profession should be more vocal in speaking out about the medical facts regarding abortion. By educating the public, the anger will melt away and there will be no option other than to admit that even babies deserve the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

John-Paul Belanger  
Rochester Hills

### What went wrong?

In recent days the Bush administration has acknowledged that they have concluded their search in Iraq for weapons of mass destruction, having found nothing to indicate that a WMD program existed.

I believe that the citizens of this great nation deserve an explanation as to how our government could be so wrong about an issue of the utmost importance. Further, if our country is to be taken seriously in the future, some officials must be held accountable for this terrible error.

It is time for the Bush administration to address this issue and explain why his top aides misled our country and the world into war with Iraq.

Oz Hazel  
Birmingham

### America must do more

I recently became very enthused when I read that \$2 billion has been pledged to help the victims of the devastating tsunami. In the midst of so much pain and suffering, a person can only be hoping and praying for every life that was affected by this terrible tragedy.

Although in matters of life and death, monetary issues barely affect a conscious mind, it is very evident that modern societies must rely on financial courtesies to pull out of such tragedies. To me this is a tragedy in itself. Above, I used the term "financial courtesies," because of the simple reason that a great majority (not all) of the money donated is purely political.

For example, Japan has donated more money (\$500 million) than the richest country in the world (U.S. \$350 million).

If we were being humane, we would do our duty to humanity and help out, over and above all other nations, because we are America.

Events like the tsunami take precedent over all economic, political or friendly ties between nations, for people who live within in these nations are not our enemies, they are simply citizens, who occasionally live under evil regimes, but they are still good humans, who simply want to live.

Therefore, it is our duty, not our privilege, our duty to make sure that the people affected by the tsunami have every chance possible to live. As an extremely patriotic American, who does not take for granted what his nation has provided for him, I believe we must step up and put all political motives behind us. For the sake of humanity, the true universal link among all peoples, America needs to take a more responsible role in this tragedy, thus illustrating the respect it has to the Asian community affected, its people, itself, and most importantly, all of humanity.

Brad L. Dizik  
Farmington Hills

### Republicans weren't civil

Recently we saw brave members of the Senate and House of Representative stand and object to the certification of Ohio's electors, as is allowed by federal law. As Rep. Pelosi stated, it was the best opportunity to have this discussion when the nation is watching. One after the other, Democrats spoke of the need to standardize voting procedures and to reduce the potential for fraud and error. Not to overturn the election, flawed as it may have been, but to prevent future problems.

The Republican House members responded with sarcasm, personal insults and vilification. Our own Candace Miller was particularly insulting and a disgrace to our state. It is a shame that the majority party is so offensive in its victory that it impugns the motives of the 49 percent of the population who are not GOP hard-liners. Civil discussion can only occur when both sides act civilly.

Joanna Ljovshin  
Waterford

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"We back any improvements in the community. We might be able to find the funds, although it would be hard for us, because we have other projects planned. We'd have to be robbing from those to pay any increase in the underpass."

— Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor, on whether the township still supports the Sheldon Road underpass project.

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## Granholt typically cautious in revamping of tax system

Perhaps the very hardest thing for anyone holding public office is deciding whether — and when — to be bold or to be cautious. An example: Faced with a then-unprecedented budget crisis in 1983, newly elected Gov. James Blanchard chose to fight to temporarily hike the state income tax to cover the deficit. Net result? Economically, the measure worked, and within a couple of years the tax increase expired and the state had returned to prosperity.

Yet politically, there was a big downside for the Democrats. Two of their state senators who voted for the measure were recalled, and the Republicans took control and have dominated the Senate ever since.



Phil Power

Personally, I thought Blanchard did the responsible and right thing. And maybe the crushing reality of the situation left him with no real choice. But the conventional political wisdom flowing from the event is that being bold — when it comes to raising taxes — is always a mistake.

Now, we are facing a new and timely test of this proposition,

in the form of the revisions to the Single Business Tax proposed last week by State Treasurer Jay Rising and Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Certainly, something has had to be done about the antiquated 40-year-old SBT. At heart, it's a tax on payroll, for a state leading the nation in job loss, this seems a perverse way to structure our main business tax. In national surveys comparing state tax climates, Michigan has always stood out like a sore thumb because of the onerous way the SBT operates. Moreover, administering and computing the tax is a royal pain, some businesses spend more in figuring out how much tax they owe than the actual tax they pay.

The proposed changes get a lot of things right:

- The rate drops from 1.9 percent to 1.2 percent, a reduction of more than one-third.

- The tax base reduces the use of payroll as a factor, which also penalizes firms less for hiring new workers.

- A credit for research and development expenses should help high-tech companies.

- Manufacturers using lots of expensive equipment get a credit for personal property taxes.

All told, according to Rising, some 72,000 state businesses (including many small firms, which tend to be the main source of job growth) will see a tax reduction. Another 67,000 businesses will see no tax change, and 22,000 (including, notably, insurance companies) will

get higher tax bills. Overall, the changes in the SBT are supposed to be "revenue neutral," which means they are designed to not affect the total amount of money coming to the state.

But the obvious question now is whether the changes being proposed are far reaching ("bold") enough to really make a substantial difference to our economy. Some business types have proposed doing away with the SBT altogether and replacing it with a tax on business profit.

Personally, I have argued for eliminating the SBT and replacing it by broadening the sales tax to include services, but at a reduced rate. On the other hand, the SBT represents a big component of state revenue (now around \$2.2 billion annually), and it is a relatively stable tax in a state with a very volatile economy.

The Granholm administration has typically followed the path of moderate caution as it has made its choices along the bold-cautious continuum. So the recent SBT proposals are consistent with its overall philosophy. And from this perspective, they certainly represent a good first step.

In such matters, however, it's useful to consider what the economists call the "opportunity cost." The opportunity cost of choosing to buy fixed-interest bonds, for example, is that while such a choice may limit the likelihood of major loss, it also forgoes the possibility of big gains that could come if the money were invested in the stock market.

In choosing to make cautious changes in the SBT, the Granholm administration has forgone an opportunity to address the basic problem in Michigan's financial picture — the chronic structural deficit in the state budget. Deciding to junk the SBT and spread the sales tax to services is probably the easiest way to eliminate repetitive \$1 billion holes in the budget, but it's a risky move. A revenue-neutral tweak at the tax will likely, over time, result in some employment gains, but it almost certainly will not result in any fundamental improvement in the state's financial situation.

Choosing one route over another is all a matter of basic instinct between risk and reward, between boldness and caution. As the old saying goes, "you pay your money and you take your choice."

But I still remember that when incoming Gov. John Engler was inaugurated, former Gov. George Romney leaned over and gave him only two words of advice: "Be bold!" That was advice he took, and whatever your politics, no man can say that John Engler didn't make a difference.

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](mailto:ppower@homecomm.net).

## Death shouldn't have to be the catalyst for making things right

My kid brother's dad died Sunday afternoon.

That's a pretty blunt way to put it, but that's how death really is. One second you're alive, the next you're not. Sounds like the beginnings of a "dawner" column, but maybe it doesn't have to be.

My kid brother's dad died Sunday afternoon, and maybe there are lessons in his death — for all of us.

He was my dad, too, but for fewer of my growing-up years. He married my mother March 1, 1973, when I was 14. My older brother was 16 and my sister was just about

12, but my little brother was only 10. He was in our lives for several years before that.

He owned a bar with his mother on Detroit's east side, and one of the two jobs my mother worked was tending bar there. It was a little neighborhood bar called Henry's, at Seven Mile and Gratiot, back when that area thrived more than it does today. There was a Montgomery Ward across the street, a

Fretter's appliance store on the corner and a Woolworth's down the block.

My mother found love in that bar and, for a long time, we found happiness, or at least our version of it. When I was a teenager, it was the coolest place in the world to be, much like the fictional *Cheers* would be years later on television.

The "regulars" were all young, vibrant people. There were pool and foosball tables in the back, there were three pinball machines up front. Guys named Dale and Tommy and Gary taught me how to push the pinball machines to get the right bounces.

They weren't skills I'd need later in life, but at the time there wasn't anyplace on Earth I'd rather have been. Those guys were heroes to me then.

I remember how happy my mom was the Christmas Eve she got her engagement ring. She'd moved us out of riot-torn Detroit to south Warren in 1967, and had struggled to put food on the table and clothes on our backs. My grandmother lived with us to take care of us while Mom worked two jobs.

The night she got engaged, she was running all over our small house, the one she'd bought with her own money and on her own terms, screaming, "See my ring! See my ring!" It was the happiest I'd ever seen her, or ever would, looking back on it now.

Christmas Eves we'd have the regulars over for drinks and fun, we'd play touch football in

But as the years wore on, the regulars grew older, got married, had children and moved on. So did we, my brothers and sister and I.

the street, snowy or not. We'd have annual picnics with softball games and other activities. We had jackets made, proudly proclaiming we were from Henry's.

When I was in the Air Force, I'd come home to visit, and we'd pick up a bag full of White Castle hamburgers and watch football before I had to go back to the base. It's actually one of my favorite memories.

But as the years wore on, the regulars grew older, got married, had children and moved on. So did we, my brothers and sister and I. Mom and Dad didn't and, as the area worsened and the business deteriorated, so did their relationship, and ours. Mom died in 1986, just weeks after the birth of her first grandson.

Dad swore at the time he'd be part of our lives, and he tried — for a while. He showed up for family parties, remembered birthdays, though not for all the kids. He attended the christening for my son, Robert, who was named partially after him. I called him when Andrew was born 18 months later, but the call wasn't returned, and I hadn't really spoken to him since. That was more than six years ago.

That wasn't true of my kid brother, who grew up with Dad as more of a father figure than we did. He made the effort, made the trek frequently from his Oxford home to Dad's St. Clair Shores condo with his wife and two daughters. He called Dad and his new wife on birthdays and anniversaries and holidays.

They had much more of a father-son relationship, and that's actually a good thing. He doesn't have the same issues his two older brothers had when Dad died. My older brother and I rushed to the hospital to make things right, as estranged family members often must do. For my kid brother, it was already right.

In retrospect, in light of death, I wish it was right for me, too. My dad died Sunday, too. Not my father, but my dad. And in his death is a lesson for everyone.

Make things right while you still have the chance.

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Dr. Philip N. Cascade, who was appointed to complete the term of Richard DeVries, is running to fill the remaining four years of the six-year term. DeVries was murdered in June 2004.

Prospective candidates must file their nominating petitions by March 7.

To be included on the ballot, a candidate must obtain the signatures of at least 50 but not more than 200 qualified voters from the college district on an official nominating petition which may be obtained from the college district municipality clerks and the Schoolcraft College President's Office. There is no charge for filing petitions. Petitions bearing the required number of qualified signatures must be returned to the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154, by 4 p.m. on

Monday, March 7, 2005.

Candidates must be registered voters and residents of the college's district, which reaches into 15 municipalities - City of Livonia, Garden City, City of Northville, Northville Township, Novi Township, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, and portions of Canton Township, City of Farmington Hills, Lyon Township, City of Novi, Redford Township, Salem Township, Superior Township, and the City of Westland.

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## Friends of the Rouge seeks college volunteers

The Friends of the Rouge, a community volunteer organization with offices on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, is seeking College Student Assistant (CSA) volunteers to help with this year's Rouge Education Project.

The Rouge Education Project is a school-based water quality monitoring program that engages nearly 100 elementary, middle and high schools each year.

No experience is necessary to volunteer. All training is provided, according to Christina Bartoli, Rouge Education Project associate coordinator for Friends of the Rouge.

As CSA volunteers, local college students will be trained in water quality monitoring techniques and paired with an elementary, middle or high school in the project. Volunteers will assist that school on a field trip to the Rouge River, where the students will conduct an assessment of the river's water quality.

The volunteers must attend a

brief orientation on Tuesday, March 8, and a daylong workshop on Saturday, March 19. Volunteers also will be expected to help facilitate a daylong training workshop on Saturday, April 9, as well as take part in the monitoring on Wednesday, May 18.

This is a great opportunity for local college students to gain volunteer experience for resumes, get involved in environmental education, and learn about the Rouge River," said Bartoli.

For more information, contact Bartoli at (313) 792-9626 or as coordinator@therouge.org. Registration forms also can be obtained by visiting the group's office, located on the UM-Dearborn campus in Room 220 of the Academic Support Center (formerly the Student Services Center), reached via the campus's Fair Lane Drive west of Evergreen Road.

For more information about Friends of the Rouge, visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

## Madonna shows art work for Black History Month

Madonna University Art Department will present the exhibit *Individual Idioms: Interwoven Identity* in celebration of Black History Month. The exhibit will feature contrasting mediums such as paint, fiber, ceramics, collage, found objects, installation and video by Detroit area artists, including Peter Williams, Richard Lewis, Chris Turner, Loretta Oliver, Elizabeth Youngblood and Ross Sawyer.

"In defiance of a misinformed tendency to lump persons of color together as 'black artists,' they disprove this stereotype and prove that they are 'artists who happen to be black' through their strongly contrasting mediums," said Christina Hill, gallery curator. "Some have chosen traditional representative styles, others

abstractions, surrealism and radical manipulation of traditional techniques of weaving or sculpture. Most importantly, each of these artists labor to explore the deepest recesses of their intensely creative personas - with intriguing results."

The exhibit is on display through Wednesday, Feb. 23. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

For more information, contact Christina Hill, gallery curator, Madonna University art department, at [christinahill49@yahoo.com](mailto:christinahill49@yahoo.com).

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia.

## Gibson School hosts open house

Gibson School for Gifted Students is holding an Winter Open House 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

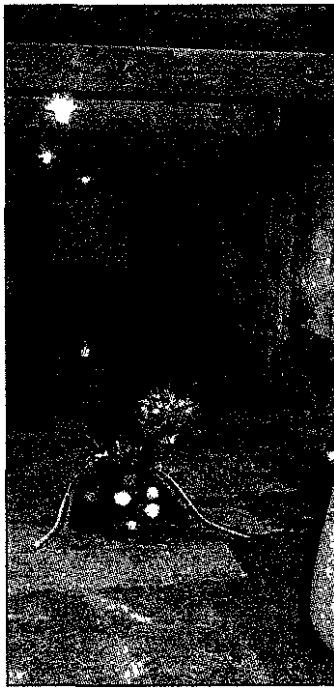
Now in its 32nd year, the School continues to fulfill its mission of serving intellectually gifted students from 21 communities in Oakland, Livingston, Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

Gibson's school aged gifted program is open to children between the ages of 5 and 14. Gibson also offers a Child Development Center for preschool children.

Gibson School is located just south of the I-96 (Jeffries) Freeway and four blocks west of Telegraph Road. For further information about the Open House or Gibson School, please call (313) 537-8688.



The congressional delegation visited one of several Jewish cemeteries in Krakow.



A memorial floral wreath lies on the floor of a room that once served as a gas chamber at Auschwitz.



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U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, U.S. Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nevada, and U.S. Rep. Steve Israel, D-New York, stand at the main gate of Auschwitz, prior to ceremonies observing the 60th anniversary of the liberation of the former Nazi death camp.

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# Think spring ... and green

Plan now to make yard environmentally friendly



Bob Kopicko, a master composter with SOCWA and Farmington resident, shows how compost raked into his yard has helped build healthy soil. Kopicko follows healthy lawn practices with slow-release, low-phosphorus fertilizer and cutting high.

**BY KEN ABRAMCZYK**  
STAFF WRITER

Just a few days before, many metro Detroit communities received more than 10 inches of snow.

But about 60 city and township officials, garden volunteers, landscapers and homeowners met Wednesday at a meeting of the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority in Bloomfield Township to discuss, of all things, lawn care, landscaping, tree planting and geese.

So why discuss these topics when there's still snow on the ground? Well, lawn care companies start distributing information to residents and homeowners about lawn care at this time of year, said Lillian Dean, coordinator of the Healthy Lawns & Gardens for the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority.

And obviously nobody is too busy working outside to inform themselves on proper yard care. And it's not too early to start thinking about spring.

"People are indoors and municipalities really have a role to play in educating their constituents," Dean said.

While that Wednesday discussion was geared toward county, city and township officials, these tips can help homeowner help the environment, starting this spring.

## LAWNS

Healthy lawns maintain water, said Rick Lazzell, landscape consultant and instructor at Oakland Community College. "Aeration is great to have every single year," Lazzell said. It's probably something that needs to be done every year.

Amy Mangus, senior environmental planner for Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, displayed a poster that showed a

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## Mark your calendars

**Rain Gardens:** Learn about residential rain gardens, a "beautiful solution to water pollution" at a seminar 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 28, at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road (one-half mile west of Orchard Lake Road).

Roger Bannerman, a water resources specialist with the state of Wisconsin, will discuss storm water runoff and urban rivers, rain gardens as a solution to water pollution, rain garden secrets of compost, mulch and native plants and rain garden local experiences. Advance registration is requested. Call Karen Bever at Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. The event is sponsored by Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority in cooperation with Rouge River municipalities in the Main 1-2 subwatershed.

**Soil Testing:** Michigan State University's Soil Nutrient Testing Service offered by participating garden centers and hardware stores in cooperation with the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority & Groundwater Stewardship Program of the Oakland County MSU Extension program Saturday, April 2 through Sunday, April 24. Soil testing indicates nutrient levels already in your soil - a first step in determining the amount and type of fertilizer that is needed for plants you plan to grow.

Cost is \$13 per sample - includes organic matter test. Package price includes pH, lime requirement, phospho-

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Arborist Marshal Baekeroot shows volunteers with the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority how to properly plant a tree - not too deep, with the 'flare' of the tree at the ground level.

PHOTOS FROM SOUTHEASTERN OAKLAND COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

# Diversify trees when selecting ash replacements

Bert Cregg, assistant professor and extension specialist in the department of horticulture and forestry at Michigan State University, believes tree selections by communities and homeowners for plantings should be diversified.

Just as the elm tree was savaged by Dutch elm disease, the emerald ash borer wreaked havoc on ash trees in Michigan over the past three years.

Cregg estimates that 8 million trees have been affected by the emerald ash borer. Much of southeastern Lower Peninsula is under the emerald ash borer quarantine. Once the ash borer is discovered and the tree treated, that treatment will continue "in perpetuity," Cregg said.

One survey found that nearly 25 percent of a typical community's trees are ash, because they were easy to grow, tough trees, ornamental and had few pest problems.

Cregg recommends that communities should look at tree species and make sure they do not

have more than 10 percent of one species in their communities. "There's also the 'look around' rule," Cregg said. "If you see the same (species) tree nearby, plant something else."

When planting trees, look at adaptability (sun/shade, available space), design intent, originality and diversity. Cregg said there is no alternate to ash that meets all of that tree's characteristics. "You have to ask yourself what traits of the ash that you liked about ash," he said.

Trident maple, hedge maple, state street maple, red maple, American hornbeam, hackberry, American yellowwood, hardy rubber tree, ginkgo and Kentucky coffeetree are all ones that can be planted. The red maple is a Michigan native, hornbeams can be seen along the Red Cedar River on the MSU campus, while hackberries can be used in tight spots, Cregg said. "Kentucky coffeetrees can be messy with seed pods," he said.

Others are sweetgum, hophornbeam, plane tree, swamp white oak, scarlet oak and shingle oak. Tree diseases and pests tend to make trees turn a full circle. Ash trees were planted by many homeowners to trees lost to Dutch elm, and ironically, elms will soon be available to replace the ash trees, Cregg said. Hybridizing the elms in recent years have made them resistant to the Dutch elm.

"Elms are somewhat ugly ducklings, and it will take time for the cultivars to work their way through the inventory pipelines of nurseries," he said. Nurseries nurture the cultivars (grafted trees) for eight-10 years before selling them to the public. Cregg suggests homeowners check the Web site [www.hrt.msu.edu](http://www.hrt.msu.edu) for tree ideas and information. "The biggest problem is planting too deep," Cregg said. Ropes around the trunk and root ball and wire baskets on the root ball set the tree up for girdling and can kill the tree.

# Personal video players not quite ready for prime time

Personal video players, or PVPs, made a big splash at this year's Consumer Electronics Show.

And why not? Countless devices already let you listen to music on the go, so it's only logical to add video to the mix.

After all, who wants to be stuck with some watered-down in-flight movie when you could be watching episodes of *Curb Your Enthusiasm* on your own private player?

Unfortunately, the appeal of the PVP has been mitigated by overpriced, overcomplicated first-generation products.

For instance, one of the best PVPs I've seen thus far is the Archos AV420. Equipped with a



**Tech Savvy**

Rick Broida

20GB hard drive and 3.5-inch color screen, it not only plays music and videos, but records them as well. You can actually connect the AV420 to a VCR or DVD player to record TV shows and copy movies.

However, these can be awkward, time-consuming processes. In an ideal world, you'd plug the device

into your TiVo and transfer your recorded shows in a matter of minutes. (Don't think this won't happen - we're just not there yet.)

Actually, this kind of simplicity can be found in a PVP like the Creative Zen Portable Media Center, which links seamlessly with Windows Media Player 10 for downloading content stored on your PC.

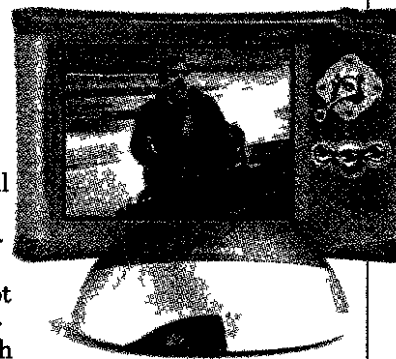
Great, but where does the content come from? You need a TV tuner card if you want to record shows to your PC, and even then you have to deal with potentially incompatible video formats, lengthy file conversions and other hassles.

As for DVDs, you have to jump through hoops with legally iffy ripping software just to get the movies off the discs and onto your hard drive. Even then, there's no guarantee the movie files will play properly on the PVP (see "incompatible video formats," above).

In short, PVPs require a lot of time, patience and knowledge - to say nothing of cash. The AV420 costs a whopping \$550, the Zen, \$500.

For that kind of money, you could buy a top-end portable DVD

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Personal video players like the Archos AV420 can be great for watching movies on the go, but they're expensive and complicated.

# Accents

## Indoor oasis

With the winter season in full blast, you might be feeling a little sun-deprived and in need of a flower pick-me-up.

Thrifty Florists has some creative ideas for decorating your home to make your own indoor summer oasis.

For casual entertainment in your home, decorate with spectacular pansy plants. Scatter them on your dining or coffee table and place votive candles throughout them.

Surprise your guests by designing your own place mats and napkin rings.

For the place mats, first take an oblong place mat from your home and use it as a template to cut out felt place mat bases. (Green felt is preferred.) Next, apply tacky glue or florist glue to one side of the felt base and apply lemon (salal) leaves in one direction, going from left to right in horizontal rows. Overlap the leaves as you cover the entire felt base. It makes a natural, crisp, elegant and tailored look.

For the napkin ring holders, take a piece of ribbon approximately 1 inch wide and 24 inches long. Tie it around your linen napkin by making a shoestring bow. Take a single-bloom daisy, pansy, dendrobium, orchid or flower from your garden and remove its stem. Use tacky or floral glue to apply the flower head to the center of the bow.

With these elegant place mats and napkins, you will have created the perfect ambiance for a very special evening.

## Remodeling?

Whether you're thinking about adding more space, upgrading cabinets and counters or changing a floor plan, you're not alone. Millions of homeowners are remodeling each year.

"Remodeling a home can be the smartest move you'll ever make, saving the time and much of the expense of moving to a different house," said Adam Becker, vice president of Fairway Master Builders of Southfield. "If you like your neighborhood and home's location, remodeling is your best option."

The most common reasons people remodel are to add space, change a floor plan to better suit current needs, increase a home's resale value, upgrade cabinets, counters, fixtures and appliances, and to improve energy efficiency by installing new doors, windows, climate control systems and insulation.

There are many factors to consider before embarking on a home remodel. First, discuss with your family what you like and don't like about your home. Then, plan what you want to change with a list of priorities. Gather pictures of ideas that appeal to you from magazines. While you're planning, take into account colors, lighting, furniture placement, traffic patterns and how you plan to use the new space now and later.



CALENDAR

FROM PAGE B1

rus, potassium calcium and magnesium... Bring your soil samples to one of the following stores listed below...

will build a working compost pile complete written assignments and take-home exam, and complete 10 hours of volunteer service...

Tree sale: Global ReLeaf of Michigan is offering bare-root trees especially selected for their ability to prosper in rural and urban settings...

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Manufacturers don't want you to fix it yourself

sent an e-mail to Ken Abramczyk editor of the Observer & Eccentric's At Home section, the other day and asked him for some suggestions on column ideas...



Appliance Doctor Joe Gagnon

warranties, computerization and a whole lot more from a service person's viewpoint on what good or bad has come out of the appliance industry...

and frequently asked questions Let's go back to 1960 and do some comparisons on products and service of today I had just graduated and received my doctorate on major appliance repair...

I choose the repair industry All I needed to work on these appliances was a tool box The standard tools of the day found on most work benches were almost enough to do 90 percent of service calls...

I had a little Volkswagen 1956 model Beetle with the engine in the back that sounded like a washing machine and this thing could travel through any snowstorm...

machine transmissions and other equipment That time marked the beginning of an appliance repairman going into business with no insurance coverage, no complicated business taxes to pay...

Let's fast forward to today There are no more correspondence courses offered through magazines and any schooling on appliance repair is almost non-existent across the United States...

As for the tool category, that's another story At one time a screwdriver was just a Phillips or regular, and now there must be a dozen different screwdrivers The reason why is simple - manufacturers don't want you to fix things yourself...

They put these special heads on screws and only their own

factory-trained technicians have the special screwdriver in their possession, so when you try to take something apart, you can't even buy a tool at the hardware store to do the job...

Look at the electronics of today's appliances and it's no wonder you have to invest a month's salary into electronic meters Yes, things have changed a great deal in the world of appliances and next time I'll write about the products themselves...

Are things really what they seem to be in the new products that you purchase today? Stay tuned

Got a question for Joe Gagnon? Forward it to kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net or send it to Ken Abramczyk At Home editor Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 Joe's response may be highlighted in a future column

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270 He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals His phone number is (248) 455 7281

CLARIFICATION

An article in last Thursday's At Home section on carbon monoxide should have indicated that the pilot light that is burning properly has a flame of a crisp blue color

FRIENDLY

FROM PAGE B1

man pushing a spreader over a lake Remember, you're not just fertilizing your lawn," she read from the poster

SEMOG and SOCWA recommend homeowners use organic fertilizer or slow-release nitrogen or hire a lawn service that uses these materials Fertilizer applications should be at least 20 feet away from the edge of lakes, streams or storm drains

Residents can sweep up fertilizer and grass clippings left on sidewalks and driveways, to prevent these items from washing into storm drains or rivers

Homeowners should not fertilize before early May Leaving the clippings on the lawn also can mean fewer fertilizer applications Adding compost to the lawn also adds microorganisms, nutrients and organic matter to help build fertile soil

Homeowners should avoid fertilizers with phosphorous as

these create algae blooms in lakes When cutting the grass this spring, mow high (3 inches)

SOCWA also has a list of participating lawn care companies that meet guidelines for a river-friendly lawn care program according to the Michigan Green Industry information Companies must complete an on-site consultation before recommending fertilizer or pesticides, offer soil nutrient tests, use slow-release nitrogen fertilizer, low-phosphorus or no-phosphorus, fertilizer quantities, pesticide options that do not include weed-and-feed

MORE MEANS LESS

Lazzell says bringing fewer "inputs" fertilizers and pesticides will mean fewer outputs that flow into the rivers and watersheds

"When you lessen the ecological impact, it also means you spend less money on your site, Lazzell said

When planning landscaping, homeowners should look at minimizing land disturbance, leave existing natural vegetation, minimize imperviousness (such as concrete pavement) and maintain on-site infiltration

Lazzell emphasized using the "right plant in the right place" Before purchasing plants, look at the plant's pest tolerance, maximum size, quality, diversity, functionality and conditions needed for healthy growth

"Everything is connected," Lazzell said "You have five or six trees in here" Lazzell showed a photo of a group of trees that were scattered at a location and what detriment that is to the yard

"When you're watering around the trees, you start to get erosion," Lazzell said "But when you put the trees together, you take out grass, put down mulch and you get away from these mulch volcanoes" That grouping creates a larger area to help filter water runoff and lessens the need for fertilizer

Planting slower growing plants means less maintenance "There are 10 to 15 varieties of

ewes that don't get higher than three to four feet, so they don't need pruning," Lazzell said

"Look at it before you buy it" Stormwater runoff - probably the biggest problem facing communities in the Rouge River watershed - can be filtered, while erosion can be slowed by landscaping with mulch and garden beds, Lazzell said

"The velocity of water is what causes runoff," Lazzell said "Landscaping slows down water and slows erosion"

To build a healthy soil, you need to add nutrients, especially if the yard is located at a new home and has been stripped of its soil "Organisms make the soil healthy," Lazzell said Lazzell recommends testing the pH level in the soil at least once every three years

Garden beds should have compost and mulch, he said "Don't put harsh chemicals in your beds"

Compost also releases water and nutrients as the plants need them, so that helps conserve water Lazzell said the cost of water increased 4 4 percent nationally "Watering is becoming more and more expensive," Lazzell said

Carol Alexander of Bloomfield Township, who volunteers for SOCWA, said these same principles discussed at the meeting should be used by homeowners when assessing their lawn and yard needs for the upcoming growing season

"Everyone has their own issues when you work within a piece of property, like creating a buffer zone and selecting earth-friendly fertilizer," she said For more information on healthy lawns visit www.socwa.org For information on the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project visit www.rougever.org or Friends of the Rouge at www.the.rouge.org kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

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# Gardeners invited to a cordial conversation

According to the dictionary, the word cordial means proceeding from the heart, exhibiting or expressing kindness, and, giving heart, reviving the spirits, imparting vigor or joy, and cheering.



**Garden Spot**

**Marty Figley**

What do cordials have to do with gardening? Cordials (also known as liqueurs) are sweet, flavor-infused spirits that are categorized according to the flavoring agent, for instance, fruits, nuts, herbal and spice blends, creams and such. The majority of the flavoring agents are herbs and spices.

## VARIED CORDIALS

Curtis Vincent of Rochester Hills makes quite a variety of cordials, and believes they stimulate conversation. "Under-indulgence, not overindulgence, is the key," Vincent said.

Vincent first became interested when a friend served cordials in beautiful glasses about 10 years ago. He soon purchased his first set of cordial glasses and now his collection numbers between 400 and 500.

"I soon discovered a book on how to make this elixir and I was wonderfully hooked," Vincent said. "My wife, Tracy, says it's an obsession."

Vincent shares some tips: To get flavor in the liquid, soak (infuse) the fruit as indicated in the recipe, macerate it (age for the specific time), or percolate by pouring boiling water over it. You need to capture the flavor, rack to separate the clear liquid from the sediment, and carefully bottle it. To strain, use a paper towel (support it with a strainer), but do not use a coffee filter. Age at least a month - or longer - for best flavor.

