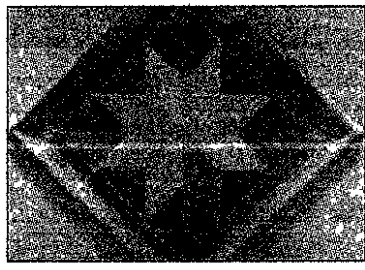


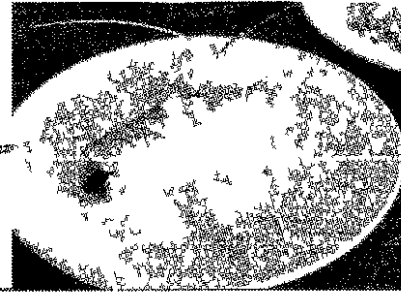
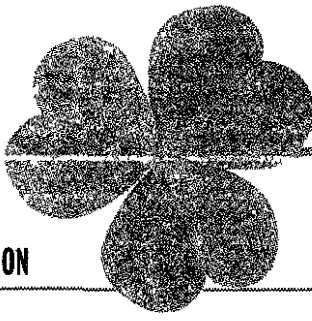
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## Firefighters picket to protest benefit cut

Board: Contract being followed in decision to reduce pay, health care

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Firefighters for the Plymouth Community Fire Department aren't happy that one of their own has had his pay and benefits cut while trying to recover from a severe injury he suffered in the line of duty.

And Tuesday night, those firefighters - and others from around the metro area - let the township board and the public know about it, picketing town-

ship hall for two hours prior to Tuesday's board meeting.

It was all prompted by the township's decision last month to stop the pay and benefits of firefighter Scott Gross, injured while using the 'jaws of life' to extricate an unconscious woman from a car accident in August 2002.

"Firefighting is a dangerous job and everyone here understands what it means to risk their lives," said Dan Phillips, president of the firefighters'

local union. They've taken a hard-working guy, kicked him to the curb and said, 'Come back when you're better.'

But board members say all they're doing is following the contract ratified by both the union and the township just a few weeks ago. A clause in that contract allows the township to cut off pay and benefits after one year and offer the firefighter 'the right to pay premiums for health insurance.'

In fact, board members point

out they've maintained Gross' pay and benefits for twice as long as the contract mandates.

"We've honored the contract and gone beyond what the contract requires in pay and benefits," said trustee Steve Mann, who was supervisor when Gross was originally injured. While unwilling to go into detail because of laws governing the release of medical information,

PLEASE SEE **FIREFIGHTERS, A4**



Bill Blachar of unit 1206 in Redford walks an informational picket line with other firefighter union members outside the Plymouth Township Hall complex Tuesday.



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PCEP Wind Ensemble member Evan Winter plays during the preview concert put on by the band prior to their trip to Indianapolis.

## Wind ensemble blows into Indy

Performance earns band a trip to national festival

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Wind Ensemble is one of only 19 high school concert bands and percussion ensembles selected nationwide to perform this weekend at the 14th annual Bands of America National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis.

The 54-member P-CCS Wind Ensemble was chosen last year when the group submitted a 12-minute CD of one of its performances. The celebration of musical excellence is considered one of the country's most prestigious concert band festivals.

The National Concert Band Festival is a noncompetitive

event where students play for and listen to performances from their highly touted peers, as well as receive instrument classes from some of the finest musicians in the world.

"We're really looking forward to it," said Kavita Srivastava, 17, of Plymouth Township, whose specialty is the oboe. "We're expecting to meet a lot of other really, really good bands and just have fun playing and listening to other people."

John Magnusson, 17, a senior from Plymouth, said this year's wind ensemble is a talented group.

"Last year we had a strong program, and a lot of seniors," said Magnusson, who plays tuba. "Our performance last year was incredible, and practice this year

was hard because we had to live up to last year's legacy."

"We want to get there and show what we've got in front of people who will appreciate our performance," he said. "Performing in front of parents is fine, but they don't have the knowledge the professionals we'll play in front of have."

P-CEP music teacher Marc Whitlock admitted that after a number of seniors graduated, it took awhile for this year's group to get it together.

At the beginning of the year, we were a little rough out of the gate," said Whitlock. "These kids have stepped up to the plate."

It's the second time Plymouth-Canton has been represented at

PLEASE SEE **BAND, A4**



PCEP Director of Bands Marc Whitlock directs the band in their preview concert held at Plymouth High School, prior to departing for the National Concert Band Festival sponsored by Bands of America.

## Penn friends eye second act for theater

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A preservationist group trying to save the Penn Theatre believes it may have the inside track in purchasing the movie house after meeting with two local businessmen who bought the vacant theater last March.

The meeting (Tuesday) was very favorable and a lot of options were discussed," said Jennifer Philpot-Munson of Friends of the Penn. "The owners are being very cooperative with us. They're very happy with saving it. They don't want to tear it down."

Philpot-Munson's group wants time to raise up to \$2 million, an amount they believe will be enough to purchase the 64-year-old theater from Chris Knight and his business partner, Pat Tortora, with money left over for renovations.

"There's more of a push to keep it as a movie theater with mixed use, like showing art movies, classics, second-run movies and live children's entertainment during the day," said Philpot-Munson. "We need to update the utilities,

PLEASE SEE **PENN, A5**

## District eyes buyout as cash-saving move

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education is considering a buyout plan for teachers in an effort to reduce the amount of money paid out in salaries, thereby alleviating some financial pressure on a revenue-starved budget.

"There's a fine line in wanting to pay your employees as much as you can," said Superintendent Jim Ryan, "versus our fiduciary responsibility to look at the short- and long-term budget picture so the district remains viable in the future."

The object of a buyout is to offer an incentive for teachers with seniority, who generally are at the top of the pay scale, to leave the district, making way for the hiring of educators with less experience who are earning less. The result is fewer dollars spent on salaries.

"From where I'm sitting, this is one way for

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**Gallery walk**

ARTFeast is a new gallery walk that not only features galleries in downtown Plymouth, but also a few off-site locations, as well. The event takes place May 13-15 with more than 20 participating locations in and around downtown Plymouth.

It will feature art, music and food. The first-time event includes galleries and shops in downtown Plymouth, and will also feature the new Glassworks studio, the Plymouth Community Arts Council gallery and the Village Potters Guild. Artists will be present for the Friday, May 13 opening from 6-9 p.m., some artists will be available for the entire weekend.

The event runs 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 14, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 15. For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

**Stylish stepping**

First Step, Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual Violence, will be looking for support when its annual 'Stepping Out in Style' fund raiser takes place from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at Parisian Laurel Park Place.

The event, sponsored by the Zonta Club of Farmington/Novi, includes private shopping, discounts of 20 percent and more, live entertainment, free food and drinks and a raffle featuring a \$500 shopping spree and a \$500 cash prize.

Parisian Laurel Park Place is located near I-75 and 6 Mile. Tickets are available in advance by contacting the Zonta Club, (734) 414-0553, or they're also available at the door.

**Toning seminar**

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts 'Toning, Energizing and Stretching' at 1:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, at the

Plymouth Cultural Center. Guest speaker for the event will be Maureen Frisbie. Newcomers are always welcome, refreshments following the meeting.

The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer. For more information, call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

**Arthritis talk**

The Plymouth Cultural Center plays home to a seminar at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16 for people of any age who want to remain active and pain-free into their senior years.

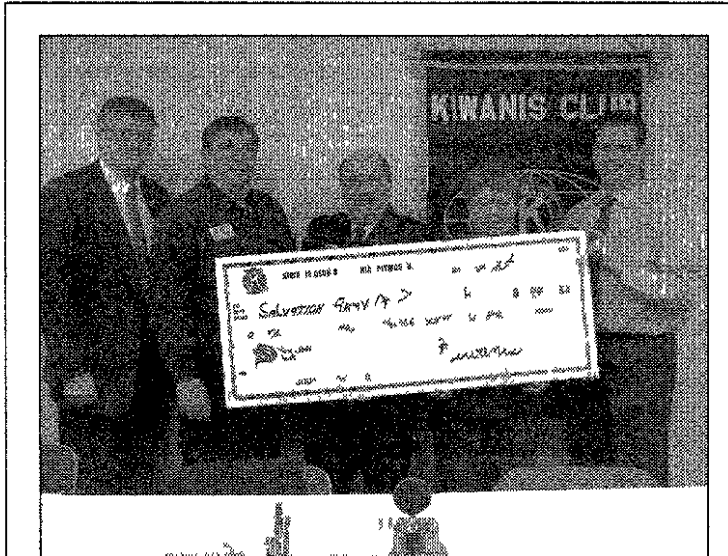
Dr. Nicole Whitehead appears for the free seminar, which focuses on what contributes to arthritis, nutrition for healthy joints and how to prevent arthritis.

To register, call (248) 426-0201. Seating is limited.

**Smith auction**

Smith Elementary School hosts its 10th annual auction at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Admission is \$20 per person at the door, and the event features hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, coffee and tea. Additional beverages can be purchased. It's an adult-only event, attendees must be 21 years old or older. The Plymouth Cultural



**Bells were ringing**

Every year, the three Kiwanis Clubs of Plymouth combine efforts to ring bells for the Salvation Army in Plymouth for a Friday and Saturday in December. Recently the Plymouth Kiwanis Clubs presented the Plymouth Salvation Army with a check for \$14,471.33, representing the amount raised during the annual Kiwanis Salvation Bell Ringing weekend last December. Pictured in the photograph from left to right are Dave Siegrist, president of the Plymouth Colonial Kiwanis; Lt. Governor Donald Packard, Division 9; Maj. Bill Hogg of the Plymouth Salvation Army; Charlene Miller, president of the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Evening; and Joe Bridgman, president of the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast.

Center is located at 525 Farmer. For more information, visit Smith's Web site at <http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/smith/>.

**Chili and baskets**

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its third-annual Chili Cook-Off and Basket Auction at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 19.

The family event is open to the public and all proceeds raised will go to support Salvation Army missions in 109 countries worldwide.

Cooks well-known for their recipe or crafters who are creative in 'basket making' can call the Plymouth Salvation Army to sign up. The Salvation Army offices, located on Main just south of Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, are open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays. For more information, call

(734) 453-5464 and ask for Kelly.

**Beanie Babies**

Canton High School Congress is holding a Beanie Baby drive from March 7-18 for an organization called Operation Give, which delivers care packages to children in Iraq and areas affected by the tsunami.

Canton High School's goal is to send 1,000 Beanie Babies and other small stuffed animals to help the children overseas.

Collection boxes will be placed in the general offices of all three high schools, and community donations are gladly accepted.

**Cooking class**

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department sponsors 'Men in the Kitchen,' a cooking class for widowers, caregivers or single men new to the kitchen.

Students will learn to create simple, fast, nutritious meals, taught by Home Economist Mary Beth Hausman.

Two four-week sessions are available in April and May at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

For more information, call the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

**Blood drive**

The Plymouth Post Office hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 23, at the main Plymouth post office on Beck Road.

Donors can call Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111, to make an appointment, and walk-ins are also welcome.

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# Gannett cleared to buy O&E's parent company

Officials at HomeTown Communications Network Inc., parent company of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, are working on a smooth transition of the Livonia-based newspaper chain to Gannett ownership.

The sale received antitrust clearance Monday when the Federal Trade Commission terminated its review of the deal and recommended no action.

"The U.S. Department of Justice has concluded that the sale may now proceed," wrote Richard Agniman, president and CEO of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., in a memo e-mailed Tuesday afternoon to the company's more than 780 employees in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

"With that behind us, we've now begun our discussions with Gannett about setting a closing date. We'll also begin to assist them with whatever plans they are developing for the transfer of operations to their ownership," said Agniman.

HCN officials said no closing date has been set for the sale.

The Livonia-based HomeTown Communications Network is the parent company of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* which publishes the *Birmingham*, *West Bloomfield*, *Rochester*, *Clarkston*, *Lake Orion*, *Oxford*, *Troy* and *Southfield Eccentrics* along with the *Farmington*, *Livonia*, *Plymouth*, *Canton*, *Redford*, *Westland* and *Garden City Observers*.

Last November, Gannett announced it was purchasing the corporation from Philip Power, the Ann Arbor resident who built HCN into a Midwest community newspaper company that publishes 62 weekly and twice weekly newspapers, one daily in Livingston County, telephone directories, shoppers and niche publications in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky.

The newspapers have a combined circulation of more than 740,000 in the tri-state region. The network also includes a digital operation, with Web sites and Web-based services including design and production, as well as commercial typesetting and printing from four plants.

HomeTown has approximately 780 employees and 2004 estimated revenues of

more than \$86 million.

The U.S. Department of Justice spent the last 3-1/2 months reviewing the proposed sale.

The Associated Press reported that a Justice Department spokesman said "we looked at it and we closed it and felt that no action was necessary."

Terms of the sale have not been released but annual revenues for the company were estimated at about \$86 million.

When the proposed sale was announced last year, Power said Gannett "has a track record of capable professional management, great financial stability and high community involvement. I wanted the newspapers, telephone directories and other publications that I spent so much of my career building to wind up in good hands after I left. I believe Gannett's hands are the best available."

Gannett, which publishes *The Detroit News*, is an international company with headquarters in McLean, Va., and operations in 43 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the United Kingdom, Canada, Belgium, Germany, Hong Kong and Singapore. Gannett is this country's largest newspaper group in terms of circulation. The company's 101 daily newspapers in the U.S. have a combined daily paid circulation of 7.6 million. They include *USA TODAY*, the nation's largest-selling daily newspaper, with a circulation of approximately 2.3 million.

Gannett also owns a variety of non-daily publications and *USA WEEKEND*, a weekly newspaper magazine of 22.7 million circulation delivered in more than 600 Gannett and non-Gannett newspapers in the United States.

Founded by Frank E. Gannett and associates in 1906, Gannett was incorporated in 1923, went public in 1967 and listed on the New York Stock Exchange in 1969. The company has approximately 52,500 employees. Its more than 254 million shares of common stock are held by approximately 12,400 shareholders of record in all 50 states and abroad.

Gannett recorded \$7.4 billion in operating revenue in 2004.

# Donations send care packages to soldiers

## Church project supports military effort

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

When her husband gave up his seat on an October 2003 flight for business reasons, Dayle Hoffecker had no idea how much the 21-year old U.S. Marine who took his place was going to change her life.

But that's exactly what happened after Hoffecker, a volunteer for the Operation Troop TLC program, spent that flight talking to the Marine about life in Iraq. When he told her soldiers over there covet letters from home — from anyone at home — she decided to do something about it.

So Hoffecker, who was a room mom at her kids' school at Birmingham Detroit Country Day, started by having her sons' class write letters. That effort ballooned over the last two weekends to include thousands of pounds worth of donations from members of NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township, where Hoffecker is a member.

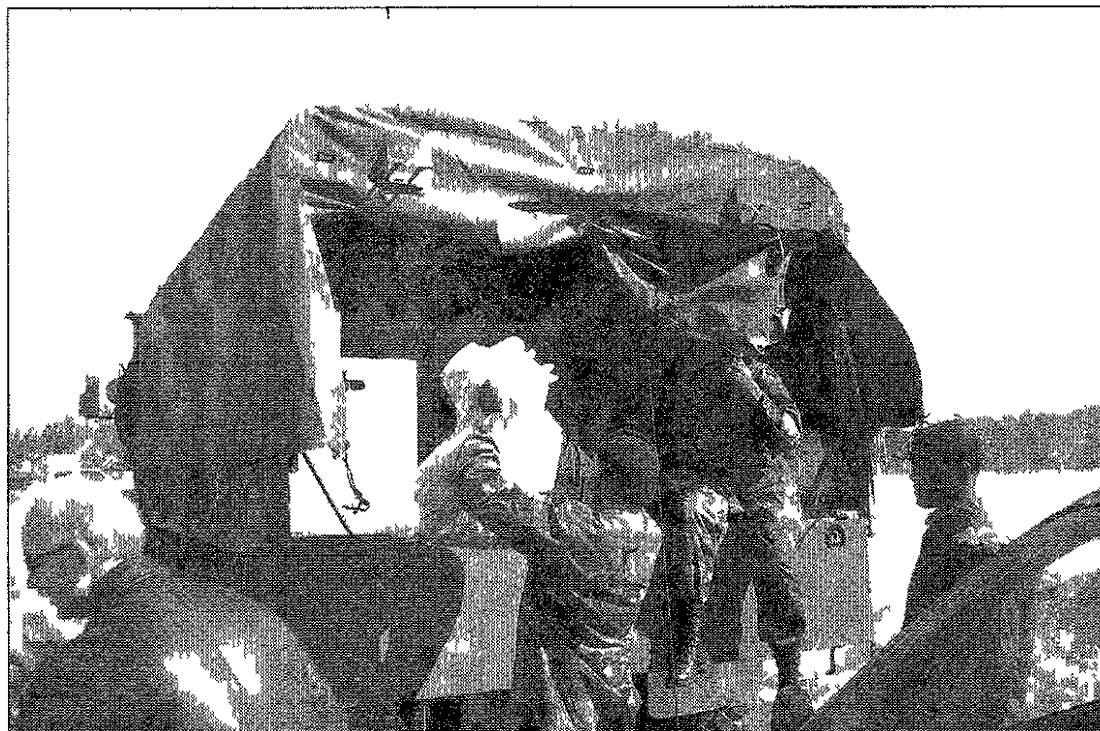
Every soldier I've ever talked to has kept any letter anyone ever wrote them, said Hoffecker, who approached NorthRidge ministers with the idea for the donations. They obviously mean a lot.