Here's a recipe for spiced rum you can make for your Valentine, if you start right away (you still have 11 days!). 1 cup sugar, 1 cup water, 2 1/2 cups (good) dark rum, 4 teaspoons pure vanilla extract, 12 whole allspice (crushed), 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves (or whole cloves crushed), 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg and 2 cinnamon sticks.

Bring sugar and water to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. When clear, remove from heat and cool to just warm. Combine this syrup, with remaining ingredients in a clean one-quart jar with a screw-on lid (Mason jar). Cover and let stand in a cool dark place for three to four weeks. Use a fine-mesh strainer to strain out solids. Discard

Transfer cordial to a clean container and server immediately or cover and age for one month or more.

The book, *Herbed-Wine Cuisine* by Janice Therese Mancuso, (\$21.95 Storey Publishing), contains several recipes for making cordials and lots of other good stuff. Vincent recommends *Cordials from the Kitchen*, published by Vargas, and *Glasses* by Jane Florence.

Vincent will present LeGrand Jour de Champagne, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. The cost is \$25 per person (You must be 21 years of age and bring identification to attend). Learn how champagne and sparkling wines are made, their history to how to pair them with food (and have a taste).

For reservations, call (248) 332-6430. Don't miss this treat.

## SYMPOSIUM SET

The annual Cranbrook Horticultural symposium is scheduled 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Michigan State University Conference Center, 811 W. Square Lake in Troy. The theme for the day is Personal Gardening, Real Lessons from Designers Own Gardens.

All of the presenters garden in similar climates to ours and know from personal experi-

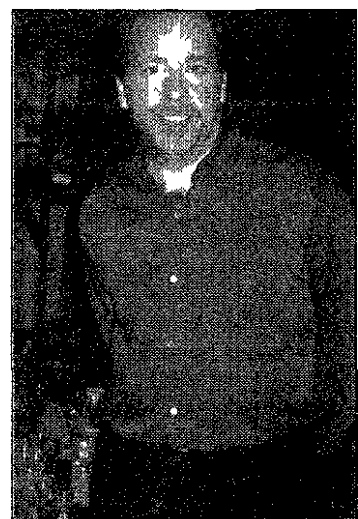
ence what works and what doesn't. They are C. Colston Burrell, who gardens on 10 wild acres in the Blue Ridge mountains, Paul Cappiello, executive director of Yew Dell Gardens in Crestwood, Ky., and David Culp, sales representative for Sunny Borders Nursery, the largest container perennial grower on the East Coast, who also directs the company's research and development program.

Also appearing are Gordon Hayward, who, with his wife, Mary, have been developing their 200-year-old farmhouse in southern Vermont for the past 20 years as well as a tiny garden outside their cottage in the Cotswold Hills of England, and Nicholas Staddon, director of new plant introductions for Monrovia who also searches the world to find new creations and discoveries.

You can register for this fine program several ways: visit www.hortmag.com, call toll-free (877) GDN-PROG, or if you have a brochure, mail the form included with it with payment to Horticulture Garden Programs, 4700 E. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45236, or fax the form with your credit card information to (513) 531-0798.

Fees are \$119 for a subscriber or member or \$129 for others. There is a special combination offer: Register for the Symposium and get a year's subscription to Horticulture (7 issues) for \$134.

Registration includes all handouts and refreshments, and a boxed lunch. All registrations must be received no later than Feb. 7. Books also will be available for purchase at this event.



**Marty Figley**  
Curt Vincent makes delicious cordials and collects cordial glasses as a hobby.

**Marty Figley** is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Gardening courses

Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty in Livonia offers gardening courses in its Continuing Education department. The schedule includes 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.

### Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at 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 Papadellis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse, will explore new plants, old-fashioned favorites and several underused and hard-to-find annuals and perennials.

### 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. Contact the Gardens at (734) 998-7061. Lesley Chace at leedsbeaken@aol.com or Joan Wysocki at (248) 349-5310 or jdwysocki@aol.com.

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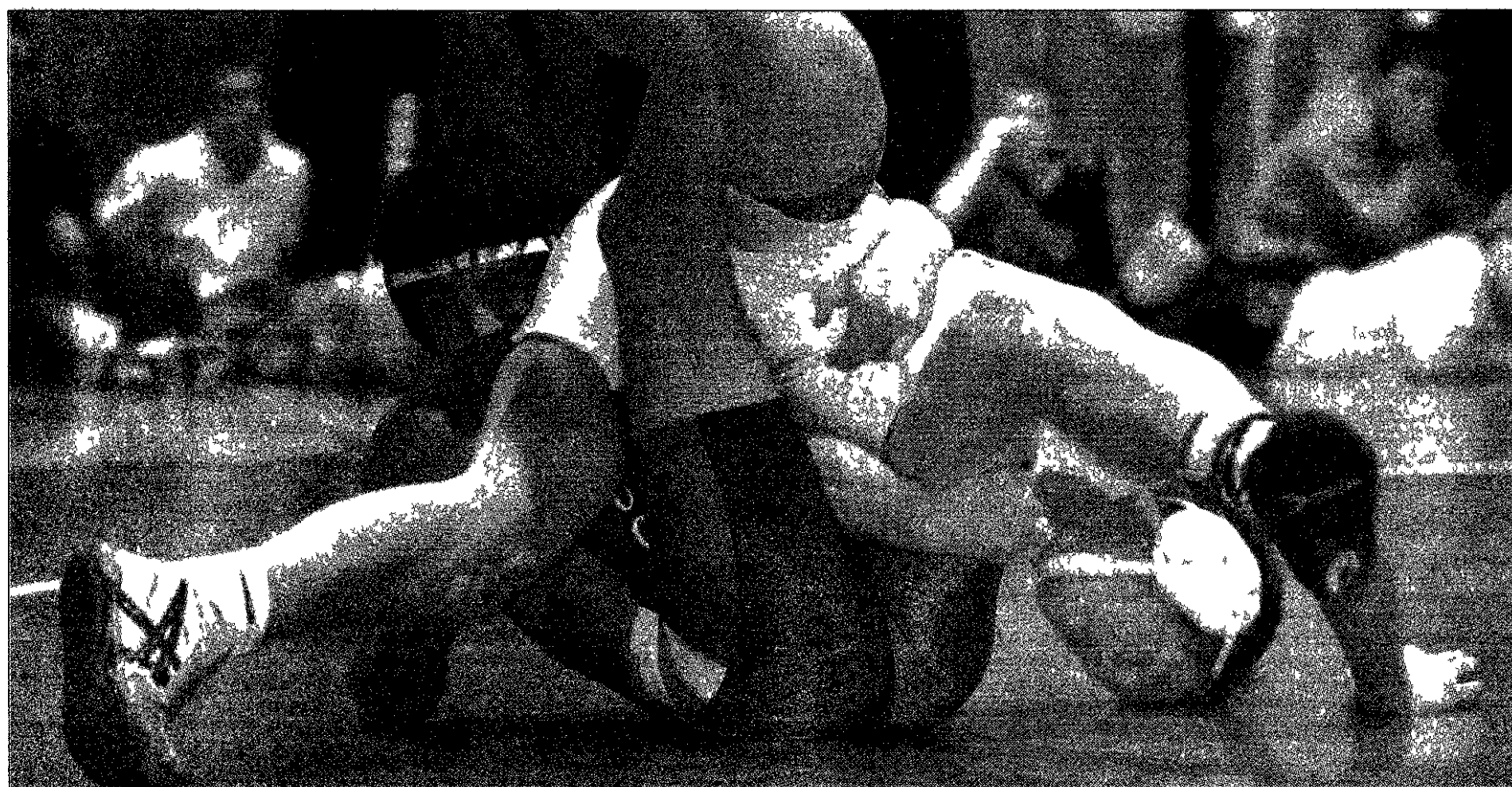








## Stunning reversal: Pats win Observerland



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ryan Stump (top) downed Redford Catholic Central's Andrew Nadhir in the 125-pound championship match at Saturday's Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament held at Livonia Churchill High School. Stump, a senior, is undefeated this season.

## Canton earns 4th, Salem 5th in 14th annual mat tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

There were many reversals executed at Saturday's Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament, but none was more impressive than the one Livonia Franklin's program pulled off.

Just two years after finishing dead last in the 16-team event, the Patriots captured their first-ever Observerland title by accumulating 209 points, 22 5 more than runner-up Livonia Churchill, which hosted the tournament.

Redford Catholic Central was third with 177 points, followed by Canton (172) and Salem (152).

Franklin's worst-to-first comeback didn't come as a surprise to coach Dave Chiola, who has witnessed his current

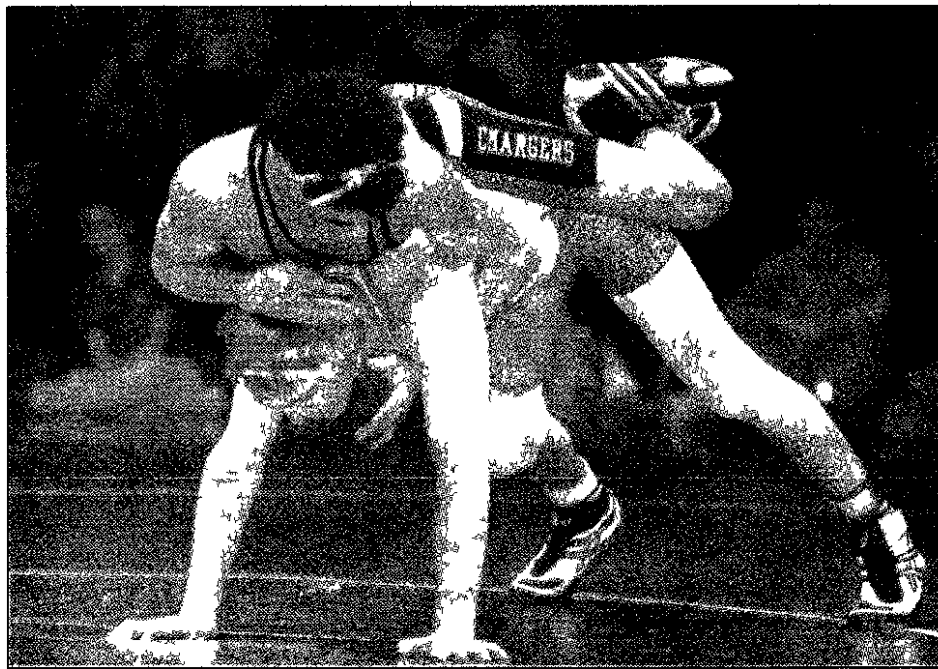
group of wrestlers' potential steadily develop into positive results since they competed for him in the seventh and eighth grades.

"We coached these kids in middle school, so we could see they were going to be good," Chiola said. "They have a good work ethic, and they're fast learners. You show them something once, and they get it."

"Two years ago we had a very young team with nine freshmen. They got banged up, but they never quit. They stuck it out. Last year, we improved, and this year we have a solid wrestler at each weight. We don't have a lot of studs like some teams, but we're solid from top to bottom."

Franklin, which has won all seven

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Canton's Corey Smith (bottom) tries to hold off Livonia Churchill's Justin Smith in the 130-pound championship match at Saturday's Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament. Smith handed Phillips his first loss of the season in a tense overtime showdown.

## Chiefs net win over Wildcats

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The final match of Saturday's Gibraltar Carlson volleyball tournament had a definite local flavor to it.

When it was over, Canton tasted victory over Plymouth in a three-set thriller.

"We had all 12 of our players in the rotation, so we played well as a team," said Canton coach Alex Perrin, whose squad downed the Wildcats 25-17, 20-25 and 19-17. "In the championship match, Andrea Johnson led us with nine kills, 12 digs and eight service points. She also had a crucial kill to prevent one Plymouth match point."

Wildcats coach Kelly McCausland said she was pleased with her team's performance Saturday.

Teamwise, that was probably the best we've played this year in a tournament," McCausland said. "We played with a lot of intensity and the girls seemed to have good chemistry."

"Our most impressive match of the day was against Canton, even though we lost. Canton played unbelievable defense against us."

Plymouth had three championship-point opportunities in the finale, but couldn't put away the Chiefs. Canton went 5-0-1, losing just two games. The Chiefs advanced to the finals by upending Redford Thurston. Plymouth qualified for the championship match beating Gibraltar Carlson.

## Ward's scoring binge leads Plymouth Whalers

Steve Ward's goal with 2:01 left in the third period Sunday afternoon salvaged a 4-4 tie for the Plymouth Whalers in their Ontario Hockey League game at Saginaw.

The draw, which came on the heels of Saturday's 3-1 home loss to Windsor, kept the Whalers alone in first place in the OHL's West Division with a 21-20-5-3 mark. Second-place Sault Ste. Marie is three points back at 20-22-6-1.

Saginaw, which owns a 15-28-1-4 mark, grabbed a one-goal lead on four different occasions Sunday afternoon, but Plymouth battled back each time.

John Mitchell, Jonas Fiedler and Tim

Sestito also scored goals for the Whalers. Tom Pyatt lit the lamp twice for the Spirit, who also received goals from Dan Borges and Jesse Gimblett.

Mitchell, who tallied three goals and five assists in Plymouth's three weekend games, is now ninth overall on the Whalers' franchise career scoring list with 210 points.

On Saturday night, the Spitfires extended their winning streak against Plymouth this season to five games with the win in front of a sellout crowd of 3,902 at the Compuware Sports Arena. Mitch Maunu's power-play goal at

13:43 of the second period proved to be the game winner for Windsor.

Plymouth jumped out to an early lead when Tim Sestito scored his ninth goal (4-49) of the season, snapping a wrist shot past Spitfires goaltender Brad Topping. The Whalers led 1-0 after the first period, but were unable to beat Topping in the final two periods. Topping finished with 24 saves. Cal O'Reilly's goal at 1:34 of the second period knotted the score at 1-1. Brett Lascomb added an empty-net goal in the final minute to seal the win. Plymouth's Ryan Nie had 34 saves in the loss.

## Salem's Maurer excels on the ice

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

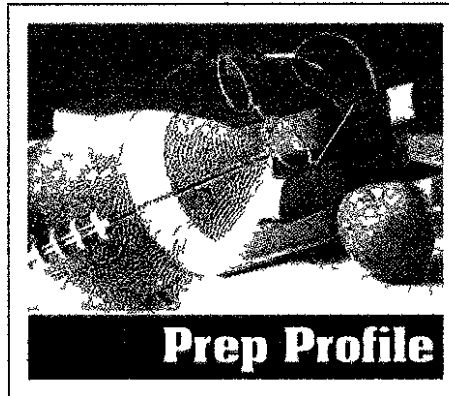
John Maurer couldn't skate before he could run — but it was close.

The Salem senior hockey captain was born into a hockey family and — not surprisingly — he learned how to maneuver his way across the ice not long after he figured out how to walk.

"I started skating when I was 3 years old," Maurer said. "I picked it up right away and have loved it ever since."

When you consider Maurer's bloodlines, it makes sense that the Rocks' premier defenseman has excelled on the rink since he was a toddler. Maurer's father, Ed, played in college at Ohio State University, and his older brother, Mike, skated for Salem before graduating in 2003. He also had several uncles who participated in the sport.

"Hockey has always been big in my family," Maurer said. "My dad played until a few years ago and he coached me

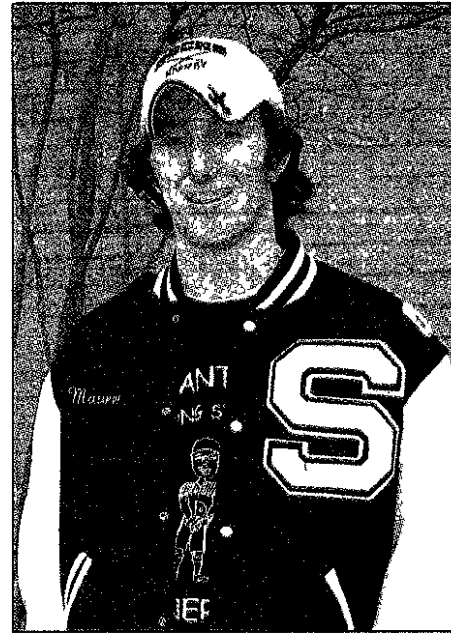


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until I was about 10. Probably the highlight of my high school career so far was being able to play with my brother during my sophomore year. At the time, it didn't seem like such a big deal, but now that I look back on it, I realize how important it was."

Despite possessing the puck-handling

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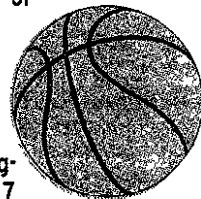
John Maurer has been a solid contributor to Salem's hockey team for the past three seasons. He also played a key role in the Plymouth-Canton lacrosse team's strong showing in the 2004 state playoffs.

## Sidelines

### Pingston saluted

Madonna University senior guard Jackie Pingston earned Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball Player of the Week honors after averaging 15.7 points, 4.3 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 3.3 steals in three wins for the Crusaders.

The Dearborn native started her week with 17 points, five assists and five steals in a 63-54 win at Concordia. She then posted back-to-back 15-point games at home vs. Indiana Tech and University of Michigan-Dearborn.



### Thornton shines

Canton High School graduate Steve Thornton is making a strong contribution to the Adrian College men's basketball team. Thornton has helped lead the Bulldogs to a 5-3 record in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. He grabbed seven rebounds Jan. 26 in the team's 77-71 loss to Olivet College.

### Hockey meeting

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will be meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of all Salem, Plymouth and Canton hockey players are encouraged to attend the meeting.

The PCCS Hockey Booster Club's annual meeting and election of officers will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, at the Cultural Center.

### Tsunami relief

United States Figure Skating ice-dance champions Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, who train at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton, are organizing a star-studded figure skating fundraiser that will benefit victims of the recent tsunami that struck southeast Asia.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Friday 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.

Among the performers will be Belbin and Agosto, who won their second consecutive United States Figure Skating Pairs Ice Dancing Championship two weeks ago in Portland, Ore., 1992 Olympic gold medalist Victor Petrenko, 2002 Olympic and World medalist Timothy Goebel; 2005 U.S. national champion Johnny Weir, 2005 U.S. pairs champions Katie Orscher and Garrett Lucash, and five-time U.S. National Champions Liz Punsalan and Jerod Swallow.

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 Plymouth at Canton 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Northville 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Canton 7 p.m.  
 Southfield Christian at PCA 7:30 p.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
**Thursday Feb 3**  
 Northville at Canton 7 p.m.  
 Salem at Livonia Stevenson 7 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 7 p.m.  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
**Wednesday Feb 2**  
 Northville at Canton at Arctic Edge Ice Arena 8 p.m.  
 Plymouth at Livonia Churchhill 6 p.m.  
**Friday Feb 4**  
 PCS Penguins at Regina 9 p.m.  
 Plymouth at W.L. Western at Lakeland Ice Arena 8:20 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
**Thursday Feb 3**  
 W.L. Western at Canton 6:30 p.m.  
 Salem at W.L. Central 6:30 p.m.  
 Livonia Franklin at Plymouth 6 p.m.  
**GYMNASTICS**  
**Saturday Feb 5**  
 Canton Invitational 9:30 a.m.  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
**Thursday Feb 3**  
 Canton Agape at Inter City 7 p.m.  
 PCA at Southfield Christian 7 p.m.  
**Saturday Feb 5**  
 Canton at A.A. Pioneer Invite Salem at Schoolcraft Invitational  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday Feb 5**  
 Schoolcraft at Flint Mott 3 p.m.  
 Aquinas College at Madonna 3 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Saturday Feb 5**  
 Schoolcraft at Flint Mott 1 p.m.  
 Madonna at Aquinas College 1 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
**Friday Feb. 4**  
 Whalers at Kitchener Rangers 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday Feb. 5**  
 Whalers vs Toronto (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.  
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 tournaments it has competed in this season and clinched the Western Division crown Tuesday night with a 38-21 win over Canton, won handily despite crowning just one individual champion — 119-pound Mike Warren, who was voted the tourney's co MVP along with CC's Sean Dong (135) in the lower weight classes (103-140). The Shamrocks Brad Bartram (189) earned MVP honors for the upper weight classes.  
 Franklin and Canton both placed a tournament-high 12 wrestlers.  
 Four Patriots finished second in their respective weight classes — Jesse Gardocki (103), Jon Roos (112), Dennis Tullio (152) and Chris VanCamp (171).  
 Five Chargers earned first-place hardware — Alex Fowler (103), Justin Smith (130), Ben Adams (160), Hafeez Qureshi (215) and Pat Draheim (275).  
 It was a very eventful tournament, said Churchill coach Marty Altounian, whose Chargers shared the 2004 title with Westland John Glenn. "There were a lot of upsets. A lot of matches went the opposite way we thought they were going to go."  
 All five of our wrestlers who made it to the finals won, so that was a nice sweep. They all did their job. We just needed more wrestlers to reach the

finals."  
 Mike Rodriguez, coach of the third-place Shamrocks, said his team was hurt by the number of first-round byes it was dealt.  
 (Actually, fifth-place Salem also had six byes, while Redford Union had five Franklin, Churchill, Plymouth and Clarenceville were next with four apiece.)  
 It's hard to get enough points to win when you have six byes," Rodriguez said. "But that's the way it goes. There's nothing you can do about it."  
 "I thought our two MVPs — Sean Dong and Brad Bartram — were awesome. They've both won twice here now, so it was a nice way to go out for them."  
 Canton, like Franklin, made a substantial move up the standings after finishing 10th last year. The fourth-place Chiefs were in second heading into the finals with three wrestlers still alive for titles.  
 Overall, when I look back at the entire day, we placed 12 of 14 wrestlers, so I'm happy with that," Canton coach Casey Randolph said. "But having three wrestlers in the finals and not winning one is kind of frustrating."  
 The most stunning upset of the day occurred at 171, when Canton's Pat McWhirter edged Churchill's defending state champion Manuel Schubert, 9-8.  
 John Glenn's Rece Cox also repeated as champion at 145 with a 14-5 major decision over



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Canton's Ryan Webb (bottom) dropped a 9-6 decision to Redford Catholic Central's Sean Dong in the 135-pound championship match at Saturday's Observerland Invitational wrestling tournament. The loss was Webb's first of the season.

Salem's Jake Bennett, while CC's Trevor Stewart, who moved up to the 171-pound class in an anticipated matchup against Schubert that never materialized, earned his

third straight Observerland title. Even though Franklin has accumulated seven first-place tournament trophies and a spotless dual-meet record, the

Patriots' better days may still be ahead, their coach said. "The funny thing about this team," Chiola said, "is that I still don't think it has come close to reaching its potential."

**Rocks boosters to meet Feb. 9**

The Salem Rocks Football Booster Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m., in room 2703 of Salem High School. Parents of all current and new players, including class of 2009 students, are encouraged to attend. Attendees will get an opportunity to meet the 2005 booster club officers and learn about the 2005 football season. For more information, contact Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.

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**CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**  
**275 pounds** Pat Draheim (LC) pinned John Morasso (CC) 0:53 3rd place Nick Turco (LF) p Steve Kaptur (Salem) 0:23 5th place Donnie Laramie (Canton) p Kevin Hanka (WJG) 1:31  
**103** Alex Fowler (LC) decisioned Jesse Gardocki (LF) 3:2 3rd Brandon Nikula (WJG) dec Ryan Schnettler (Canton) 5:4 5th Jeremy Stanek (Salem) dec Jamie Preiss

(WM) 6:3  
**112** Steve Ludke (GC) dec Jon Roos (LF) 4:2 3rd Jon Reale (LS) won by major dec over Ken Nelson (RU) 8:0 5th Jeremiah Austin (WJG) won by technical fall over Tim Hecksel (LC) 23:8 (3:54)  
**119** Mike Warren (LF) dec Matt Keffler (Salem) 7:6 3rd Ken Nance (GC) dec Antonio Cosme (CC) 8:3 5th Jay Fleischmann (Canton) won by major dec over Ben Kosmalki (Ply) 13:3  
**125** Ryan Stump (Salem) dec Andrew Nader (CC) 5:1 3rd James Jones (LF) p Rowdy Glasgow (WJG) 3:36 5th Pete Bonneau (Canton) dec Justin Keatts (WM) 3:1  
**130** Justin Smith (LC) dec Corey Phillips (Canton) 4:2 (overtime) 3rd Jim Wood (WJG) p Robert Bytner (LW) 3:42 5th Robert Price (CC) dec Steve Russo (Farm) 8:5  
**135** Sean Dong (CC) dec Ryan Webb (Canton) 9:6 3rd Scott Fysh (Salem) won by

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major dec over Orlando Carswell (WJG) 12:2 5th Kaman Davidson (LF) dec Ali Youssef (Ply) 5:3  
**140** Jim Moore (RU) dec Konrad Konsitzke (Canton) 11:6 3rd David Watkins (LF) dec Saif Naber (WJG) 7:1 5th Jon Hagar (Ply) dec Ryan Olson (Salem) 10:9 (OT)  
**145** Rece Cox (WJG) won by major dec over Jake Bennett (Salem) 14:5 3rd Kyle Mason (Farm) p Nate Turco (LF) 12:2 5th Josh Kelly (LC) dec Alex Freitag (Canton) 8:6  
**152** Anthony Victor (NF) won by tech fall over Dennis Tullio (LF) 15:0 (4:14) 3rd Adam Kokenakes (LS) dec Marwan Faraj (Canton) 7:4 5th Val Gui (Salem) dec David Wood (WJG) 5:2  
**160** Ben Adams (LC) dec Kurtis Robbins (Cville) 3:0 3rd Kyle Lis (LS) dec Blake Karkoska (LF) 5:3 5th Jon McCall (WJG) dec Alex Amberg (Canton) 4:2  
**171** Trevor Stewart (CC) p Chris VanCamp (LF) 0:21 3rd Cody Rize (LS) dec Pat

McWhirter (Canton) 8:5 5th Manuel Schubert (LC) won by major dec over Brent Robbins (Cville) 14:5  
**189** Brad Bartram (CC) won by major dec over Jeremy Henderson (Salem) 10:2 3rd Joe Bargerstock (LC) dec P.J. Caram (Canton) 5:4 5th Jake Robbins (RU) dec Taylor Fox (Ply) 9:6  
**215** Hafeez Qureshi (LC) dec Eric Vojtkofsky (CC) 5:1 3rd Larry Crockett (Farm) won by major dec over Matt Shileikus (RU) 12:3 5th Patrick Kennedy (Cville) won by major dec over Greg Schuyler (LF) 10:2  
**Lower weights co-MVPs** Mike Warren (LF) 119 Sean Dong (CC) 135  
**Upper weights MVP** Brad Bartram (CC) 189  
**DUAL MEET RESULTS**  
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# Plymouth cagers win in OT

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's basketball team worked overtime to snap its four-game losing skid Tuesday night against Northville.

The Wildcats upended the Mustangs, 61-55, in a double-overtime thriller played in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. The victory upped the Wildcats' record to 8-6 overall, 4-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 1-3 in the WLAA's Western Division. Northville fell to 5-9 overall and 2-6 in the conference.

Wildcat junior forward A.J. Davey sent the game into overtime when he converted one of two free-throw attempts with one second left in regulation to knot the score at 45-45.

Following a low-scoring first extra session in which both teams managed to score just four points a piece, Plymouth took charge in the second OT thanks largely to the free-throw shooting of junior guard Brent Jones, who canned all six of his attempts from the stripe. D.J. Coleman was also strong down the stretch, netting four of his team-high 18 points in the second extra period.

"We came out slowly again, which we've been doing lately," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, referring to his team's 12-point first half. "We picked it up in the second half and got some great free-throw shooting in the second overtime from Brent. Three of our starters had fouled out, so we gave him the ball and made them foul him."

"I think this win will put us into the league playoffs (the top eight teams in the WLAA qualify for the post-season tourney). Hopefully, it will give us some momentum heading into our game against Canton on Friday."

Junior forward Josh Le Duc played a strong post game for Plymouth, tallying 12 points, 14 rebounds and four blocked shots. Sophomore forward Kulraj Sandhu netted 11 points, including a key fourth-quarter triple that gave the Wildcats a temporary lead. Jones finished with eight points and eight assists.

Chris Lorente led the Mustangs with 23 points. J.D. Gerblck finished with 17. Plymouth trailed 22-12 at the half and 34-26 after three

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quarters before outscoring its visitors 19-11 over the final eight minutes to force the overtime.

The Wildcats nailed 16-of-22 free throws (72 percent) while the Mustangs connected on 13-of-22 from the stripe (59 percent).

**Canton 64, Walled Lake Northern 45** Junior forward Andre Bridges took advantage of his first start of the season Tuesday night by scoring 11 points to help the Chiefs to their second consecutive victory. Bridges was subbing for starting guard Andy Cortellini, who missed the game due to illness.

The victory improved the Chiefs' record to 8-6 overall and 4-4 in the WLAA. The Knights slipped to 2-12 and 1-7.

"We had our inside-out game working well tonight," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "Andre hit a couple of big threes for us and Dave Cahille had another good game. Kevin Thornton played strong inside for us."

The Chiefs didn't have any problems finding their shooting range in the unfamiliar gym as they shot 51 percent from the field (24 of 47) and 72 percent from the free-throw line (8-of-11).

"We were getting a lot of open looks because we were moving the ball well against their zone," Paye said.

Cahille led the Chiefs with 16 points, six coming on a pair of threes. Thornton contributed 12 points and six rebounds and junior forward Andy Larsen scored a season-high eight points. Joel Darm twined 10 points to lead the Knights.

Canton took charge early, running to a 31-17 halftime lead and 51-31 advantage after three quarters.

"Similar to our last game we put four good quarters together with no big scoring droughts," Paye concluded.

**PCA 69, Bethesda 47** The Eagles soared to a 25-7 first quarter lead and never looked back in their non-league match-up against Bethesda. PCA is now 7-6 overall while Bethesda fell to 6-7.

PCA stretched its lead to 41-18 at the half before clearing its bench for much of the final 16 minutes of action.

Stephen Sumner paced the

winner with 18 points, nine assists and eight rebounds. Aaron Ciborowski contributed 17 points and 11 rebounds while Mike McCord had 10 points and seven boards.

"Our bench got to play a lot of minutes, which was nice," said PCA coach Doug Taylor.

"They did a good job, too. Our three guards off the bench — Jordan Johnston, T.J. Miller and Jacob Williams — combined for 10 assists. Everybody played well and we hit six threes tonight, which was a season high."

Chris Seitz led Bethesda with 13.

**Canton Agape 73, Franklin Road 29** The Wolverines received 18 points each from Jack Anletner and Brian Horning, and 12 from Gabe Molnar, who canned four three-point shots. Josh Mansfield led Franklin Road with 12 points.

"We just overmatched them — it was as simple as that," said Agape coach Keith Anletner. "Agape led 17-11 after one quarter, 34-19 at the half and 58-25 with eight minutes left."

**Canton Agape 68, Summerfield Christian 47** Senior guard Gabe Molnar set a school record Monday night with nine three-point baskets, eclipsing the old mark of eight set by Matt Major in 1997.

"We were running our basic plays and Gabe just kept stepping back and nailing them," said Agape coach Keith Anletner, referring to Molnar's record-setting night. "He hit a buzzer-beater at the end of the first half and he was one step behind the half-court line."

Molnar finished with 31 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore guard Jack Anletner chipped in with 13 and Matt Molnar — Gabe's younger brother — netted four points and eight rebounds.

David Hamden led Summerfield with 11 points. Agape led 11-9 after one quarter and 29-22 at the half. The Wolverines put a stamp on the win by outscoring SC 23-11 in the third quarter. Molnar drained five of his threes in the third quarter.

"We played outstanding in the second half," Anletner said. "The guys really picked it up a notch. It's nice to see us start to jell. The Wolverines host Westland Huron Valley tonight at Discovery Middle School. The opening tip is set for 7:30 p.m."

# Walsh's marksmanship paces Zebras' 58-46 win over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

On the eve of Groundhog's Day Tuesday night, Wayne Memorial's Danny Walsh cast a large shadow over Salem's basketball team.

Walsh, a 6-2 senior guard, drained seven three-point shots and scored a game-high 23 points to lead the Zebras to a 58-46 victory over the Rocks, who slumped to 1-13 overall and 1-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Wayne, which has now won eight of its last nine games, improved to 8-6 overall and 7-1 in the WLAA.

With Salem playing a zone defense to contain the Zebras' penetration game and inside scoring threat Gene Nix, Walsh hit nothing but net on his first four triple attempts in the opening quarter to repel a strong start from the scrappy Rocks.

After sitting out a good chunk of the second quarter, the sharp-shooting guard canned three more treys in the third quarter.

He missed his final five attempts from behind the arch, but by then he had already inflicted enough damage on struggling Salem.

"I told the kids before the game to try to take away their inside game and not allow second shots," said Salem coach

Bob Brodie. "Our game plan was that we were going to make them earn it from the outside, but (Walsh) made everything I thought our kids played hard. Wayne knew they were in a game."

In his preparation for the Salem game, Wayne coach Wayne Woodard emphasized to his team not to look at the Rocks' record, but rather their history of always playing tough, solid basketball.

"I reminded the kids that since I've been here only two teams — Belleville and Salem — have beaten us every year," Woodard said. "Bob always does a good job with his teams. He knows how to prepare. You always have to earn whatever you get against Salem. My biggest fear was them getting to within four or six with a couple of minutes left, because then it's anybody's game."

"I thought our kids played hard tonight. I liked the way they competed. In the first half it looked like we were playing better than we were because our shots were falling. In the second half, we didn't play that bad, but we didn't look good because our shots weren't falling."

Nix led the Zebras in the paint with 13 points, 13 rebounds and three blocked shots. Senior guards Maurice Nelson and Ramond Harris both contributed seven for the winners.

Junior forward Billy Leddy was the lone Rock to break into the double-digit scoring column, netting 11. Kevin Bradley scored eight of his nine points in the opening quarter, which ended with Wayne ahead, 14-12.

Sophomore guard Kevin Burleigh swished a pull-up jumper seconds into the second quarter to knot the game at 14-14, but Nelson followed with a three from the deep corner to give the Zebras a lead they would never relinquish.

Wayne's largest advantage — 34-21 — came in the opening seconds of the third quarter when — who else? — Walsh stroked in a shot from three feet behind the three-point line. Salem whittled its deficit down to 41-36 with 4:30 to play on a driving shot by Joe Halewicz, but the Zebras retaliated with a 6-0 run to regain their comfort zone.

Salem's fourth-quarter comeback bid was hampered by 2-of-17 shooting from the field. Wayne hit 17-of-52 field goals (32 percent) and 14-of-18 free throws (77 percent). Salem hit 18-of-57 (31 percent) of its shots from the field and 5-of-9 free-throw attempts (55 percent).

The Zebras turned the ball over 14 times while the Rocks committed 18 miscues.

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The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association (GCYBSA) will hold its initial registration from 1 4 p m Sunday, Feb 6, at Canton's Summit on the Park The GCYBSA, which is replacing the dissolved Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association, will offer T-Ball, baseball, and softball teams for youths between the ages of 4-18 who are residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton Non residents who attend school in the Plymouth Canton School District are also eligible

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Six-goal spurt leads Spartans over Salem

Things could have gone badly for Livonia Stevenson after allowing Salem to score 16 seconds into Saturdays game at the Plymouth Cultural Center

But the Spartans had an answer score six straight goals Brad Fischer led them to a 6-2 win by notching an even strength goal and a power-play goal to start the streak as Stevenson was 1 for 5 on the power play

Michael Voran, Marcus Voran, Erik Anderson and Sam Hoyt also scored goals and Billy Westerman added three assists as Stevenson improved to 14-4-2 overall

Each team piled up 14 penalties in the contest and Stevenson coach Mike Humitz said the calls were warranted

That was just one of these nights that had potential to get out of hand and the refs did a good job of keeping it under control, said Humitz

The win was the third in four days for the Spartans, which used the tough schedule as preparation for the playoffs

I told the guys that when we get into regionals its going to take three wins in four days to keep going, Humitz said, so I think this was great preparation

Salem (9-10 overall) received its goals from Joel Cheeseman and Chris Wilson

Kit Pruchnik stopped 18 shots to notch the win for the Spartans

PCS Penguins 4, Liggett 0 Kristie Kowalski recorded her

league-high sixth shutout Saturday afternoon at the McCann Ice Arena in Grosse Pointe

Everybody played well, said PCS coach Lori Callahan We played them in the pre-season, but they were missing a couple of their best players, so we didn't know what to expect

Kristie played well, but our defense as a whole did a nice job of keeping their shots down

Kristen Schwan, Adrienne Cercone (two) and Sharla Gallespie scored goals for the Penguins, who got assists from Kelli Bargowski and Sarah Skonieczny

Northville 3, PCS 2 Tuesday's setback at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena dropped the

Penguins to 11-4-1 in the Metro Girls High School Hockey League Northville improved to 6-5

We just didn't come to play tonight," said PCS coach Lori Callahan Most of our shots were right at their goalies, we didn't make her work hard enough

Sam Pope scored a pair of goals for the Mustangs, including the eventual game-winner with 5:47 left in the second period

Keely Kowalski, who was shifted to forward from defense, and Lisa Ealy lit the lamp for the Penguins Kristen Schwan, Sarah Skonieczny and Olivia Pennebaker picked up assists for PCS

The Penguins travel to Regina on Saturday

Salem spikers oust Patriots in WLAA

In a WLAA match Monday, host Salem outlasted Livonia Franklin, 25-20, 25-22, 22-25, 25-15

Shannon Rusin led the Rocks with 16 kills Stephame Price had 13 kills and Lauren Kurtz contributed six blocks

Chelsea McPhail had a tremendous defensive game for us, said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson

Senior setter Ashley Bonsall led the Patriots (4-12-1, 1-6) with 23 assists and three aces while junior Trisha Morrill had 15 kills, four aces, 12 digs and five blocks (two solo)

Other Patriot leaders included Jen Katunsky, nine digs, Megan Kmet, nine kills and five blocks (three solo), Liz Dempsey, six kills and three aces, Amy Lipan, three aces, and Melissa Kichak, four block-assists

It was a tight match with high intensity, Franklin coach

Mary Helen Diegel said "We're growing stronger each day I'm really proud of the girls

'Cats sweep Zebras

The Wildcats knocked off visiting Wayne Memorial in three games Monday night, 25-23, 25-22 and 25-8 to improve their record to 20-9-1 overall and 3-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Wayne dropped to 3-17 and 0-7

That was the best I've seen Wayne Memorial play this season, said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland We were up 19-12 in the first game, but they came back and tied it at 19-19 Our intensity level wasn't high until the third game when we really started clicking

Jeanne Moise led the Wildcats with 15 kills, four digs and four blocks

Sarah Haskins added 25 assists and four digs while

Janet Hanchett chipped in with 12 digs

Chiefs fall

Northville upended a weary Canton volleyball team in five sets Monday night 20-25, 25-18, 21-25, 25-22 and 15-6 The tired Chiefs had less than 48 hours to recover from Saturday's grueling championship run at the Gibraltar-Carlson tournament

It was Canton's first match against former coach Steve Anderson, who took the reins of the Mustangs at the beginning of this season

Northville played extremely well and we didn't, said Canton coach Alex Perrin I think the girls were still wore out from our tournament on Saturday, but I don't want to take anything away from Northville They played well

The loss dropped Canton to 15-9-4 overall and 3-4 in the

Western Lakes Activities Association

Laura McKendry led the Chiefs with 10 kills and 21 digs Izabela Paszkowska recorded seven kills and one blocked, Molly Conlon had nine kills, six digs while Kelsey Bailey had three kills and 14 digs Stephame had 16 digs

PCA triumphs

The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team defeated Agape for the second time in four days Tuesday night, 22-25, 25-9, 25-19 and 25-10

We came out flat tonight, said PCA coach Missy Henry We played well the final three games

Henry commended the play of senior Kelly Feiler (10 kills, 12 digs, 11 service points) and junior Kelsie Tretjen (10 kills, nine digs, four blocks and 11 service points)

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MAURER FROM PAGE C1 and skating skills to be a top notch offensive standout Maurer prefers the less glamorous task of defending the blue line My coach (Fred Feiler) asked me if I wanted to switch to forward before this season, Maurer said But I told him I'd rather stay with defense I've always been more of a physical player than a finesse player, and I've always been defensive-minded KEY PLAYER Feiler said the Rocks, who were 9-10 through Saturdays game against Livonia Stevenson, would not be nearly the team they are without Maurer's dependable rock solid skills on the ice and in the locker room John is probably the most important player on our team Feiler said He does a great job of getting the other players motivated to play He leads by example, but he'll also talk to the team in between periods to get them going And he's like another coach on the ice, especially with the younger players He helps them out in certain situations, and I think they look up to him He's a good kid to have on the team Maurer's hockey sense matches his hockey skills, Feiler said He's always thinking one step ahead of the play, Feiler said He really anticipates things well and he's never caught by surprise by any situation that develops TWO-SPORT STAR Last spring, a few of Maurer's close friends persuaded him to play lacrosse, which was a relatively new sport at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park He proved to be a quick learner and soon developed into one of the Plymouth-Canton team's most reliable players, earning the Warriors Most Improved Player award as they marched all the way to the state finals before falling I think the two sports complement each other well, Maurer said I play defense in lacrosse too so it helps to be able to see the field and see how the play is going to set up Maurer, who has earned a solid 3.1 grade-point average at Salem, has his sights set on attending Western Michigan University in the fall I'm going to try out for the club lacrosse team at Western, and I'd like to play intramural hockey, too,' he said ewright@oehomecomm.net | (734) 953 2108

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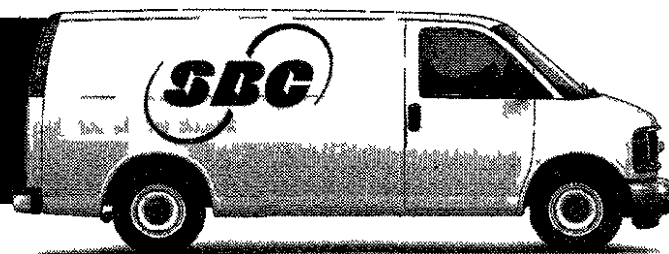
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Inspired by Vinatieri, Pats' legendary kicker Gino Cappelletti comes out of retirement but coach Bill Belichick refuses to use any player who is already receiving Social Security.

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Mark Wilson of WKRC FM (97.1) is a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan SportsCaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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# Shamrock swimmers outstroke Plymouth

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Good things come to those who wait, including the Redford Catholic Central varsity swim team

Monday night at the Livonia Recreation Center, the Shamrocks earned their first dual meet victory since 2002-03 with a 106-80 triumph over still-winless Plymouth

"It's very nice," said Catholic Central head coach Jeff Baker "We're young and we don't yet have the year-round swimmers that we'd like. Now's the point in their development where you'll see times drop because they're finally getting into shape"

Baker added that getting a victory is a nice reward for working hard "They like to feel that they're contributing to the athletic success at Catholic Central"

Leading the way for CC (1-3) were senior co-captains Chris Banas and Ben Chabala. Banas won the 200 and 500 freestyle events, but

impressed Baker most with how he "guttied it out" to come right back and help the 200 free relay team earn a victory. The 500 free and 200 free relay events were back-to-back

"That's double duty," Baker said "We don't like to do that to our athletes"

As for Chabala, he swam a lifetime best in the 200-yard medley relay and "had a phenomenal swim in the backstroke," the coach noted

The Shamrocks, who started to show vast improvement during last Thursday's loss to Ann Arbor Huron, got off to a somewhat tentative start in the opening events Monday, Baker said

"We pulled together for the second half of the meet and did very well," Baker said "They were worrying too



DONALD J. ALLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Justin Magill cruises through the water in the 50-yard freestyle event during the Wildcats' meet Monday night against Redford Catholic Central

much about winning. I told them not to worry about it and just swim"

Actually, the Shamrocks were picking up some points early on as Banas (200 free) and Jay Gronbach (50 free) won their respective events

But even though Plymouth's Justin Magill won diving with 164.25 points, it was that event where Baker said the Shamrocks started to gel for the night

Three first-year divers took spots two-through-four. Andrew Vance, Iain Kaye and Mike Bonbolanta

The win could have a very positive impact on the team for the rest of the season - even though tough opponents such as University of Detroit-Jesuit (tonight) and Warren DeLaSalle (Tuesday) await

But whether the Shamrocks

can add to the win column sooner rather than later isn't as important as keeping perspective, the coach said

"When you're going against tougher teams you have to focus on what you're doing individually," he said

For the Wildcats (0-5), a standout was Andy Knisely. He was part of the winning 200-yard medley and 400-yard freestyle relays and then took firsts in the 200 individual medley and 100 freestyle events

**REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 106 PLYMOUTH 80**  
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200-yard medley relay 1 Plymouth (Michael Conger, Andy Knisely, Sorin Oprican, Ben Ambrose) 156.82 2 Catholic Central (Ben Chabala, Dave Morrow, Nick L. Ansara, Jay Gronbach) 157.29  
200 freestyle 1 Chris Banas (CC) 1:59.17 2

Casey Molloy (P) 2:06.75 3 Chris Czech (CC) 2:08.35  
200 individual medley 1 Andy Knisely (P) 2:14.54 2 Dave Morrow (CC) 2:26.91 3 Nick L. Ansara (CC) 2:34.81  
50 freestyle 1 Jay Gronbach (CC) 24.90 2 Kirk D. Nelson (CC) 26.25 3 Ben Ambrose (P) 26.44  
diving 1 Justin Magill (P) 164.25 points 2 Andrew Vance (CC) 148.25 3 Iain Kaye (CC) 137.75  
100 butterfly 1 Sorin Oprican (P) 1:06.64 2 Jonathan Deisenroth (CC) 1:10.78 3 Ben Ambrose (P) 1:11.82  
100 freestyle 1 Andy Knisely (P) 52.75 2 Jay Gronbach (CC) 54.70 3 Michael Conger (P) 56.87  
500 freestyle 1 Chris Banas (CC) 5:17.82 2 Chris Czech (CC) 5:46.30 3 Casey Molloy (P) 5:48.74  
200 freestyle relay 1 Catholic Central (Chris McGinnis, David Carlson, Chris Banas, Kirk D. Nelson) 1:48.35 2 Plymouth (Jack Distel, Casey Molloy, Sorin Oprican, Jake Napier) 1:52.10  
100 backstroke 1 Michael Conger (P) 1:05.01 2 Ben Chabala (CC) 1:05.36 3 Nick L. Ansara (CC) 1:08.51  
100 breaststroke 1 Dave Morrow (CC) 1:13.47 2 Frank Su (P) 1:17.98 3 James Poteracki (CC) 1:18.79  
400 freestyle relay 1 Plymouth (Andy Knisely, Michael Conger, Ben Ambrose, Casey Molloy) 3:53.33 2 Catholic Central (Chris Banas, Kirk D. Nelson, Ben Chabala, Jay Gronbach) 4:00.64  
Dual meet records: Catholic Central 13 Plymouth 0/5

# Ford Field to be site of MHSAA football finals

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has entered into a multi-year agreement with Ford Field to host its Football Finals beginning with the 2005 playoffs

The announcement was made Thursday in a press conference at the state-of-the-art facility in downtown Detroit involving personnel from the City of Detroit, Ford Field and the Detroit Lions

The move to the 65,000-seat facility is only third in the 30-year history of the tournament. In the tournament's first year - 1975 - the Finals were split, with two classes of competition taking place at Waldo Stadium in Kalamazoo, and two at Perry Shorts Stadium in Mt Pleasant

The event moved indoors in 1976 to the Pontiac Silverdome, the second year that facility was in business, which has hosted over 175 million fans for 176 title games in the last 29 years

"With the future of the Pontiac Silverdome in doubt, this is a necessary move for high school football in our state, and it will be great to have our premier games played in one of the premier facilities in the country," said Jack Roberts, executive director of the MHSAA "Ford Field has much to offer our game's participants and spectators. They will enjoy the opportunity to begin playing the Finals at Ford Field this November, just two months before the venue will host the 2006 Super Bowl"

With the move to Ford Field will come other changes in the event, the most notable of which will be a single \$9 admission to watch four title games in a single day

"We always felt, our \$9 ticket for two games, which previously included on-site parking at the Finals, was a great bargain," Roberts said "That same ticket will now allow a fan to watch all four games on a single day, and we feel that Ford Field has worked hard to provide parking that is in close proximity to the facility at a reasonable price"

Parking, at lots operated by Olympia Entertainment, will provide approximately 2,700 spaces adjacent to Ford Field or Comerica Park at a cost of \$6.00 for passenger cars "We want our fans to drive to the Olympia parking lots, which will offer an outstanding value and which are some of the closest, if not the closest, lots to Ford Field"

In addition, there are private lots just south of Ford Field

with an additional 700 spaces available. Roberts added that private lots generally follow the lead of the Olympia lots in terms of pricing

"As the games approach, we will encourage fans to visit the MHSAA Web site often to become familiar with the parking areas around Ford Field and to learn about the facilities many amenities," he said "For those fans planning to watch multiple games, the stadium has a variety of in-house dining options available, making an all-day stay attractive"

Because of Ford Field's location, accessible by freeway from all directions, housing options will be available downtown and on the perimeter of the city, all within a 30-minute drive

"Visitors to this event will be able to find the kind of lodging they want," Roberts said "With the amenities they want, at competitive prices, all within a reasonable distance, regardless of the direction they will be coming from"

The MHSAA will also engage in promotional efforts for the event and seek corporate support for it with the assistance of the Ford Field/Detroit Lions marketing staff

"High school sports by their nature must keep a low commercial profile, but it has become necessary to engage the support of corporate partners to help underwrite the costs of these events," Roberts said

"We plan to work closely with the marketing staff at Ford Field to attract such support, including a major sponsor. This kind of effort will keep our expenses low and assist us in conducting programming in all sports"

Roberts also complimented the Pontiac Silverdome for its many years of service

"Our run of 29 consecutive years at the Pontiac Silverdome was the second longest at any site ever for an MHSAA Final event, and we are appreciative of how well the building and its staff served our schools and their fans," Roberts said "We leave the Silverdome with some great memories of great games, and salute the people behind the scenes there and the City of Pontiac for being an excellent host to the event"

The only facility to continuously host an MHSAA Final event longer than the Silverdome is Stowe Stadium in Kalamazoo, with 58 years of service as a Boys Tennis Finals venue beginning in 1947

## 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 17th 2005 for the following

### PURCHASE OF EIGHT (8) GENERATORS

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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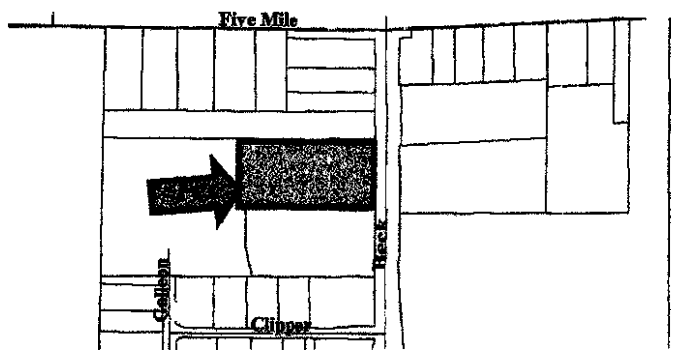
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** Request Approval of a Special Land Use  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, February 16 2005  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 PM  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an application requesting **Special Land Use Approval** for a restaurant, in an Industrial District (IND), on Tax ID R 78 005 99 0009 705 pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No 99 Section 19 2 14. **Application 1866**



**DESCRIPTION:** The subject property is on the west side of Beck Road some distance south of the intersection of Beck Road and Five Mile Road

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application may be examined in the Community Development Department located in the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building at 46555 Port Street Plymouth MI, during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Phone (734) 453 8131, ext. 37. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth MI 48170. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170. Phone (734) 453 8840, TDD users (800) 649 8777 (Michigan Relay Service)

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA February 10, 2005

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, February 10 2005 AT 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call Randy Blaylock Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson

Acceptance of Agenda

- Gaz Ismail of Ford Road Investments LLC 28839 Creek Bend, Farmington Hills MI 48331 for property located at 41911 and 41915 Ford Road, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 4 00 Section 4 01 D regarding minimum driveway width Zone C-3. Parcel 053-99-0012 703 (Planning)
- Thierry Dechape of Tech Express Corp 16801 Newburgh Rd Suite 112 Livonia MI 48154 representing Brian Finch of Shell Oil Products US for property located at 5640 Haggerty appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article I Section 102 1 Article II Section 102 35 3 and Article II Section 102 35, 4 regarding sign requirements for canopy and ground signs Zone C 3. Parcel 044 99 0026 003 (Building)
- Thierry Dechape of Tech Express Corp 16801 Newburgh Rd Suite 112 Livonia MI 48154 representing Brian Finch of Shell Oil Products US for property located at 40400 Michigan Ave appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II Section 102 35 3 and Article II Section 102 35 4 regarding sign requirements for canopy and ground signs Zone C 4. Parcel 100 99 0007-000 (Building)
- Chuck Mifsud of Elite Building Company 1320 Coach House Lane South Lyon, MI 48178 representing Phil Dober for property at 1216 Willard St, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26 00 Schedule of Regulations Section 26 02, regarding setback requirements Zone R 5. Parcel 060 01 0735-301 (Building)
- Mike Ellithorpe of Bill Carr Signs Inc 719 W 12th St, Flint MI 48503 representing Fairfield Inn for property located at 5700 Haggerty appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article 102 1 nonconforming sign and Article 102-34 1 b regarding sign replacement Zone C 4. Parcel 047 99 0007 001 (Building)

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A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following

**SITE PLAN APPROVAL**  
SP 05-02 3-Story Dental Clinic/Apartments  
584 S. Main  
ZONED: B-2, Central Business  
APPLICANT: PSF Holdings LLC

All interested persons are invited to attend

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- January 25, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday January 25 2005 at 46000 Summit Parkway Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Roll Call Members Present Bennett Caccamo Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Members Staff Present Director Minghine Director Durack Director Santomauro Director Conklin Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented Motion carried unanimously Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of January 11 2005 Motion carried unanimously Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried unanimously Expenditure Recap for January 25, 2005

Table with 3 columns: Fund Name, Amount, Total. Includes General Fund, Federal Grants Fund, Fire Fund, Auto Theft Grant, Police Fund, Cap Proj Summit Const, Summit Operating, Cap Proj Road Paving, Cable TV Fund, Golf Fund, Public Improvement, Water & Sewer Fund, Twp Improvement, Construction Escrows, E 911 Utility, Saltz Road Paving, Auto Forfeiture(w/vva), Total All Funds.

Board Member Reports Trustee Zarbo distributed articles on Canton restaurants RECOGNITION; RECOGNITION OF PHYLLIS REDFERN FOR SERVICE TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CONSENT CALENDAR Item 1 APPOINTMENTS TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to that the Canton Township Board of Trustees appoint Lisa Grasso and Robert Ramey to serve on the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the Charter Township of Canton each for a four year term ending January 25 2009 Motion carried unanimously Item 2 APPOINTMENTS TO THE SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the appointment of Walter Alberty to the Senior Advisory Council to fill the unexpired term of the late Adam Schlitt The term will commence immediately and expire on December 31 2005 Motion carried unanimously GENERAL CALENDAR Item 1 CONSIDER FINAL PDD AND SITE PLAN FOR CHERRYWOOD PARC CONDOMINIUMS Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution considering final PDD and site plan for Cherrywood Parc Condominiums Motion carried unanimously RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Final PDD and Site Plan for Cherrywood Parc WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Final Planned Development District and site plan approval for Cherrywood Parc Condominiums located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road within the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District (Tax ID # 07 99 0018 000 and 072 99 0019 000) and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL subject to final revisions to the streetscape plan once final plans are approved by Wayne County and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Preliminary Planned Development District for Cherrywood Parc Condominiums located north of Cherry Hill Road and east of Ridge Road within the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District (Tax ID # 07 99 0018 000 and 072 99 0019 000) subject to final revisions to the streetscape plan once final plans are approved by Wayne County and agreement to participate in a property owner's association for the purpose of maintaining the streetscape elements and subject to all other regulations of the Township Item 2 CONSIDER BENNETT/VAN BUREN HOMES REZONING Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution to consider Bennett/Van Buren Homes Rezoning Roll Call Vote Ayes Caccamo Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Abstain Bennett Motion carried

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Rezoning Request of Bennett/Van Buren Homes WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 33.2 acres of land located west of Denton Road between Geddes and Proctor Roads be rezoned from R 1, Single Family Residential and RR Rural Residential to R 2 Single Family Residential Districts and WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP # 120 99 0010 704 from R 1 Single Family Residential to R 2 Single Family Residential and tax EDP # 120 99 0011 000 120 99 0012 000 120 99 0013 702 and 120 99 0014 from RR Rural Residential to R 2 Single Family Residential District Item 3 CONSIDER RDK HOMES REZONING Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution rezoning request of RDK Homes (Robert Kime) Motion carried unanimously RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Rezoning Request of RDK Homes (Robert Kime) WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 17.81 acres of land located south of Ford Road between Ridge and Napier Roads be rezoned from RA Rural Agriculture R 2 Single Family Residential Districts and WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP # 070 99 0001 000 from RA Rural Agriculture to R-2 Single Family Residential District Item 4 CONSIDER TIM HORTON'S/FLAGSTAR BANK - MICHIGAN AVENUE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for special land use for Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank - Michigan Avenue Motion carried unanimously BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Special Land Use for Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank - Michigan Avenue

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr Brad Brickel has requested special and use approval for the Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank to be located on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Roads (Tax ID #0132 01 0001 000 and 132 01 0004 000) and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr Brad Brickel, to approve the special and use for the proposed Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for site plan approval for Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank - Michigan Avenue Motion carried unanimously RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Site Plan for Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank - Michigan Avenue WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr Brad Brickel has requested site plan approval for the Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank to be located on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Belleville Roads (Tax ID #0132 01 0001 000 and 132 01 0004 000) and WHEREAS,

the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant site plan approval conditioned upon extending the Belleville Road sidewalk to Michigan Avenue adding shutters to the south side of the building consideration of a decorative wall sconce light on the bank building that matches the decorative acorn pole and painting the Tim Horton's rear service door to match the color of the brick on the building as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr Brad Brickel to approve the site plan for the proposed Tim Horton's/Flagstar Bank subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof Item 5 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CANTON CENTER ANIMAL HOSPITAL EXPANSION (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution to approve the site plan for Canton Center Animal Hospital Expansion Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Site Plan for Canton Center Animal Hospital Expansion WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr Dan Engel has requested site plan approval for the Canton Center Animal Hospital Expansion to be located on Canton Center Road between Hanford and Ford Roads identified as tax EDP # 039 99 0015 703 and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr Dan Engel to approve the site plan for the proposed Canton Center Animal Hospital Expansion subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof Item 7. GENERAL FUND 2004 BUDGET AMENDMENTS Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following General Fund 2004 budget amendments for expenditure billings received late in the year Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$121 000 Increase Appropriations Legal Fees Ordinance/General #101 101 801 0002 \$ 85 000 Legal Fees Planning #101 101 801 0003 2 000 Audit fees #101 101 802 0000 12 000 Workers Compensation Fees #101 200 720 0000 2 000 Operating Supplies #101 200 400 0000 5 000 Legal Fees Assessing #101 209 808 0000 15 000 Total \$121 000 This budget amendment increases the Township Board Department budget from \$477 905 to \$576 905 the General Government Department budget from \$753 342 to \$760 342 the Assessing Department budget from \$622 804 to \$637 804 and the General Fund budget from \$25 839 315 to \$25 960 315 Motion carried unanimously Item 8 ADOPT BUDGET FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget for the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund Revenues \$1 896 156 Appropriations \$1 896 156 This establishes the 2005 budget for the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund at \$1 896 156 Motion carried unanimously Item 9 PURCHASE 118 DELL BRAND DESKTOP AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND 4 HUWLETT PACKARD/COMPAQ BRAND FILE SERVERS (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 118 Dell brand Computers & 4 Hewlett Packard Compaq brand file servers for a total price not to exceed \$299 800 Roll Call Vote Ayes Bennett Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Nays Caccamo Motion carried Item 10 FIRE FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - FIRE STATION 3 PROJECT (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following Fire Fund budget amendment to continue the Fire Station 3 project into FY 2005 Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #206 000 699 0000 \$ 3 071 200 Increase Appropriations Capital Improvements Buildings #206 336 975 0000 \$ 3 071 200 This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund budget from \$7 818 525 to \$10 889 725 Motion carried unanimously Item 11 CONSIDER THE PAYMENT OF YEARLY MAINTENANCE FEES FOR EXISTING ESRI (ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.) SOFTWARE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the payment to ESRI for Maintenance and Support from March 2005 to March 2006 for a total cost not to exceed of \$10 700 Funds are available in the 2005 Budget for Planning Services capital account # 101 853 977 0000 Engineering Services account # 101 447 932 0000 and Public Safety account # 207 301 818 0000 Motion carried unanimously Item 12 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO SIGN THE ENTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR THE CANTON COMMUNITY DETENTION BASIN ENHANCEMENT GRANT PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Inter Agency Agreement with Wayne County for the Canton Community Detention Basin Enhancement Grant Motion carried unanimously Item 13 CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR 2005 BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2005 Public Works and Fleet Maintenance blanket purchase orders as required under the Township Purchasing Policy Motion carried unanimously Item 14 APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR THE RECREATION BUDGET, APPROVE BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR THERAPEUTIC RECREATION CONSULTANT (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for the 2005 Therapeutic Recreation program Motion carried unanimously Increase Revenues Therapeutic Recreation revenue #101 000 652 5000 \$ 100 000 Increase Appropriations Part-time Salaries and Wages #101 691 706 0000 \$ 35 000 Program & Activity Supplies #101 691 742 1000 25 000 Contracted Services #101 691 818 1000 40 000 Total \$ 100 000 This budget amendment increases the Recreation Division budget from \$2 122 201 to \$2 222 201 and the General Fund budget from \$27 737 670 to \$27 837 670 I further move to approve a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$36 000 for Jessica Hohenberger for Therapeutic Recreation consultant services for 2005 Motion carried Item 15 APPROVE MECHANICAL SYSTEM MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR THE VILLAGE THEATER (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the Village Theater Mechanical System Preventative Maintenance Agreement to Campbell Inc 661 Airport Blvd Suite 5 Ann Arbor MI 48108 in the amount of \$9 998 00 with funds being charged to Performing Arts Center Contractual Services Account #101 760 818 0000 Motion carried unanimously Item 16 REQUEST FOR SPECIAL INCENTIVE AWARDS (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Special Incentive Award in the amount of \$1 000 each to Sean Fletcher and Abe Vinitzki Motion carried unanimously Item 17 REQUEST TO CREATE AND FILL BUSINESS SUPERVISOR FOR LEISURE SERVICES (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to authorize Leisure Services to create and fill a Business Supervisor position Roll call vote Ayes Bennett Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Nays Caccamo Motion carried Item 18 ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT/POOL AUDIT PROGRAM (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following Resolution Authorizing the Interlocal Agreement/Pool Audit Program and to authorize Supervisor Yack and Clerk Bennett to sign the resolution and the intergovernmental agreement Motion carried unanimously Item 19 REQUEST FOR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2005 (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to authorize the attached blanket purchase order list for Leisure Services Department for 2005 Motion carried unanimously Item 20 PURCHASE OF COLOR PRINTER/COPIER (ASCD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of an IKON CPP 8050 Color Printer/Copier from IKON OFFICE SOLUTIONS INC for \$33 633 with a large capacity paper deck for \$1 661 for a total cost of \$35 294 (account # 101 200 977 0000 General Government Capital Outlay Equipment) Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$ 35 294 Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay General Govt Dept #101 200 977 0000 \$ 35 294 This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$777 384 to \$812 678 and the General Fund budget from \$27 358 793 to \$27 394 087 Motion carried unanimously Item 21. BUDGET AMENDMENT POLICE FUND - 2003 LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund for the 2003 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Increase Revenues Federal Grant - LLEBG 207 000 507 0000 \$7 109 Increase Appropriations Police - Capital Outlay 207 301 977 0000 \$7 109 The budget amendment increases the Police budget from