That Marine on the plane said it's the little things.

Our effort started with letters, then got bigger with care packages, Hoffecker explained. This is from my heart. You're making a difference.

That's what appealed to the singles group at NorthRidge which took the idea and ran with it. The total amount of donations wasn't available but on the first weekend alone the congregation donated some 350 large boxes that nearly filled a five-ton truck the army brought to haul off the donations.

Church officials were looking for food items such



Soldiers from the 645th Aerial Support Group in Southfield help NorthRidge Church volunteers load some of the donations for Operation Troop TLC.

as Ramen noodle cups, packaged cookies and crackers, powdered drinks, vitamins, sunblock, toiletries, CDs, DVDs, books and magazines.

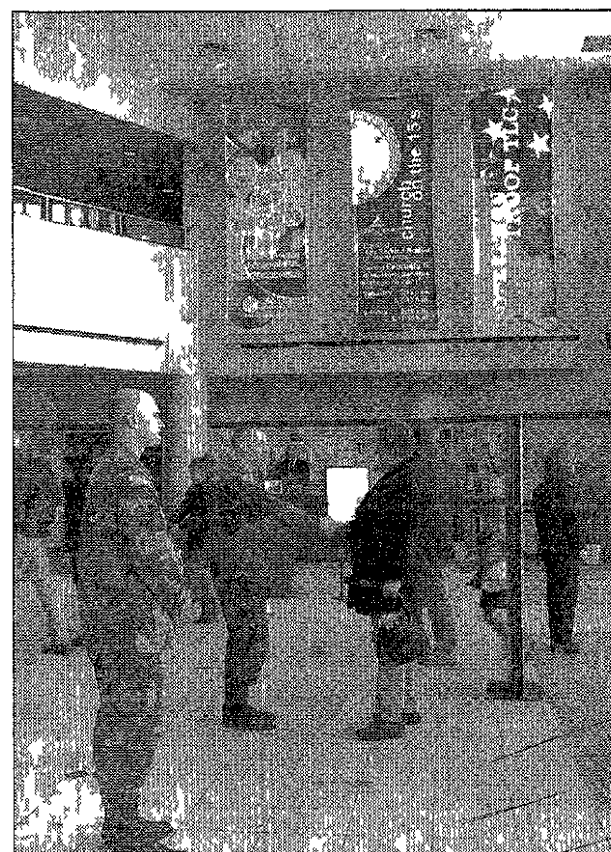
We were just trying to encourage the community to come together to demonstrate support and caring for the military around the world, said John Olze, singles pastor at NorthRidge. People within the church came forward and said, We want to show our support.

When Hoffecker had been seeking outlets for the letters and other donations she got at Country Day she eventually found the soldiers at the 645th Aerial Support Group in Southfield. So, when NorthRidge was looking for a partner for their version of the program, the connection was easy.

Staff Sgt. Lance Horton of the 645th Aerial Support Group said donations such as these are very important.

It's unsolicited people just doing something to show the soldiers they care, Horton said. We get support like this periodically but this (NorthRidge) is the biggest and most organized I've seen so far.

Olze said the singles min-



Soldiers from the 645th Aerial Support Group in Southfield greet the members at NorthRidge Church's service.

istry organized the two-week effort but it was the people who belong to NorthRidge who really made it happen.

The cool thing is it was very volunteer oriented, Olze said. I think it shows our

people are passionate about what the military is doing, and they're grateful. This was a great way to show our gratitude.

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Mann did say "there's more to the story." The situation first arose Aug. 24, 2002, when Gross was first injured. The tips on the "jaws of life" shattered and caught Gross in the left knee. The injury has required two surgeries and months worth of physical and occupational therapy. Under terms of the contract, Gross was getting his pay and benefits. Then, in a letter dated Feb. 9, township Supervisor Richard Reaume notified Gross those benefits would be cut until he could return to duty. Reaume said the decision was made once negotiations for the firefighters' contract, which took more than two years, were completed. During negotiations, it was talked about between the parties," said

Reaume "We delayed the decision because we were in negotiations, and that was an issue being discussed at the bargaining table." Phillips said that, while the township was "hanging its hat" on the one-year clause, there's actually another clause in the contract that provides firefighters injured in the line of duty a guaranteed job when those firefighters are deemed by doctors ready to return to light duty. Phillips pointed out - and Fire Chief Randy Maycock agreed at the meeting - that there is plenty of work for a firefighter on light or restricted duty. "They're ignoring clauses that allow a return to light duty, or a guaranteed job clause that says they have to find me a job somewhere in the township," Gross said. "That has never been offered to me." Reaume said such jobs have not been offered to Gross because no signed letter had been provided the township. However, Gross presented

copies of at least four different letters from 2004 allowing him to return to some form of restricted duty. No such action was ever taken. In an emotional meeting, several firefighters spoke about the township's need to "do the right thing" and pay the firefighter's benefits. "You've taken away the tools I need to do my job," said Plymouth fire Capt. Chuck Russo. "How can I order someone into a life-threatening situation when they don't know they're going to be taken care of if they're hurt?" Township trustee Bob Doroshewitz, while sympathizing with Gross' predicament, pointed out the one-year language was negotiated in a contract ratified by the firefighters themselves. "I'm a little dumbfounded," said Doroshewitz, who admitted he hadn't known about the previous letters Gross had saying he was fit for light duty. "This contract is new. You knew (Gross) was out for two and a half



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Tuesday's informational picket drew some 40 firefighters from around the metro area to walk the sidewalks in front of the Plymouth Township Hall complex.

years, and you signed this contract anyway. I would say your (union) leadership let you down." Gross' doctors estimate he'll be ready for a return to full duty in six to eight weeks. Meanwhile, Reaume was presented with a letter Tuesday

signed by Gross' doctor saying he's ready to return to light duty now. Reaume agreed to meet with Gross and Maycock to determine the circumstances for Gross' return to duty.

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Friends, parents, and other band supporters watch and listen with great enjoyment as the band performs a preview concert prior to departing for the National Band Festival.

**BAND**

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the Bands of America National Concert Band Festival.

The Bands of America advertises the core of American music in the schools," Whitlock said. This is all about the music, the expression and searching into your soul musically. Marching band is an easy

public relations machine," added Whitlock. "But, from an artistic standpoint, this is more substantial because of the ability and time you have to explore one's feelings in music." Kelsey Hafemeister, 18, of Plymouth said playing the euphonium can be an emotional experience for her. "Just being able to express myself in everything I play and being able to share that

emotional experience with other people," she said. Magnusson, who started out playing trumpet but switched to tuba, put it a bit differently. "I love bass and I love the sound that comes out of it," said Magnusson of his tuba. "It's so cool. Every time I pick it up I have to smile."

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**PENN**

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restore the facade and unique Art Deco features. We want to put in comfortable seats and update the sound system."

The building has remained empty for more than a year. Knight and Tortora said they've had inquiries from a number of people, but nothing has materialized. The most well-known inquiry was from the Andiamo Restaurant chain, which discovered it would cost millions of dollars to convert the theater into an eatery.

**LOTS OF ACTIVITY**

"We talk to a different person every week or so, tons of activity completely unsolicited," said Tortora. "We've never indicated we want to sell it. Right now, we have no concrete plans, whatsoever. We'd entertain selling it, a long-term lease, partnering with somebody who has a good business plan."

Knight and Tortora reportedly paid just under \$1 million for the theater. Tortora said he believes the property is worth about \$1.5 million.

"As long as I'm involved, I would like to see the building remain," said Tortora.

However, if someone buys it, it will be theirs to do whatever they choose."

That includes tearing down the one-screen theater, which Friends of the Penn wants to avoid. That's what got Philpot-Munson, 33, and her group involved after hearing of an option which would tear down the building to construct office space. "I love the Penn,"

Philpot-Munson said. "I remember walking to see a movie there every week with my girlfriends. It was a wonderful way for kids to spend an evening, and very inexpensive. And, that's our goal, inexpensive entertainment with a movie ticket about \$2 to \$3."

**PENN MEMORIES**

Brian West, 37, of Plymouth remembers his first movie - *Star Wars* - at the Penn.

"The Penn is definitely part of the community's DNA that we'd like to keep around," said West, a member of Friends of the Penn. "Everybody is working toward a solution to keep it around, and working together hopefully we can make it happen."

Philpot-Munson said the first priority of the group is to keep the Penn a theater.

It's an irreplaceable landmark that adds charm to our downtown, said Philpot-Munson. "When you tear down historic buildings in a place like Plymouth, you tear down what makes it charming and a destination city, and we'll end up with something that looks like Canton, with a swath of grass in the middle called Kellogg Park."

Plymouth Downtown Development Director Bob Anderson wouldn't comment on whether he and another DDA member were present at Tuesday's meeting between Philpot-Munson and Knight.

However, Anderson said the DDA is definitely interested in what happens to the Penn.

The owners said they were considering offices there, and that stimulated some on the DDA that the owners were considering tearing it down," said Anderson. "I think the

DDA believes private ownership is desirable. But, we can not take public ownership out of the equation. Communities have done it."

The plan by Friends of the Penn would have the group raising the money to buy the theater, and then deeding it to the DDA to operate.

It's important to emphasize we're not trying to make it profitable," said Philpot-Munson. "It will never be profitable in this day of megaplexes. But, the profit comes from bringing foot traffic to downtown Plymouth, during the day for matinees and movie festivals and to aid local businesses and thereby increasing city revenue."

**BIG CHALLENGE**

That could be more of a challenge than what the preservationist group imagines, said Ron Cook, who was among three owners who kept the theater open for five years with movies and a comedy club. "When asked if the non-profit group could break even on the venture, Cook emphatically said "no."

"We lost \$50,000 a year the last three years we owned it," said Cook. "We tried showing the classics - *Gone with the*

*Wind and Casablanca* - and no one showed up."

During the week, we'd have five or six people show up for movies, and on the weekends only about 150, he said. The younger crowd wants to go to the multiplexes, and the older crowd comes, but doesn't spend money on the concessions, which is where you make your money."

The only way they can make it is if the city buys it and supports the deficit," he said. "There will definitely be a deficit."

The lease Knight and Tortora have with a church group which rents the Penn ends in June, and Philpot-Munson is hopeful that by then the group can have some good news.

We've got a lot of options to discuss, and a lot of homework to do, she said. "There's a great deal of interest, and there are people who could write a check tomorrow for the whole thing. I think there's the possibility of getting significant amounts of money."

Friends of the Penn will meet at 7 p.m. Sunday, March 13, in the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main. Their Web site is www.friendsofthepenn.org.

**FOR THE RECORD**

**DEATHS**

**B**  
Helen Bolitho, 106 of Albion formerly of Farmington, died March 2.

**D**  
Walter Gerard Doherty, 70 of Clearwater Fla., died Feb. 25.

**F**  
Elizabeth (Betty) A. Frank, 78 of Hot Springs Village, Ariz., formerly of Birmingham, died Feb. 24.

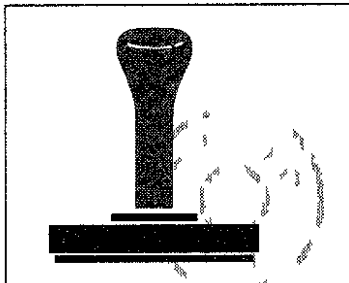
**K**  
Carol Ann Kiffner, 63 of Cadillac, died March 7.

**L**  
Wendell Eugene Lloyd, of Emerald Isle, N.C., died March 4.

**P**  
Ardis M. Peck, 89 of Waterford, died March 5.

**R**  
Henry P. Rupert, 90 of Westland, formerly of Canton.

**S**  
Robert Earl Scheafer, 74 of Grand



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**T**  
Rapids, formerly of Birmingham, died March 5.

**T**  
Dorothy A. Thorne, 69 of Barryton, died March 5.

**V**  
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## OUR VIEWS

# Hope flickers for saving Penn

When Christopher Knight and Pat Tortora bought the Penn Theater about a year ago, they probably figured it would be much easier to find a suitor for the property than it has turned out to be.

Now, the Friends of the Penn are hoping Tortora and Knight can hang on long enough for them to raise the roughly \$15 million it would take to wrest the Penn away from its owners and, in the eyes of the Friends, keep the Plymouth landmark intact.

Knight and Tortora have had dozens of conversations with potential buyers, lessees and tenants, the most serious with the Andiamo restaurant chain. However, Andiamo officials ultimately concluded renovation costs would be too high to make it a viable business, a conclusion to which most of the suitors have come.

The Penn has fallen on hard times, going from showing secondary movies to first-run films and back, with some efforts at a comedy club tossed in, all in an effort to make the Penn a going concern.

When Knight and Tortora initially bought the theater, the idea was to keep it as an entertainment venue in downtown Plymouth, where it used to be a favorite haunt. It simply hasn't worked out that way, and now there are whispers the owners will sell it to whomever comes up with the asking price, even if it means the razing of the building.

So up step the Friends of the Penn, a grassroots, non-profit organization hoping to raise enough money not only to buy the Penn, but to return it to as close to its glory days as possible. There was so much interest in saving the Penn the Friends had some 50 people show up for their first meeting.

The Friends have some interesting ideas, including returning to showing second-run movies. They also suggest the Penn could be a venue for continuing one of Plymouth's most popular attractions — the Wednesday afternoon concerts in Kellogg Park.

The idea — and it's actually a good one — would be to continue the concert series into the fall with daytime concerts in the Penn.

Knight and Tortora, who paid just under \$1 million for the building in March 2004, would want to get fair market value for the place, likely somewhere between \$1.2 million and \$1.5 million. They met Tuesday with the Friends to discuss possibilities, a smart move by people who want to preserve historic aspects of downtown Plymouth.

Using grants, donations and perhaps some contribution from the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, the Friends hope to save the Penn, then turn it over to be managed by the city. Cash-strapped Plymouth may not be in a position to take over the theater, but perhaps there's a way to have it managed for them by professionals, the way Plymouth Township contracts out management of Hilltop Golf Course.

It's been accomplished other places — The Civic in Farmington comes to mind — so it can be done. The Friends, who estimate they'll need up to \$2 million to get started, are determined to do it here.

# The ABCs of reading begin in the home

March is Reading Month, and schools across Oakland and Wayne counties are emphasizing the importance of reading with special programs, contests and celebrity readers.

Reading deserves the monthlong attention it gets from educators because it is the foundation of all learning. Without the ability to make sense out of letters and words on the printed page, a child's success at school is severely limited. Even math assignments require reading the instructions.

That's why it's important for parents to also emphasize reading at home.

If you have young children, you need to read to them regularly. Babies, toddlers, preschoolers and elementary-age youngsters should be immersed in a language-rich environment, where they are exposed daily to the written word. As you read out loud to them, ask them questions to hone their comprehension and critical-thinking skills. Ask them what they think about what they just heard and what they think will happen next.

If you have older children, you need to model reading for them so that it becomes a lifelong habit. Turn off the TV and pick up a newspaper, magazine or book. Show them that people read not only to learn something, but to have fun.

Remember, parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.



## LETTERS

### Great trip

The FDR Memorial, Capitol Building, the Smithsonian Institute, Arlington Cemetery — so many opportunities packed into one short week! The Close-up trip was without a doubt one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. Not only does one get to experience our country's great history, but also to meet kids just like us from all over the United States and sometimes, the world.

During the mid-winter break, students from Plymouth, Canton and Salem schools went to Washington, D.C., as an optional trip for their government class. This trip included going to the Capitol building, attending seminars about the current events happening in our country and meeting our state senators and representatives. We even got to see the Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld, while we were visiting the Capitol building.