\$12 900 709 to \$12 907 818 Motion carried unanimously Item 22 REQUEST FOR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2005 (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize blanket purchase orders for the Public Safety Department Motion carried unanimously Item 23 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to carryover the unspent Homeland Security Grant funding to 2005 Increase Revenues Federal Grants Emergency Preparedness #101 000 545 0000 \$ 411 838 Increase Appropriations Homeland Security - Training #101 860 952 0000 \$ 12 450 Homeland Security - Capital Outlay 101 860 977 0000 399 388 Total \$411 838 This budget amendment increases the Grants Division budget from \$28 000 to \$439 838 and the General Fund budget from \$27 325 832 to \$27 737 670 Motion carried unanimously Item 24 FIRST READING, AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE, CHAPTER 106, ARTICLE II, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, DIVISION 2, PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION THAT ALTERS DRAINAGE, RUNOFF OR RELATED MATTERS, SECTION 106 70 (CLERK) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to introduce the first reading of the amendment to the Stormwater Runoff Pollution Prevention Facility Maintenance Fee Ordinance Chapter 106 Article II Construction and Maintenance of Stormwater Management Facilities Division 2 Permit for Construction that Alters Drainage Runoff or Related Matters Section 106 70 with publication on February 3 2005 and table for Second Reading on February 8 2005 Motion carried unanimously

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, ANNUAL STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION, PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 141, SECTION 106-70 OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE, PROVIDING FOR AN ANNUAL STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE, PROVIDING FOR THE ABILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP TO ENSURE THE OPERABILITY OF ANY DETENTION/RETENTION FACILITY AND THE OPERABILITY OF THE ENTIRE STORMWATER SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR INSPECTIONS, GRADING, SEEDING, STREET SWEEPING, CLEANOUTS OF CATCH BASINS AND STORMWATER SEWER SYSTEMS PROVIDING FOR ANY ACTIVITY REASONABLY BELIEVED RELATED TO FLOOD PREVENTION AND STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION PRIOR TO SUCH MAINTENANCE BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, PROVIDING THAT THE FEE WILL PRINCIPALLY BE USED BY THE TOWNSHIP TO PROVIDE STREET SWEEPING ONCE A WEEK FOR THIRTY (30) WEEKS, PROVIDING THAT THE STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION PREVENTION FACILITY MAINTENANCE FEE SHALL BE ANNUAL AND THE DEVELOPER SHALL DEPOSIT THE ANNUAL FEE PRIOR TO THE PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING, PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL FEES AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTY, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS SECTION 1 AMENDMENT TO THE CODE

Ordinance 141 Section 106 70 of the Township Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows Sec 106 70 Stormwater runoff pollution prevention facility maintenance fee The applicant for a permit under this division shall pay a per lot or per parcel fee to be used by the township to ensure the operability of any detention/retention facility and the operability of the entire stormwater system for inspections grading seeding street sweeping cleanouts of catchbasins and storm sewer systems and any activity reasonably related to flood prevention and stormwater runoff pollution prevention prior to such maintenance being undertaken by the homeowners association as provided in the applicable declarations covenants and restrictions Sec 106 70 Annual stormwater runoff pollution prevention facility maintenance fee annual fee The applicant for a permit under this article shall post a deposit for a stormwater runoff pollution prevent on facility maintenance fee to be used by the township to ensure the operability of any detention/retention facility and the operability of the entire stormwater system for inspections grading seeding street sweeping cleanouts of catch basins and the stormwater system(s) and any activity reasonably related to flood prevention and stormwater runoff pollution prevention as is the ongoing obligation of the applicant prior to such maintenance being turned over to and undertaken by the homeowners/condo owners association as provided in the applicable declarations covenants and restrictions The fee will principally be used by the township to provide street sweeping once a week for thirty (30) weeks of the year and maintenance of the siltation fabric on the catch basins The fee may also be used but is not required to be used to offset the expense incurred by the township for minor grading seeding cleanouts of catch basins and the stormwater system or activity reasonably related to flood prevention and stormwater runoff pollution prevention such activity by the township not affecting the applicants obligations under Section 106 33 above The annual stormwater runoff pollution prevention facility maintenance fee shall be calculated based on the estimated cost to the township to provide street sweeping once a week for thirty (30) weeks of the year and maintenance of the siltation fabric on the catch basins in the development project The initial annual fee shall be established on a per paved mile of street or roadway in the development The applicant or project developer shall deposit the annual stormwater runoff pollution prevention maintenance fee prior to the pre construction meeting prorated for the remainder of days left in the calendar year during which the pre construction meeting is held and shall continue to deposit the annual fee for each calendar year thereafter until ninety five percent (95%) of all units in the development are constructed and paving is complete Additional fees not included in the original estimate may be required if site conditions warrant extensive or more frequent services At the completion and approval of the project any unused fees will be refunded to the applicant The annual stormwater runoff pollution prevention facility maintenance fee shall be set by resolution by the township board and reviewed periodically SECTION 2 VIOLATION AND PENALTY Provision of this Ordinance may upon conviction be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500 00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the court SECTION 3 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 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 4 REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES 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 5 SAVINGS CLAUSE All rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance SECTION 6 PUBLICATION The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law SECTION 7 EFFECTIVE DATE This Ordinance as amended shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law CERTIFICATION The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 25th day of January 2005 and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law TERRY BENNETT Clerk OTHER Treasurer Kirchgatter stated that the next Board meeting February 1 2005 will be at the Administration Building in the Board Room 1st floor 1150 Canton Center S. The rear door of the administration building will be locked visitors must enter through the front entrance east side facing Canton Center Road ADJOURN Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site after Board Approval

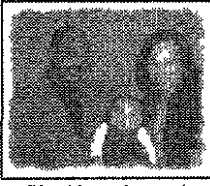


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35301 Five Mile Road  
Livonia Michigan 48154

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474-3444  
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9:15 & 11:00 AM  
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Lenten Worship Schedule  
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Pastor Kirk E. Lantz • Pastor Paul A. Pollatz

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Wednesday Evening Service 7pm  
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Sunday Worship at 9:30 am  
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### St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & School

17810 FARMINGTON ROAD  
LIVONIA • (734) 261-1360

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES  
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
PASTOR JAMES HOFF  
PASTOR ERIC STEINBRENNER

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## FEBRUARY

### 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 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.

### 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. 136.

### 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.

### Concert

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 Gaither 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.

### Bring a Friend Sunday

8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services Sunday Feb. 6 at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Everyone welcome. Call (734) 699-3361.

### Concert

Mark Reitenga, a folk rock artist around Metro Detroit, will perform at a Christian concert at 4 p.m. Sunday Feb. 6 at Emanuel Bethel Church, 4000 Normandy, 13 mile just west of Woodward Royal Oak. The concert, sponsored by Going To Help Mission, is free, but donations and pantry items for Detroit Area Homeless Programs are welcomed. This is part of the monthly First at Four concert series that invites metro Detroit residents to unite in song, worship and service to the community. For information, visit the Web site at <http://www.firstatfour.com> or call (248) 656-4864.

### 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 Walton, Rochester Hills. Please call for reservations (248) 651-6550.

### Pancake dinner

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 5:7 p.m. Feb. 8 followed by Ash Wednesday Services 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Evening Prayer on weeknights during Lent at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, 4 miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361 for details.

### Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

All you can eat pancakes with sausage 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 8 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer two blocks west of Newburgh, Westland. Suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$15 for a family. This is a fundraiser of the church's youth for them to attend workcamp this summer in Sarnia, Ontario. Call (734) 722-1735.

### What Presbyterians Believe

Rev. Rick Peters delves into the basics of Christian faith as interpreted through the eyes of the Presbyterian denomination 7 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. Thursday throughout February at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0494.

### Ash Wednesday service

7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 spaghetti dinner host

ed by the Board of Deacons at 6 p.m. at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0494.

### Lenten services

Begin Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 and continue for six Wednesdays at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14750 Kinloch, Redford. A soup and sandwich supper will be held 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday. Call (313) 532-8655.

### 40-day spiritual study

Based on the book "The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren, those attending will have the opportunity to look at themselves introspectively. Four different classes offered: 10:11 a.m. and 7:8 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Feb. 8, 6:30, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Feb. 10, and 7:8 p.m. Sundays beginning Feb. 13 at First United Methodist Church of Farmington. A copy of the book is available at the church for \$12 if you don't own a copy. For information, call (248) 474-6573.

### 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-75 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](http://www.forgivenwarriors.com).

### Ash Wednesday

Begin your Lenten journey 10 a.m. with a silent breakfast 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday. Communion Service Feb. 9 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, two blocks west of Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 722-1735.

### Lenten study

A video series by Philip Yancey. What's so Amazing about Grace beginning 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 9 and beginning noon Sunday Feb. 13 at Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 West Chicago at Inkster Road. A simple meal of soup and bread will be served to enjoy during the study. For information, call (313) 937-1199 or send e-mail to [trinitycob@bcglobal.net](mailto:trinitycob@bcglobal.net).

### Praying with a spouse

Catholic counselor Joseph Elwart talks about how to pray with your spouse 7:9 p.m. Thursday Feb. 10 at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. No charge. For details call (734) 425-5950.

### Forgive, and Get Your Life Back

Lenten Forgiveness Series begins 7 p.m. Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. with Soup and Salad Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Call (734) 699-3361 for more information.

### Fish Fry Dinner

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, 4 oz. 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.

### Fund-raising concert

7 p.m. Saturday Feb. 12 featuring the Motor City Brass Band at O'Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt. Proceeds to Garden City Foundation for Educational Excellence. For tickets, call (734) 762-6323. For information, call (248) 788-6618.

### Concert

Come to the Abundant Life (a gathering for young adults in their 20s and 30s) featuring the Greg Travis Band 7:30 p.m. Saturday Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham. Nate Polzin, campus pastor at New Life Christian Fellowship in Mt. Pleasant will be the speaker. Freewill offering helps defray the band's costs. The band will also play during the contemporary worship service at 6 p.m. that evening. If you would like more information or a flyer of the band, call Todd Merz at (248) 414-4511 or send e-mail to [toddmerz@freeway.net](mailto:toddmerz@freeway.net).

### Workshop Technologies Workshop

Learn about the science behind worship technologies at a workshop 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 12. Learn about the equipment and technologies mixing sound and drums, video camera operation, lighting basics and putting it all together in a worship service at Orchard Grove Community Church, 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake. Cost is \$15 advance, \$20 at door. For class descriptions and registration, visit [www.reinforcement.com](http://www.reinforcement.com) or call (248) 477-4859.

### Concert

4 p.m. Sunday Feb. 13 featuring the Light Metal Band at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. The public is invited to hear this brass quintet ([www.lightmetalband.com](http://www.lightmetalband.com)) which has performed at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, various aviation related functions at the Handleman Sky Ranch (Oxford) holiday and special services at local area churches, educational programs at local schools, numerous concerts and services with The Michigan Ohio

Chorale and in Europe including Berlin, Vienna and Prague. For information about the concert, call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522-6830.

### Lenten series

Adult education series discussing the Gospel stories of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection 7:30 p.m. Mondays of Lent, Feb. 14, 21, 28, and March 7 and 14 at St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 North Wayne Road, Westland. No charge. Call (734) 425-7310 for details.

### DaVinci Code

Pastor Tom Eggebeen of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia is leading a three-session review of "The DaVinci Code" 7:8 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 16 and 23 and March 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. According to Eggebeen, it's an exciting story, but there's not much fact to it. In fact, there's a lot of serious misinformation that thoughtful readers need to know. Eggebeen will go through the critical areas of Dan Brown's book with careful regard for what is fact and what is fiction. Join with others from the community to explore this remarkable book and the truth behind it. It's not necessary to bring a copy of the book, but if you have one, bring it to the study sessions. All are invited to attend this free event. If you would like to attend or for more information, call (734) 422-1470. Registration not required but appreciated. St. Paul's is at Five Mile and Inkster roads.

### Organ concert

Dame Gillian Weir, one of the world's premiere concert organists, will perform in concert 7:30 p.m. Friday Feb. 18 at Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 8000 Woodward, Detroit. For more information about Weir, visit her Web site at [www.gillianweir.com](http://www.gillianweir.com). Tickets are \$15; students \$12 with college ID; free for children age 11 and under. Call (313) 875-7407 ext. 324 or visit the Web site at [www.metrocumc.org](http://www.metrocumc.org). Free, lighted supervised parking available.

### Agape' Power Concert

Contemporary Christian music concert sponsored by Agape Music 7:30 p.m. Saturday Feb. 26 at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Birmingham. A freewill offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to support the Mexico House Building mission trip. 30 members of Our Shepherd will be taking in May Nursery services available during the concert for guests with babies or young children. For more information, call the church office at (248) 646-6100.

### Worship services

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

### New schedule

Fishin' for Friends & Faith is the Wednesday program continues to March 16. Optional buffet dinner is at 6 p.m. followed by program 6:30-8 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, \$250 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.

### Jesus & Java

Small group informal Bible study continues 9:30 a.m. Mondays to April 25 (except March 28) at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-1470.

### Grief workshops

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop. From Grief to New Hope began 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.

### Worship services

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

### Catholic Church update

Were you once Catholic? Beginning Monday evening, Jan. 11 for six weeks, St. Mary's of the Hills Parish hosts sessions entitled "While You Were Away." Join the discussion of what's happened in the Catholic Church as it relates to Mass, Sacraments and beliefs/practices. For more information or to register, call Jan Hall at (248) 853-5390 ext. 123.

### Divorce Recovery Workshop

Bethany Rochester conducts a workshop beginning 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 for 11 weeks at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 7710 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills. The workshop is open to the divorced and separated of all faiths. No charge. For more information, call Mike at (248) 652-3860.

## ONGOING

### Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this cost-free 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information, call the

church office (313) 937-1199.

### Services

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (1550 Walton, 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.



### EDNA HALL

January 31, 2005, age 68 of Westland. Beloved wife of William F. Hall. Dear mother of Marjorie Lynn (Jeff) Plante and Joyce (Edward) McKenna. Sister of Mary Branshaw, Jean Bowling, Harold Jack and Don Roberts. Grandmother of Derek and Jayne Plante and Kyle W. Greschover. Funeral at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, Thursday, 1 PM. Family will receive friends Wednesday, 1-9 PM. Please visit and sign a tribute at [www.uhtfuneralhome.com](http://www.uhtfuneralhome.com).

### HELEN STYMELSKI

78, beloved wife, mother and friend passed away at Hospice of NE Florida, January 28, 2005 in Jacksonville, FL. She was born in Hamtramck, MI, the daughter of the late Leopold and Valeria Proszkowsky. She had been a resident of Jacksonville since 1989 and previously of Livonia, MI. Helen is survived by her husband of 59 years, John Stymelski, daughter Valery Mosborg (Dave) grandchild, Henry Proszek and sister Irene Solowaj. Funeral services in celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, February 3, 2005 at Orange Park United Methodist Church, 2063 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Rosary at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, February 2, 2005 at Jacksonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home, 111 Blanding Blvd., Orange Park, FL. Donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 1430 Prudential Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32207.

### TIA LYNN MCARTHUR

Age 38, of Plymouth died January 28, 2005. She was born August 26, 1966 in Livonia. She came to the Plymouth community in 1995 from Northville. She was a homemaker and she also worked at the Lyon Township Library. She was a volunteer at the Northville Historical Society, the Westland Historical Society, the Belleville Historical Society and Greenmead. She loved animals. She was a Civil War and Victorian Era enthusiast. She had a true passion for history and genealogy. She was a loving wife, mother and sister. She is survived by her husband, Gerald, her daughter, Celestia, her parents, Carolyn and Roger Rathburn of Northville, her brother, Nicholas Andrew Rathburn of California, and her mother and father-in-law, Lois and Harold McArthur of Belleville. She is preceded in death by her brother, Kevin Wilson Rathburn. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 1, at Schrader Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Celestia McArthur Foundation.



### JOHN M. ELGIN

January 31, 2005, Age 93. Retired accountant for Chrysler Corp., Veteran US Army. Husband of the late Harriet. Brother in law of Betty McNamer (Jack) Uncle of Russell and Robert McNamer. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasa, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile), Saturday 9am until funeral service 11am. Interment, Acacia Park Cemetery. Obituary at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com).

### DENNIS PEYTON

Age 91 of Plymouth died January 29, 2005. He was born October 10, 1913 near Dawson Springs, Kentucky. A tobacco farmer in Kentucky, Dennis came to Detroit in 1941, to work in the automobile industry during World War II. He retired in 1978 after 30 years with General Motors. He was a member of the Livonia Senior Citizens group and UAW Local #735. He enjoyed going to concerts and events at Kellogg Park in Plymouth and he also enjoyed traveling. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Aurelie of Plymouth, his daughter, Marilyn (James) Horen of Canton, his grandchildren, Anita (Roger) Poore, Kenneth Horen and Brian Horen, and his great grandchildren, Thomas Peyton, Michael James and Steven Ryan Poore. He is preceded in death by his brothers, Ragie Garland and Archie Peyton. Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday, 10am. Memorials may be made to Geneva Presbyterian Church or the Alzheimer's Association.

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### LEDA MCBEE

Age 90 of Plymouth, formerly of River Rouge, died January 30, 2005. She was born March 30, 1914, in Gilmore Township, Michigan. She is survived by her brother, Wayne (Rita) McBee, her sisters, Mary Violet Vitale and Marguerite Walters, her nephew Bruce (Susan) McBee, and many other nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 1, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Risen Christ Lutheran Church.



### SHIRLEY WALDMAN

Beloved wife of Lester Waldman. Dear mother of Jeffrey (Jeri) Waldman, Richard (Reanetta) Waldman and Terri Waldman and partner, Diane Delp. Loving grandmother of Weston Waldman, Noah Waldman, Sara Waldman and Erin Waldman. Devoted great-grandmother of Kane Waldman. Cherished sister of Elsa (Manny) Bleeman, Rosalie (George) Schwartz and Dr. Robert (Dr. Mimi) Abramowitz. Also survived by many other loving relatives and friends. She was a volunteer at Henry Ford Gift Shop in West Bloomfield and also an appointed Special Children's advocate for the Oakland Probate Court. Services were held on Wednesday afternoon at the IRA Kaufman Chapel, 248 569 0020. Interment at Adat Shalom Memorial Park Cemetery. [www.trakaufman.com](http://www.trakaufman.com)



### JEAN A. NUNNELLEY

Died January 27, 2005. Of Traverse City, formerly of Birmingham. Jean Alice Nunnelley died Thursday after noon, January 27, 2005 at Tenderscare Nursing Home in Traverse City after a long and courageous battle with dementia. She was born in Detroit on February 17, 1924, the daughter of Raymond and Ruth (Bressman) Blackwell. She married C. G. Dick Nunnelley on September 4, 1943 in Detroit. Jean and Dick moved to Traverse City 27 years ago. Jean was a devoted wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma who enjoyed crafts of all kinds, especially ceramics and needlework. Spending time with family and friends marked her life with many wonderful memories and experiences, leaving a legacy of laughter and sweetness as a thread connecting her to everyone who knew her. Jean is survived by her devoted husband, Chaucey (Dick) Nunnelley, of 61 years, and three children: James C. Nunnelley of Troy, Ruth (Fran) Shane of Traverse City and Stewart (Beth) Nunnelley of Cedar. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, brothers Raymond (Robin) Blackwell Jr. of Huntington Woods, Robert (Mary) Blackwell of Bowling Green, Ohio and Richard (Lori) Blackwell of Boca Raton, FL. Services were held at 11 A.M. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City. Burial was in Grand Traverse Memorial Gardens. The family would ask that memorial contributions be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or to a charity of one's choice.

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# Birthday party comes day late for 300 game

On Jan. 8, Alan Wilson of Redford celebrated his 21st birthday on Jan. 8 and then celebrated his first 300 game the very next day at Wonderland Lanes in Livonia.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

Bowling in the Motor City Eagles Lads & Lassies League, he came right out throwing strikes in the first game. His girlfriend and teammate, Stacey, was right there cheering for him. Even his mother and

dad, Al and Karen Wilson, were there to enjoy the moment.

Right after the 12th strike, Alan was jumping up and down with excitement and there were lots of hugs and good cheer.

By the way, Alan is now eligible to purchase his own beer. His 646 total raised his average to 192. (Thanks to Gene Paxton of Redford for the information.)

■ "Phil the Thrill" has done

it again.

Phil Horowitz, 66, of West Bloomfield, enjoyed his 11th career 300 game with a total of 762 last Wednesday in the Senior Men's Classic at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

A veteran of tournament bowling, Horowitz has enjoyed success in senior events such as the Senior Olympics, the Maccabee Games, the local monthly senior scratch tournaments and has qualified for the Greater Detroit Senior Masters, which is currently under way.

■ The 76th annual Detroit Lutheran Bowling Tournament opens the first weekend in February with a three-week run at freeway accessible Cloverlanes in Livonia. It is the oldest fraternal organization bowling event in the state.

This tournament also marks the 50th year of participation for Redford's Warren Teubert, who serves as a vice-president of the organization.

It is open to any sanctioned Lutheran bowlers or anyone who bowls in a Lutheran league. The tournament also features squads for men and women to compete together in the 42nd mixed event.

The first squad bowls on Saturday, Feb. 5.

For more information, call tourney secretary Jerry DeRuitat (586) 771-7004.

■ Jeff Teichman of Westland recently rolled his first 600 series in several years at Oxford Lanes in Dearborn. The 53-year-old is an amputee, having lost his left leg right below the knee a few years ago and is now just getting back some of his old bowling skills. He also works part time on the counter at Country Lanes in Farmington.

Sean Severance has been on a roll at Woodland Lanes in Livonia. He record an 807 series recently in the Wednesday Trio.

Rick Siler added a 300 game in the Midnights, while Darin Flores (in the Grandale), Rick Diamond (Ford LTP) and Rod Girolami (Ford Part) leagues each came up with 299s.

Dick Hayden went 178 pins over average in the Mayflower Lanes Wednesday Senior Men's Classic on games of 268-226-245 for a 739 series.

Bob Slayden had 724 on games of 212-243-269, Gary Nagle rolled a 267 with a 713 and Cal Simmons had a 700 series on games of 220-246-234.

Other top scorers in the

Tuesday Junior Classic at Town 'n Country Lanes in Westland included Bob Pniewski, 300-247-264/811, Greg Rousse, 213-277-213/703, Jason Parrillo, 268-246-206/720, Rich Trullard, 254-278-267/799, Chris Dolby, 269-222-245/736, Jeff Wojcik, 236-259-256/757, Jeff Matties, 200-278-259/757, Keith Tramel, 269-254-226/749, Carl Watkins, 289-217-231/737, John Adomitis, 226-247-279/752, Brian Rothermel, 261-236-247/744.

Trullard, a left-hander from Westland, became only the fifth GDBA member to roll a three-game triplicate with a 279-279-279-837 in the Men's League, Jan. 24, at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.

Trullard rolled all strikes with the exception of leaving the 6-pin in the opening game, the 7-pin in the second game and the 2-pin in the final game.

He is joined by John Bennett (1982), Brian Brennan (1987), Mark Milasimovich, Jr. (2003) and John Sitalo (2004).

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

# Lady Ocelots rout Alpena

Schoolcraft College's offensive juggernaut continues.

The Lady Ocelots rolled up an 82-49 drubbing of host Alpena Community College Saturday, with Char Greer leading the way with 21 points.

Schoolcraft (16-3 overall, 8-0 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association) built a comfortable 39-24 lead at the half and kicked the offense up a notch from that point on. In the second half, the Lady Ocelots nailed 18 of 35 attempts from the floor (51.4 percentage).

In addition to Greer, who also led the Lady Ocelots with 13 rebounds, Ashley Gibson tallied 17 points.

Chipping in with eight and seven, respectively, were Mika Williams and Erika Mums.

Westland John Glenn alum

Sara Tyree, Amantha Combs and Mums each pulled down six rebounds.

For Alpena (2-14 overall, 3-6 in the MCCA), Megan VanSchoten scored 17 points while Kelli Weichel collected 14.

**MADONNA 68 UM DEARBORN 61** Four players scored in double figures Saturday as Madonna University (12-11, 4-2) defeated host University of Michigan Dearborn in a Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference game.

Madonna led 36-23 at the break, and had to hold off a UM Dearborn surge in the second half. The Wolves outpointed the Crusaders in the final 30 minutes by a 38-32 count but it wasn't enough.

Leading the Crusaders (12-11 overall, 4-2 in the WHAC) in scoring was Kassi Jacob with 19 points. Jackie Pingston chipped in with 15 points and nine boards while Lyda Prusnowski and Sarah Thomson each collected 10 points.

For UM Dearborn (1-20 overall, 0-2 in the WHAC) the leading scorers were Amir Alexander (17 points) and Stephanie Sylvester (16 points).

# Schoolcraft College hoop team notches 20th win

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team earned its eighth-straight 20-win season Saturday with an 89-65 win at Alpena Community College.

The Ocelots, 20-2 overall and banned from postseason play by the National Junior College Athletic Association because of off-season violations, led 49-27 in cruising past the Lumberjacks.

Marcus Moore, a 6-foot-5 transfer from Central Michigan University, finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Courtney Williams, a 6-9 transfer from Oakland University, added 18 points

## MEN'S HOOP

and 15 boards despite sitting out 13 minutes in the first half with an ankle sprain.

Martin Samarco chipped in with 15 points, while Ty Scott and Kevin Massiah added 11 apiece. The Ocelots made 58.4 percent of their shots from the floor (38-of-65), including 6-of-18 from three-point range.

Matt Unkovich scored 23, while Thomas Bray added 13 for the Lumberjacks, who fall to 5-12 overall and 2-5 in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

**UM-DEARBORN 84, MADONNA 71:** Five Wolves scored in double-digits to lead University of Michigan-Dearborn and keep Madonna University as the only team below them in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Standings.

Justin Miller led all scorers with 18 points and Tyrone Carreker notched a double-double with 13 points and 10 boards as Dearborn cruised.

Noel Emehiser was one of only two Crusaders in double-digits. Emehiser finished with 15 points on 6-for-16 shooting and 10 rebounds and Derrick Mudri added 12 points as

**Martin Samarco chipped in with 15 points, while Ty Scott and Kevin Massiah added 11 apiece.**

Madonna (5-15 overall, 0-4 WHAC) stayed firmly entrenched in the last spot.

Dearborn (7-12, 1-3) shot 55 percent (12-for-22) from beyond the arc despite shooting only 39 percent (29-for-74) total.

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## Sweet Valentines

### Restaurateurs have celebrated 30 of them

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Like most marriages do, the marriage of Lorraine Platman and Gary Sussman had a humble and modest beginning Sussman remembers - and appreciates - Platman's culinary prowess The couple were newlyweds and he attended night school while getting his master's degree in mechanical engineering from Wayne State University, while she studied fine art and later environmental science

"She'd have these sumptuous meals for me when I'd get home from night school," Sussman said Learning how to work with a tight budget, Platman purchased a whole chicken at 19 cents a pound, boned it and created several meals

Today mechanical engineering and fine art studies are distant memories for the pair The couple own Sweet Lorraine's Cafe & Bar on Greenfield in the city of Southfield, and at the Livonia Marriott Laurel Park Place at Six Mile and I-275 and on East Jefferson in Detroit, across from the Renaissance Center

They've been married 27 years and spent 30 Valentine's days together For the Bloomfield Township couple, the foods for that day (a night out for many couples) are similar to New Year's, but they are different It's comfort food for the holidays, but for Valentine's Day, it should be some-



Lorraine Platman and Gary Sussman, owners of Sweet Lorraine's Cafe and Bar in Livonia and Southfield, have enjoyed 30 Valentine's days together

thing special, something you don't have that often," Sussman said "And if you go to a restaurant, you both get the night out"

Platman and Sussman love champagne, especially Veuve Clicquot Brut Champagne "That's my splurge," Platman said "Gary and I will have sushi with it

Mixed grills of filet mignon and lobster tails or a bouillabaise or cioppino with

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These crisp heart meringues, created by Lorraine Platman, help couples celebrate Valentine's Day on a special night out

## Jam, water take on a 'rosy' outlook



Rose is a rose is a rose is a rose and a delicious ingredient, too Examples here are rose juice, rose preserves, and baklava made with rose water The juice, preserves and baklava are from New International Market in Livonia

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

"That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet," Shakespeare wrote

And that which we call a rose - as long as it hasn't been sprayed or dusted with pesticides or fungicides - could be among ingredients in a recipe, using a flower commonly given as a Valentine's Day gift

Rose water has been used in Middle Eastern cooking for centuries Rose extract may be substituted for vanilla or almond flavoring in desserts Rose syrup and rose juice are available on grocery store shelves as well

Rose hips and rose petals also make delicious culinary contributions, such as the jam with the romantic name of

See related rosy recipes Page D2.

Champagne and Roses by Redford resident Priscilla Chapman, a member of the Metropolitan Rose Society

"It has a very mild flavor and it's pretty," Chapman said Diane Schrift of Birmingham, director of the Great Lakes District of the American Rose Society, doesn't recommend cooking with roses because of the problem of systemic chemicals, she said

"This time of year, I prefer chocolate roses," Schrift said, laughing But she enjoys rose hip jam "I do use rose hip jam sandwiched between cake layers or cookies or with warm scones or toast and tea on a dark, cold

afternoon," Schrift said "Organically grown petals are wonderful as a garnish on desserts, in punch or steeped in vinegar with herbs for salad A few petals can be tossed in with the greens"

Rose water is used in making baklava, Turkish delight, rice pudding and cookies, and it's also good for cleansing skin, said Ismail Chammout, manager of New International Market in Livonia

"It's like tasting a rose, like when you smell a rose," he said of rose water "It's good for you"

#### FLOWER POWER

Rose hips have been used medicinally for all sorts of ail

PLEASE SEE ROSES, D2

## New computer game lets you have fun with wine!

True or false In Washington State, the Yakima Valley AVA (American Viticultural Area) is the only AVA west of the Cascades You struggle with geography a little and answer "True" That's incorrect. And the new Advanced Level CD-ROM wine trivia game *World Wine Challenge Wine Regions* gives you lots of opportunities to be incorrect again and again!

That's because the 110 questions on the disk are based on the type found on the Master of Wine and Master Sommelier exams

Don't be intimidated by this or consider it too geeky If you're really into wine and would like to quickly improve your background and have fun doing it, you'll enjoy the game-show format, playable by one or



#### Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

two persons Also, you'll likely know the answer to a number of the questions

As a player, you'll spin the "Big Wheel" to land its pointer randomly on one of 22 wine growing regions, organized under different geographic categories such as France, Italy, Spain and Portugal, New World and other regions

Here's another example A click on "spin" lands on the following

multiple choice question The WWQA (Washington Wine Quality Association) created the nation's first definition of the term "reserve," which required that a wine so labeled (a) represent no more than 10 percent of the winery's total production, (b) may be made from a vineyard yielding no more than 3 25 tons of grapes per acre, (c) carry a single vineyard designation and (d) all of the above

If you answer correctly, you're rewarded by the satisfying sound of harp strings as your score increases If incorrect, you get raspberried and a depleted score as the correct answer appears on the screen Depending on the score, players are rated from novice to wine master

*The World Wine Challenge. Wine Regions* which works on both PC and Mac retails for \$24 95 and is available at leading bookstores or can be ordered from The Wine Appreciation Guild (800) 231-9463 or on the Web site www.winehardware.com

#### VINTAGE SELECTIONS

In 1972, wine merchant Kermit Lynch was just another struggling musician when he borrowed \$5,000 from a girlfriend and opened an 800 square-foot wine shop in Berkeley, Calif

Some 30 years later, Lynch is not only one of most celebrated wine

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**Wallet pleasers:** 2001 Glass Mountain \$8 and 2003 Cypress \$10

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



COOKING WITH ROSES RECIPES

RUBY ROSE SYRUP

Rose syrup keeps well in bottles for months without refrigeration

It can be added to canned frozen or fresh fruit such as pears, figs, apricots, strawberries, bananas, oranges or cranberries

Make a fluffy hard sauce or whipped cream flavored with rose syrup to use on steamed puddings, gelatin desserts, applesauce cake or gingerbread

- 4 cups sugar
- 2 cups water

2 cups light corn syrup  
10 teaspoons rose water  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
Red food coloring

Simmer the sugar, water and corn syrup for 20 minutes. When cool, add the rose water, lemon juice and enough red food coloring to make the syrup a light ruby shade. Stir well and pour into sterilized bottles with screw tops. Store in a cool, dark place.

Recipe from American Rose Society

ROSA RUGOSA JAM

Use rose hips that haven't

been sprayed or dusted with insecticides. Wash 2 cups of Rosa rugosa hips thoroughly. Then cut out the black calyx. Cook hips in 2 cups of water until tender. Mash fruit while cooking. Push pulp through a fine sieve. Add 1 cup of sugar to each cup of pulp and then cook until the pulp thickens to jam consistency.

Recipe from American Rose Society

ROSE AND CARAWAY COOKIES

- 1/2 pound butter or oleo
- 1/2 pound sugar
- 1/2 tablespoon grated nutmeg
- 4 cups sifted flour

- 3 tablespoons caraway seed
- 2 tablespoons rose syrup

Rub butter into sugar, add flour spices and rose syrup, moisten to stiff dough with water. Cover mixture and let stand in refrigerator for several hours. Roll into 1/8-inch sheet. Cut with cookie cutter. Bake in buttered pan in hot oven.

Recipe from American Rose Society

PINK KISSES

- 3 egg whites
- 2 cups confectioners sugar
- Few drops red food coloring
- 1 teaspoon rose extract
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Beat the egg whites until they stand in peaks. Beat in the sugar a little at a time. Add the rose extract and a drop or two of the red food coloring to obtain a pink tint. Beat once more. Fold in the chopped walnuts. Place a piece of brown wrapping paper on a cookie sheet. Drop the kisses by the teaspoonful onto the ungreased paper. Bake in a 350°F oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Recipe from American Rose Society

ROSE PETAL SALAD DRESSING

- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons chopped rose petals (Note: Use rose petals that haven't been sprayed or dusted with insecticides.)

Heat sugar and water just to a boil to make syrup. Add vinegar and salt. Pick roses just after the dew has dried. Wash and separate petals carefully before using. Pour dressing over 2 tablespoons of chopped rose petals. Store in refrigerator for 48 hours. Strain to remove petals. This makes a good dressing for a fruit salad.

Recipe from American Rose Society

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ROSES

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ments for thousands of years, and Napoleon's army treated lead poisoning from bullet wounds by using rose petals boiled in white wine, according to www.foodreference.com

On a more appetizing note, scented roses were used to make a jelly in the 19th century, the Web site said.

According to the American Rose Society (which features recipes for cooking with roses at its Web site, www.ars.org), rose water has been used in the East for centuries — for flavor and nutrition.

Arabians glaze a roasting chicken with rose water, honey and butter, in Greece, rose water flavors candies and rich pastries, in Turkey, a rose water sprinkler is on the dinner table, according to the ARS.

When Britain's citrus supply was cut off during World War II, the British got their vitamin C from rose hips, said Nancy Lindley, who with her husband, Roger, owns Great Lakes Roses, south of Belleville.

"The hips are very high in vitamin C. No other fruit is as high in vitamin C, ounce per ounce, as rose hips," she said.

The roses in Lindley's cooking come from Great Lakes Roses, as chemical pesticides and fungicides aren't used at the nursery.

"Don't use any rose products from roses that have been treated with pesticides or fungicides in the past year," she said. If you're just buying a rose bush from a nursery, wait a year (before cooking with the

roses) so you know its history." Lindley, author of *Roses From Michigan*, describes the taste of roses as "very like an apple."

"Roses and apples are related," she said. "Like apples, roses taste sweeter after a frost."

Rose hips are cooked the same way as cranberries: boiled in a mixture of equal parts sugar and water until they pucker, Lindley said. The skin is then strained.

Two parts of the rose are used in cooking: the blooms (petals) and hips (seed pods), Lindley said. The sepals (protective leaves) and stems are removed.

Cooking with rose hips is more of a northern European tradition, Lindley said.

Rose hips in Rugosa roses are about the size of marbles. They are smaller in multiflora roses.

"The hips can be dried. The petals need to be used fresh," Lindley said.

Dark-colored rose petals have a more metallic taste, while the taste of light-colored rose petals is very mild, Lindley said.

"Most of what you're experiencing (with lighter roses) is the fragrance," she said.

Lindley said she will include a section on cooking with roses in her next book.

CHAMPAGNE AND ROSES

Recipes from the American Rose Society include coating petals with the white of one egg beaten to foam and sprinkling sugar on both sides. After they have dried in the refrigerator, the petals can be used to garnish cakes or served as candy.

Another ARS recipe is Rose Frost. Twist the rims of beverage glasses in a mixture of egg

white and a little rose water whipped to froth. Sprinkle with granulated sugar, and dry on waxed paper.

For her Champagne and Roses jam (see recipe), Chapman picks handfuls of petals off rose bushes from the garden of her daughter-in-law, who doesn't spray the roses with chemicals.

"You don't want to use petals that have been sprayed," Chapman said. "I prefer using roses that have a nice fragrance. I think it makes the jam taste a little better."

She selects petals in reds and deep pinks for the recipe.

"It makes a nice, pretty rose blush. The rose petals dissolve and disappear," she said.

Chapman minces the petals on a cutting board the same way she minces herbs.

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CHAMPAGNE AND ROSES JAM

- 3/4 cups champagne
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 package SURE JELL® pectin
- 1/2 cup minced rose petals (Note: Be sure that the roses haven't been sprayed with chemicals.)
- 2 teaspoons rose water or rose extract
- 4 1/2 cups sugar

Combine champagne, lemon juice, pectin, rose petals and rose water or rose extract in large saucepan and bring to a boil, stirring frequently. Bring to a hard boil and add sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Bring to a rolling boil and boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly so mixture won't overflow. Remove from heat and put into containers. Lid containers and process for 5 minutes.

Recipe from Priscilla Chapman

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Attendees will have the opportunity to meet people with similar interests while learning about wine in a fun and entertaining setting. The event will feature wine tasting, short seminar and wine trivia games combined with live jazz band and a wide array of appetizers.

The host for Vino Mania is Nidal Daher, certified sommelier. Daher has been working in the wine industry for over 15 years. He is the former fine wine director and buyer for Merchant of Vino and is co-author of *Romance Begins in the Kitchen*.

The registration fee for Vino Mania is \$50. You must be 21 or older to attend. To register, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street in Birmingham at (248) 644-5832, or visit online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

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**Diet changes**

Small changes to diet and lifestyle can have a large impact in terms of your health and how well you feel each day, according to registered dietitian Tracey Carlyle.

Some of her tips include practicing portion control and making meals ahead of time then freezing them for later.

Another easy way to stick to your diet is to check out the hundreds of healthy recipes on the Web, such as [www.mrsdash.com](http://www.mrsdash.com). This site allows you to search for recipes by content, nutritional value or dietary restrictions including low sodium, low-fat and low-carb options.

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@oehomecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oehomecomm.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. Grand Tuscan Cuisine: Italy at its Best, taught by certified executive chef Brian Polcyn, 5 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). Classic French Pastry Series (Pate a Choux for You Too and Mille feuille to Die For), taught by Decker, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 24 and 31 (series classes can be taken separately for \$99 each or together for \$175) and Quick Easy Meals with Gabriel, 5-9

**TASTE CALENDAR**

p.m. Wednesday, March 30 (\$99). For more information on class fees for these classes and other culinary arts continuing education classes visit [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu) under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

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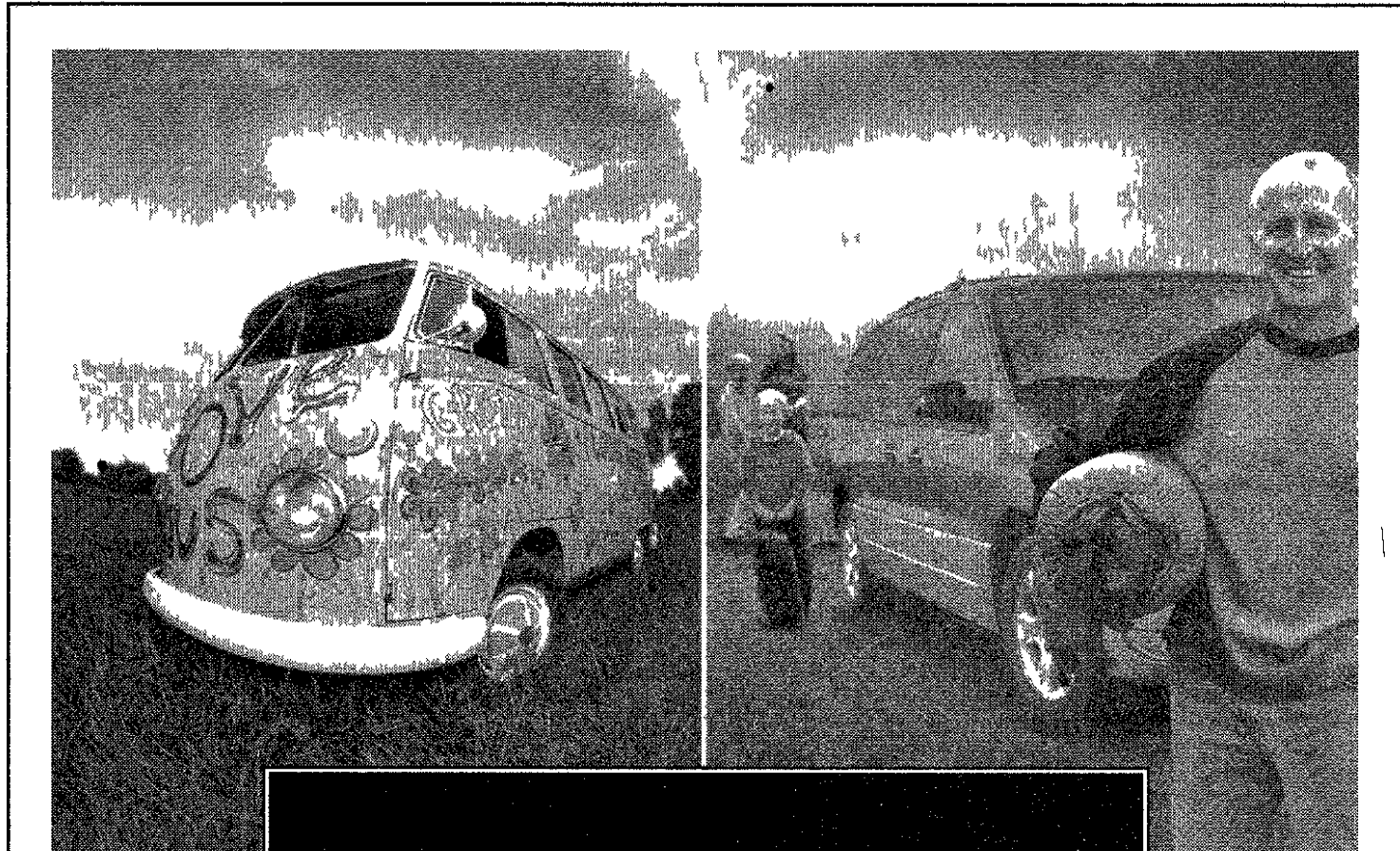
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**Avocado Relish**

1 ripe avocado peeled and pitted  
 1 teaspoon lemon juice  
 1 tablespoon sweet onion diced  
 1/2 teaspoon sea salt

Mash avocado pulp, then mix with remaining ingredients. Store refrigerated

**Fresh Tomato Relish**

1 small yellow tomato seeded and finely diced  
 1 small red tomato seeded and finely diced  
 Sea salt (to taste)  
 Black pepper (to taste)

Combine both tomatoes and

toss with salt and pepper. Store refrigerated.  
 Shrimp (3 per person or more) cooked, peeled and deveined

Before assembling shrimp cocktail, dip shrimp in lemon-infused vodka with a few drops of extra virgin olive oil

Place mound of avocado relish in center of plate, surround with shrimp (tail up). Place small mounds of tomato relish on plate and drizzle entire plate with cocktail sauce, or serve both on the side

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1/2 cups cooked black beans (keep cooking liquid aside)  
 2 tablespoons tahini  
 1 tablespoon olive oil  
 2 tablespoons lemon juice  
 1/2 teaspoon (or to taste) fresh chopped garlic  
 Cumin pinch  
 1/2 teaspoon of salt

Mix all ingredients in a food processor, thinning to desired consistency with bean cooking liquid. Serve with corn chips and plantain chips

**MARGARITA MOUSSE**

1 tablespoon unflavored gelatin  
 1/4 cup cold water or orange juice  
 1 ounce tequila  
 1/2 ounce triple sec

1 cup sugar  
 1 tablespoon grated lime rind  
 5 ounces lime juice  
 4 egg whites

1 cup heavy whipping cream

Dissolve gelatin in water. Let stand 5 minutes. Heat gelatin liquid in sauce pan over low heat until gelatin has dissolved. Add half the sugar and continue to stir until sugar dissolves. Remove from heat, stir in lime rind, lime juice and set in a small bowl, then set bowl into another bowl of ice water. Stir until gelatin is thick, but not set. Remove bowl from water

Beat egg whites with a pinch of salt and whip until soft peaks form. Add remaining sugar slowly until egg whites are glossy. Set aside

Whip cream until thick. Set aside

Take one fourth of egg whites and whisk into gelatin mixture to lighten, then fold remaining whites into mixture. Add tequila and triple sec, then combine with cream. Dip margarita glasses in lime juice, then into sugar. Scoop mousse into glasses. Garnish with lime twist

Recipes courtesy of Lorraine Platman, owner of Sweet Lorraine's in Detroit, Livonia and Southfield

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"We love where there's a lot of different things going on in a dish," Platman said. "Plus we like variety," Sussman added

For dessert, Platman makes a totally chocolate mousse cake or a black velvet cake of cake and chocolate mousse or white chocolate mousse. A flourless chocolate torte with a passion fruit glaze also brings a delicious grand finale to the meal

From the restaurant end of it, Platman said patrons love shrimp for a special meal for couples. Platman creates a shrimp cocktail with a yellow tomato fresh horseradish sauce and an additional tomato cocktail sauce

"Our menu represents a lot of things to share," Platman said. "We're doing a calypso mixed grill with lobster tail, filet mignon with a jerk seasoning, chicken breast with a mojo rub, tequila mango relish and pico de gallo"

"We've got things that will appeal to a younger crowd," Sussman added

Then there's the Mikado salmon. Platman flattens a piece of salmon on nori, places crab meat, spinach and Japanese rice on the salmon, rolls it in panko (Japanese bread crumbs, which are finer than traditional crumbs), then flash fries it. The long roll is sliced to be served

"A lot of it is inspired by international cuisine," Sussman said. "We try to get a sampling of international cuisine"

Like many restaurants, Sweet Lorraine's will have a special Valentine's Day menu,



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Shrimp cocktail is a popular appetizer on Valentine's Day

but the restaurant, in conjunction with the Marriotts in Livonia and Detroit, offers a king room, dinner for two with a special Valentine's Day menu at the restaurant, breakfast buffet for two and champagne and chocolate-dipped strawberries in the guest room for \$199. The special menu includes such items as chilled jumbo shrimp, Cuban black bean dip with plantains, tostones and corn, champagne leak or cream of tomato soups, and special main courses of

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## San Felipe attracting developers

I have heard of a new development that is approximately four hours south of San Diego on the sea of Cortez which rivals Los Cabos. Do you have any information about it?

I presume you are speaking of San Felipe, Mexico, on the sea of Cortez which was originally a small shrimp fishing village and which has now become a burgeoning residential/resort area. A number of major American developers have purchased a substantial amount of property, are building golf courses and thousands of residential condominiums and single family homes along with the pertinent amenities including water and sewer. The developers claim that this will be the next Los Cabos but with the advantage of being much closer to the continental United States. You are best advised to consult with a real estate consultant before making any investment.

I am aware of the growth in the downtown area of San Diego but am wondering what type of real estate investment can be had in that area from a residential standpoint. Do you have any comments?

Downtown San Diego is burgeoning with real residential development not only along the bay front but in the Gaslight District, Little Italy and the park areas. There are multiple developments in progress including a number of high rises as well as mid-rise commercial/residential developments. Indeed, many of these projects are sold out before they are even constructed based upon preconstruction discounts that are provided to prospective purchasers. There is also the common development of ancillary services including restaurants and boutiques, and places such as Little Italy are three times the size that they were merely two years ago. You are best advised to retain a real estate consultant and attorney before making any purchase.

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# It's harder to sell a house in the winter

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

You're house-hunting in the winter. Your agent has parked in front of what might be your dream house. But it's one of those gray Michigan days. It's freezing cold. It's windy. It's snowing. You think you have the flu. You're about to get out of the car and you're wondering if you've lost your mind.

Well, before you rush off to have yourself committed for house-hunting in the winter, do what the home inspectors do when they arrive at a house in a wintry setting. What they do is look at the roof.

A snow-covered roof, the inspectors can tell you, is an excellent way to check on attic insulation. If the snow lies in an even blanket all across the roof, the inspectors will say, you can be confident about the insulation.

But if you see patches of bare roof where the snow has melted away, you should suspect improper insulation and heat-loss in those spots.

And that just might be all the good news there is about how a blizzard can help you choose a house to buy. Actually, it might even be harder to sell houses during winter.

"The weather definitely slows us down," said Joan Downing, sales agent with RE/MAX in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

"I just can't show as many homes when the streets are impassable or have ruts in them," she said. "It can take us forever to get from house to house."

It also can seem like forever, she said, to get house-hunters up and down snow-covered or icy front walks and steps.

"You have to go out a second time to show the same amount of houses we'd show in good weather - say, just three houses in two hours, instead of six."

If bad weather hits while sellers are out of town, Downing said, "we might have to make arrangements to have their sidewalks and steps made safe."

"Or those of us who are more ambitious will get a shovel out. Anyway, the seller might clear the snow in morning, but we can get hit again later in the day, so we have to go above and



TORO

Record snowfalls over the last three seasons make this year the perfect time to consider purchasing a snowthrower to clear the way for potential buyers

beyond."

OK, now you've made it up the front steps and you're about to walk through the door of a stranger's home, how much winter are you going to bring in with you?

I tell my clients, Downing said, "right when we hit the front door, if we've been walking in a mess we're taking our shoes off."

"If the seller doesn't give us something to put the wet boots or shoes on, it's their problem. I tell my sellers to hang signs: 'Please remove shoes'."

Carlene Slone agrees that it's "always harder to sell in this weather." Slone is an agent with Wilhelm & Associates in Clarkston.

"You have to have the four-wheel and be ready to go," she

said. "And just like the mailman, it's easier to get up to the house if it's plowed."

Now you've gotten up to the house and into it, but you still might be facing some special wintertime challenges to homebuying.

"Yes, Slone said, "you might have questions about how much water is in the land - is it wet? What's the landscaping like? You have to use your imagination more."

Beyond imagination, Lynn DeJohn, an agent with Quality Properties GMAC Real Estate, Plymouth, likes to put it in writing to protect her buyers.

"You can't see the landscaping, the inspectors can't inspect pools or hot tubs or air conditioning, so you put that

into the purchase agreement as a contingency" and hold money to cover possible expenses that would be revealed in the spring.

To help her sellers, DeJohn cautions them about their liability in the event someone slips on icy steps. And she hopes that they remembered to take some fair-weather photos of the house and yard to display now.

She tells them to put down a mud rug at the front door. But if they've forgotten to do that, "you have to be prepared. Grab a paper towel or a tissue from your pocket and wipe the mess."

That might not be what she thought they meant by "cleaning up in the real estate business."

# Power up for snow removal with blower

(MS) - Who can say they didn't make (or at least consider) a solemn promise last winter. No more shoveling! Wise decision, and not just for your aching muscles, but your heart. According to a recent study, snow shoveling requires as much energy as playing tennis or downhill skiing. Cold temperatures can camouflage the symptoms of overexertion, so it's no surprise that heart attacks often result from snow shoveling.

Now that you have even more of a reason to trade in your shovel for a snowthrower, here are some basic guidelines will help determine which model is right for you.

Walk-behind snowthrowers generally fit into one of three categories - single-stage, two-

stage and electric.

Single-stage units are light and easy to maneuver. They gather snow with a high-speed rotor and throw it out of the machine in a single action.

Two-stage units are more powerful and first break up the snow with a slow-turning auger, then pass it to a high-speed impeller that blows it out through a chute.

As a general rule of thumb, electric snowthrowers are not built to be as powerful as larger gas-powered models. Yet for those with smaller areas to clear, an electric snowthrower might be ideal. It can clear snow up to 6 inches deep, throwing snow as far as 20 feet away, and is perfect for cleaning sidewalks, decks and steps. For heavy-duty snow

removal, gas-powered equipment is the answer. Light, fluffy snow can be handled with a single-stage machine.

Single-stage snowthrowers move snow in one motion and require less power than two-stage units. For snow depths of more than 6 inches, or heavy, wet or icy snow, a two-stage snowthrower is your best bet.

Two-stage machines aggressively move piles of snow, like those left by the snow plow. Areas with heavy, drifting snowfalls, like lake-effect snows, generally opt for two-stage models. Two-stage models are also the only option for unpaved surfaces, because they have "skid shoes" that allow them to ride above the ground.

Pay close attention to the snow-throwing design.

Models may look alike, but those with easy-to-use drive and chute control mechanisms promote ease of maneuverability and snow placement.

Look for a better model that can start easily. Many gas-powered models have electric start options, which are highly recommended on larger two-stage units. Look for manufacturers who offer engines with starting guarantees.

Since problems can arise, read the warranty before purchasing. The best warranties cover all material and workmanship defects for two years or more. It is also a good idea to make sure there's a service center in your area that can handle the type of snowthrower you buy. For information, visit [www.toro.com](http://www.toro.com).

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## Act fast while it's slow to get a great deal

It is sometimes refreshing and rewarding to do things out of sync relative to the rest of the world. I often buy my summer clothes in the fall and my wife and I shop for Christmas throughout the year. I go to the gym when everybody else is working, I run errands during their dinner time, and often work when everybody else is sleeping.

It's good for my spirit to keep variety in life by timing tasks and events in such a manner as to create an advantage for my family. My non-conforming, non-traditional tactics usually lead to better service at restaurants, better bang for my purchase bucks, and better time-efficiency by avoiding crowds. By now, I likely have you asking (once again) where I'm going with this in a mortgage column.

Right now, many people are huddling from the cold waiting for a spring thaw before they strike out on a house-hunting expedition. Meanwhile, there are dozens of homes on the market just begging to be picked up at a discount by buyers who can qualify for such purchases using any possible means (Sounds like the makings of a great deal, eh?)

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At the same time, most mortgage lenders are bored stiff. In fact, many take their annual vacations between November and February lest they forego the rare opportunity for rest. For you, this means that there's a herd of lenders willing to be extremely flexible with their underwriting guidelines to get their money loaned out.

Remember, lenders have to loan out money to stay in business. If it's slow - like right now - it's a prime opportunity for you to make a move, even if it's out of sync with the rest of the world. This is especially true if you have challenging circumstances. However, wait four months from now when every lender is humming on all cylinders and you may be very hard-pressed to get somebody to even listen to your story.

Today's TIMBIT. It's true that good things come to those who wait. However, they are usually those things left by those who hustle.

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# Tips for buying foreclosure property and prospering

PRNewswire - House hunting can be a very daunting experience, especially in today's real estate market. Both investors and home buyers have been priced out of the market by escalating costs, and good real estate deals are increasingly difficult to find.

But there are bargains out there, for people who know where to look. "For people willing to do some homework, the foreclosure market offers some of the best opportunities in real estate today," explains James J Saccacio, chief executive officer at RealtyTrac, the leading online foreclosure marketplace.

Web-based services such as RealtyTrac give consumers access to foreclosure and pre-foreclosure information that was previously available only to professional real estate brokers and investors. Today, homebuyers can use these services to identify and

research potential home purchases, as well as to find the tools and professional resources they need to help them close the deal.

With interest rates ticking up and ARMs adjusting upward, experts predict an increase in the number of foreclosure properties on the market. RealtyTrac, which provides all the foreclosure data for both MSN House and Home and Yahoo! Real Estate, has already compiled a list of over 550,000 foreclosure properties across the country.

"Foreclosure properties can be a terrific investment, or give home buyers a much more affordable option than traditional properties," notes Saccacio. "But they're not a way to get rich quick, and a foreclosure purchase needs to be approached in an educated, intelligent manner."

**TIPS**

Saccacio offers five tips to

help you close a deal on a foreclosure property.

■ Learn about the different types of foreclosure properties, and the foreclosure process.

There are three basic types of foreclosure properties, representing different stages in the foreclosure process: notice-of-default (NOD) and notice of trustee sale (NTS), which are both pre-foreclosure properties, and real-estate-owned (REO), a foreclosure property which has been re-purchased by the bank.

For most consumers, buying a pre-foreclosure property from a private homeowner is the best option. It's important that both the buyer and the seller see the situation as a win-win situation, in order to ensure a smooth process. In this case, the seller is able to get out from under a mortgage without destroying their credit rating, the lender is saved the time and expense of foreclosing on the property, and the

buyer gets a below-market price on a home.

Foreclosure auction sales are typically the domain of the professional investor. These properties are formally in default, and sold to the highest bidder at an auction. Buyers are required to be physically present at the auction, and must pay 100 percent of the sale price in cash, on the spot. Though foreclosure auctions can offer significant savings, they are not for the faint of heart or the uninformed. Unless the buyer is already familiar with a particular property, there is usually little time to examine it. And the buyer will be competing against professional investors - and sometimes even the lender - at the auction.

Once the lender officially reclaims a home, it becomes a real-estate-owned property (d). While REO properties typically offer more time for evaluation and a more standard bank-managed transaction, their prices are usually very close to full retail market value.

■ Secure financing early. It's important for a buyer to be pre-qualified before engaging in discussions with a seller. This ensures that the buyer is in a financial position to purchase the property, and is in the strongest possible position to negotiate. It's best to work with a lender who understands the foreclosure process, and can guide the buyer through certain steps, such as ensuring that a property is FHA-compliant. Another reason to consider pre-qualification is that not

all lenders finance foreclosure properties. Having approved financing in-hand makes negotiations with both the seller and the lender easier, and may even make it possible for the buyer to simply cure the default and take over the existing loan to reduce loan processing fees.

■ Engage a real estate agent as a "buyer's representative."

Most people hire a real estate agent to sell their home. These "seller's representatives" are charged with making the sale and negotiating the best deal for their clients. "Buyer's representatives" have the home buyer's interests at heart, and are charged with finding the right property and negotiating the best price for their clients. Picking the right real estate agent will make a buyer's life much easier. There are agents who specialize in the foreclosure market, with specific experience in REO properties. Look for an agent with foreclosure transaction experience, as well as knowledge of local, regional and state laws. But it's also important to consider the agent's knowledge of the area, their ability to close a deal, and their access to other professionals (attorneys, lenders, mortgage and title professionals) to ensure that the buyer is in good hands.