I would like to thank Mr. Boyd and Mr. Silvester for giving us this opportunity. It was truly the best trip I have ever been on. I hope that many kids choose to attend this trip in the future. I definitely recommend it! Hopefully, too, someday the Hawaii Close-up trip will be available as a choice, because I am ready to learn more!

**Kait McKinley**  
Salem High School sophomore

### Unmitigated gall

When I returned to my home in Canton Township from the state Capitol in Lansing last night, my wife of over 30 years greeted me at the door with the evening paper. It contained "Letters to the Editor" (from Michael Gresock and William Cole) expressing positions on recent "tabloid" accounts of activities sponsored by the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association.

In particular, as part of a three-day, multi-page expose by the Detroit Free Press, there was a 10-year-old photograph of me, together with a single paragraph dealing with my attendance at a conference over four years ago (2001). In fact, the expose detailed how everything was perfectly legal, despite the fact that little detail was mysteriously buried in the article!

Unfortunately, any time a public figure can be exposed in the media it increases interest in the "story." This is a fact even when the story begrudgingly admits that everything is honest, above-board and legal. This heightened interest has apparently prompted (Gresock and Cole) to sound off.

Well, I may not be your typical politician because I am not thick-skinned. I may be a flawed Christian because I will not turn the other cheek. Instead, I am just another regular person — your neighbor — attempting to honestly serve as a citizen legislator in an era of term limits, in a responsible manner, the more than 280,000 constituents living in the 16 different communities constituting the 7th Senate District.

As such a person, I want you to know that you caught my attention. I want you to know that your suggestions, innuendos and bold-faced, sarcastic assertions are insulting and offensive.

Mr. Gresock, I do not believe that we have ever met. I don't know how long you have lived in this community, but I want you to know that I am sorry you judge people based upon perception, rather than

fact and reality. I, for one, do not. Why? Because, for example, at one time the perception of the world was that the earth was flat. Perhaps you still think it is. Perhaps that is only your current perception.

The fact is that I am a relevant, effective legislator and am often invited to address professional organizations, associations, neighborhood groups, and the like. The fact is that I am invited because I have accomplished quite a lot during my six years in the state Legislature. In fact, that is why I have been recognized with five "Legislator of the Year" from groups as diverse as the Michigan Nurses Association to the American Architects Association.

If you compare my record with that of the other 30 Wayne County-based state legislators serving as of Dec. 31, you will find that I have been the author and prime sponsor of 24 percent of all Public Acts enacted by us collectively.

If you can point to a single fact that tarnishes my record, which incidentally has been compiled over four decades of adult life, please do so now. Otherwise, I would consider it a personal kindness and an act of civic responsibility for you to cease and desist your attacks on my character and reputation.

As for Mr. Cole, let me only suggest that I am shocked and dismayed that you would have the audacity to question my integrity. Of all people, you have no moral authority to do so. After all, we both know that you came to my office hours on Monday, Feb. 28, 2005, and specifically requested that I sponsor special-interest legislation to address a problem you were personally having. I am sorry if you didn't like my answer.

A review of your political donations as they are on file with the Secretary of State's office, reveals that you are very familiar with the process of backing certain, select special interests by giving to Political Action Committees in order to influence outcomes.

While this is your right, I am left only to say, "How ironic for you to be casting any stones, let alone one of the first. The unmitigated gall revealed by consideration of the facts."

**Bruce Patterson**  
state senator  
Canton

### Old-time hockey

Hockey for me can best be summed up by the old MasterCard commercial involving a father who takes his son (donning an old-style Edmonton Oilers jersey) to a frozen pond where many others are enjoying the game. "Priceless!"

Over the last few years I have been very disappointed with professional hockey. Disappointed by the type of play, the purchasing of players, the owners overvaluing players, and the free acceptance of players who continually give less than 100 percent accepting lucrative contracts, all while I can no longer afford to take even one of my children to a Red Wing game.

Since it has been awhile since I made it down to the "Joe," it was quite a treat this weekend for my family and me to get the opportunity to watch my 6-year-old son and his mmi-mute teammates play a league championship game on Joe Louis ice.

The game started off very well for the visiting and extremely talented Canton Wings,

who were able to control the first half of the game 4-0, but with little time left in the game our Plymouth-Great White Sharks had fought back, against all odds and knotted the score at four. So two teams comprised of 28 6-year-olds who had listened with eager ears to their coaches all year, who had sweat through 7 a.m. practices, who had climbed many mountains and performed many drills were now going to play an overtime championship game where about 25 years ago Gordie Howe and Wayne Gretzky made their only All-Star game appearance against each other. Needless to say, a single overtime would not be enough to end this night. It would take a second overtime and an unbelievable goal by the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Great White Shark Ryan Radwan before this memorable night could come to a close.

These players, from both teams, made their parents proud, their coaches proud and all those who grew up in love with this game proud. They performed with grace and guts. They were aggressive but classy and in the end they played to have fun.

The 300-400 people who fought AutoRama traffic and a closed Jeffries Freeway to come watch these kids play could not have been witness to a better brand of hockey. It was, as the commercial states, "Priceless."

**Darrin H. Silvester**  
Great White Shark assistant coach

### Wendy's apology

On Feb. 18, at approximately 7 p.m., my husband and I were eating at the Wendy's at Ford Road and Haggerty in Canton when we noticed a couple changing a baby's diaper on a dining room table.

I was appalled and said so to my husband. The couple obviously overheard me, because on their way out the woman complained about us to the manager, who assured her that what they had done was "no big deal" and then glared at us as though we were harassing her customers.

I am totally outraged that older parents would do such an unsanitary thing in a restaurant, and that Wendy's would condone it. The manager evidently thought so little of the matter that evidently she didn't even bother to have someone disinfect the table.

I believe that Wendy's owes the public an apology.

**C.A. Martin**  
Canton

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"Plymouth Township's market for more expensive homes has tapered a little bit. They're selling them, but not at the rate they were a few years ago. ... I think it has to do with the fact the township is running out of places to build new homes."

— John McLenaghan, who appraises Plymouth Township homes for Wayne County Appraisal



# Governor's lack of response is puzzling

Suppose you are Michigan's governor. Your state has nearly the highest unemployment rate in the nation. Your historic economic base of good-paying, low-skilled manufacturing jobs is evaporating before your eyes. You are having trouble balancing your state's budget, in part because people who aren't working aren't paying taxes.

Further suppose you had — right in front of you — an economic development project that would produce at least 3,000 new jobs in a couple of years. And suppose the chief elected officer of your largest county has asked your help in pushing forward a much larger proposal that could produce as many as 100,000 new jobs over the next decade.

Wouldn't you jump at it? You bet you would. In a heartbeat. Which is why I'm puzzled at the, well, muted reaction from the Granholm administration to requests for help for the Pinnacle Aeropark project near Detroit Metropolitan Airport and for the far larger 'aerotropolis' scheme.

Pinnacle, a mixed-use office and technology development slated for 1,250 acres of wetlands owned by Wayne County southeast of the airport, is the first step toward a new airport city that could arise on land between Detroit Metro and Willow Run Airport to the west. Similar airport city projects around the globe — Hong Kong, Los Angeles, Amsterdam — have generated literally hundreds of thousands of jobs. International experts think that the combination of new passenger facilities at Detroit Metro and cargo at Willow Run offers the best chance in the world for such a development.

So, too, does Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano. In his State of the County speech last month, he said, 'For years there has been talk about this land that the county owns near Metro Airport called Pinnacle. Time for talk is over. Construction crews will be at work this year opening Pinnacle Park.'

'More than \$7 million will be invested in new roads and sewers as we prepare the first 150 acres for new business. We will announce the first of many new tenants very soon — and it's about time!'

When I talked with Mulugetta Birru, the newly appointed Wayne County economic development director, he was enthusiastic. 'I'm confident this project will go forward,' he said. 'It will produce 3,000 new jobs easy.'

Birru has been busy rounding up support for this project. He's had meetings with officials from the city of Romulus and Huron Township — 'They're on board,' he says — and he has talks

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scheduled with Washtenaw County. And he's pulling together the financial wherewithal, as well. He has \$300,000 in approved Wayne County funds and expects to obtain another \$1 million in community economic development block grant money. And he's applied for \$2.5 million from the federal Economic Development Administration.

All of which makes the non-response from Lansing to Wayne County's requests for help so puzzling. In a letter from Ficano to his fellow Democrat, Gov. Jennifer Granholm, dated Nov. 23, 2004, Ficano wrote, 'It is my belief that the I-94 corridor with both Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports at the center offers significant development opportunity for southeastern Michigan. The county owns 1,250 acres, and there is an estimated 23,000 acres of land owned by the private sector between the two airports. We are now in discussion with private owners to master plan the entire site to develop the airport city or aerotropolis concept.'

Ficano closed his letter: 'This is a development I want to pursue, and I am hoping you would bless it and direct your staff to work with my staff, and make a long-term funding commitment, but probably look for a new development designation to develop a world-class airport city.'

Any response? 'Not yet,' Birru says. When I asked one Lansing insider about what's going on with the airport city project, he sniffed, 'Too many working parts.' And, of course, there's always the state's budget problems to blame for inaction.

Maybe so, but if you were a governor nervous about high and rising unemployment and could see the potential of 100,000 jobs or more in a new airport city development, wouldn't you jump at it? I would.

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



Phil Power

# We need to hear the stories of the 'greatest generation'

Maybe I was oblivious, but I don't remember the ceremonies coming every 10 years for momentous events related to World War II. Don't get me wrong. In no way, shape or form do I think they're frivolous. I just don't recall.

But my head snapped to attention Saturday when I realized that it was that day in 1945 that the Marines stormed the beaches of Iwo Jima. Sixty years ago, they piled off landing craft with one order: you must take the beach. The battle was the bloodiest of the war in the Pacific. One of every three Marines was killed or wounded in the battle that raged for 36 days.



Sue Mason

On Saturday, there was one man missing, Walter Page. He died Feb. 1. I knew this dashing young man by another name, Uncle Walt, my mom's only brother. He is the second of my greatest generation to pass in this new millennium.

The first to pass was my dad in 2000. Although he did not see combat, he served his country with distinction. Dad had tried to enlist, but was sent home because of his poor eyesight. According to mom, the recruiting officer had told him they didn't need someone who had to feel their way across a battlefield.

His contribution to the war was to work with the team in Los Angeles, Calif., that helped develop the self-sealing gas tank for the long-range bombers. Many air crews would live to fly another day because of their work.

My folks were living in Pasadena during the war. Uncle Walt was at Camp Pendleton. My dad, having some connection or another, knew he was about to ship out, so they took a road trip to see him. My brother, age six months, was their ticket in.

Uncle Walt had never seen his godson, or so they told the guards who gave them a half hour to visit. Luckily, the guards didn't check the baby blanket. Mom and dad hadn't come without gifts. Hidden in the blanket was a bottle of whiskey and mom's homemade cookies.

They also gave Uncle Walt a photograph of my brother. He would carry it with him into battle and when the 50th anniversary rolled around, when his godson took him to dinner, he pulled it out of his wallet. He told my brother that it was that photo that helped get him through it.

Uncle Walt liked his shots and beers and when he was feeling no pain, he would talk about the war. He'd talk about the enemy and

being wounded by a sniper on Iwo Jima. With me, the conversation would turn to talk of his work with his buddy, Al Josephy. Al was a military war correspondent. Uncle Walt was a Marine first and a photographer second. He would go out with Josephy to cover the battle.

Josephy liked to get up close and personal and more than once the dynamic duo got caught behind enemy lines. In his memoirs, Al said he wouldn't be alive today if not for Walter Page.

I've seen some of Uncle Walt's photos, both civilian and military. As a child, I loved looking into a box in a closet. Underneath some handmade models of World War II fighters were some of Uncle Walt's war photographs. Some were graphic — dead Japanese soldiers, some charred beyond recognition — and there was one of a soldier using a flamethrower. In the white border at the bottom were typed remarks about the images.

How we got them, I don't know, nor can I recall when they were taken or in what battle. And I'm clueless as to what happened to the box after we moved from Michigan to Pennsylvania in 1963. That was about the last time I recall seeing them.

But I found out so much more about Uncle Walt in his passing. I knew he was wounded at Iwo Jima and received a Purple Heart. I was clueless about battles beyond that, but I now know he was in four campaigns — Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Guam and Iwo Jima — and that he received his first Purple Heart at Bougainville.

And forget that aforementioned one-in-three statistic, Uncle Walt, I discovered, was one of five members of his company of 240 Marines to survive the battle for Iwo Jima.

Uncle Walt would talk some about his time in the service, but I unfortunately never took the time to hear the whole story. I now realize it is my loss. As the journalist, I should have taken on the task of recording his memories of that war. We are left with bits and pieces and no way to complete the picture.

Each day, more and more of the greatest generation are passing. They all have a story to tell, and it behooves us all to listen. We need to make what they did a part of our own personal history. We need to remember their sacrifices and honor their commitment to this country.

They may not have been Marines like Uncle Walt, but like him they were always faithful.

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Miss Teen Dance 2006 Carrie Jurcak of Plymouth Township accepts congratulations and her crown

## Light on their feet

Local dancers hoof their way to regional crowns

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

With its multitudes of categories and a talent pool that traditionally draws from all over the country, the annual dance competition sponsored by Dance Masters of America is a tough test.

At the Great Lakes region, several local dancers passed the test with flying colors.

Carrie Jurcak, a 15-year-old Salem High School student from Plymouth Township, was named Miss Teen Dance, while 11-year-old Arianna Bickle of Canton won the top prize as Miss Petite Dance during the recent competition in Dearborn.

Both girls dance at Joanne's Dance Extension in Canton, which had another student, 18-year-old Courtney Washington of South Lyon, win the Miss Dance competition for girls over the age of 16.

Joanne's Dance Extension owner Joanne Zavis said the girls' accomplishments are impressive ones. "It's a pretty big accomplishment for them, because they have to go through a personal interview, they're judged on classes, then on performance, so this is one of the toughest dance competitions the kids can enter," Zavis said. "It's not just based on performance. They have to be very well rounded."

It was the fifth time around in this competition for Jurcak, the daughter of Brad and Fran Jurcak, but her first win. She earned her title dancing to *I Wanna Go to Hollywood* from the musical *Grand Hotel*.



This year's winners at the Great Lakes competition included Miss Petite Dance Arianna Bickle of Canton, Miss Junior Dance Amber Lawson of Livonia, Miss Teen Dance Carrie Jurcak of Plymouth Township and Miss Dance Courtney Washington of Brighton.

"It was a really fun song, and I do eventually want to go on stage to dance, so that's a good song for me," Jurcak said. "Dancing is what I've always done. I just love it so much, and I don't think I'll be able to stop doing it. It was amazing. It was like all the hard work I've done finally paid off."

It was the second time in the competition for Bickle, the daughter of Deborah and Randall Bickle. The 11-year-old said she felt better prepared this year than last.

"I felt that if I believed I could win, I could do well," Bickle said. "I didn't have any ideas of winning, so when I won it was a big surprise. I was thinking, now I get to go buy all the cool dresses for nationals, I have to work really hard to do well, I'm going to meet lots of new girls and learn different types of dancing. I was sort of shocked, because I wasn't expecting anything like that."

The national competition takes place at the Grand Ol Opry Hotel in Nashville, Tenn., June 30-July 10.

## DISTRICT

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them to lower their costs," said Plymouth-Canton Education Association President, Chuck Portelli. "You have to pay out money to reduce your costs."

The board is looking at what they have to pay out, he said. "We thought we had an agreement going, but apparently the board has some issues. It's theirs to give."

Ryan declined to reveal exact figures, including how many teachers would have to accept the buyout and how much financial incentive would make the plan cost-effective for the district. He did say, however, it would only be presented to the teacher's union, which represents more than 1,000 educators in the district.

"Teachers are our biggest employee group, and we can

have some savings when working with that large group," Ryan said. "The higher the number that take advantage of it, the greater the potential savings for the district."

"You've got to find the right amount of early retirement incentive and the right number of people willing to take it in order to make it beneficial for the district as a salary reducer," he said. Portelli said the top salaried teacher in the district makes \$75,000 a year plus benefits, while a starting teacher earns \$38,500.

Six years ago, according to Portelli, 175 teachers - over a two-year period - accepted a \$60,000 buyout incentive paid out over eight years. The payout is still costing the district nearly \$1.3 million this year and a final \$1.2 million payout next year.

All nine of the district's unions will be bargaining this year with the district. The

PCEA, and four others, have wage reopeners. The other four have full contracts that expire.

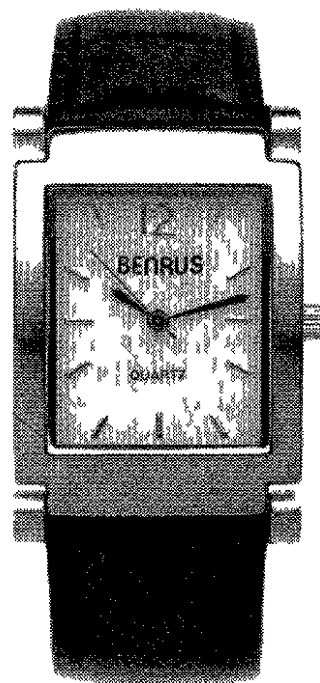
The district currently has a \$14 million fund balance which, despite past and projected budget deficits, could make it difficult to negotiate.

"We're going to use interest-based bargaining, a process that leads to great dialogue," said Ryan. "I believe in (Assistant Superintendent for Business Services) Patte Brand. We have a person on the board and union trusts to give accurate financial outlooks. You just keep working at it to find what's fair to both sides."

Portelli has made it clear in the past that as long as the district has a positive fund balance the teachers should receive a wage increase.

Contract negotiations between the school district and the PCEA could begin as early as March 21, according to Portelli.

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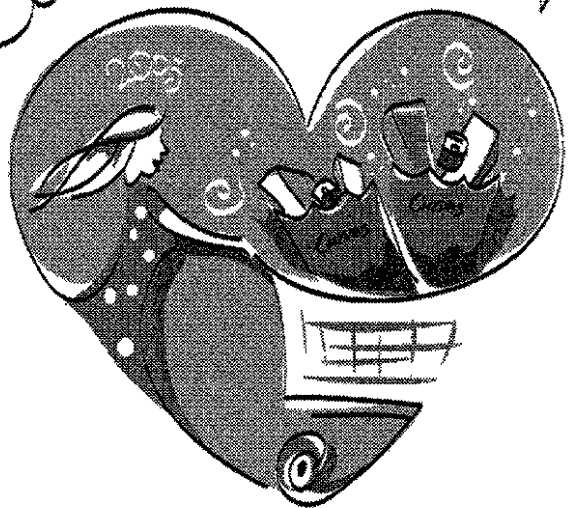


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# TILE

It's a way to bring boldness, brashness to a room's decor

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to selecting tile, many homeowners believe bigger is better. Homeowners are also installing more natural stone than ceramic tile, according to Tarnakia Bell, store manager at The Tile Shop in Westland.

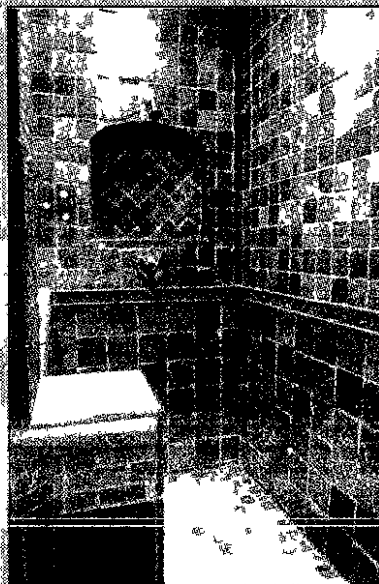
"Slate is really popular. It's rich in color and they also like limestone," Bell said.

"When they're looking at slate, they enjoy it because it's very unique. Each piece is going to be different. People like the way it looks. It has lasting beauty, colors and variety."

Homeowners are using it everywhere: kitchens for backsplashes, foyers, bathrooms and vanity tops.

And they're adding accents and making the room bigger to the eye with larger tiles.

"People love the mosaics," Bell said. "They're also going for larger-sized tiles. It creates interest in the room and it doesn't look as busy."



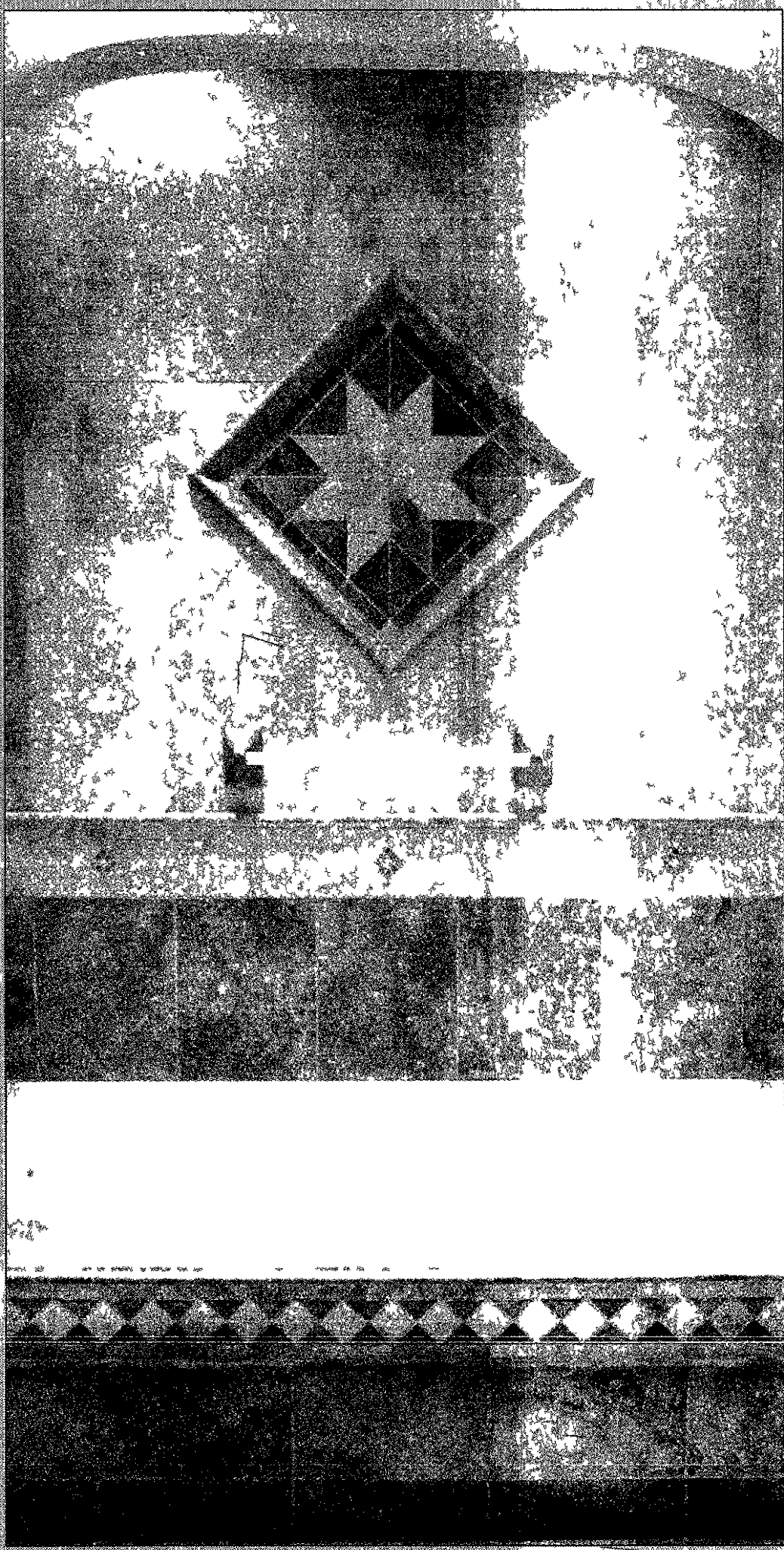
Slate adds a dynamic and striking look to the shower area. It runs \$4.99 per square foot and up and is available at The Tile Shop.

## BIG AND NATURAL

Diane LaFlair, showroom manager at Genesee Tile in Farmington Hills, said more customers want larger tiles, namely 18-by-18 tiles, and want the natural stone look.

"Things with metal and glass are being used in backsplashes and bathrooms," LaFlair said.

"They're just trying to get a different look. You can mix natural stone with tile and porcelain. It's not like



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Marsha Heads of Livonia and her mother Wanda White, made a wreath using jigsaw puzzle pieces for a standard flower show that's part of the Michigan Home and Garden Show at the Pontiac Silverdome.

## Jigsaw puzzle makes creative wreath for show

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Is a puzzlement,' the King of Siam said.

This puzzlement' is delightful rather than baffling. It's a wreath featuring jigsaw puzzle pieces that will be displayed at a standard flower show by members of District I of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Inc.

The theme of the show is Games of Life, "depicting the fun times and variety of games people play." The event is part of the Michigan Home and Garden Show (see related item inside).

This was a mother-daughter project,

said Livonia resident Marsha Heads of Livonia, who created the wreath and worked on it with her mother, Wanda White.

The wreath is about 20 inches in diameter and has a vine frame. The puzzle pieces form 3-by-3-inch scenes of outdoor activities, such as ice skating and sleigh riding.

"We looked around the house for games we play and saw the jigsaw puzzle," said Heads, a member of the Livonia Garden Club.

Fresh and dried plant materials are used in the district's show, artificial flowers, fruit or foliage aren't permitted.

Ribbons of distinction will be awarded in the 14 classes of design,

13 classes of horticulture, several sections of education exhibits, artistic crafts and youth exhibits.

"We try to educate people," said district show chairman Debbie Morrow of Beverly Hills. "We have a lot of horticulture, and people are really fascinated by it."

"It's a fun project to do. We all have a good time. We're trying to get people to understand what flower arranging is."

For the Designer's Choice Award entries, any plant materials and other components may be used. Only dried plant material may be used for the Award of Distinction entries.

Required plant material is speci-

fied for Petite Award entries, and Table Artistry Award entrants may use fresh and/or dried plant materials and other components.

The Farmington Hills Flower Arrangers Guild is offering a \$25 award to the entry that most personifies the show theme.

### WAYS TO PLAY

Among the design division classes are Winning the Gold, which is staged in a niche, Hoop It Up, which features a Hula Hoop, and Have a Ball, which is on a pedestal.

Wheel of Fortune incorporates black light. Impressing the Boss is on

PLEASE SEE PUZZLE, B3

## Learn the truth about sales tax for online purchases

My recent column about Costco generated lots of mail - and reminded me to be more diligent about fact-checking.

Allow me to correct a few mistakes, share some reader insights, and reveal a critical issue regarding sales tax and Internet shopping.

For starters, I wrote that CompUSA was selling TurboTax Deluxe for \$19.99 after a mail-in rebate - \$5 less than Costco's price. In fact, CompUSA's price is \$29.99 after rebate. I apologize for the error, the result of what I consider a misleading product page on CompUSA's Web site.

Furthermore, astute reader Ron



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Horwitz of Farmington Hills pointed out that Costco offers a \$10 in-store coupon for TurboTax Deluxe, bringing the final price down to just \$14.99 - without a doubt the best deal around.

I also goofed on the GoVideo AMP256 MP3 player. Although it costs

\$5 more at Costco than at GoVideo's online store, the Costco version includes extra accessories valued at \$25. Indeed, it's not uncommon for the store to offer special bundles not found elsewhere.

Jason White of Troy lauded Costco's "amazing" return policy. Two years after he'd purchased a pair of PC speakers, they stopped working. Although the manufacturer's warranty had expired a year earlier, he returned the speakers to the store and received a full cash refund, no questions asked.

Finally, several readers noted that buying products on the Internet does not absolve you from paying sales tax

(I had cited this sales-tax savings as one advantage to shopping online rather than at Costco).

I checked with certified public accountant Howard Blewas of Novi. Sure enough, Michigan requires residents to pay a use tax, also known as remote sales tax, on items purchased over the Internet.

According to Blewas, very few people are aware of this tariff, and fewer still make good on it. "It's hard for (the State of Michigan) to enforce," he said.

Of course, I knew about this all along and I've religiously paid my use taxes over the years, as I'm sure you have. What was I thinking when I said buying

online skirted sales tax? Bad columnist. Bad! I do, however, stand by my statement that you shouldn't blindly assume Costco has the best prices on computers and electronics just because they have the best prices on Styrofoam cups.

On the other hand, if you want a return policy that's second to none, a no-annual-fee American Express card that pays you cash back, and, um, sales tax that's conveniently collected at the time of purchase, get thee to a Costco.

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# Pay attention to detail in bookcases

Laine Kay of Canton asks, "I have a white built-in bookcase in my formal living room. I want to use this space for display as well as for books, however, it always seems to look cluttered and chaotic. Can this built-in bookcase serve dual purpose as book storage and display space, while looking attractive and fitting in with the formality of the living room?"

With open display space in such a formal room, attention must be given to every item that goes on those shelves. An elegant look can quickly turn cluttered before you know it. As I've mentioned in other articles, accessories need to be deliberate. Let's go over some steps to get you started in the right direction.

## FOLLOW COLOR SCHEMES

First, take everything off of your shelves and start with a blank canvas. Look around and note the primary and accent colors in the living room, as well as in any adjoining rooms, like your formal dining room. These colors need to be reflected in some of your accessories on the built-in shelves. Set aside the items that follow your color scheme. Next, look at the color of your book bindings. These are accessories, too. Eliminate all paperback books from open bookshelves in this formal room, then group similar colored, hard cover book bindings together. When you have small items like books, it is best to group them by color for greater impact, which helps minimize the visual chaos. Photos, plants and greenery make nice additions to open bookshelves, however, it's easy to go overboard with these items. Photos look very nice but too many photos are lost in the clutter. The result is none

of the photos are appreciated because there are just too many to look at. Be very discriminating. Photos are easy enough to put away and then you can rotate your favorite ones out every few weeks for a change. The frames on the photos should coordinate with each other and with the entire room. Keep size and scale in mind with family photos. Little bit of 3 by 5-inch photos may get lost on a large set of bookshelves.

To keep a formal flair on your built-in shelves, one or two shelves should be minimally accessorized. A pair of vases or one plant sprawling across the shelf is all that is needed. Not every shelf needs to be filled to capacity.

Another consideration when selecting the items to be placed on the shelves is the color of the shelving unit. You mentioned that your built-in shelves are white. With that in mind, avoid white or pale accessories. They will hardly be seen against the white background. The same holds true for the opposite colors. If the shelves are dark-stained, mahogany, the accessories would need to be lighter in color to pop out and not be absorbed in the background.

As you begin placing your items on the shelves, keep visual weight in mind. For instance, if you place all of the heavy books on the top two shelves, and then place China tea cups on the lower shelves, the bookcase will look top heavy. To rectify this situation with four open shelves, use shelf one and shelf three to hold the heavier books on them, whereas, shelf two and shelf four could be sparingly decorated with just a plant or a couple of matching urns. You can see how open shelves can be visually balanced and pleasing to look at.

Built-in bookshelves add architectural interest to a room. This is a great place to change your accessories with the seasons and to highlight different items that you own. For example, if you collect colored glass, you could display your collection on these shelves for a while. Change out the



This bookshelf is neatly organized and displays a mix of books, photos and flowers, creating a pleasant, inviting look.

glass collection for books, ceramics, and greenery. These shelves can be in an ongoing transformation and will always add flair and personality to a room.

## BUILD INTEREST

It is important to create interest with your accessories. Leave room for the eye to rest between items and this will alleviate the chaotic feeling you described. If you are still running into difficulty with your accessorizing, I suggest that you go through some higher end design and decorating magazines and tear pictures that reflect the overall look you are trying to achieve. The pho-

tos you find in these magazines can serve as a catalyst for your own ideas.

If it is still not working for you, it may be time to bring in a professional interior designer. For a reasonable fee, an interior designer can do an accessory house call and may even be able to use items from other areas of your home.

**Terri Guastella** is an interior designer and a Canton resident specializing in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella with your questions at [exclusiveinteriordesign@hotmail.com](mailto:exclusiveinteriordesign@hotmail.com)

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Roses West

Roses West will meet 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile. The program will be Meet the Rosarians, Handouts and a social hour will be featured. The public may attend.