■ Do your homework. Stocks offer higher potential returns for investors than traditional savings programs, but are also riskier. Similarly, purchasing foreclosure properties is somewhat more risky than buying traditional real estate properties, but offers much

higher potential savings. With the right examination and due diligence, buyers can significantly reduce the risks. It makes sense to give any property under consideration a thorough examination. Here are eight steps for doing a professional-level exam.

■ Make a realistic offer.

Despite what you may see on late-night cable TV, investing in foreclosure properties isn't a sure fire "get rich quick" formula. Lenders aren't likely to give properties away, particularly in a real estate market where prices continue to rise. And homeowners in financial distress may be difficult to deal with, particularly early in the foreclosure process. The keys to a successful foreclosure property purchase are diligence and patience.

As a rule of thumb, the best savings can be made at the pre-foreclosure stage, where home owners can avoid a foreclosure and lenders can save the time and cost involved in going through the process. Another critical point in the process is immediately prior to the auction date, when all parties might be most open to a last-minute solution. It's not unusual to save from 10-30 percent of the market value on a foreclosure property, and certain properties offer savings of 50 percent or even more. An educated buyer - one who knows how much is owed on the property and what its market value is - can usually come up with a realistic offer, one that offers significant savings, while meeting the requirements of the lender.

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### EXAMINATION PROCESS STEPS

- Identify desirable neighborhoods - Identify specific neighborhoods where you'd like to live or own a home. This will limit your search to a manageable size for you and your real estate agent, and give you a sense of relative property values.
- Cast a wide net - There are a number of Web-based services that can put hundreds of thousands of foreclosure properties at your fingertips. Since the best savings are often found in pre-foreclosure properties, it's important to check the percentage of pre-foreclosure (vs REO) properties in any database before subscribing.
- Determine the property value - Look at the original purchase price, and recent comparable property sales to determine the current value of the property.
- Find out the amount in default and the remaining loan balance -- In order to determine a reasonable offer price, you'll need to know - at a minimum - how much money it will take just to satisfy the debt to the lender.

- Run a legal investing report - Before purchasing any foreclosure property, make sure it is free and clear of any bankruptcies, tax liens or other financial liabilities.
  - Assess the condition of the property - If at all possible, visit the property, ask your Realtor's opinion and review pest and structural reports to make sure that the property is in acceptable condition, or to determine how much of a rehab budget you'll need to build in to your deal.
  - Build a positive relationship with the seller - Before purchasing the property, try to make sure that you're entering into a win-win situation with the seller, so that they'll do what they can to make the process easier and leave the property in good condition.
  - Leverage your timing - Knowing when a property is going to be auctioned gives you an extra bargaining chip when negotiating with the seller or the lender.
- Source: RealtyTrac

<p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Executive 2800 SQF Colonial located in Calhoun Manor featuring 4 BR's 2.5 BA's 1st floor laundry and library new premium windows w/ kitchen w/oak cabinets new cherry wood flooring &amp; plenty of counter space eating space Master suite w/WIC &amp; bath Many mature trees for privacy \$352,900</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Imagine having your morning coffee on this very private deck looking out onto commons area This 3 BR 2.5 BA 1550 SQF condo has an open floor plan perfect for entertaining Mstr bdrm w/easy step in shower bath Great Rm w/gas triple formal dining rm eat in kitchen w/oak cabs &amp; 1st flr Indry \$184,900</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA</b> WOW! They should all look like this! Immaculate 1400 SF colonial with 3 bdrms 1.5 baths in Dover Arbor Estates Done to the 9's w/gorgeous neutral decor w/ Updates incl kit w/oak cabs furnace roof vinyl wind &amp; more Beautiful low maintenance landscape This one will be gone in a flash \$209,800</p>
<p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Immaculate 3 bedroom 1 bath ranch in NE Livonia Beautiful honey oak kitchen 1 year old! Gorgeous hardwood floors thru out Add updates incl furnace HWH roof some vinyl windows bath and more Move in affordable starter home just waiting for you! \$129,800</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Nice upper 2 bedrm Condo 1123 sq ft Excellent kitchen w/newer counters flring &amp; all appls Formal dining rm Pretty LR w/ doorwalk to balcony Bath w/dual entrance &amp; access to Master bedrm &amp; closet organizer Updates include gas furn 6 panel drs &amp; more 1st flr laundry w/wash &amp; dry \$125,000</p>	<p><b>REDFORD</b> - Clean &amp; sharp 3 bedrm 2 full bath brick Ranch Charming living rm w/bay window Excellent updated kitchen w/maple cabinets granite counters &amp; all appls Full bsmt w/glass block window &amp; copper plumbing Vinyl windows Newer furnace &amp; roof shingles 1.5 car garage \$130,000</p>
<p><b>LIVONIA</b> Livonia Condo Entry Level Unit in Top Condition! Kitchen updated all appliances stay newer Windows Stack washer &amp; dryer in unit carpet pool and clubhouse low assoc fee includes heat &amp; water Only \$90,000</p>	<p><b>REDFORD</b> - Charming Cape Cod with Old World Craftsmanship on 1/2 acre Awesome workshop (23x20) attached to back of 2+ car garage has 220 H2O &amp; gas! Copper plumbing newer windows and more! 1 year Home Warranty provided at closing Look no further \$150,000</p>	<p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> - Nice lot (120 x 111) with this clean updated 4 bedroom bi level with 2 full baths and 1 half bath Approx 2032 sq ft living area with updated kitchen hardwood floors newer light fixtures Lower level can be used as in law quarters fireplace 2 car attached garage \$245,000</p>
<p><b>DEARBORN</b> - Walking distance to Ford Engineering complex this updated 3 BR home with 1 full bath and 1 half BA &amp; upper bedroom Kitchen updated with white cabinets newer exterior doors Wallside windows basement rec room and rear yard profess landscaped Great home and proud to sell \$145,000</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Enjoy the country in the city with this charming farm house with 4 bdrms 1.5 baths that is totally remodeled! Coved ceiling &amp; arched doorways Neutral carpet w/ laminate floors in kit &amp; nook bay window in dining rm library upstairs great office area Walk in attic with lots of storage \$149,000</p>	<p><b>WESTLAND</b> - Clean well kept 3 bedroom 1200 sq ft brick ranch in North Westland with Livonia Schools Family room and rec room in partially finished basement C/A newer vinyl windows &amp; neutral decor Oversized 2 car garage Large lot &amp; front yard nicely landscaped Newer gutters and garage roof \$159,900</p>
<p><b>WESTLAND</b> - 3 Bdrm 1 Bath brick face ranch perfectly located on a low traffic cul de sac which is perfect for the kids Family rm C/A oak cabs in kitchen 1st flr laundry new entry door 2 car garage and a large backyard Close to shopping &amp; restaurants Great location in Westland! \$139,900</p>	<p><b>REDFORD</b> - Excellent clean &amp; sharp 3 bedrm 1.5 bath brick Ranch Very nice LR Beautiful updated kitchen w/ oak cabinets counters sink &amp; Pergo flooring w/all appliances 1/2 bath off kitchen Newer roof shingles Vinyl windows T/D Copper plumbing &amp; glass block windows Lg 2 tier deck Full bsmt \$150,000</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA</b> - Good size lot in a great location New homes already built in area Great investment Must See \$125,000</p>

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<p><b>LIVONIA</b> STUNNING end unit condo in prestigious Greenfield Villas has private courtyard entrance &amp; vaulted ceilings in great room w/open staircase &amp; 2 story windows large decorative kitchen w/island provides superior layout for entertaining excellent condition w/neutral decor thru out Walk to movies shopping &amp; restaurants! \$239,900 (L76Lau)</p>	<p><b>MILFORD</b> BUILD YOUR DREAM HOUSE on this exceptional corner lot in MILFORD Lot is approximately 3 acres and in an area of custom quality homes with easy access to I-96 Minutes away from Kensington park and GM Proving Grounds \$124,900 (L85Grc)</p>

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City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	7422 Admiralty	\$269,000	Garden City	1146 Mona	\$201,000
	41520 Al eghany	\$210,000		1324 Wendover	\$386,000
	1453 Bayberry Park	\$240,000		1074 York	\$170,000
47820 Candace	\$396,000	Livonia	18646 Delaware	\$124,000	
7152 Chadwick	\$275,000		13534 Dixie	\$111,000	
7676 Chichester	\$285,000		8944 Fenton	\$159,000	
7637 Claremont	\$255,000	18803 Garfield	\$73,000		
1521 Commodore	\$186,000	9975 Hemingway	\$142,000		
7066 Copper Creek	\$180,000	9043 Lenore	\$156,000		
41515 Copper Creek	\$185,000	76607 Lexington	\$108,000		
2701 Denton	\$210,000	15565 Macarthur	\$139,000		
45690 Fountain View	\$412,000	15570 Macarthur	\$193,000		
46698 Glengarry	\$416,000	11628 Norborne	\$85,000		
48142 Glenmount	\$173,000	11337 Rockland	\$119,000		
48776 Greenwich	\$399,000	14193 San Jose	\$115,000		
1510 Hanpshire	\$195,000	9168 Sarasota	\$144,000		
41341 Maplewood	\$227,000	19130 Semnole	\$119,000		
1447 Marlowe	\$182,000	Westland	31480 Alcona	\$65,000	
6635 Paul Revere	\$226,000		38335 Avondale	\$175,000	
2179 Preserve	\$235,000		33315 Belding	\$82,000	
983 Princeton	\$220,000	34728 Bock	\$16,000		
3504 Riverside	\$243,000	39170 Brookfield	\$174,000		
42325 Saratoga	\$202,000	35867 Forane	\$160,000		
364 Shana	\$218,000	8615 Ingram	\$192,000		
382 Shana	\$210,000	36541 Joy	\$203,000		
172 Sheffield	\$232,000	29915 Marshall	\$231,000		
441 Sylvan	\$465,000	7863 Moonwood	\$235,000		
1960 W Frank	\$131,000	5982 N Carlson	\$13,000		
2017 W Roundtable	\$220,000	7531 N Farmington	\$192,000		
44623 Westminster Way	\$200,000	8537 N Hubbard	\$161,000		
7596 Wheaton	\$250,000	30715 Nelson	\$254,000		
		1156 S Carson	\$154,000		
		30471 Steinhauer	\$140,000		
		37205 Vincent	\$157,000		
		32861 Winona	\$180,000		

Rates on 30-year mortgages fall for a fourth straight week

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Rates on 30-year mortgages fell for a fourth straight week as investors wanted to see what the Federal Reserve will do with interest rates. Freddie Mac's weekly survey of mortgage rates released Jan. 27 showed that rates on 30-year, fixed rate mortgages averaged 5.66 percent, down from 5.67 percent. Low mortgage rates have powered sales of both new and existing homes to record highs. The National Association of Realtors reported Tuesday that existing

home sales climbed to an all time high of 6.68 million units last year, the fourth straight year of record sales. Analysts are forecasting housing will enjoy another good year in 2005 as long as mortgage rates do not rise too sharply under the impact of the Federal Reserve's credit-tightening campaign to make sure inflation stays well contained. 'Until the market gets a better read of how the economy performed at the end of last year and how the Fed interprets that information, interest rates will likely remain calm,' said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, dipped to 5.14 percent, down from 5.15 percent. Rates on one-year adjustable-rate mortgages were 4.18 percent, up slightly from 4.11 percent. Five-year hybrid adjustable rate mortgages averaged 5.02 percent, down from 5.05 percent. These hybrid mortgages have a fixed rate for five years and then they adjust each year after that. The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. The 30-year, 15-year and five-year mortgages each carried a 0.6 point fee.

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**BEAUTIFUL VIEW** Upgraded Oxford model in popular Canton sub surrounded by a 16 acre nature preserve. Many upgrades - circular starway, hardwood & ceramic side entry, garage, fireplace & cherry kitchen. \$324,999 (859DO)

**BETTER HURRY** Before this gorgeously updated Livonia home is sold! Walk to elementary & the park. Maple kitchen, ceramic baths, entertainment sized family room and a fenced interior lot make this home perfect. \$219,000 (160MA)

**EXCITING NEWER CONDO** Who wouldn't love to own this affordable condo? High ceilings, a beautiful gourmet kitchen, huge great room with a fireplace, a deck, master with private bath and quality Livonia schools! \$149,900 (848FI)

**LIKE NEW** Enhanced Charleston model! Cherry kitchen & stainless appliances, soaring ceilings, master w/cathedral ceiling walk in closet & his and her seated enclosed shower. Much more! \$189,000 (934NO)

**DEAL OF THE DECADE** Lovely brick ranch with 3 beds, 1.5 baths in a nice family neighborhood. Remodeled kitchen, updated windows, water heater, furnace and paint. Central air & central vac too! all at a very affordable price. \$104,900 (146PA)

**Too New For Photo**

**THE LINKS** Pheasant Run condo fully loaded with extras! 115K with over 1100 sq ft! New windows, doorwall, furnace, hardwood floors, basement remodeled, kitchen and a common pool! \$114,900 (285JA)

**ONE OF THE FINEST** Homes in the area with total privacy on this 20.76 acre parcel. Open floor plan w/massive great room & stone fireplace, cathedral ceilings, skylights, finished walkout formal dining and an endless list of amenities. \$848,900 (787EA)

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**ELEGANT CAPE COD** Nestled in a private wooded setting. Architectural details abound: marble & granite kit, palladium windows, heated floors, finished walkout, recessed lights, enchanting garden room and all the modern conveniences. \$1,250,000 (319HI)

**LOVELY RANCH WITH 5 ACRES** Spectacular 5 bedroom ranch with a finished walkout basement & den. Formal dining, family room, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces & more. All on a quiet street with lots of room for a large family. \$484,900 (150HA)

**NORTHVILLE BEAUTY** Newer feature rich colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Huge kitchen with an oversized island & abundant cabinets. 2 story family room & foyer. Master w/walk in closet. Oversized side entry garage. \$439,900 (405WH)

**GLEAMING CAPE COD** Beautifully updated and glowing with pride. This 3 bedroom beauty offers skylights, remodeled baths, hardwood floors, fresh paint and a long list of updates. Quiet wooded setting. Livonia schools. \$239,900 (317HU)

**EXCELLENT VALUE** Northville townhouse style condo under 115K with over 1100 sq ft! New windows, doorwall, furnace, hardwood floors, basement remodeled, kitchen and a common pool! \$114,900 (285JA)

**BUILT IN 2003!** Lovely 3 bedroom Cape Cod Condo with an attached 2 car garage. Master on main floor. 2 additional bedrooms on the second level. Loft overlooks LR with fireplace. Full basement and deck overlooking the fountain. \$219,900 (250CA)

**SUPER SHARP & UNIQUE** Multi level condo in Novi. Master w/WIC & balcony. Dining room w/mirrored wall overlooking the living room w/fireplace. White kitchen w/appliances, finished basement deck & attached garage. \$174,900 (479CO)

**UNPARALLELED APPEAL** Novi colonial with wooded views on an x large lot and premium elevation. Beautiful landscaping w/deck & paver patio. Formal living areas, bonus rm and nice master. \$334,900 (951CR)

**WALK TO DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE** From this spacious condo 2 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths! Newer kitchen with Birch cabinetry. Garage, basement, 1st floor laundry and more. Association dues include heat and water. \$159,900 (026BR)

**FORMER MODEL** Just a short walk to the golf course is this newer Canton colonial. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open staircase, full basement, attached garage, family room, fireplace and many upgrades and extras. \$315,900 (765BR)

**BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME** Prominent location in Canton on approx one acre. Live in smaller home while building. Perfect for in law quarters too. Existing home remodeled and in excellent condition. Call for details. \$179,900 (874CH)

**ALMOST AN ACRE!** Close to downtown Belleville lies this lovely ranch with a huge covered entry, attractive dimensional shingles, new furnace and HWH, family rm w/corner brick fireplace, deck and fresh paint. \$229,890 (732MA)

**STATUS SYMBOL** Stunning Fairways Colonial. Formal living areas, library, family rm w/fireplace, kitchen w/nook & snack bar island and luxury master. Highly desirable golf course community. \$399,900 (175MO)

**NATURAL BEAUTY** Custom 5 year old home with a 1st floor luxury master and Jacuzzi tub, great room w/fireplace, daylight basement, neutral flooring and a wonderful view. \$234,900 (207AP)

**GREAT PRICE ON THIS PLYMOUTH CONDO** with 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Newer Pergo flooring, newer roof, gutters and siding. Gorgeous bay window and extra large doorwall leading to a private paver patio. Full basement and carport. \$139,900 (182RI)

**ATTENTION INVESTORS** Outstanding opportunity in this Romulus fixer upper with 3 bedrooms in an area of fine properties. Adjacent vacant lot also for sale. \$69,900 (020WA)

**LIVONIA END UNIT** In move in condition with low association fees that include heat and water. Newer windows, flooring, carpet and paint. Extra storage in the basement. 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Great price. \$73,500 (187FA)





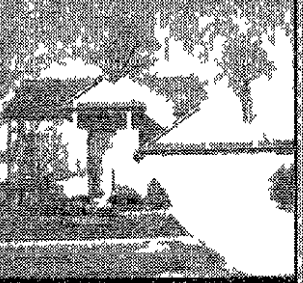









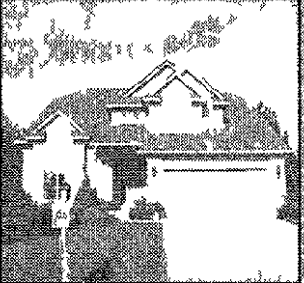







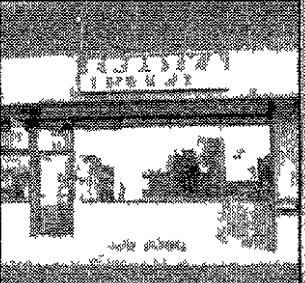

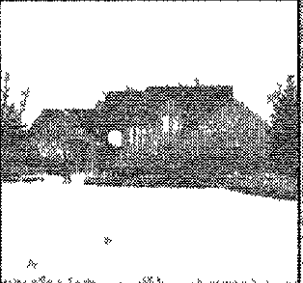
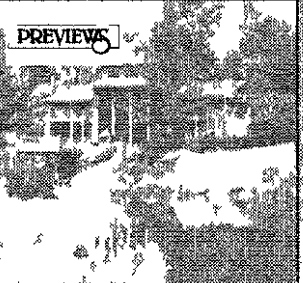

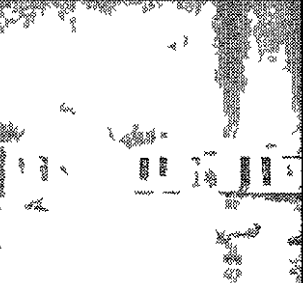







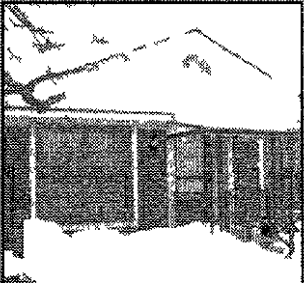
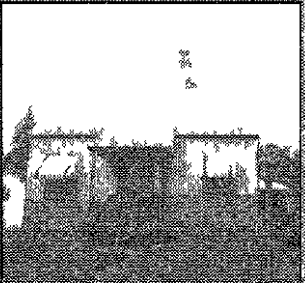






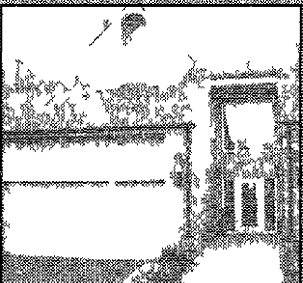



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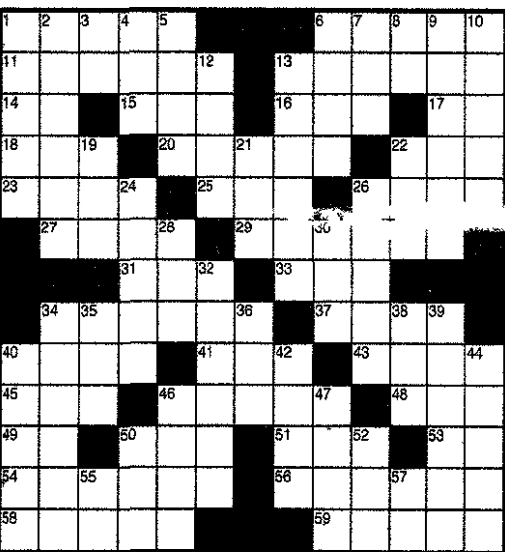
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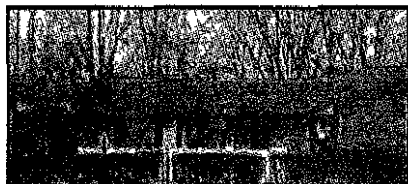


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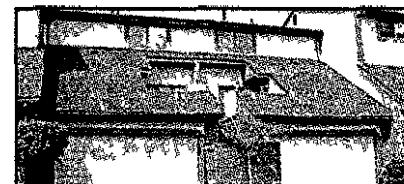
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Large 2 bedroom 2 bath 1.5 car garage w/open updated kitchen w/dish roof electric plumbing roof & siding Formal dining room eat in kitchen basement w/full bath large lot all appliances & freshly painted

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2 bedroom 1 bath ranch roomy living room separate dining room w/Pergo floor updated bath newer kitchen floor 2.5 car garage w/newer roof Vinyl windows

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Stunning 2 BR 2.5 BA condo decorated to perfection & upgraded flooring T/O Delightful kit w/bkfst nook formal Dr LR w/natural flrplc lg MBR w/walk in closet FFL wood deck C/A fin rec rm & heated 2 car gar

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3 bedroom 2 car garage lots of updates full basement dining area w/bow window corner lot Spacious ranch w/ immediate occupancy Hardwood floors Clean & neat Great value

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**PLYMOUTH A Real Charmer**  
Custom built all brick contemporary big lot in little Plymouth Very clean & well taken care of Has built in double ovens newer roof & HWH Unique floor plan in this 2 bedroom 1.5 bath home

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**LIVONIA Pride of Ownership**  
This home has many updates t/o Family room has cozy fireplace w/doorwalk that leads to deck Kitchen has newer counters floor and dishwasher Popular sub w/easy access to everything Not a drive by

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**NOVI For Under \$125,000**  
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**LIVONIA Desirable Kimberly Oak Estates**  
3 bedroom all brick ranch w/full finished basement Open floor plan & huge deck to enjoy private backyard Brand new roof n 2004 Freshly painted throughout Most appliances included

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**WARREN Maintenance Free Brick Ranch**  
3 bedrooms 1.5 baths hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms newer furn C/A HWH & newer kitchen LR w/bay window 2 car garage w/newer roof fenced yard w/playset Walk to elem sch 5 Minutes from I 696

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**DEARBORN HGTS Living At Its Finest**  
Delightful brick ranch offers 3 bedrooms within walking distance of schools churches & rec center charming eat in kitchen 2.5 car w/open

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**DEARBORN HGTS Right Out Of A Magazine**  
Updated & maintained brick ranch w/great curb appeal Neutral decor T/O Hardwood floors under carpet Updated roof w/nyl windows kitchen floor + large finished basement w/gas fireplace patio & 2.5 car gar

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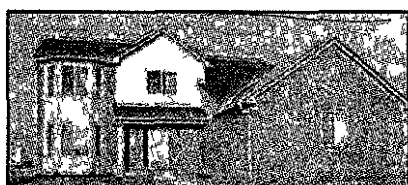
**NORTHVILLE Ranch Condo**  
Beautiful end unit 2 bedroom ranch ground level condo w/cathedral ceilings Private location w/in attached garage Open floor plan Central air & easy living Community pool tennis courts & huge clubhouse

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**NEWPORT Endless Upgrades**  
4 bedroom 2.5 bath built in 2003 offers 3 car attached garage side garage Large corner lot upgrades incl 3 D roof 50 gal HWH 3 ton C/A 200 amp elec large master w/2 WIC cath ceiling bath full basement FR w/frplc

(E96STO) 734 455-5600 \$279,000



**REDFORD Clean Ranch**  
3 bedroom home freshly painted neutral decor newer w/dows steel entry doors & floor ng Some appliances ceiling fans Nice floor plan Screened porch & a 1 year home warranty

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**NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial**  
W/dows home freshly painted neutral decor floors formal LR & DR FR w/replace professionally finished basement w/nyl w/dows kitchen floor + large finished basement w/gas fireplace patio & 2.5 car garage

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**WESTLAND Rare 3 Bedroom Quail Run Condo**  
This one is move in ready Neutral colors throughout Light oak hardwood floors in foyer & kitchen Master bedroom with vaulted ceilings double closets and master bath

(E57QUA) 248 349 5600 \$182,500



**DEARBORN HGTS Spacious 3 Bedroom Colonial**  
2003 built in 2003 offers 3 car attached garage side garage Large corner lot upgrades incl 3 D roof 50 gal HWH 3 ton C/A 200 amp elec large master w/2 WIC cath ceiling bath full basement FR w/frplc

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**GROSSE ILE Elegance At Its Best**  
Spacious custom built 3 bed om 3.5 bath colon on approx 1/2 an acre lot offers 2 car attached garage & finished basement w/bath Updated kitchen w/cor an counter tops furnace C/A & out P us a app 5

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**INKSTER Wonderful Find**  
Brick home in peaceful location Updates include roof furnace HWH vinyl w/dows C/A plumbing driveway & porch All updates are energy efficient Nice fenced yard w/wooded landscaping

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**REDFORD Spectacular Home**  
Great location across the street for Korvette Park Newer w/dows entry doors roof and carpet Appliances included All in this 3 bedroom brick bungalow w/fin shed basement and 2.5 car garage

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**WIXOM Nearly Half An Acre**  
4 bedroom 2.5 bath w/ 3 car garage in prestigious sub Master suite w/cathedral ceiling H's & hers walk in closets & soaking tub Ceramic tile in kitchen & nook Security system In room wired Sprinkler system

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**ORCHARD LAKE House On 2 Sports Lakes**  
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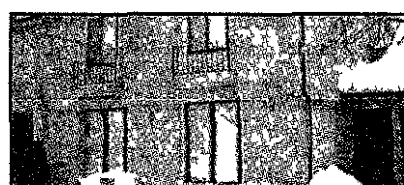
**NOVI Absolutely Stunning Ranch**  
Circle drive open foyer to GR w/marble trimmed triple vaulted ceiling never h/wd fir lib Has built in desk newer kitchen counter & app 5 Dimensions on a roof newer vinyl siding FFL paver patio & pr yard

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Clean & beautifully maintained House w/beautiful yard! 3 bedrooms finished basement garage many updates smart tax Bright & cheerful kitchen Hardwood floors & all appliances

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**NORTHVILLE City Ranch**  
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**GARDEN CITY Wow! Move Right In**  
This 3 bedroom brick ranch has it all! Newer furnace AC air filter copper plumb 200 AMP elec basement kitchen w/2nd bath baseboard heat power generator hook up Clean eat in kitchen great landscape & 980

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**PLYMOUTH Nestled In The Woods**  
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**NOVI Pottery Barn Perfect!**  
Just move into this spacious updated home Numerous updates Included Ceramic entry HW floors carpet fresh paint professionally finished LL w/FR w/FP & office Large LR w/frplc Newer blinds T/O Tennis pool

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**SOUTH LYON Great Home**  
Clean 2 BR 1.5 BA ranch on double lot Third is included Two car detached garage heated porch & deck overlooking wooded yard Some updates newer carpet and kitchen floor Appliances stay Take a look

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**WESTLAND Great Location**  
For this 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch Partially finished basement w/ 5 bath Eat in kitchen & dining area Fully fenced rear yard w/ patio Low maintenance exterior House roof in March of 04

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**DEARBORN HGTS Sprawling Ranch On Double Lot**  
Approx 1500 sq ft 3 bedroom home w/23x32 2 story garage updated windows dining room C/A & kitchen Jacuzzi tub in bath fireplace in living room large kitchen FFL Walk to all schools (0 street 7)

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**NOVI Picturesque Colonial**  
Landscape from Better Homes & Gardens w/brick paver patio w/built in lights hot tub & gazebo perennial gardens 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths finished basement 2 car attached garage & maple kitchen & more

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**NOVI The Best In The West**  
Convenient location to x way & shopping! Awesome 2 BR ranch condo only attached by garage Everything's been done maple kit bath HW flrs furnace windows Lots of storage Open flr plan w/vaulted ceiling

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**LIVONIA Super Sharp Ranch**  
Beautifully decorated & immaculately clean home with a huge fenced in yard Home boasts hardwood floors cove ceilings custom window treatments newer bath large updated kitchen newer windows and roof

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**PONTIAC Brace Yourself**  
This home will take your breath away Extremely clean and neutral T/O Vaulted ceilings 3 bedrooms 2 baths FFL 2 car attached garage deck finished lower level too Don't hesitate on this home Quick occupancy too

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**DETROIT Great Home!**  
3 bedroom vinyl ranch offering partial finished basement 2 car garage newer furnace windows electric & roof Above ground pool w/deck All this as a great price

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**PLYMOUTH Live Downtown**  
Historic 4 bedroom 1.5 bath colonia w/all modern updates Hardwood floors t/o large family room w/brick fireplace partially finished basement open kitchen w/appl ances large fenced yard w/newer deck

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**LIVONIA Location! Location!**  
Exceptional lot on cul-de-sac Newer wood flrs 5 BA lead glass entry door doorwall roof tear off gutters kit floor & counters Huge FF laundry could be library Lg MBR ste WIC & full BA Bsm w/glass block Deck

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**CANTON Meadowbrook Colonial**  
Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home w/2 car attached garage full basement step up master suite hardwood floors family room w/replace bay w/dows vaulted ceilings professionally landscaped lot

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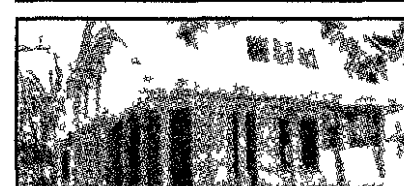
**CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005**  
New construction On approx 1 acre lot w/4 bedrooms 3.5 baths 4 car attached garage fireplace in both great room & library Large kitchen w/bay nook area Adm red 2 staircase layout 2 story foyer full basement

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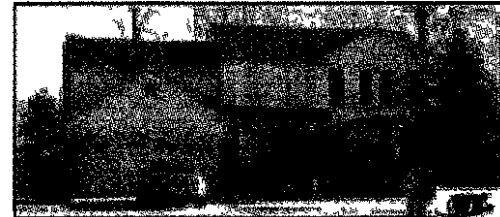
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GORGEOUS COLONIAL 3 BR 3 5 BA, loft overlooking family room w/cath ceilings Step down to your luxurious mstr ste Beautiful finished basement w/full bath Nice landscpng w/sprinklers (24153309) \$279,900