### Bold landscaping

Goldner Walsh Nursery's Cabin Fever Lecture Series continues 7 p.m. Friday, March 11, with The Big, the Bold and the Beautiful by Jim Slezinski, the nursery's senior landscape designer and ornamental horticulturist. Need a little drama in your garden? Want to turn heads twice? Join Slezinski for a slide presentation on how to use super sized annuals, hardy perennials, tropicals, woody trees, shrubs, vines and impressive flowers, foliage and bark that will fit into any landscape style. A question and answer session will follow. Admission is \$7.50. Ticket proceeds will benefit the Bower School Farm's Bird and Butterfly Garden. Seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, call (248) 332-6430. Goldner Walsh Nursery is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

### Cactus and succulent society

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have a program Collecting Growing Aloes 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak. Admission is free. Guests are welcome. Call (248) 524-0227 for more information.

### Green infrastructure

Learn how conservancies can help build a green infrastructure in south east Michigan at the annual meeting of the Oakland Land Conservancy 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 14, at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen, between M-10 and I-696. The public may attend. Registration is suggested. Call (248) 601-2816. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated. Green space in a rapidly developing area such as southeast Michigan becomes a basic necessity that should be planned and developed as an integrated system. At the meeting, conservation and recreation planner Jonathan Jarosz will explain how individuals can work with the conservancy to create an integrated network of green space. Also at the meeting, the conservancy will present the newest ideas in land conservation, outline its conservation priorities for 2005 and recognize some outstanding volunteers.

For information about the Oakland Land Conservancy, call (248) 601-2816.

### Orchid show

The Michigan Orchid Society Palm Sunday Show will take place Saturday, Sunday, March 19-20, at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh, just east of the I-275 Six Mile interchange in Livonia.

The show will be open during mall hours, March 19, and to 5 p.m. March 20. The event will feature more than 20 exhibits of orchids, 800 plants on display, educational information and vendors of plants and supplies. Admission is free.

### Gardeners conference

The Association of Professional Gardeners Annual Meeting and Conference will take place Sunday, March 20, at Wojo Greenhouse, 2570 Oakwood Road in Ortonville (phone (248) 627-6498).

The conference will be an all day program including lunch. Registration will be at 8 a.m. and the program will run until 3:30 p.m.

For more information, visit [www.associationofprofessionalgardeners.org](http://www.associationofprofessionalgardeners.org) or call (248) 330-7466.

Cost is \$60 for members, \$70 for non members. The registration form is available at the Web site.

Topics will include Photography in the Garden and What's New in the Garden This Year. The conference will feature a chance to network with professional gardeners and a tour of the facility.

### New in the garden

The Village Gardeners of Lathrup Village will host a special spring gardening program, What's New in the Garden for 2005, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 21, in the Community Room of the Lathrup Village Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696. Admission is free to all Village Gardener members. Guests are asked to make a \$3 voluntary contribution to help defray costs and ensure the continuation of quality programs.

For more information, call Susan Arneson at (248) 443-1703 evenings and weekends or (313) 202-7842 days. Julia Janiak, garden center manager and buyer, Goldner Walsh Nursery will present the program. It will explore not only new plant material but also trends in ironware, pottery and planting styles. SOCWA volunteers will staff display tables with information on healthy garden practices, rain gardens, composting, mulching, biodiversity and lawn care before the program (6:30-7 p.m.). Refreshments and a raffle drawing for gardening gifts will be featured.

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# Manufacturers recall more dishwashers

You may remember that I wrote last week about the recall announced by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission pertaining to the General Electric dishwashers produced between January 2004 and February 2005



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Here it is one week later, and now as Paul Harvey would say, Page Two

The CPSC recently announced the recall of Whirlpool and Kenmore under-the-counter plastic tall tub dishwashers. An electrical defect within the dishwashers' wash motor wiring poses a risk of the motor overheating and possibly catching fire. There were 162,000 of these dishwashers

sold nationwide between June 2004 and January 2005

The following Whirlpool model numbers are affected, DU1, DUL, GU1, GU2 and GU6. If you have one of these units, you should stop using it immediately and call Whirlpool for a free repair. The telephone number is 1-866-769-7260 or visit repair.whirlpool.com, the company's Web address.

The following Kenmore dishwashers were built by Whirlpool. Kenmore model numbers are 665 143, 665 160, 665 163, 665 170 and 665 173.

Ask yourself a question: With these recent recall announcements of dishwashers and others publicized in this column, I estimate there are close to 5 million dishwashers recalled in the past five years. How many homeowners even know about the recalls? It just goes to show you how important this newspaper really is.

And now, here's one of the e-mails I received recently about clothes washers.

Joanne writes - "Married in

1950, we bought a Bendix front-loading washer. My mother had one immediately after the World War II, in 1946-47. She had to use special soap and later only All. It was bolted to the basement floor.

"Ours was not as we were in government housing and it was not allowed. Many times I would come into the small kitchen and find the Bendix on the other side of the room! I became pregnant with our first child and found the washer to be very good at getting the clothes clean. The water dispersed through the clothes as it rinsed. I noticed that the rinse water was very clean.

"My husband, a do-it-yourself guy and popular with all the neighbors, loved redesigning the machine. He put spring-loaded shock absorbers on it. After a disastrous door opening incident, with dirty diapers and water all over the floor, he re-worked the closing mechanism.

"When we moved to our new house he took the washer and

dryer outside and sprayed them turquoise to match the laundry decor. We bought another front loader in 1963 from Montgomery Wards and again he reworked it with a new two-speed motor, new shocks and was fascinated with the push button controls. I never had a repairman come into my house. If I dared to say 'this doesn't work,' I would find the object apart on the kitchen table.

"He passed away 10 years ago and now his sons have taken over. If I complain that something has broken they are right here to help. Or they say, 'How old is this thing?' Get a new one!"

"I was always there with a cup of coffee and watched as he did his magic. It is lonely without my do-it-yourself guy. The snow blower is broke."

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.

## TILE

FROM PAGE B1

you have to be in a box. Mixing is pretty unique."

Lynne Moran says larger tile gives a room a contemporary or commercial feel, sort of what she describes as a "Soho look."

"(Larger tile) has less clutter, it's more refined, has cleaner lines, and it's minimalist," said Moran, director of showrooms for Virginia Tile, which has stores in Farmington Hills, Sterling Heights and at the Michigan Design Center in Troy.

Homeowners can buy some tiles in 16-by-16-, 18-by-18-, 20-by-20- and 24-by-24-inch sizes to cover bathrooms and kitchen floors or on walls for a more contemporary look.

### GETTING IT STRAIGHT

For years, homeowners wanted tumbled marble, porcelain or natural stone. Many homeowners are still using these materials, but their tastes are changing.

"Now we're seeing more straight edges," Moran said. "It's finer with a more sleek look and more contemporary feel with a lot of sophisticated decorative trims, metal and glass, relief tiles and slate with straight or tumbled edges."

Mixtures of natural stone, glass and metal are prominent in today's tile projects, whether it is in the bathroom, kitchen or foyer.

That mixture is what is unique today," Moran said. Limestone is priced \$5.99 a square foot and up, and slate \$3.99 a square foot and up at The Tile Shop.

Slate is also popular in fireplaces, Bell said.

Now when you see HGTV, you tend to see a lot of slates," he said. "Slate is used now in bathrooms. Before you'd see them in mud rooms and foyers, but now you see them a lot in bathrooms."

The use of natural stone with glass gives it a "spa like, Zen feel," said Moran.

And ceramic tile can be mixed with tumbled slate and glass accents.

"This is what's great with tile is there is endless options."

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"It's a great look," Moran said.

Metals are cut into porcelain, as part of the glass-metal-tile mix. In bathrooms, pebble stones and mosaic stone can be used to create a nautical theme.

"We're seeing a lot of slate and natural stone," LaFlair said. "Mosaics out of natural stone on a mesh backing with slates are very big."

Stone enhancers bring out the color of slate, marble or limestone, she said.

Bell sees more customers going to the intricate mosaic pieces.

They may want an outdoorsy motif for the bathroom with tiles imprinted with leaves or trees. While less grout is needed for the larger tiles, that doesn't make it less important, Bell said.

"Grout is very important. It can change the total look of the tile. If you want the tile to stand out, you need grout that will blend in."

A tile rich in color should have neutral-colored grout. "With natural stone, you want to focus on the tile not on the grout," Bell said.

Natural stone decorative pieces of granite, marble and slate are added, too.

"People are being very creative with their vanity tops. People are doing their ceilings and framing their mirrors," Bell said.

A lot of people don't even think about ideas like that. When they see it, they love it."

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## PUZZLE

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a buffet table for six, and Games of the Heart is on a table set for two.

The three artistic craft section classes use plant material and a decorated sports racquet for What a Racket, a decorated sports shoe for Walk the Line and a sports glove for Glove in Hand.

Fresh plant materials grown by the entrants will be featured in the horticulture division classes, including house plants, forced bulbs, herbs, dish gardens, terrariums, bromeliads, cacti, topiaries and forced branches.

Horticulture classes are judged on cultural perfection, condition and grooming and distinction.

## DISTRICT

Michigan federated garden clubs are divided into seven districts. District I encompasses communities from Port Huron to Trenton, and west to South Lyon and Canton.

The district consists of 45 garden clubs in five areas, including the Western Area (Farmington, Livonia and Dearborn) and North Area (Rochester and North Oakland).

Meetings: flower shows, garden walks

and community projects are some of the members' activities.

There are two district meetings a year, a state convention and schools on flower shows, garden culture, landscape design and environmental issues.

At last year's Home and Garden Show, District I presented the theme of Broadway, with arrangements interpreting familiar Broadway shows.

### OTHER FEATURES

Also at the Michigan Home and Garden Show, 15 spectacular living gardens filled with annuals and perennials in full bloom, shrubs and trees, waterfalls, reflecting pools and fountains will be displayed.

Visitors will see home improvement ideas, including new homes and log homes, kitchen and bath remodeling, room additions, roofing and siding, heating and cooling, windows and doors, flooring and tiling, cabinets and furniture.

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## MICHIGAN HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

■ **What:** A show featuring Games of Life a display by members of District 1 of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan. Also judged floral designs, horticulture and artistic crafts will be on display and educational exhibits and judged youth exhibits will be featured.

■ **When:** Thursday Sunday March 10-13. Hours are 3-9 30 p.m. Thursday noon to 9 30 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. to 9 30 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Where:** The Pontiac Silverdome. Take I 75 to M-59, go west on M-59 to the first exit. Opdyke Road. The Silverdome is on the corner of M-59 and Opdyke Road.

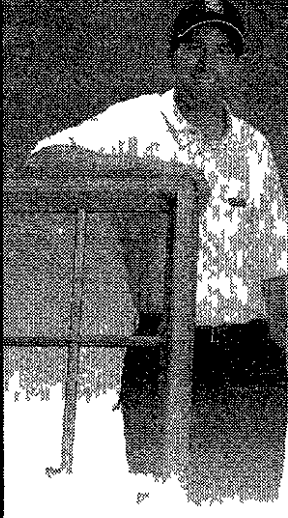
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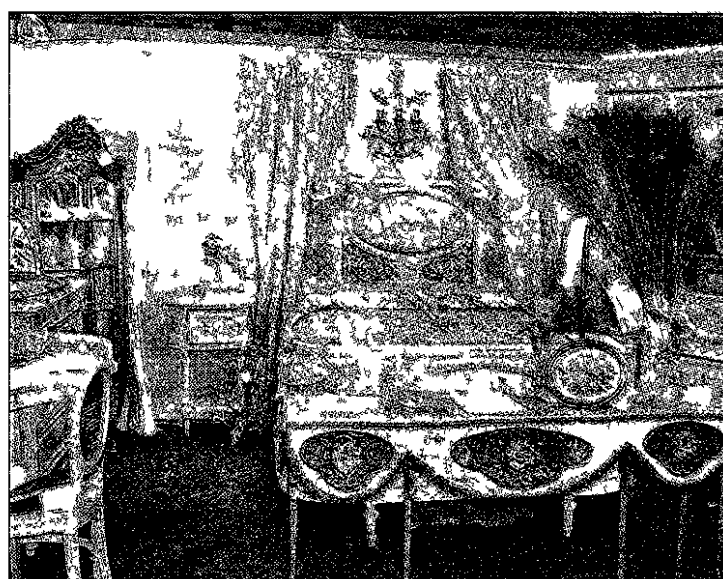
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HOME CALENDAR

Heart of the Home House Tour

A tour of nine beautiful and unusual homes in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Franklin and West Bloomfield will take place noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 13. The tour is presented by Groves High School Senior Parents. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2005 Senior Party. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 Sunday. Tickets are available at the Groves Main Office, 13 Mile and Evergreen, and at the Apple Tree Room, 32749 Franklin Road in Franklin. Make checks out to Groves PTSA Graduation Committee. Call (248) 890-0289 or (248) 722-3827 for information.

Faux stained glass

Learn an interesting craft that simulates stained glass in a class Tuesday, March 22, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Fee is \$22 plus a \$15 materials fee payable to instructors Bob and Esther Kerr.

To register or for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com)

In the class you will transfer patterns to an 8 by 10 inch styrene, apply liquid (simulated) leading and learn to apply, blend and comb your colors to produce a beautiful glass art painting.

Hand quilting

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education Services offers a six-week class, Sew Be It Hand Quilting, begin-

ning Tuesday, March 29. Fee is \$75 (\$60 for seniors). Bring a large dose of enthusiasm and a small pair of scissors to the first session. For more information, visit [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu) or call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448.

In the class, enjoy the history of quilting, learn about fabric care and selection and discover different patterns and designs, all while you complete a small wall hanging or crib quilt.

Pillows

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Ornamental

Ornamental, a show of sculptural metal wall pieces in powder coated steel by Cranbrook Academy of Art metalsmithing graduate Amy Haskins, continues to Saturday, March 12, at PF Galleries, 213 E. 14 Mile, just east of Main/Livernois in Clawson. Call (248) 989-8889.

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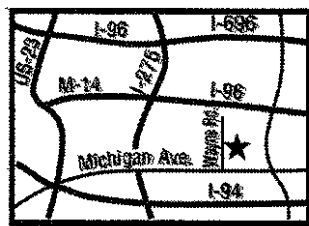
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# TASTE

Observer

# Boxty



## rebellion

This Irish potato cake flips onto dinner plates

Think of Irish food to celebrate St. Patrick's Day next Thursday and you may think of Irish stew, bangers and mash (sausage and potatoes) or shepherd's pie.

But boxty have long remained a tradition in Irish foods. According to Sharon Tyler Herbst in *The Food Lover's Companion*, boxty is like a thick pancake composed of mashed and shredded potatoes, flour and baking soda or baking powder. Boxty are said to have originated during the Irish famine.

Orla Moran, assistant manager at Sean O Callaghan's in Plymouth, moved from Ireland to the United States two years ago.

Boxty were once called the poor man's meal, she said.

It's really the only food that they had, Moran said. Grated potatoes, flour and a little salt and pepper. Potatoes remain one of the staple crops of Ireland.

Across town at Dick O'Dow's in Birmingham, chef Chris Grubbs said boxty there feature the Northern Irish traditions of shaved potatoes with chunks large enough for diners to enjoy.

"I like their texture, I like their taste," Grubbs said. "They're crispy outside, but also tender inside."

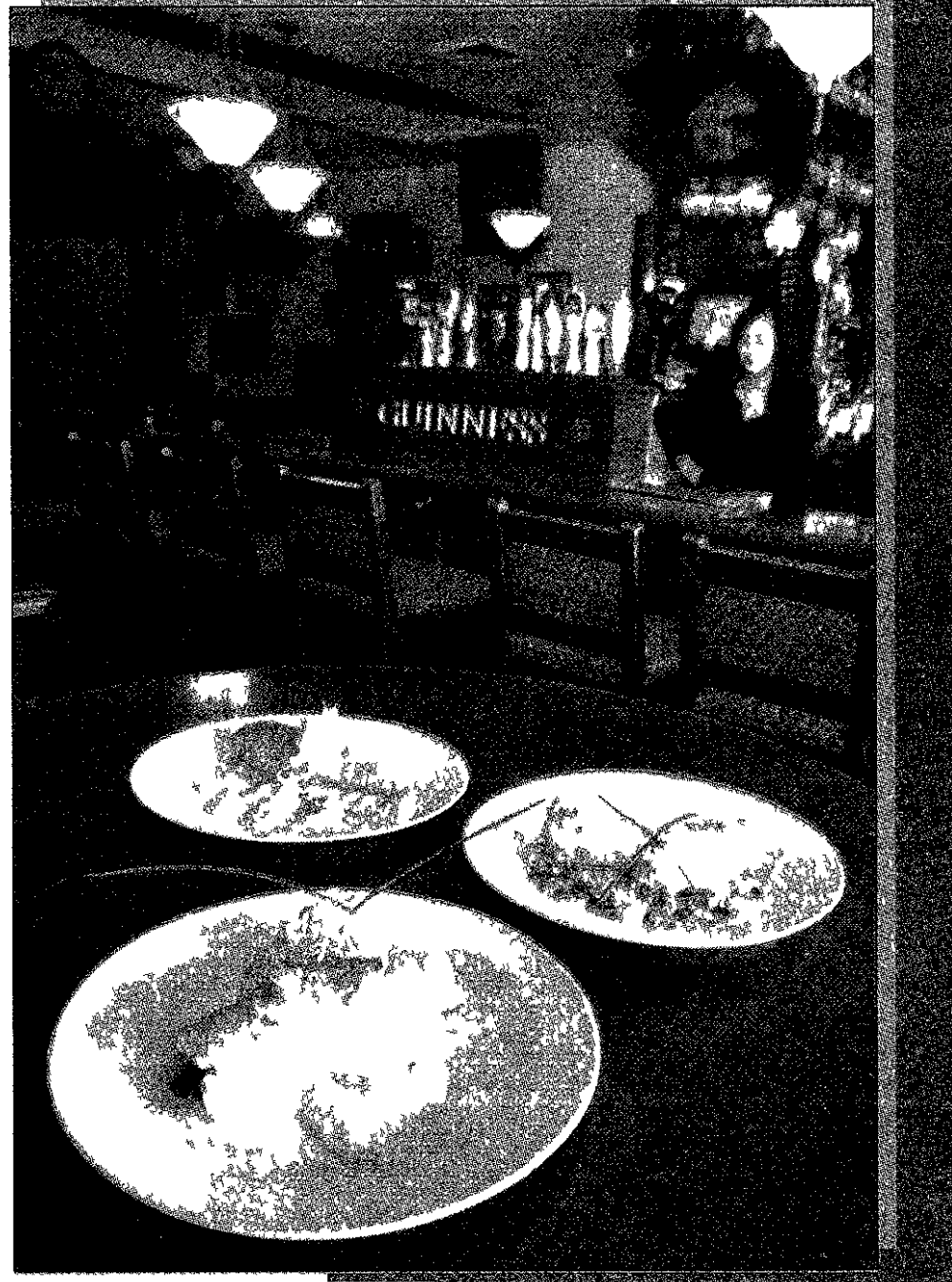
But it's not a potato pancake, Grubbs said.

O'Callaghan's used Moran's grandmother's recipe for boxty. Executive chef John Schofar said boxty batter should be thin almost like a crepe.

"It fulfilled a diet when there wasn't much food and money," Schofar said. "The filling is more of a modern thing."

Leave it to Americans to turn

PLEASE SEE BOXTY, B6



Above: Here are a vegetarian boxty (foreground) with mushrooms, spinach, garlic, shallots and white wine and roasted garlic cream sauce; corned beef boxty with Thousand Island dressing and steamed cabbage (top left); and smoked salmon boxty with capers, onions and chives with creme fraiche. Above left, executive chef John Schofar (front) and sous chef Larry Wood prepare boxty in the kitchen at Sean O Callaghan's Traditional Irish Pub in Plymouth.

### BOXTY

- 4 large russet potatoes, peeled
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup flour
- Salt and pepper
- Butter (for cooking pancakes)

Potatoes should be grated twice through a food processor. Retain the water generated from grating the potatoes. Mix with flour and eggs and adjust with seasonings. Batter should be thin, similar to batter for pancakes or crepes.

Heat nonstick skillet to high heat, and melt butter in pan. (Don't use oil. The butter helps brown them.) Pour batter, cooking for 3 to 4 minutes until boxty browns on one side, then flip it, and cook for 2 to 3 minutes on the other side. Don't overbrown or you won't be able to roll them.

Saute desired ingredients for filling (corned beef, salmon, turkey or vegetables) in separate saute pan. You also can cook scrambled or poached eggs or American Bacon and use for a filling, John Schofar said.

Fill boxty with filling, then roll up. Serve Thousand Island dressing and steamed cabbage with corned beef, or capers with salmon.

Recipe courtesy of John Schofar, executive chef of Sean O Callaghan's Traditional Irish Pub and Restaurant in Plymouth.

Story by Ken Abramczyk | Photos by Bill Bresler

## Side dish

### Bordeaux featured

Some of the finest wines from the Bordeaux region of France await connoisseurs at La Balade Bordelaise, a fund-raising dinner at Schoolcraft College Saturday, April 2. All wines were produced between 1980 and 1990, and are at the peak of their complexity and richness. Many are unavailable except from private collections.

Accompanying the wine will be a six-course dinner prepared by certified executive chef Marcus Haight and post-graduate students in the college's Brigade program. The menu will complement each wine and is built around dishes from two- and three-star French restaurants.

The wines have been collected through the efforts of S. Elie Boudt of Elie Wine Company in Royal Oak. Vineyards represented include Château Graud Larose, Château Beycheville, Château Leoville Barton, Château Palmer and Château Figeac.

The menu will feature celery root ravioli with oyster and portabella mushroom filling, roasted grouper, roasted breast of squab, grilled veal medallions and classic apple tart tatin. Diners at each table will sample six distinct Bordeaux wines.

Prices per person will vary between \$150 and \$350, depending upon the wines at each table. Diners may purchase a specific number of tickets or an entire table. There will be no refunds for the dinner, and a portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

Profits from La Balade Bordelaise will fund a one-week trip to Paris for students in the Brigade program. This post-graduate program, directed by Chef Haight, provides advanced training in all aspects of restaurant operations. The trip is the culmination of their Schoolcraft culinary education.

To order tickets, telephone Kathryn at 734-462-4400, ext. 5507. Ticket requests will be filled in the order in which they are received. The dinner, held in the American Harvest Restaurant, will accommodate 100 guests.

Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

### It's Brazilian

Visit downtown Birmingham on Wednesday evenings from 6-10 p.m. in March and enjoy the Brazilian jazz sounds of the Sean Blackman Quintet while sipping tasty caipirinhas (a traditional Brazilian drink) at Pampas Brazilian Grille in downtown Birmingham.

Hungry? Try traditional Brazilian Rodizio of sizzling meats and grilled vegetables served table-side, or the extensive chilled food selection a haven for carnivores and vegetarians alike.

Pampas Brazilian Grille is at 260 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham. For reservations call (248) 646-2158.

## California's Dry Creek Valley is zinfandel country

Draper, a veteran winemaker and chief executive officer of Ridge Vineyards, exudes a great passion for zinfandel.

He believes that zinfandel is California's unique contribution to the wine world and just as Bordeaux established the standard for cabernet sauvignon, Dry Creek Valley has for zinfandel.

"It's the one variety where California producers are not the challengers," Draper said. "We established the standard."

In 1969, Draper joined Ridge Vineyards, located in California's Santa Cruz Mountains as a cabernet sauvignon winemaker, and in the early years, that was all he made. "While we were waiting for our replanted 19th century vineyards to come into bearing, we looked for other cabernet sauvignon sources," Draper said. "There were none."

In looking for alternative grape varieties to expand Ridge's production, Draper dis-



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covered vineyards in Dry Creek Valley that were planted in the 19th century. The quality and complexity coming from old vine Dry Creek zinfandel convinced him to make it along with cabernet sauvignon.

From the beginning, Draper treated zinfandel with the care and expense with which he made cabernet. He picked it within zinfandel's ideal maturity window and did not treat it as a grape to be harvested after other varieties were already in the winery - a common practice back then.

He also decided to barrel age zinfandel just as he did cabernet. "We believe to this day that our approach was correct and we are pleased to have been

part of the renaissance of zinfandel in California with Ridge Lytton Springs vineyard in the Dry Creek Valley," he said.

### ZINFANDEL ORIGINS

Ridge's focus on zinfandel also contributed to research into its origins. Although no one knew the history of the grape name, it was discovered that cuttings were brought to Long Island in the 1820s, from the Royal Hapsburg vine collection in Vienna, at a time when Croatia was part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Near the end of the 20th century, Carole Meredith, Ph.D., then a research scientist at the University of California Davis discovered the origin of zinfandel in Croatia using DNA comparison to identify it. Even though zinfandel's origin has been proven to be Croatia, it is not grown there today because zinfandel does not do well in a region with summer and

### WINE PICKS

Other select areas of California also have a handle on growing and making exemplary ZINFANDEL.

■ 2002 Renwood Grandmere Amador County (\$25) has lively spiced aromas with raspberry, clove and brown spice flavors.

■ 2001 Renwood Grandpere Amador County (\$32) is more masculine than Grandmere with blackberry, black cherry and plum fruit accented by cracked pepper spice.

■ 2002 Renwood Fiddletown (\$25) sports jam, cherry, plum and white pepper spiciness.

■ 2002 Renwood Old Vine Amador County (\$20) has engaging dark blackberry fruit.

■ 2002 Napa Cellars Oakville (\$20) with its cassis aromas is very sexy.

**ZINFANDEL VALUES:** 2002 Kenwood, Sonoma County (\$16); 2002 Valley of the Moon, Sonoma County (\$15); and 2002 Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve (\$12).

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

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**BOXTY**

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traditional boxty on its head

Sean O'Callaghan's features corned beef, smoked salmon and spinach-filled varieties of boxty

At Dick O'Dow's the boxty dish can be layered with chicken, beef or vegetables

Corned beef, smoked salmon and spinach boxty are equally popular, Schofar said. Schofar likes the corned beef, while sous chef Larry Wood likes the smoked salmon

"(The batter) can't be too thick," Wood said. "Fresh potatoes are the key." Wood also likes smoked turkey in them

"A lot of my friends like the vegetarian, they'll come in for lunch and order the spinach (boxty)," Wood said. He serves it with a roasted garlic cream sauce

Schofar said the batter should be thin, and potatoes nice and wet to get a liquidy texture. "Otherwise you'll just have a glop of potatoes," Schofar said

Grubbs cores and shaves potatoes so the potato is left in large chunks

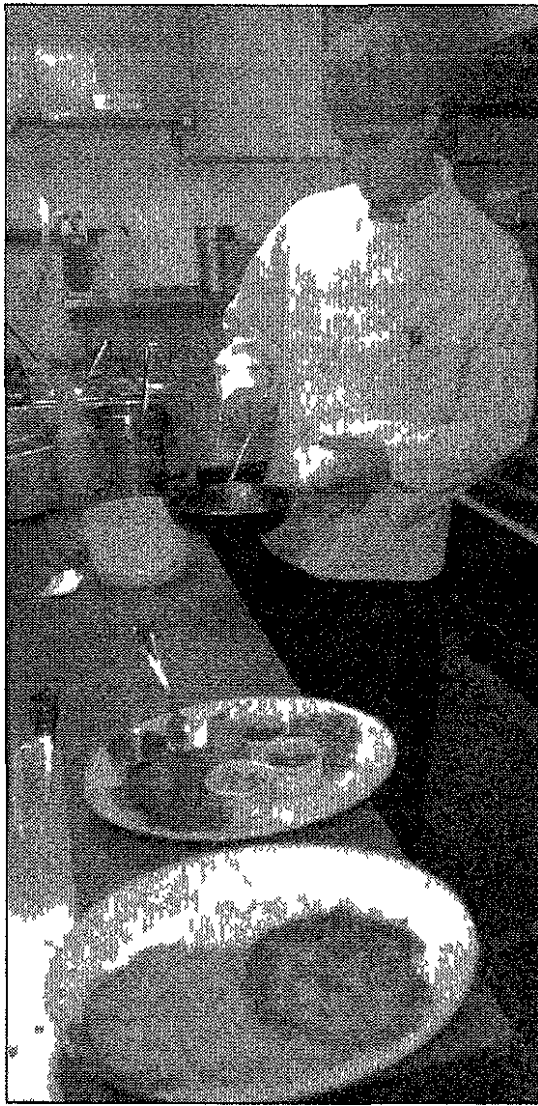
It is then mixed with eggs, fresh leeks, fresh garlic, salt, pepper, tarragon, dill, mild and sharp cheddar cheeses. Flour is added as a thickening agent

"It sits at 41 degrees for four hours," Grubbs said. "With cheeses and the herbs, you create a real good flavor. But it's not like a potato pancake"

The boxtys can be layered with vegetables (green and red peppers, mushrooms, onions and leeks), chicken (with onions, peppers and mushrooms and fresh red pepper pesto) or beef (top sirloin with tomatoes and leeks)

So what is it that is appealing about Irish food? For Moran, it's a little taste of home. "It's hearty, filling and good," Moran said

Sean O'Callaghan is located at 821 Penniman just west of



Sous chef Larry Wood ladles batter for boxty into a pan

Main Street in Plymouth Phone (734) 459-6666  
 Dick O'Dow's is located at 160 W Maple just west of Woodward in Birmingham Phone (248) 642-1135

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**IRISH RECIPES**

**DUBLIN CODDLE**

Dublin Coddle is true Irish comfort food, no fancy sauces, and none of the spices found in hotter regions. Yet every Dublin pub and every Dublin mum has a version of it. It sounds simple - just bacon, sausage, potatoes, onions, carrots, and water or hard cider - but the flavors meld together into a delicious stew

- 4 slices lean bacon
- 1 1/2 pounds pork sausages (6 to 8 sausages)
- 2 yellow onions sliced
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 large potatoes peeled and sliced
- 2 carrots peeled and sliced
- 1 cup water hard cider chicken stock or beer
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

Heat a large saute pan over medium-high heat. Add the bacon and fry for seven minutes, or until crisp. Using tongs, transfer to paper towels to drain

Add the sausages to the pan and cook, turning frequently, for 10 minutes, or until browned. Using tongs, transfer to a plate. Drain any excess fat from the pan

Add the onions to the pan and saute, stirring frequently, for 10 minutes, or until lightly browned

Spread half of the onions in a layer in the bottom of the slow cooker. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place half of the potatoes in a layer on top of the onions

and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Lay the strips of bacon over the potatoes. Lay the sausages over the bacon. Spread the carrots over the sausages and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Spread the remaining onions over the carrots and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Top with the remaining potatoes and sprinkle with salt and pepper

Add the water. Cover and cook on low for five to six hours, until the vegetables are very tender. Transfer to a warmed serving dish and sprinkle with the parsley. Serve immediately. Serves six

Recipes courtesy of The Gourmet Slow Cooker: Simple and Sophisticated Meals from Around the World by Lynn Alley. Ten Speed Press

**BEEF AND GUINNESS STEW**

Root vegetables are always found in the cuisine of cold northern climates. In this delicious traditional Irish stew, beef is paired with carrots, onions, potatoes, and hearty Guinness stout. For a completely different flavor using basically the same ingredients, try using lamb shanks rather than beef. Both are Irish favorites

- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 2 1/2 pounds very lean stewing beef cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 to 3 large potatoes peeled and cut into bite sized pieces
- 2 to 3 carrots peeled and cut into bite sized pieces
- 2 large yellow onions quartered

- 1 to 2 sprigs thyme
- 2 cups Guinness stout or other very dark hearty beer
- 1 teaspoon salt
- chopped fresh parsley for garnish

Place the flour in a resealable plastic bag. Add the beef to the bag, several pieces at a time, and shake to coat completely

Heat a large sauté pan over medium-high heat and add the oil. In batches if necessary, add the beef and cook, turning, for 8 to 10 minutes, until browned on all sides. Using tongs, transfer to paper towels to drain

Place the beef, potatoes, carrots, onions, and thyme in the slow cooker and pour the beer over the top. (If you prefer the vegetables with more texture, let the stew cook for one hour before adding the vegetables.) Cover and cook on low for eight hours, or until the meat is very tender. Season with salt. Remove and discard the thyme

Transfer to a serving bowl and garnish generously with the parsley. Serves four to six.