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NEWER RANCH 1989 built, 3 BR/2 BA, ranch w/fplc cathedral ceilings, skylgts, MBR & full bsmt (24063105) PC070402 \$225,900



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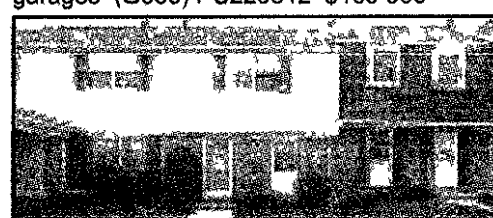
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CMPLTY UPDTD HOME A beautiful kit & prvt elegant mstr ste are just two of the updates in this mint condition 3BR 3BA bungalow Walk to elementary & high schools 348-6430 (25007432) \$159,900



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CHARMING BUNGALOW Updtd kit cab & countertops newer wndws, furnace & c/a newer roof, copper plumbing, gar door & deck Close to park w/trails picnic & play area 349-6200 (25003712) \$135,900



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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING! 2 BR condo w/bsmt 1 5 BA, Novi schools Seller offering concessions to buyer Immediate occupancy Small FR leads to private patio (23O24643) \$129,643



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UPDATED RANCH Well cared for 3 BR, 1 5 BA home w/nat'l fplc Newer roof, gutters, bath oak kit cab Refin d hdwd flrs fin bsmt w/ lav 2 5 car gar & fenced yard 349-6200 (24155688) \$124,900



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OPEN FLOOR PLAN RANCH Newer windows fresh paint and an updated bath makes this 1,200+ SF ranch special Ad your personal touches This one is unique Come and see (C309) \$99,900

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4 BR 2 5 BA BRK COLONIAL Lrg eat-in kit formal DR lib w/custom dual workstation Mstr w/BA & WIC fin bsmt tereed deck 50AC commons w/tennis & more 24098383 \$314,990

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4 BR BRICK BUNGALOW full bsmt gar & large corner lot Home features formal DR deck fenced yard and rose garden Hurry! 25004830 \$119,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
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**WESTLAND** 734-591-9200  
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**FLAGSTAR BANK**  
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Flagstar Bank a national mortgage lender is looking for Loan Officers for its Farmington Hills Loan Center. These candidates must have a minimum of 1 year experience with a lead generated mortgage company/call center. Must be able to make 100+ dials per day. Flagstar offers a competitive commission structure and excellent benefits including medical dental 401(K) and stock purchase plan. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity please fax your resume to 949 736 1847  
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**SHIFT MANAGER & DELIVERY PERSON**  
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Farmington area church seeking a part time professional self starter to run the office & perform secretarial & receptionist duties. Fax resume to 248 684-4867

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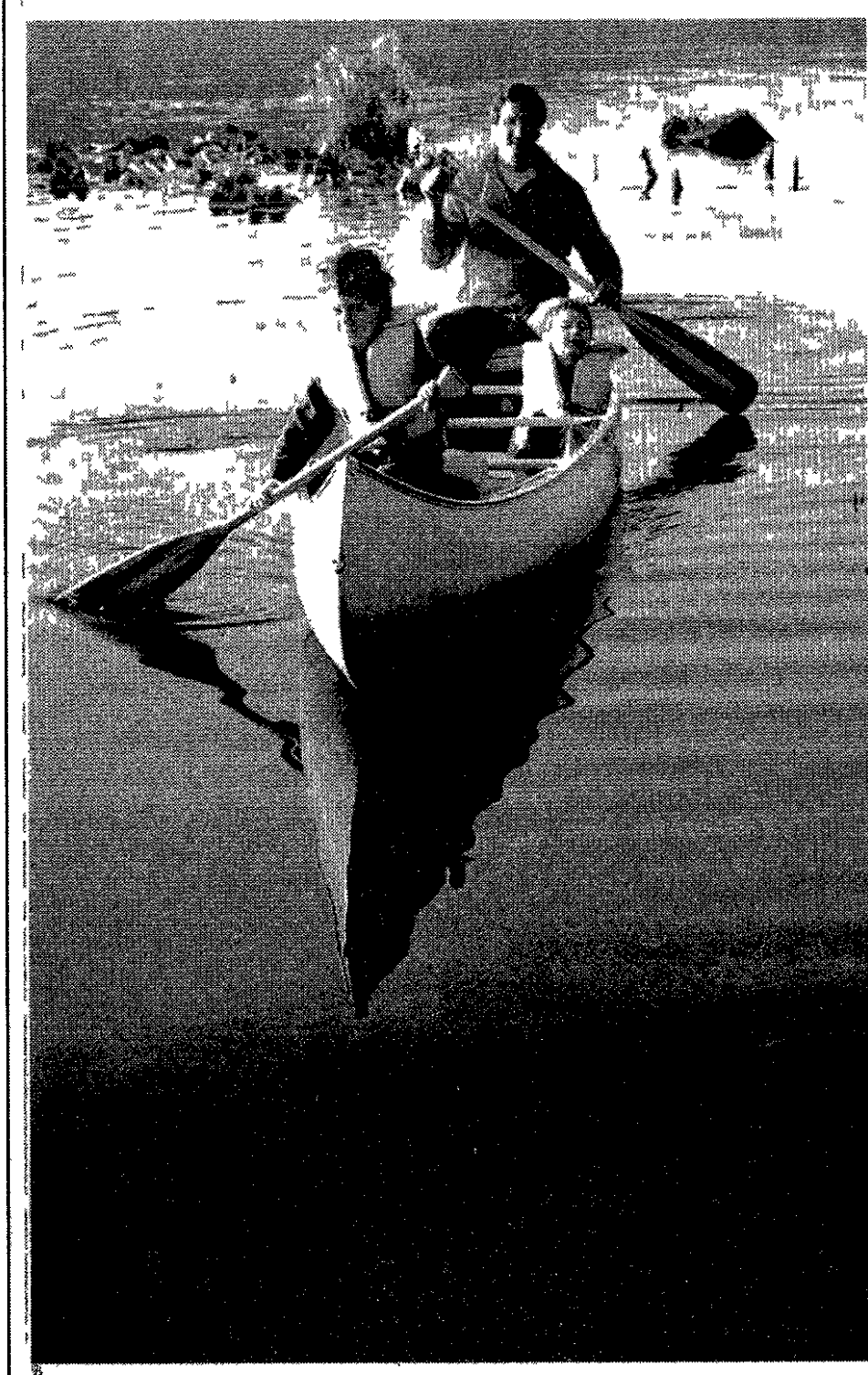
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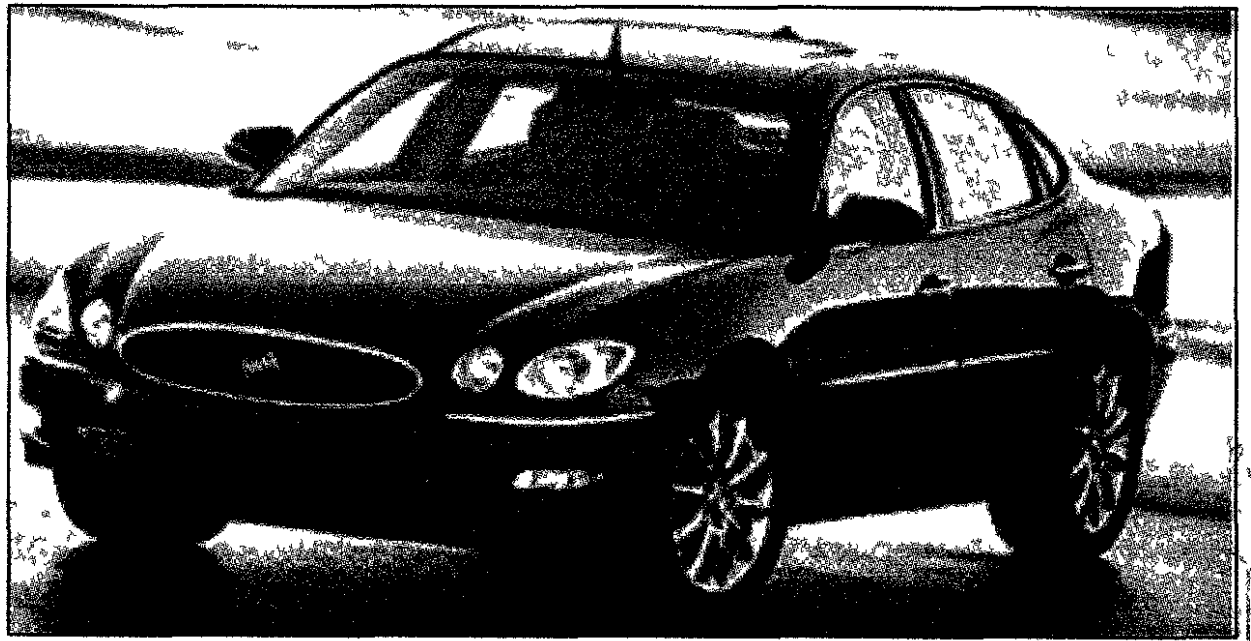
When Honda and Toyota came up with their versions of light sport-utility vehicles several years ago, with the CR-V and the RAV4 respectively, the two Japanese automakers not unexpectedly hit the nail on the head. Now that the entries in the category have proliferated recently, Honda is still doing things 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,



The Buick LaCrosse CXL gets 19 mpg in the city and a nifty 27 mpg on the highway.

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 optimal 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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# Hot Ticket

# Come back to Sesame Street

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Did you know that Big Bird is only 6 years old? Elmo is just 3 The Count is 1,832,647 years old, and Snuffleupagus is 4

Big Bird loves writing poetry Elmo idolizes Bert & Ernie Oscar loves rainy days and anchovy milkshakes, and Grover likes to right the world's wrongs

Do you remember those details from Sesame Street?

It's been on America's airwaves since 1969, and has been a theatrical show touring the nation for 25 years

And it's back live on stage for a huge 25th anniversary show that's aimed at kids and those of us who grew up visiting our friends on Sesame Street

*Sesame Street Live, Out of this World* is coming to the Fox Theatre Feb 4-13 It's a new production for Detroit

The zany live show is about an average day on Sesame Street when Terry, the street's fix-it girl, and her Muppet pals, teach Martians about life on Earth

For example, in Kuwait, Sesame Street is called Iftah Ya Sumsim In Israel, it's Rechov Sumsum In Poland, it's Ulica Sezankowa and in Indonesia, it's Boneka Sesame The cute, wacky characters will teach world lessons like that during the show

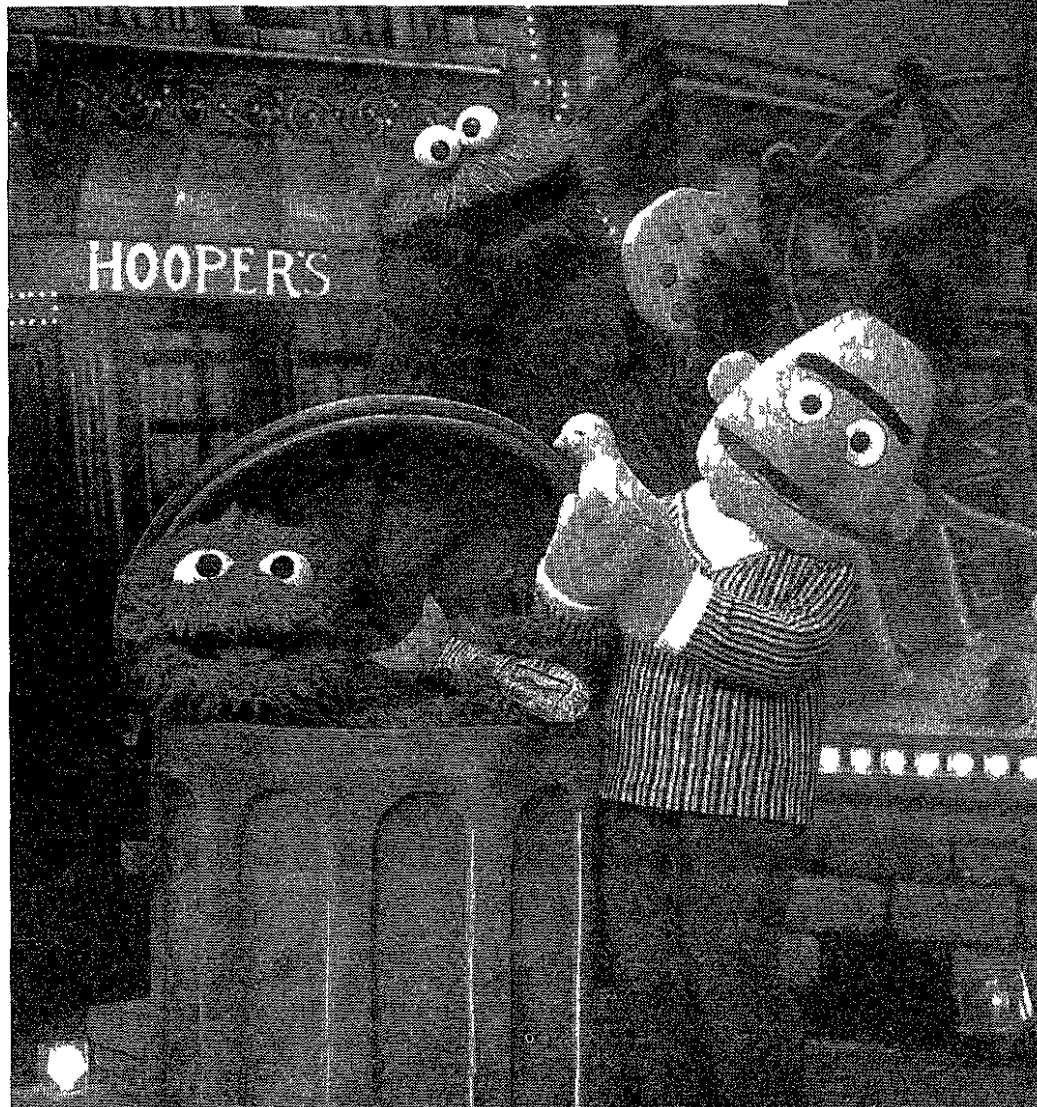
That's the success of Sesame Street It blends fun with education

"Parents enjoy it as a learning tool and the kids really have fun," said Lee Henderson of *Sesame Street Live*

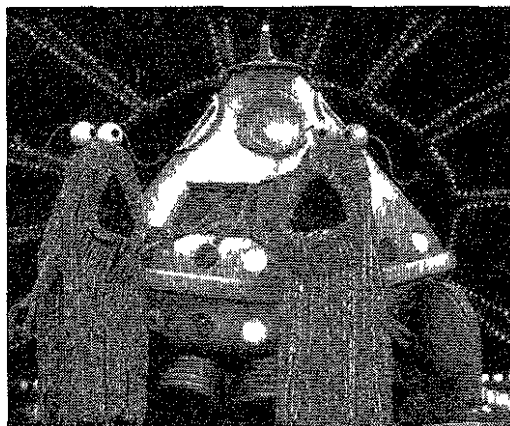
"The kids don't feel tricked into learning They don't think The Count is trying to teach them, he's just counting because that's what he does"

*Out of this World* tackles global issues

The characters teach Martians about the world and we learn that whether we're human or a Muppet, we're all still Earthlings,"



The Cookie Monster, Oscar Bert and the rest of the Sesame crew will have fun with Martians during the show



The Martians spaceship breaks down on Earth While it's being repaired, Muppets teach them about Earth life in the performance of *'Sesame Street Live Out of this World*

said Henderson The live show lets audiences learn new things about their favorite character Did you know the Cookie Monster has five fingers on each hand?

But most other Muppets have just four - except Big Bird who has only three

Elmo's pet goldfish is named Dorothy Bert has only one eyebrow The address of Sesame Street is 123 Sesame Oscar's best friend is a worm The Count's full name is Count von Count and the only dog on the street is named Barkley

It's all wonderfully weird enough to intrigue adults and their kids

## SESAME STREET LIVE, OUT OF THIS WORLD

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## Big Screen

# 'Aliens of the Deep' dazzling beauty underwater

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

James Cameron goes down with the ship, again, in *Aliens of the Deep*, his latest 3-D IMAX extravaganza now playing at the Henry Ford in Dearborn

The *Titanic* director, who previously married his loves of filmmaking and underwater exploration in the 2003 documentary *Ghosts of the Abyss*, takes his high-tech toys and a team of scientists and dives deep one more time

The results are frequently dazzling and sometimes even amusing, especially when creatures jump out at you from the screen. Chunks of coral jut toward your face, and a jagged monstrosity that one researcher describes as "the ugliest fish in the world" seems to swim right into your lap. And it has feet!

(To make the three-dimensional effect work, you have to

wear enormous plastic glasses that will make you and everyone else in the theater look like former Paramount Pictures chief Robert Evans, but it's worth the embarrassment.)

Other life forms are far more beautiful, both for their mystery and for the astonishingly sharp way in which they're shot. A translucent jellyfish-looking thing — even the scientists admit they have no idea what it is — bobs and weaves in a way that recalls the dancing plastic bag from *American Beauty*. A pastel pink creature (which might be an octopus — who knows?) floats like a delicate ballerina through the deep ocean, and scads of shrimp swarm around chimneys that spew ultrahot water.

It's all fascinating, and it makes you wish the film lasted longer than 47 minutes.

Cameron intended the film to be visually arresting, but he also compiled his crew of marine

biologists and astrobiologists to prove that underwater expeditions are crucial for preparing to study the solar system. Life forms exist in unknown, underwater places on Earth where no sunlight has ever shone, and yet they thrive. Couldn't this be true on other planets, as well?

That's an excellent point, but one that he and his researchers reiterate a few times too many. Yes, the work they're doing is mind-boggling and important, but sometimes the images alone are more than capable of speaking for themselves.

At the same time, it would have been helpful to know a little more about some of the creatures they encounter 3,000 feet (900 meters) under the sea, and to know where in the world they are.

And we could have done with less Cameron on camera, rallying his troops and navigating unknown oceans worlds from the cockpit of his glassed-in bubble.



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Submersible Pilot Tym Catterson (left to right), Loretta Hidalgo (Space Generation Foundation President center), ROV Bot 1 (aka "Jake," right) in 'Aliens of the Deep'

Here's a typical comment from the Oscar-winning director: "I'm Jim Cameron and here's the deal: I love this stuff."

And we know that, and it's hard not to appreciate his enthusiasm, but a truism of reality TV

applies here, too: Regular people who we can relate to can be more compelling than big-name stars.

*Aliens of the Deep*, a Walt Disney Pictures release, runs 47 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

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## 'Hide and Seek' better lost than found

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE  
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What is Robert De Niro thinking?

The question is being posed not with condescension or derision — though that's probably how it sounds — but with curiosity and concern.

When he makes a movie like *Hide and Seek* — essentially a B-horror flick with the benefit of a high-quality cast — is he doing it for a change of pace? He's turned to comedy in recent years from the films (*Taxi Driver*, *Raging Bull*) that defined his esteemed career early on. Maybe he felt the need to mix things up again after playing the pent-up gangster shtick of the *Analyze This* movies and the pent-up retired CIA agent shtick of the *Meet the Parents* movies.

He made a similar choice with last spring's sci-fi bomb *Godsend*, in which he played a doctor who helped a couple clone their child. Maybe he sees something in these projects that the rest of us don't.

Certainly the first two thirds of this generically titled thriller are engrossing enough, chock full of good, old-fashioned scary movie images and ideas. Director John Polson, who also directed the high-school stalker movie *Swimfan*, concocts a sort of horror flick greatest hits in working with Ari Schlossberg's script.

De Niro plays New York City psychologist

David Callaway, who takes his daughter, Emily (Dakota Fanning), to a dinky town upstate after the suicide of his wife (Amy Irving). David and Emily move into a rambling Victorian home with creaky doors and hardwood floors, surrounded by dark woods and blanketed in perpetual cloud cover. Creepy neighbors stop by with homemade preserves or to drop off extra keys in the middle of the night, and the sheriff (Dylan Baker) personally patrols every home and but still finds time to write parking tickets.

Hoping to start over, David becomes friendly with cute divorcee Elizabeth (Elisabeth Shue) and hopes that Emily will come out of her frequently stoic state to make new friends, too.

What he doesn't realize is that Emily does have a buddy. His name is Charlie. Charlie is fun like mommy. Charlie does not want daddy to be happy. David assumes this is an imaginary pal, the manifestation of her grief. His protegee, Katherine (Famke Janssen), who's Emily's psychologist back in the city, agrees. Then the bodies start piling up. Emily, in her small, eerie voice, blames them on Charlie. De Niro is forced to say and do things that an actor of his stature should not have to say and do.

*Hide and Seek*, a Twentieth Century Fox release, runs 105 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.



# 'Flesh for the Beast' is mildly tasty

Despite the abundance of gore that is reflected routinely in this column, I do try to keep a sense of decorum. That's why you will never read a review of, say Jodorowsky's *The Beast*, on these pages.

That is what makes it rather difficult to approach *Flesh for the Beast* — no relation to *The Beast* — which I found while lurking the shelves of Thomas Video in Clawson.

*Flesh for the Beast* is a tale of a haunted house of ill repute, to put it genteelly. A group of dumb but well-meaning psychic researchers comes at the invitation of the owner to the Fisher



**Beyond Bad**

Greg Kowalski

mansion (no, not the one in Detroit) to uncover its secrets. Owner John Stoker is insistent they seek out the demons haunting his house and doubles the salary of the psychic team when the researchers have some second thoughts about roaming its decrepit halls.

So off they go into the dark-

ness. Well, what's the first thing you do as a group when you enter a haunted house? Why, you split up and go your separate ways. That way there will be no chance of anyone being able to aid anyone else when they come up against the evil spirits.

It doesn't make much sense but it does help the story along. For just as quick as you can say "my goodness," the young researchers start bumping into unusual people all over the place. As first, they think these are vagrants who occasionally have taken refuge in the sprawling old house. Sure, vagrants in skumpy nightgowns who could have

served as George's inspiration in the classic *Seinfeld* episode.

But these idiot ghost hunters are taken in by the slinky spirits, with dire results. Tearing out and puking up guts seems to be a recurring theme throughout this film.

One spirit has a treasured toy collection, and when one of the researchers accidentally crushes a prized possession she returns the favor by crushing him to the point that he upchucks his lungs and beating heart.

There are a few plot twists as we learn that Mr. Stoker knows all about the ghosts and really is using the ghostbusters to help

him find a magic medallion, which will allow him to control them, or some such nonsense. I'm not exactly sure why that is important.

And this is a cheap excuse to justify the sex and violence, as if it needed justification.

*Flesh for the Beast* is hardly a great film or even a good film, but if you're in the right frame of mind to waste 90 minutes or so you could do worse. *Meet the Fockers*, for example.

Greg Kowalski has nothing to say about house of ill repute. He can be reached at (248) 901 2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

## NEW DVD RELEASES

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
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*Alien vs. Predator* — Monsters from space go head to head in this cross hybrid that exists solely to wring a few more bucks out of two moribund sci-fi franchises. The premise: The extraterrestrial hunters of *Predator* are using Antarctica as a proving ground for young bucks, who must battle beasts from the *Alien* series in a rite of passage.

Writer-director Paul W.S. Anderson tosses in some puny humans as appetizers. Anderson and co-stars Lance Henriksen and Sanaa Lathan team for one commentary track, while visual- and creature effects overseers provide separate commentary.

The DVD also has deleted footage and a making-of featurette. DVD, \$29.98 (20th Century Fox).

Also out is a new edition of *Predator 2*, starring Danny Glover as a cop whose drug investigation leads him into a showdown with one of the alien hunters.

The two-disc set has commentaries by director Stephen Hopkins and the screenwriters. DVD set, \$19.98 (20th Century Fox).

*Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* — With this sci-fi tale that's part spectacle and all debacle, writer-director Kerry Conran clearly sold Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law and Angelina Jolie a bill of goods that they were getting into an edgy new action franchise.

This incomprehensibly stupid throw-back to old-fashioned heroic serials surrounds the actors with computer-generated props, backdrops and effects to present

a World War II-era world threatened by robots created through a mad utopian vision for a better future. Conran and the effects crew offer commentary, and the DVD has deleted scenes, a collection of behind-the-scenes featurettes and the filmmaker's original six-minute short film that inspired the feature-length version. DVD, \$29.99 (Paramount).

*Monster, Head in the Clouds* — A Charlize Theron double feature. Her Academy Award-winning turn in 2003's *Monster* gets a DVD update, while last year's romantic drama *Head in the Clouds* debuts in a single disc. *Monster* earned Theron the best-actress Oscar as Aileen Wuornos, a highway prostitute who was executed for murdering some of her tricks.

In *Head in the Clouds*, Theron co-stars with Penelope Cruz and Stuart Townsend in the story of a 1930s-era temptress trying to maintain her hedonistic ways as Europe tumbles into conflict.

The two-disc *Monster* set has commentary from writer-director Patty Jenkins, plus deleted and extended scenes. *The Head in the Clouds* DVD includes a making-of featurette. *Monster* DVD set, \$24.96, *Head in the Clouds* DVD, \$24.96 (Sony).

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# Diverse group presents a 'Mosaic' of song

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Erase any stereotype you might have of a youth singing group show

Don't think of a choppy children's recital that you attend because your kid is in it. When you think of the Mosaic Singers, remember they are highly trained classical singers. They train 10 hours a week as a group and practice for many hours on their own.

The Mosaic Youth Group, part of the Mosaic Youth Theatre in Detroit, is a progressive arts project where kids from metro Detroit have the opportunity to hone their musical skills. More than 60 singers will be featured in *Magnificat Mosaic Singers in Concert*, Feb. 4-6 at the Max M. Fisher Music Theatre in Detroit.

The concert will showcase the range and versatility of the singers. They will perform a variety of works, everything from Bach to tunes from Broadway's *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. Half of the show is a cappella. The second half features a three-piece band. The group will also perform *Lean on Me* as a tribute to the

Tsunami victims and *We Shall Overcome* in honor of Black History Month.

"It will be a tribute to the civil rights movement," Artistic Director Kenneth Anderson said, adding the group has

exploded in popularity over the past few years.

"Years ago we had about fifteen singers, today, we have more than 60," Anderson said. "Kids need an artistic home and so many programs are being cut so they find their way here. I also believe there's a growing interest in music in general."

Anderson himself is a former student of the Mosaic Theatre. In 1992 he studied music and voice. It helped him so much creatively that he stayed on to train other musicians.

"The term mosaic is a work of art - different

pieces make up the art but they don't overlap," Anderson said. "That's a wonderful word for our group because it's a tribute to the diversity in this area. Each singer is their own person, yet fits in well with the group."

The singers are very diverse. Come see the hidden talents of metro Detroit.

## MAGNIFICAT - MOSAIC SINGERS IN CONCERT

What: Young people from metro Detroit performing choral, classical and show tunes.  
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday Feb. 4-5 and 3 p.m. Sunday Feb. 6.  
Where: The Music Box located inside the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit.  
Tickets: \$18 per person, \$12 for seniors and students. No kids under five admitted. Call (313) 576-5111 for information.



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# MOTIONS OF MANY

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN DANCE SWEEPS UP MOTOWN

STORY BY NICOLE STAFFORD — STAFF WRITER

AFRICAN-AMERICAN ARTISTS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICAN CULTURE COME TO THE FOREFRONT DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH. BUT IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN DANCE TAKES OVER MOTOWN IN SUCH A SWEEPING WAY. IN FEBRUARY, A NUMBER OF PRODUCTIONS HIGHLIGHTING THE DANCE FORM AND ITS ORIGINS, AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL FORUMS, ARE SLATED.

A Celebration of Contemporary African American Dance scheduled to run Feb. 15-20 at the Detroit Opera House offers a total of six performances while showcasing three pre-eminent dance companies.

In the realm of African American dance, we've always alternated the big dance companies," said Carol Halsted, coordinator of dance at DOH. "My idea was to do something different. I felt that we needed to bring in new blood, some new ideas."

What ultimately emerged was a festival of African American choreography smack in the middle of opera house's 2004-05 dance season.

All the choreographers are African American. And all of the (visiting) companies are established, older companies," said Halsted.

### CLASSIC WORKS

The Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, which is credited with having the largest collection of classic works created by African American choreographers, opens the festival with performances Feb. 15 and 16.

Among the choreographers represented is Detroit native Sir Warren Spears, who recently passed away at the age of 50. Spears attended The Juilliard School on full scholarship and was a member of the highly regarded Alvin Ailey dance company. His featured work, *On the Wings of Angels*, goes up both nights with a memorial reception for Spears following the opening show.

The piece is a tribute to the Tuskegee airmen that follows them from their early training to when they became airborne," said Halsted. "Along the way (Spears) shows the intense camaraderie that developed among these men faced with enemies on two fronts — at home and overseas."

Following Dayton Contemporary is The Philadelphia Dance Company, commonly known as Philadanco. The always innovative, highly athletic contemporary dance

### DANCE FESTIVAL

**WHAT** A Celebration of Contemporary African American Dance featuring Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, The Philadelphia Dance Company and Alonzo King's LINES Ballet.

**WHEN** Feb. 15-20

Dayton Contemporary at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Wednesday

Philadelphia Dance 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. Friday

LINES Ballet 8 p.m. Saturday

2 p.m. Sunday

**WHERE** Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit

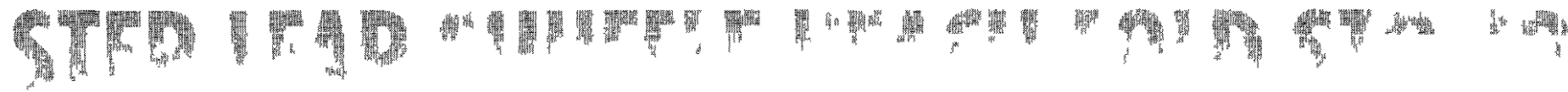
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Dayton Contemporary Dance Company opens the Detroit Opera House's festival of African-American dance. PHOTO COURTESY OF DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

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## DANCE

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company takes the DOH stage Feb. 17 and 18

Philadanco's program entitled 'We Too Dance' explores African American men in the art form and features work by choreographers Eleo Pomare, David Brown, Ronald K. Brown and Christopher Huggins.

The festival's closing performances by Alonzo King's LINES Ballet, slated Feb. 19-20, is a study in contrast. Aesthetically, LINES, a contemporary company, is firmly rooted in the classical ballet tradition. For the DOH festival, they're performing a multimedia work that recreates what choreographer King has dubbed 'Pre-Blues.' The piece is set to rarely heard, non-produced recordings of music by legendary jazz musician and composer Pharoah Sanders and interweaves film and photographic images.