**LAMB AND GUINNESS STEW**

Trim off as much fat from four to six lamb shanks as you can. The shanks will still render plenty of fat during cooking. For a lower-fat dish, cook them in the Guinness with 1/2 onion all day, then refrigerate the stew overnight and remove the congealed fat before finishing the dish. Add the potatoes, carrots, onions, and thyme. Cover and cook on low for two to three hours before serving

**Explore a plant-based diet March 20**

Kick the meat habit for a day and explore a plant-based diet at The Great American Meatout noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at the Gerry Kulick Community Center in Ferndale

Admission is \$5, children 12 and under are admitted free. The local event is hosted by Veggie in Motion (VIM)

The Great American Meatout is for anyone interested in vegetarianism, or simply in eating healthier by cutting back on meat

Participants will learn the many benefits of a plant-based diet via food samples from local veg-friendly restaurants, as well as lectures, cooking demos, literature, videos, product ven-

dors, door prizes and more. Restaurants such as Inn Season, the Peacock, Sweet Lorraine's, Jade Palace, Thai Smile, Tasi Juice Bar and others will offer tasty meatless cuisine and/or prizes. Featured speakers include "Meat Market" author Erk Marcus, Beaumont Hospital medical director of cardiac rehab Dr. Joel Kahn, author, food and fitness consultant Dr. Kerrie Saunders, Sasha Farm animal activist Bob Harvie, linguist, author, Reiki master and Kabbalist Dr. Schavali Ah, and VIM founder Jim Corcoran

Meatout 2005 responds to dietary trends, such as obesity surpassing smoking as a top national health threat, more

and more health concerns being raised about Atkins-type diets, and the steady growth of the vegetarian food market. Research has shown that a plant-based diet significantly reduces risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer and other chronic diseases, in addition to benefiting resource conservation, environmental quality and animal welfare

The Gerry Kulick Community Center is located at 1201 Livernois in Ferndale (take Nine Mile Road to Livernois, south three streets to Pearson). For more information on VIM and the metro Detroit Great American Meatout, call (248) 616-9676 or visit [www.veggesinmotion.org/meatout](http://www.veggesinmotion.org/meatout)

**WINE**

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autumn rains

Actually, there are very few regions of the world where zinfandel can consistently mature and produce premium quality wine. California and especially Dry Creek Valley, is an ideal location

**WHY DRY CREEK?**

In 1971, Draper met with the owner of Valley Vista Vineyard on Lytton Springs Road in the Dry Creek Valley and contracted to purchase grapes for the 1972 harvest which was released under the brand name Lytton Springs

In 1995, Ridge purchased the vineyards and winery because of the consistent quality of the wines. Today, a state-of-the-art new winery replaces the one purchased with the property

Zinfandel has been cultivated continuously in Dry Creek Valley for over 125 years. A combination of factors creates the gestalt of Dry Creek Valley zinfandel. In addition to terrain, climate and soils conducive to greatness, Dry Creek Valley has a cultural heritage. The vintners of Dry Creek Valley appear to have a feel for growing zinfandel and it's not something they learned from a textbook

In addition to a Lytton Springs Zinfandel, we highly

recommend 2002 Dry Creek Vineyard Somers Ranch Zinfandel (\$30) with blackberry, chocolate and black pepper spiciness, 2002 Dry Creek Vineyard Beeson Ranch Zinfandel (\$30), showcasing raspberry, blackberry and Bing cherry flavors

At \$16, the 2002 Lake Sonoma Dry Creek Valley Zinfandel, sporting bright raspberry aromas and flavors with a nice touch of spice, is a real deal

The Healds are contributing editors for the Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at [foCUSonWine@aol.com](mailto:foCUSonWine@aol.com)

**Do You Want to Honor a HomeTown Hero?**

Your Observer & Eccentric, Mirror and HomeTown Newspapers, in conjunction with the United Way of Oakland County, are calling for nominations for the HomeTown Heroes™ Awards, which recognizes, encourages and rewards outstanding volunteers who have given selflessly of themselves to support non-profit organizations in Oakland County. Nominees and awardees will be recognized at the Sixth Annual HomeTown Heroes™ Luncheon that will take place on June 1, 2005 at Marriott at Centerpoint in Pontiac, Michigan

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- FAITH BASED
- BUSINESS

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A type written essay on a separate sheet, up to one page (no less than 10 point font size). In the essay state the qualities that make this volunteer stand out from other volunteers and list any major accomplishments of the person's volunteer activities. Please give specific examples of how the nominee currently has helped someone, has made a difference for the non-profit organization and/or has had an impact on the community. Include a photo (no larger than 5" x 7") of the nominated person or group, or for Business nominees, include a photo of persons participating in the volunteer activity

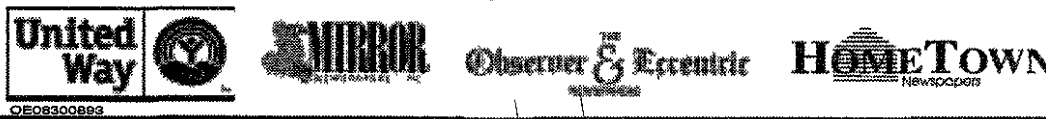
Entries must be received by Thursday, March 24, 2005.

Mail or fax forms to HomeTown Heroes™ Awards • c/o United Way of Oakland County 50 Wayne Street • Pontiac, MI 48342 • Fax 248-456-8809

For questions, further information, or more applications go to [www.unitedwayoakland.org/hero.html](http://www.unitedwayoakland.org/hero.html) or call 248-874-1601

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# For super-light noodles, rice is super

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

Rice noodles, popular across Southeast Asia to southern China, are essential to many dishes, including savory-sweet pad thai, slurpy Vietnamese pho, and curry-flavored Singapore noodles.

Sold now in many American supermarkets, they are easy to use in flavorful one-dish meals like Thai Rice Noodle Soup with Shrimp. This light pasta is made from rice ground into a fine flour, mixed with water and slowly dried. It contains no wheat, gluten, eggs, cholesterol or fat.

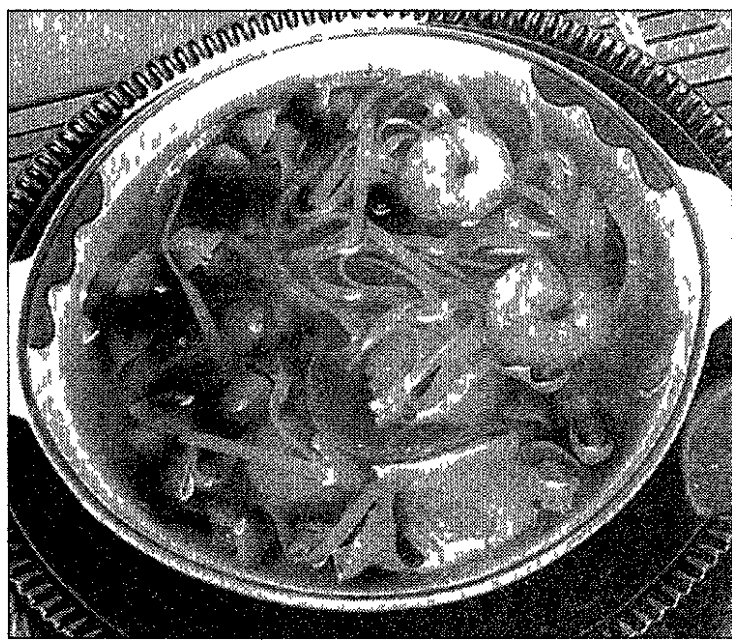
Because they are already cooked, you need only soak rice noodles in hot water until soft before using them.

These not-quite-white noodles, brittle and translucent, come folded into skeins and in different thicknesses, from angel hair-fine vermicelli used in soups, and wider, linguini-flat rice sticks used both in soups and stir-fries, to fettucini-width noodles for stir-fries.

In ethnic markets, you may see them called mai fun or bunh, depending on their thickness and the country in which they were produced.

To prepare rice noodles, first place them in a plastic bag and separate off the amount you want to use. This prevents bits of dried noodles from scattering as you break them apart.

Allow 1 to 2 ounces for each serving of soups and salads,



Rice noodles are easy to use in flavorful one-dish meals like Thai rice noodle soup with shrimp.

and 3 ounces for every serving of a main entree.

Traditionally, rice noodles are soaked in cold water until soft, at least an hour, then drained and plunged into boiling water.

Today, many cooks just cover them with boiling water in a bowl and soak the noodles until soft and tender, three to 10 minutes, depending on their thickness.

Always rinse the softened noodles under cold water before using. This washes away the starch that makes noodles stick together and turns soups and sauces cloudy.

To reduce clumping, leave the reconstituted noodles

moist if you aren't using them immediately.

If desired, use scissors to cut long noodles after soaking, so they are easier to eat.

## THAI RICE NOODLE SOUP WITH SHRIMP

- 4 ounces dried rice noodles broken in half
- 4 slices fresh ginger scored with a knife
- 2 inch piece fresh lemongrass halved lengthwise and mashed flat with a knife\*
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon Thai red curry paste or to taste
- 8 cups fat free reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1 small red onion cut lengthwise into 1/4-inch slices
- 8 large cherry tomatoes halved

- 16 raw medium shrimp shelled and deveined
- 1 cup canned straw mushrooms rinsed and drained
- 1 tablespoon reduced sodium soy sauce or fish sauce
- 2 fresh limes one juiced one cut into 4 wedges
- 8 to 12 thin slices red chili pepper or to taste

Place the noodles in a large bowl. Pour in boiling water to cover and let soak just until pliable. Drain in a sieve and set aside.

Place ginger slices, lemongrass (if using) curry paste and broth in a deep saucepan. Bring it to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer 5 minutes.

Add the onion and simmer until almost tender. Add tomatoes and shrimp.

Simmer just until shrimp turn pink. Add the mushrooms, soy or fish sauce, lime juice, noodles and chili pepper.

Remove from heat and cover. Let stand until the noodles and mushrooms are heated through. Remove ginger and lemongrass. Serve garnished with lime wedges.

\*If whole, fresh lemongrass isn't available, omit it. Don't use packaged cut-up lemongrass or the powdered form.

Makes 8 servings

Per serving: 87 calories, less than 1 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 15 g carbohydrate, 6 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 760 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of *The Joy of Soy*.

## TASTE CALENDAR

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.

### 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. 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 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.

### Seasonal Macrobiotics Cooking

Macrobiotics is a dietary-wellness system based on whole foods. The macrobiotic way of life is holistic, taking into account all aspects of human life and acknowledging the inter relationship between body, mind and spirit. Learn about foods used in macrobiotic cooking to create a quick and healthy menu plan and to prepare a complete meal. Sample food and take home recipes. Linda Wemhoff, macrobiotic chef since 1985, was personal chef for Michio and Aveline Kushi while studying at the Kushi Institute in Boston and was head chef at the International Macrobiotic Institute in Kiental, Switzerland. She has a cable television show featuring her menus and recipes. Sessions are scheduled 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday March 15. A session costs \$29 and a fee of \$5 is paid to instructor the first day of class for the macrobiotic manual. To register for classes contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832 or online at [www.communityhouse.com](http://www.communityhouse.com).

# A quick hit: honey-garlic green tea shrimp

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When it comes to Chinese food, Martin Yan is one of the best-known authorities to turn to for guidance. His latest book is particularly encouraging — just look at that title: *Martin Yan Quick and Easy* (Chronicle 2004 \$24.95).

Whether for a Chinese New Year feast or a treat any time of year, Yan's recipe for honey garlic green-tea shrimp offers a subtle adventure in flavor combination. Like all the recipes in the book (a companion volume to Yan's public television series), the shrimp dish can be ready to put on the table in under 30 minutes.

Yan suggests the use of a spice grinder to turn green tea leaves into a fine powder. "If you don't have a grinder, use the green tea in a bag. Cut the bags open and use the tea inside, most of the time it is pretty fragrant. You will be amazed at the subtle flavors the leaves impart in this dish," he adds.

## HONEY-GARLIC GREEN TEA SHRIMP

For the marinade:  
1/2 teaspoon cornstarch  
2 teaspoons soy sauce  
1 pound medium sized raw shrimp, peeled and deveined

For the sauce:  
3/4 cup chicken broth  
2 tablespoons oyster flavored sauce  
1/2 tablespoons honey  
1/2 teaspoon sesame oil  
1/2 teaspoon cornstarch  
1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
2 teaspoons ground green tea leaves  
1/2 cup macadamia nuts

To make the marinade, combine 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch and the soy sauce in a bowl and mix well.

Add the shrimp and stir to coat evenly. Let stand for 10 minutes.

To make the sauce, combine all the ingredients (chicken broth, oyster sauce, honey, sesame oil and cornstarch) in a

small bowl and stir until honey dissolves.

Place a stir fry pan over high heat until hot. Add the oil, swirling to coat the sides.

Add the garlic and cook stirring until fragrant, about 10 seconds.

Add the shrimp and stir fry until they turn pink, 1 to 2 minutes. Sprinkle the ground green tea over the shrimp and

stir to coat evenly.

Stir the sauce once, add to the pan and bring to a boil.

Reduce the heat to medium low and cook stirring, until the sauce thickens, 1 to 2 minutes.

Add the nuts, transfer to a plate and serve.

Makes 4 servings. Recipe from *Martin Yan Quick and Easy* (Chronicle 2004 \$24.95).

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A single serving of cooked leafy greens (one-half cup) is estimated to contain more than 100 different phytochemicals. Steam them with ginger and water chestnuts for a healthy dish.

## Eat something green for St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is a good excuse for the wearing of the green on your dinner plate. The color that represents Ireland, the shamrock and spring is also the color that represents good health. Greens are low in both calories and fat but are rich in fiber and vitamins A and C. Greens also contain naturally occurring substances called phytochemicals that help fight cancer and other serious health problems. A single serving of cooked leafy greens (one-half cup) is estimated to contain more than 100 different phytochemicals. The most common greens are collard, kale and chard. They look similar but have distinguishing differences. Collard greens have large, cabbage-like leaves and are a muted green, sometimes tinged with blue. Most varieties of kale have ragged or frilled leaves ranging in color from bluish to almost black, magenta, yellow, or gray. Chard usually has dark green leaves that are often ruffled. Sometimes, the names of certain greens can be confusing. Many for example are called Chinese cabbage. Some varieties also are called Napa cabbage or bok choy. Whatever it's called, Chinese cabbage is mild and delicate. It is usually available year-round. Amaranth also has become

easier to find. Once considered a weed in the United States, amaranth greens are now recognized as a highly nutritious food. These greens have a wonderful, slightly sweet flavor and can be used both in cooking and for salads. Whatever greens you use, look for those that are crisp and unblemished and a dark color. Leafy greens are highly perishable and should be used within a few days of purchase. Wrap them, unwashed, in damp paper towels and refrigerate in a plastic bag with a few air holes so the greens can breathe. Greens can be full of soil and grit, so rinse them carefully before cooking. They should not be cooked in pans made of aluminum, which gives them an unpleasant taste. Keep in mind that greens cook way down. A pound of fresh greens will result in 1/2 to 2 cups of cooked greens, or about 4 small servings.

**STEAMED GREENS WITH GINGER AND WATER CHESTNUTS**

3 cups mixed leafy greens chosen from the following: bok choy (Chinese cabbage or Chinese chard), choy sum (Chinese flowering cabbage), Chinese spinach (amaranth leaves), Swiss chard leaves, stems removed, spinach leaves, stems removed.

1 teaspoon finely minced peeled

fresh ginger  
1 teaspoon finely minced fresh garlic  
1/2 cup diced canned water chestnuts (rinsed and drained)  
1/2 tablespoon sesame seed oil or as needed  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Keeping types of greens separate steam them one at a time. (Each type of green will take a different length of time to steam until tender.) Sprinkle ginger and garlic over the top of greens then evenly drizzle a small amount of oil on top. Steam until greens are just tender watching carefully, as they may take as little as 30 seconds. Meanwhile heat a small amount of oil in a small slotted pan until hot. Add water chestnuts and saute for 30 seconds. With a slotted spoon immediately transfer to a plate covered with two sheets of paper towel. As each green becomes tender immediately transfer to a serving plate placing each next to each other. Scatter sauteed water chestnuts on top. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.

Makes four servings  
Per serving: 31 calories, 2 g total fat, 0 g saturated fat, 5 g carbohydrate, 1 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 19 mg sodium.  
Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## Here's citrus zest made simple

BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

Walk into a room after someone has peeled an orange, and the fragrance is positively uplifting. This instant aromatherapy comes from essential oils in the zest, the colored outer layer of citrus skin. Polyphenols, the source of citrus fragrance, also add flavor in cooking, and they are potent cancer-blocking antioxidants. The challenge in using zest is removing it from the fruit easily, and without including any pith, the bitter-tasting layer just beneath it. Even a tiny bit of pith left on the zest can result in a very unpleasant taste. To avoid this, chefs have devised a variety of instruments and methods over the years. The fastest, simplest way to remove the zest from citrus is with a microplane. That's right, the woodworking tool called a rasp. Resembling a long, narrow grater, its fine teeth whisk zest off in a wink - as long as this is done with a light, gentle hand. A microplane can create angel-hair fine curls, pith-free and ready to use. Microplanes cost as little as

\$10. They do a brilliant job grating hard cheeses and fresh ginger, too, and are far superior to a zester, a culinary tool that makes long thin strips, often with pith attached, and can leave a great deal of zest behind on the fruit. A swivel-blade vegetable peeler neatly removes zest in wider strips that are excellent for making applesauce, as with lemon zest, or butternut squash soup, using orange zest, and removed before serving the finished dish. A sharp paring knife also works. Slice the strips lengthwise into the thinnest strips, using a sharp knife. Turn them over to expose the interior side to check if any pith remains. If so, hold down the strip, cut side up, at one end with a fingertip and, with the blade of the knife almost horizontal to the zest, work it between the pith and the peel, slicing away the pith. Coarser than grated zest, these fine bits release delightful flavor bursts in baked goods, tabbouleh and rice salad.