Each of the companies themselves are very different, said Halsted. That's what's going to be interesting to see.

Exposing audiences to the breadth of contemporary African American dance is what's so exciting about the DOH festival and related events, said Ben Johnson, director of education and audience development for the University Musical Society.

## HIP HOP

For its part, UMS is hosting the hip hop dance ensemble Rennie Harris Puremovement Feb. 11-12 at the Power Center in Ann Arbor.

Harris emerged from the Philadelphia hip hop scene and through his dance company and teachings seeks to preserve the form's authentic cultural roots. The group's UMS performance, entitled 'Facing Mekka,' not only explores African roots in the hip hop movement but also dance as a spiritual journey. The closing solo features Harris in performance. Even enthusiasts under-

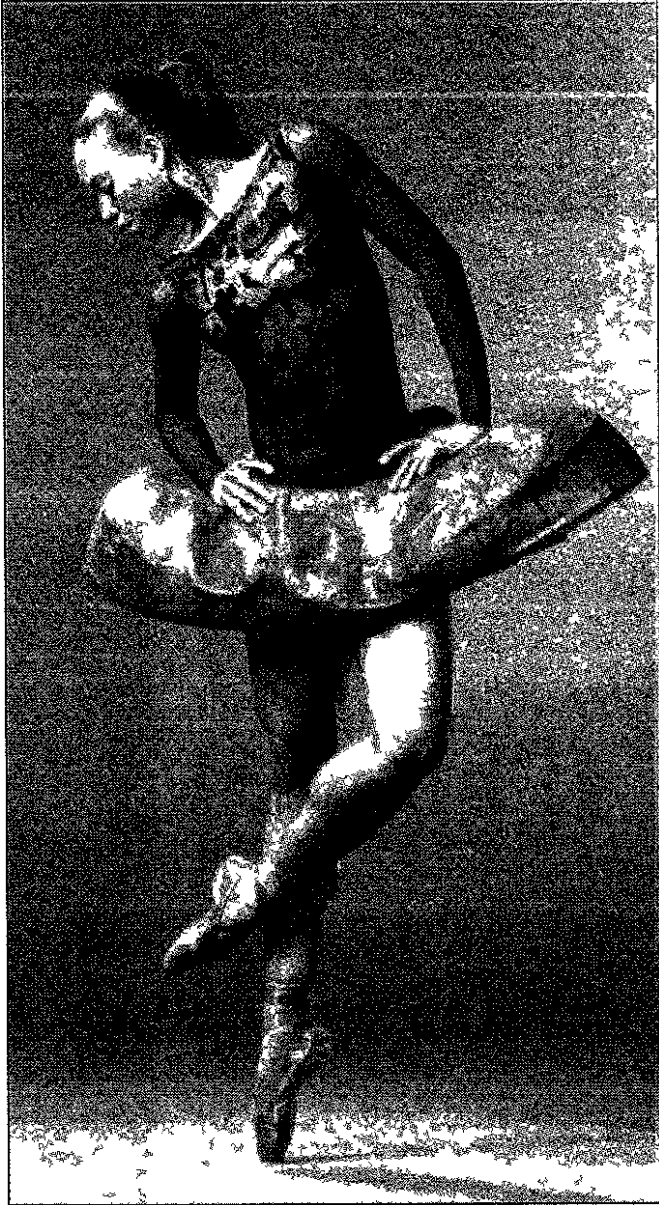


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Alonzo King's LINES Ballet presents 'Before the Blues,' a contemporary ballet set to rarely heard recordings by jazz musician and composer Pharoah Sanders.

estimate the complexity of African American dance in the United States today, Johnson said, adding the upcoming bevy of productions is truly an opportunity to learn about the form's current evolution.

And the companies who are coming really represent the best of

what's going on in African American dance, he said. There's this real deep diversity within each company. These are really strong artistic voices all contributing to the dance form in America today.

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## REAL HIP HOP

**WHAT:** Hip hop dance group Rennie Harris Puremovement presents 'Facing Mekka.'

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 11-12.

**WHERE:** Power Center, 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor.

**TICKETS:** \$18-\$40. Call the University Musical Society at (734) 764-2538 or outside the area code at (800) 221-1229 or visit [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

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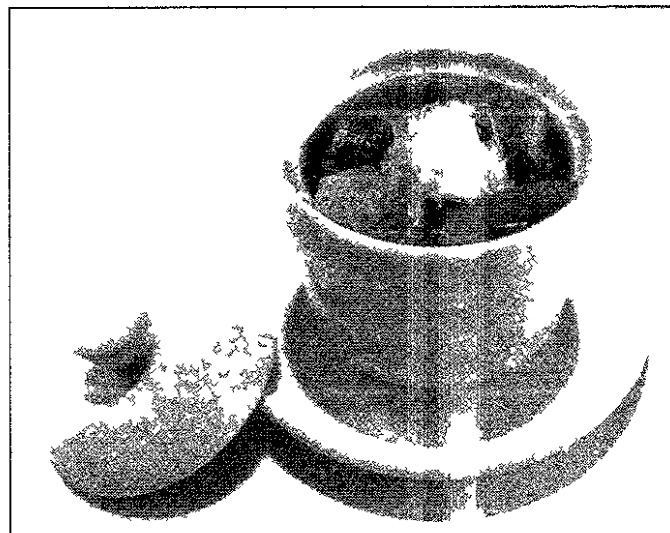
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BY ELEANOR HEALD  
 CORRESPONDENT

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**YEAR OF THE ROOSTER**

The Chinese lunar calendar names years after an animal. Legend indicates that before his earthly departure Buddha summoned all animals to come to him. Only 12 came. As a reward he named a year after each in the order that they arrived.

The Chinese believe the animal ruling the year in which a person is born has a significant influence on personality. This year it's the rooster and such people are said to be very observant, accurate and make pre-



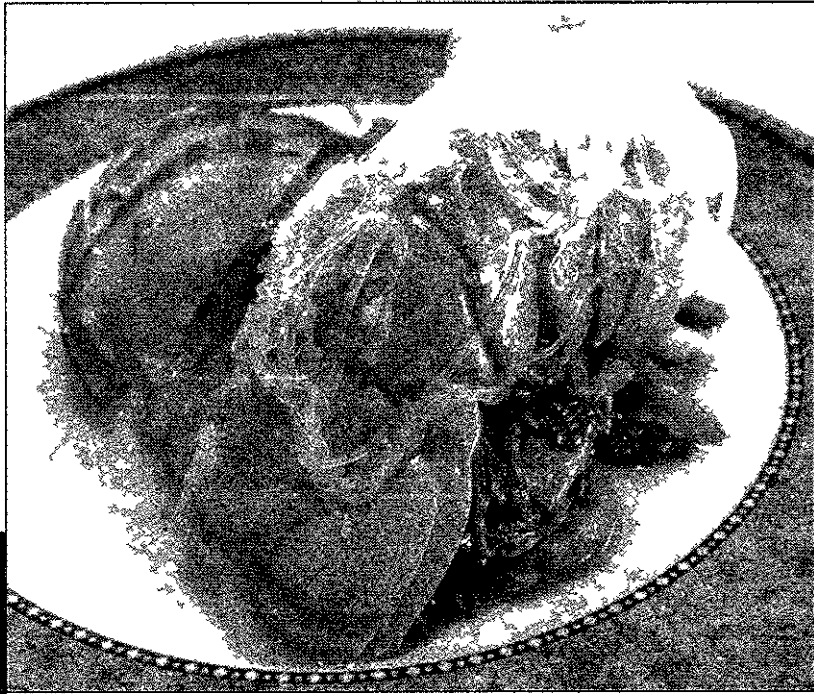
dictions. However, a rooster likes to be noticed and flattered. With this in mind, a rooster person may dress slightly flashy yet is conservative at heart.

The principal rooster virtue is loyalty. So rooster folks make devoted friends. You are a rooster if you were born in 1921, 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981 or 1993.

**WHERE TO CELEBRATE**

This year marks the first Chinese New Year celebration at the new Asian Delights in Royal Oak. On Sunday, Feb. 6, at \$40 per person, owner Bill Yee plans a 10-course dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations with a non-refundable deposit are required by Friday, Feb. 4. Some special dishes include a shrimp bowl, five appetizer plate, seafood soup, Chinese fried chicken, a sweet and





Top left, Buddha Jump Over the Wall is a seafood soup with shark fin, sea cucumber, lobster, crab, and abalone At left Hong Hua's shrimp salad Above Steamed Lobster Tail with Noodle and Garlic Sauce

sour cup made from edible spring roll wrapper and filled with sweet and sour ingredients, a fish course and concluding with a sweet soup as dessert

During the week of Feb 7-12 Asian Delights will offer six dishes not regularly on the menu at a fixed price of \$25 per couple

At Shangri-La, owner Nancy Chan launches celebrations Tuesday, Feb 8, and will run a special menu daily 6:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. through Sunday, Feb 13 At 7 p.m. Saturday Feb 12 special menus will be accompanied by traditional festivities including the lion dance

A four-person, five-course menu is \$98 per table For six there's six courses for a table price of \$188 and for 10 people, nine courses run \$388 per table For one or two people the chef will prepare any one of his eight New Year's specials starting at \$12.95 for bean curd skin roll with golden mushrooms or barbecued squab to Peking duck at \$29.95

On Wednesday, Feb 9 at Hong Hua, revelry begins outdoors at 6:30 p.m. with the lion dance and fire crackers A multi-course dinner indoors at \$88 per person will begin at 7 p.m. with an appetizer buffet that includes rock oysters, sushi, spring rolls, shrimp toast, crab wontons, BBQ ribs, BBQ pork and more A soup course follows Chef Peter Chan will also serve sea cucumber with Asian mushrooms

steamed live lobster with garlic, braised lamb shank, panfried sticky rice and braised noodles with crab meat The meal concludes with a dessert buffet, then karaoke with live music begins at 9 p.m. Reservations are required

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## NEW YEAR

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At 9 p.m. the lion dance, accompanied by the traditional firecrackers, begins outdoors then comes inside where the celebration continues with lucky money, magicians and fortune tellers. Cost is \$89 per person (including tax and gratuity). Ticket reservations must be confirmed in advance by cash or credit card. All ticket sales are final. The celebration continues 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, in an adult late-night atmosphere with a DJ, dancing lions and laughing buddhas for a \$5 admission.

At Great Wall of China, owner Sterling Lum indicated that the evenings of Feb. 9-16, a multi-course Chinese New Year's dinner for two is \$33.95. It includes sizzle rice soup, egg rolls, Buddha delight (rice noodle dish with Chinese mixed vegetables), orange chicken, beef broccoli, cashew shrimp and a fresh fruit dessert. According to General Manager Shen

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### NEW YEAR

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Yu, New Peking restaurant in Garden City will offer a 12-course traditional New Year's menu for \$30 per person 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Feb. 7-10. The lion dance and other cultural entertainment will be included nightly. Reservations must be confirmed in advance by a non-refundable \$10 per person, confirmed by cash or credit card.

**Eleanor Heald** is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at [efocusonwine@aol.com](mailto:efocusonwine@aol.com).

## Drinkology

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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
CORRESPONDENTS

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



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# Music

## Let Paul Anka stir it up for Valentine's Day

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

If you're hoping to stir up some downright shameless puppy love for Valentine's Day, pop icon and singer-songwriter Paul Anka ought to work.

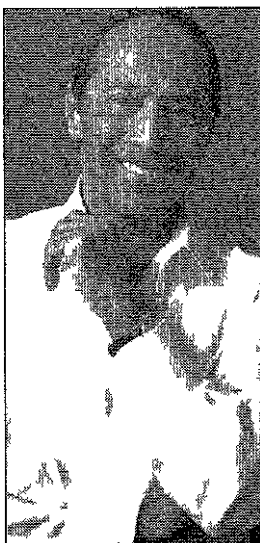
Anka, whose love song *Put Your Head On My Shoulder* became a starry-eyed 1950s hit, performs Friday, Feb. 11, at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Detroit.

The show, which features a 14-piece orchestra, is Music Hall's fifth annual Valentine's Day concert.

What we're doing is a kind of potpourri of songs, Anka said. "Some old, some new."

Of course "old and new" doesn't narrow down the play list much for Anka. In his 45 years in the music business, he's written more than 900 songs with LP and single sales collectively numbering more than 60 million.

Along the way, he composed *My Way* for Frank Sinatra, *She's a Lady* for Tom Jones and *It Doesn't Matter Anymore* for Buddy Holly. His songs have been performed by a diverse selection of heavy-hitting performers, from Elvis Presley to Barbra Streisand to the Sex Pistols.



I'm inspired by the style of the singer and the singer themselves, Anka said of composing songs for other performers, adding that working with Sinatra was one of his most thrilling collaborations.

Another notable project — *The Tonight Show* theme song that Anka created for Johnny

Carson in 1962 — had the icon making a number of unplanned special performances last week following news the legendary talk show host had passed away.

"It feels like they threw away the mold," Anka said of Carson's death. "We go way back."

With three No. 1 hits — *Diana*, *Lonely Boy* and *You're Having My Baby* — plus more than 30 Top 40 hits to the singer-songwriter's credit, the only sure thing

### BE MINE

What: Fifth Annual Valentine's Day Concert performance with pop music icon Paul Anka performing.  
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about Anka's upcoming performance is love, baby, love.

So what's the connection between music and romance in Anka's opinion?

Well, he hopes his crooning works wonders on his audience, but Anka doesn't necessarily let his own music put him in the mood.

"It's the other way around," he said. "Love is the strongest and easiest thing to write to. Love is the most powerful emotion."

OK, so help us stir it up, Paul.

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## Benefit

Since I have taken a less traditional approach to Pure Picks lately you may have missed out on Whirlwind Rock Part I last week The band tastic benefit – literally one band playing a short set right after another – was a special fund raiser for tsunami relief Fear not! **Whirlwind Rock Part II** takes place Friday at two local venues and features a lot of bands with the same all proceeds to those in need promise of last weekend (UNICEF to be exact)

At the Magic Stick will be the Hentchmen the Riots Nice Device the Beggars Slumber Party Bang Bang! The Trembling and more Doors open at 8 p m 18 and up Cover is \$10

At Small's in Hamtramck will be The Demolition Dollrods Detroit City Council Capitol Cities Dollfaces and more Doors at 8 p m All Ages Cover is also \$10

It should be noted that I m really proud of myself for not making a crude reference to a wave of music in this pick

## Local Music

### Outrageous Cherry

draw a lot of labels and comparisons A groovy Dylan A psychedelic Beatles A melodic Velvet Underground heck just the Velvet Underground in general But I think they draw these comparisons because writers are too lazy to actually describe the music I mean what can be easier than

comparing a retro pop group to the pioneers of the genre? As in they sound like this sure everyone in this genre sounds a little like this but they do too!

If you ve ever seen them live you know they are catchy If you ve ever listened to one of their albums you know it s swirling And if you listen to their latest Our Love Will Change the World (Rainbow Quartz) you il hear both sides of OC melting into a freak out fest of greatness Lead singer and songwriter Matthew Smith deserves a lot of credit for his Beach Boys esk compositions (Shoot it s unavoidable!) Around every corner of Our Love addicting hooks lurk and lull Boy girl harmonies wash over you in the way only harmonies can wash when you re speaking rock and roll journalese And maybe it s just cause I tend to listen to more modern music but the record reminds me of the best of Pulp and Sloan – two wonderfully infectiously fuzzed out bands that never get brought up in the OC conversa tion Let s do more of this

Outrageous Cherry will play their record release party Saturday at the Magic Stick Detroit The Avatars and The Pizazz (who by the way will steal your indie rock lovin hearts and need to get a press kit to me ASAP) will open Doors open at 9 p m Cover is \$8 18 and up

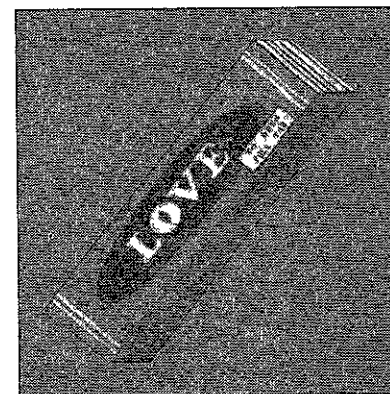
## Free

Hello Stephanie How are you? It's been so long too long the e mail began I have an awesome free show you could put in your column It then went on to describe a free show in the VisTaTech Center basement at Schoolcraft College The **Suburban Sprawl Music showcase** is to feature the pop playings of El Boxeo Javelins the Recital Pop Project and Word Play at 7 p m Friday it stated It bated me with

the words refreshments will be served And then the bottom dropped out Also say something about how awesome my band is so I can put that (word edited for decency) in my press pack Thanks your pal Zach It s a good thing Zach is so adorable and polite in real life Anyway El Boxeo is so awesome they border on radventageous You re welcome



Their future's so bright they have to wear (two pairs of) shades (at the same time) Outrageous Cherry will play Saturday at the Magic Stick



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Walsh College offers business education in the classroom daily but on Saturday March 12 Walsh is offering fine art appreciation in the ballroom at the Hotel Baronette in Novi

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Bart Schneemann, narrator

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John Neschling, music director

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Rackham Auditorium

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PROGRAM (SAT 2/5)

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*Door to Door* by James Sherman through Feb 13 6600 W Maple West Bloomfield (248) 788 2900 www.jettheatre.org

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*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 (313) 868 1347 www.detroitreptheatre.com

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*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott presented by Oakland Theatre Guild 7 30 p m Friday Saturday Feb 4 5 Feb 11 12 4 p m Saturday Feb 5 Feb 12 2 p m Sunday 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

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### Pontiac Theatre IV

Neil Simon's *Rumors* 8 p m Friday Saturday Feb 4 5 Pontiac Northern High School 1051 Arlene (248) 249 7471 or e mail pontiactheatreiv@comcast.net

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### Novi Theatres

*Oliver!* actors ages 7 99 4 6 p m today (children) 2 p m Saturday Feb 5 (adults) 2 p m Sunday Feb 6 (call backs) The Novi Civic Center 45175 W 10 Mile Road Novi (248) 347 0400

### 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.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

### Rosedale Community Players

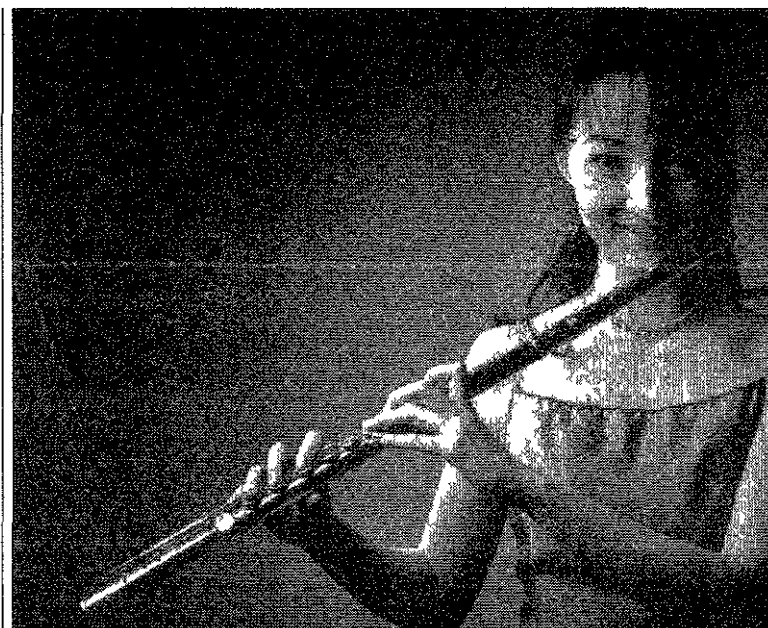
*Self Help* comedy by Norm Foster 2 p m Sunday Feb 6 7 p m Monday Feb 7 Upstage Theater 21728 Grand River (1/4 block east of Lahser Road) Detroit three men and women 25 and older sought (313) 532 4010

### The Henry Ford

Auditions for spring 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 (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



The Cranbrook Music Guild presents Yi-Chun Chen in concert 8 p m Tuesday, Feb 8 in the sanctuary of Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, on the southwest corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook Roads, in Bloomfield Hills Tickets are \$30, call (248) 644-6352 Chen is this year's Betty Brewster Cranbrook Music Guild Scholar She is a graduate student at the University of Michigan, pursuing a master's degree in flute performance All concerts conclude with a traditional afterglow at Christ Church Cranbrook Refreshments will be served

## JAZZ

### Mardi Gras Party

Sponsored by Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club 3 6 p m Sunday Feb 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington Road between Seven and Eight Mile Roads in Livonia Dixieland music by Wally's Warehouse Waifs featuring Dave Bennett on clarinet Bill Meyer piano Dave Tatrow leader and trumpet Keith DeWitt from bone dancing and costumes encouraged refreshments available for purchase \$15 smoke fee room call (248) 476 2674

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### The Ark

Rory Block 8 p m Friday Feb 4 Jack Ingram 8 p m Monday Feb 7 The Sirens 8 p m Tuesday Feb 8 John Berry 8 p m Wednesday Feb 9 316 S Main St Ann Arbor (734) 761 1451 or www.theark.org



# Art

## Erotic events are artistic, poetic

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Sex is the theme at two events taking place in Detroit this month, if that kind of thing makes you nervous, don't read on

We aren't talking about pornography, we're talking art. But then again, who decides?

'Dirty is in the eye of the beholder,' said Jerry Vile, one of the founders of Dirty Detroit, a large, wild erotica art show that's coming to Tangent Gallery in Detroit Feb. 11-15. 'Pornography is designed to stimulate art stimulates us too, but in a different way. The line is blurry and it gets blurrier every day.'

At Dirty Detroit, juried art by more than 200 local and international artists will be displayed. There will be paintings, photographs and sculptures. Erotica movie clips will be aired. Burlesque dancers will perform. 'The dancing will be dirtier than anything Patrick Swayze ever did,' Vile said.

Dirty Detroit began six years ago and has grown so large that this year more than 400 artists submitted work for consideration. The mission of the show is to 'promote, publish and propagate erotic art in all forms.'

One of Vile's favorite artists at the show is Justice Howard, who has photographed celebrities and everyday people in erotic forms. Her works include Jane's Addiction's Dave Navarro licking legs, Mamie Van Doren laying exotically on her star on Hollywood Blvd., and clothed photos of Billy Idol, Marilyn Manson and others.

'Erotic doesn't have to be nude,' Vile said. 'We turned away images of people having hard-core sex because it wasn't erotic. But a photo series we have on feet, it is beautiful.'

### POETRY AND MUSIC

Thousands of people are expected to attend the event.

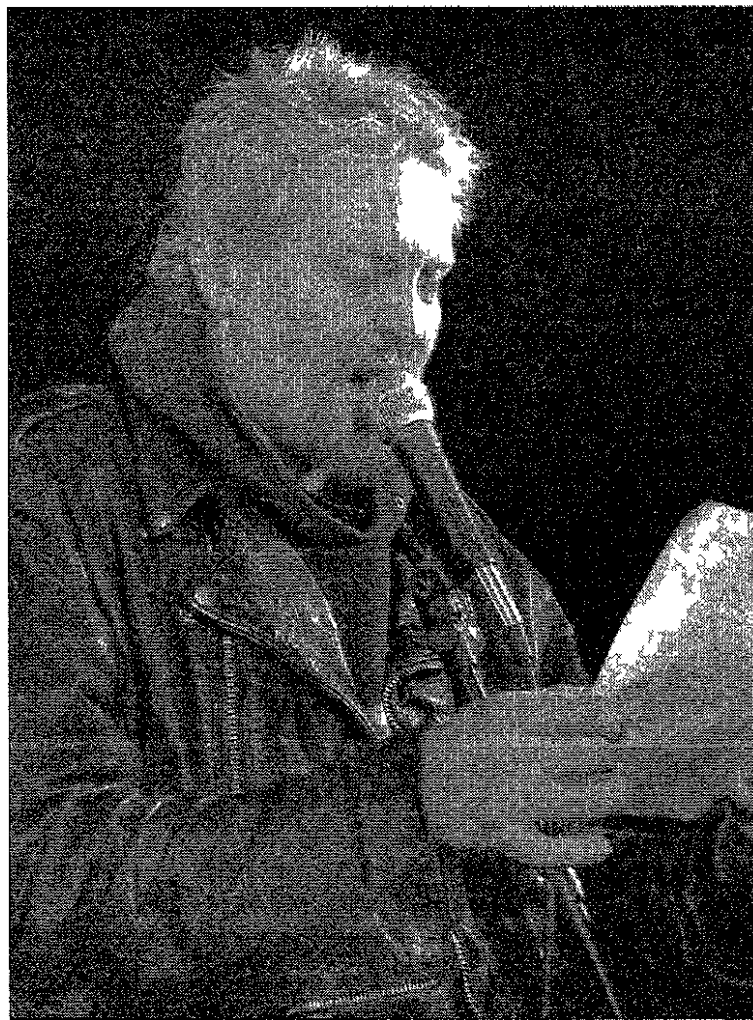
The crowd will be both mainstream professionals, gothic and punk, gay and straight, singles and couples.

They'll come to hear spoken word poetry that ranges from romantic and dreamy to downright raunchy. Sensual music will waft through the air and erotic art will hang on the walls.

The 18th Annual Erotic Poetry & Music Festival will be a week before Dirty Detroit, on Saturday, Feb. 5, at Alvin's in Detroit. The event, presented by Static Records, is a benefit for Paws with a Cause.

'It's always a packed house,' said coordinator Sue Summers of Static. 'The open mic portion is interesting. Some people come with prepared poetry, others go on stage spontaneously if they're inspired.'

Throughout the evening, music and poetry will be alternated on the stage. Some of Detroit's most well-known poets will read, including Jimmy Doom, known for his wild words, and Cmdr. St. German with her no-holds-barred attitude. Also speaking is Dirty Detroit's Jerry Vile (a.k.a. Vic Toledo), plus Scotty Boman, Annie Houston, Ann Holdreth, Kelly Kalls, Christopher Park, Marc Maurus, Angela Michelle, Ellen Hildreth and Lauren, the bare-foot poet' Chiasson.



Legendary local spoken word artist Jimmy Doom will perform at the Erotic Poetry Festival.

Most of the musicians will play acoustic sets except for the electronic band The Twilight Babies. Also performing is Inohs Sivad, Frank Paul, Blair and Gretchen Wolff.

Summers has been leading the Erotic Poetry & Music Festival since 1994. Prior to that it was

handled by former Alvin's owner Bernadette Kurkowski.

'Normally our event is the same weekend as Dirty Detroit, but we moved it because we don't want to compete with each other,' Summers said.

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### 18TH ANNUAL EROTIC POETRY & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sensual live music plus erotic art and poetry 8 p.m. Saturday Feb. 5. 18 & over only at Alvin's 5756 Cass Ave. Detroit (313) 831-4577. Admission, \$8. Partial proceeds benefit Paws with a Cause. For more information call (313) 886-7860 or visit [www.staticrecords.com](http://www.staticrecords.com)

**Bands:** The Twilight Babies, Inohs Sivad, Frank Paul, Blair, Gretchen Wolf.

### DIRTY DETROIT

An erotic art display featuring 200 international artists plus performance artists such as burlesque dancers 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, Saturday Feb. 11-12 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 and noon to midnight Monday, Feb. 14. 21 and over only on Friday and Saturday 18 and over Sunday and Monday at Tangent Gallery, 715 E. Milwaukee St., Detroit in the New Center area, one block south of East Grand Boulevard, one block west of I-75. Admission \$10, tickets available through [www.ver.sopass.com](http://www.ver.sopass.com) or at the door. For more information call (313) 873-2955 or visit [www.dirtydetroit.com](http://www.dirtydetroit.com)

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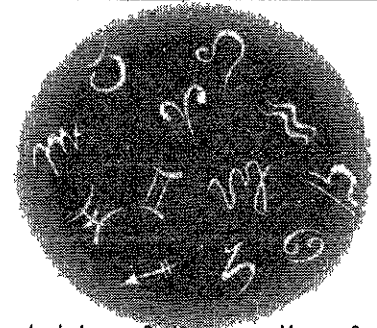
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## Star struck

(Feb 3-6)

By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)



Been some changes money wise Ram? Constant changes? In any year Mars in Capricorn (starting today) tends to make Aries only remember the sad times the losses and disappointments in life. Forget it! Take things at a slower pace and prize your general well being and well fare above all else.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)



The shuttle of life certainly seems to be weaving a very peculiar pattern at the moment for Bull born and in spite of your concern over finances what transpires around Tuesday's New Moon should find you traveling in a completely different direction in your career or home front. Go for new not routine.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)



Accept what is now an offer and be grateful that a long period of frustrations or rejections is finally ending. No doubt you would prefer to challenge those who have aided against you or made mischief but it really would be pointless to carry on a feud. Got it Twin?

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)



Taking a daily inventory of yourself - your finer points as well as failings - contributes to a gradual but sure increase in awareness. Consequently somewhere along the line you are now bound to realize that a conflict either at home or work will only bring out the best in you. You can do it. Moon Kid!

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)



Listen up Leo to imply that there are those who are hoping that you will take a tumble may sound rather far fetched. However the Sun in the most sensitive part of your chart signifies that this is very much a time of power struggles and you simply cannot afford to miss a trick.

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)



Once again Virgo the astro accent is on financial issues and the need to insure that everything is cut and dried. However a New Moon is operating during the early part of the week plus through March and even those with whom you have had long standing dealings are liable to spring surprises! Roll with the punches kiddo.

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)



Now don't get paranoid. Balancer but keep travel plans to an absolute minimum during the next two weeks and allow for delays if you have to be on the move. More than anything else this is very much a time when the winds of change begin to blow at full force on the home front. Ride out the pre spring storms.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)



Although you appear to be having second thoughts a pang of conscience or even real regrets current planetary activity still urges you to go the whole hog. Bring pressure to bear on those who have misinformed or misled you over a very personal or professional issue. Scorpi! Your value as a human being cannot be measured by man made scales.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)



Much depends on how you convey your thoughts or feelings this week. Sadge. Many planets now in your sign tends to put others on the defensive and inclined to overdramatize difficulties. Therefore delay important meetings or discussions rather than lose the goodwill of those you need. Stay calm Archer.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)



What seemed like a reversal or failure should now prove to be a blessing in disguise. However more than anything else you must capitalize on a fantastic aspect to your ruling planet Saturn this week to demand the kind of recognition or acceptance you seek - and deserve. Examine what's behind the scenes.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)



Your natural empathy with the needs of others sometimes dictates that you neglect your own. Water Bearer. The Sun in your sign focuses on your path to enlightenment and happiness. Kid you must stop compromising what you know is right for you. Now! Change is often for the better.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)



You have withheld a difference of opinion for long enough. Fish! Today's Mars change means that it's best to speak. Remember not everyone sees life from your vision or perspective. Keeping peace is not as vital as maintaining your independence. Right? Through adversity there is always strength.

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