**BLACK BEAN AND ORANGE SALSA**

1 navel orange  
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained  
1 small yellow bell pepper, seed

ed and finely chopped  
1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and finely chopped  
1/2 cup cilantro leaves (stems removed) finely chopped  
1/2 cup finely chopped scallions, white and green parts  
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste  
1 teaspoon canola oil

Grate 1 teaspoon of zest from the orange. Peel and section the orange, holding it over a medium bowl to reserve the juice. Chop the sections and place them with all the juice collected into the bowl. Add the beans, yellow pepper, jalapeño, cilantro and scallions. Whisk together the lime juice and oil in a small bowl. Mix it into the salsa, tossing with a fork to combine. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Mix in the orange zest. Let the salsa stand 30 minutes before serving to allow the flavors to develop and meld. This salsa keeps for 24 hours, tightly covered, in the refrigerator. Makes 8 servings. Per serving: 65 calories, 1 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 11 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 166 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of *The Joy of Soy*.

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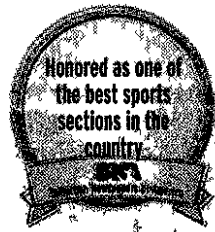
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## Extended family



Plymouth Whaler captain John Mitchell takes a break to play some crazy eights with his 'billet' family siblings Jesse (left) and Julie (right)

### Whalers billet program gives players comforts of home

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Most youngsters who attend Plymouth Whalers games take home a Whaler souvenir puck, a Whaler mini-hockey stick or — if they're real fortunate — a Whaler autograph.

Members of two Plymouth families — the Predhommies and Mancnellis — do much better.

They bring home an actual Whaler player after every game.

Both families are part of the team's "billet" program, in which Plymouth and Canton residents open up their homes from September through May for Whaler players, most of whom come from Canada or hometowns so distant that commuting is improbable.

#### WHAT'S A BILLET?



Plymouth Whalers captain John Mitchell gets some special attention from the Predhommies family pet Riley. The Predhommies are Mitchell's 'billet' family. Pictured are children Julie and Jesse and parents, Tom and Margaret.

A billet, according to Webster's dictionary, is 'a written order to provide quarters or lodging for military personnel, as in a private building.'

Billet families, according to Whalers head coach and general manager Mike Vellucci's definition, are essential to the team's existence. We wouldn't be able to

function without the billet program,' said Vellucci, referring to the 18 families who are currently involved in the program.

"Our players wouldn't have anywhere to live without these generous families. We are very fortunate that we have people who are willing to open their homes

to our players.

"These players have a lot going on in their lives. They're trying to get a pro contract, they have demanding schedules between attending school, practices and the road trips, so they need a stable

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, C5



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ryan Stamm has been one of the Plymouth hockey team's most consistent players over the past two seasons. The junior was near the top in all of the team's important statistical categories, including total points and minutes played.

## Stamm is catalyst for Wildcat skaters

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

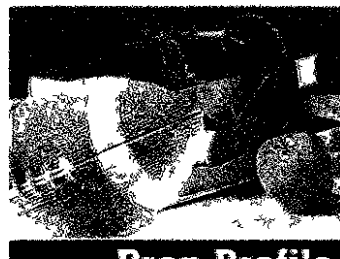
Over the past few months, Ryan Stamm has used his videotape-editing skills to compile season-ending highlight films for the Plymouth High School football and volleyball teams.

The junior also played a key role in creating a highlight package for the Wildcats' hockey team this past winter — only he was the focus of this film, not the editor.

Stamm recently completed his second season as one of the Plymouth varsity hockey team's most productive players. A captain, he was near the top of the charts in all of the team's important statistical categories, including points and minutes played.

"Ryan isn't real big, but he doesn't back down from anybody," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "He's a good skater, but he's physical. If you have the puck, he's going to do whatever it takes to take it away from you."

"Ryan is a good leader, too. He's more of a quiet, lead-by-example guy. Every time he



#### Prep Profile

goes out on the ice for his shift, he works so hard that the other players take notice.

#### FUTURE SPIELBERG?

Stamm used his own time and the school's video-editing equipment to put together the football and volleyball highlight reels. The football film he produced was aired at the team's banquet in November.

"I was a little nervous before it was shown," said Stamm. "When I put it together, I had to go through each game film and pick out about two minutes of highlights from each one. I also added the background music. It was a lot of work, but I enjoyed it. Everyone seemed to like it at the banquet. It wasn't for a class. I just decided to

PLEASE SEE STAMM, C2

## Canton, Salem gymnasts finish 1-2 at regional meet

For complete regional meet results please see page C3

The abundance of gymnastics talent in the Plymouth and Canton communities was reflected in the top of the standings at Saturday's regional competition held at Plymouth High School.

Canton won its first regional title Saturday by compiling 145 200 points, and Salem finished a strong second in the 15-team field with a score of 140 375. Both teams — along with third-place Hillsdale (137 575) — qualified for a berth in Friday's team state gymnastics meet at Plymouth High School.

The top 10 places in the overall standings were filled out by Saline (131 875), Adrian (130 950), Ann Arbor Pioneer (126 300), Tecumseh (124 050), Parma Western (122 800), Jackson (120 775) and Coldwater (109 150). Plymouth finished 13th with 50 550 points.

Seven of the top nine finishers in the Division 1 all-around competition had local

ties, led by medalist Alyssa Kelley of Canton, who racked up 36 600 points. The other local top-10 performers were Canton's Jessie Murray (second, 36 250), Megan Chappo (third, 36 050), Kara Ahern (fourth, 35 750) and Kate Staley (eighth, 33 950), Salem's Sarah Bugosh (sixth, 35 025), and Plymouth's Jordan Brodehl (seventh, 34 750). A pair of Salem gymnasts finished first and second in the Division 2 all-around. Elena Gueorguev won with a 36 500 total while Ashley Aquinto was the runner-up (36 150). Canton's Mina Pirzadeh finished eighth with 33 550 points.

The top eight finishers in each of the four events qualified for Saturday's individual state meet. Local individuals qualifiers include

■ **Saline** — Bugosh, Aquinto and Gueorguev,

■ **Canton** — Kelley, Murray, Staley, Kara Ahern, Chappo, Kartlyn Burns, Pirzadeh, and Hillary Bracht, and

■ **Plymouth** — Brodehl.

Friday's state team competition commences at 4 p.m. at Plymouth.

The Division 1 individual meet kicks off at noon on Saturday while the Division 2 competition will start at 3:30 p.m.

## PCA spikers take a fall just one step from state meet

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The first thing Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team did Saturday afternoon was grab state power Adrian Lenawee Christian's attention.

Then the Eagles almost snatched the Cougars' Class D regional volleyball crown. In Saturday's regional final match played at Lenawee Christian, PCA surprised the Cougars by winning the first game, 25-20. The loss seemed to awaken state-ranked Lenawee, which won the final three games, 25-15, 25-11 and 25-19, to win the match and advance to this weekend's Class D state finals at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

"I don't think Lenawee expected us to be as good as we were," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "They've won the regional so many times over

the past several years, I think they took us a little too lightly early in the match. Their experience helped them later on in the match. They've been to the finals so many times, so I don't think they felt the pressure like our team did."

The season-ending loss dropped the Eagles' record to 23-15, which was a more-than-commandable mark, according to Henry.

"What a great group of girls this has been to coach," Henry said. "They worked extremely hard, both on and off the court. There were no attitude problems or selfishness with this team. They just love the game and love each other."

"They've come a long way in a couple of years. We only lose two seniors from this team, and all of the returning girls are playing together in a spring league, so I'm already looking forward to next season."

PLEASE SEE SPIKERS, C3

## Sidelines

### Gymnasts shine

Several area youth gymnasts, competing for Gym America, fared well: Feb. 18-20 at the Cereal City Gymnastics Meet held at the Kellogg Center in Battle Creek.

Kayla Weber, a Level 7 gymnast and a student at Eriksson Elementary School, took first place on beam (9 40) and floor (9 20). She also finished second in the all-around with a 35 625, third on bars (8 30) and fourth on vault (8 725).

Level 5 gymnast Haylee Weber, Kayla's younger sister, placed fourth on beam (8 30), fourth on floor (8 625) and sixth all-around (33 55). Sidney Lane, a student at Gallimore Elementary, finished fourth on vault (9 05), fifth on bars (8 425), sixth on floor (8 65) and fifth in the all-around (34 325). Olivia Ozeranic, a third-grader at Eriksson, placed seventh on the bars (8 75), sixth on beam (8 75), seventh on floor (8 55) and eighth all-around (35 075).

The meet attracted more than 1,400 competitors from across the country.

Gym America is coached by Claudia and Ed Kretschmer.

### Wrestlers excel

Members of the Canton Wrestling Club earned 16 medals last month at the Milan Youth Wrestling Tournament. Earning first-place honors for Canton were Brent Winekoff, Brad Price, Anthony Favot and Zach Blevins, placing second in their respective weight classes were Connor Johnson, Brandon Lee and Alec Pantaleo, third-place finishers were Brad Trublowiski, Cameron Shaughnessy, Sean Lee, Malcolm Hollingsworth, Brandon Harris and Brad Akers, and finishing fourth were Mark Lowry, Jamal Sanders, and Ryan Sheeler.

Also competing for Canton were Carl Lucke, Jimmy Keena, Ben Griffin, Nick Frazier, Mike Frazier, Caleb Finamore, Luke Denzer, Ray Coram, Brandon Cicciotti, Justin Baker and William Askew.

### Cobra tryouts

The Canton Cobras U-14 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts soon for their upcoming 20-plus game schedule in the Washtenaw Area Baseball Association League. The Cobras have their own field on Michigan Avenue in Canton.

For details about the tryouts, contact Bob at (734) 451-7936, Steve at (734) 459-2749, or Joe at (734) 459-2631.

### Salem boosters

The Salem High School Football Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, in Room 2703 of Salem High School.

All parents of current and future players are invited to attend. For more information, call Bob Kilgore at (734) 459-6393.



**STAMM**

FROM PAGE C1

do it on my own"  
**IN THE BEGINNING...**

Stamm's hockey origins can be traced back nine years when he played roller hockey on the streets of his Canton neighborhood. A neighbor introduced him to the ice version and a life-long hobby was born.

"Ice hockey is definitely harder than roller hockey," Stamm said. "I had never skated on ice skates before, so that took some time. I had a difficult time stopping. But I kept working at it until I got to be pretty good."

Stamm's skating skills accelerated to such a high level that he was soon playing at the AAA level for the '87 Ann Arbor Wolves.

"That was the first team I was on that actually traveled a lot," Stamm said. "We played in tournaments as far away as St

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Louis and Wisconsin. We'd play three-game series on the weekends. It was great competition.

**DOUBLE DUTY**

During his freshman year at Plymouth, Stamm played for the Wildcats' freshmen football team and the hockey squad.

When the two sports overlapped late in the football season, Stamm found himself shuttling from one practice to the next.

"Football practice would get over about 6:30, then I'd have hockey practice from 9:30 to 11, so it was definitely tiring," Stamm said. "I just played hockey my sophomore season, so it wasn't as bad."

"I love hockey. It's relaxing to me. When I'm having a bad day, I'll get out on the ice and forget about everything except the game."

**COMMENDABLE SEASON**

The Wildcats finished just below 500 this season, which was commendable considering the team was void of seniors. "One of our goals this year was not to get mercied," Stamm said. "Well, we got mercied once, but we were missing seven players for that game, so we came close to meeting that goal. A lot of people were saying we wouldn't win one game, so we proved them wrong."

"A couple of the highlights were beating Salem and tying Canton. I think we sent the other teams a message for next year. The most memorable game for me was the Salem game because we won and I had a couple of goals."

**LENDING ENCOURAGEMENT**

As a captain, Stamm said he thought one of his primary roles was to encourage the younger members of the unit. "I was an assistant captain before, but never a captain, so it was kind of a learning experience for me," the 5-foot-8 forward said. "One of the things I tried to do was encourage the younger kids on the team who weren't getting a lot of ice time. I explained to them that, as freshmen, they had never played at this level before, so they had to learn, but I wanted to make sure they were sticking with us."

the rest of the junior class, have the extra pressure of setting the original standards for the school, which won't have a senior class until next fall.

**TREND-SETTERS**

"We have to set good examples because whatever we do is going to create the reputation for the school," he said. "Overall, I think we're doing a good job so far. I know the girls sports have done really well as well as a few boys sports. Most of the athletes know each other because we're all in the BFS (Bigger, Faster, Stronger) program, so we workout together in the weight room."

Ideally, Stamm said he would like to attend Western Michigan University and study to become a teacher and/or counselor.

"I don't know if I will be able to play college hockey," he said, "but I know I want to keep playing when I'm older."

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

- PREP HOCKEY STATE TOURNAMENT** (at Compuware Arena) Thursday, March 10
- Division I semifinals 6 & 8 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 11
- Division II semifinals noon & 2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 12
- Division III final 11 a.m.
- Division II final 3 p.m.
- Division I final 7 p.m.
- PREP WRESTLING INDIVIDUAL STATE FINALS** at PALACE OF AUBURN HILLS Thursday, March 10
- Championship first round 2:45 p.m.
- Friday, March 11
- Consolation first round 8:30 a.m.
- Championship quarterfinals 11 a.m.
- Consolation second round 2 p.m.
- Championship semifinals 5 p.m.
- Saturday, March 12
- Consolation third round 8:30 a.m.
- Consolation semifinals 10:10 a.m.
- Consolation finals noon.
- Championship matches 4:45 p.m.
- BOYS SWIMMING DIVISION I STATE FINALS** at EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIV. Friday, March 11
- Preliminary heats noon.
- Championship & consolation finals noon.
- GIRLS GYMNASTICS STATE FINALS** at PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL Friday, March 11
- Team competition 4 p.m.
- Saturday, March 12
- Division I individual competition noon.
- Division II individual competition 2:30 p.m.
- ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE** Thursday, March 10
- Whalers at Windsor Spitfires 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 11
- Whalers at Erie Otters 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, March 13
- Whalers vs S.S. Marie (Compuware) 2 p.m.
- TBA - time to be announced.

**Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - March 1, 2005**

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, March 1, 2005 at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Faas, Director Minghine, Director Conklin. Staff Absent: Director Santomaro. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1. Draft of Proposed Canton Community Goals and Objectives.** Discussion on proposed goals for the next four (4) years. These have been initially reviewed and consolidated by the Directors. The additional information received will be incorporated and will be presented to the Board for final approval. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo at 10:05 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. March 24<sup>TH</sup> 2005 for the following:

**INFLATABLE ATTRACTIONS 2005**

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**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at the Smith Elementary School Media Center located at 1298 McKinley Street, Plymouth, MI 48170. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the bid division being bid identified on the outside of the envelope. All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) and are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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**PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 21, 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**ZAPZONE FAMILY FUN CENTER SPECIAL LAND USE**  
CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT DEVICE ESTABLISHMENT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B.7 FOR PARCEL NO. 053.99.0012.703. Property is located south of Ford between Lilley and Haggerty Road.

SECTION 14

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

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 600 2 Jordan Brodehl (P) 9 200 3 Jessie Murray (C) 9 150 4 Kate Staley (C) 9 050 5 Sarah Bugosh (SALEM) 8 950 6 Kara Ahern (C) 8 800 7 Megan Chappo (C) 8 700 8 Courtney Vannatter (SALINE) 8 300 9 Adrianna Spiteri (H) 8 200

**Uneven Bars**  
 1 Megan Chappo (C) 9 500 2 Jessie Murray (C) 9 200 3 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 100 4 (tie) Courtney Vannatter (SALINE) and Jordan Brodehl (P) 8 850 6 Kara Ahern (C) 8 800 7 Adrianna Spiteri (H) 8 650 8 Sarah Bugosh (SALEM) 8 300 9 Kate Staley (C) 7 900

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 1 Sarah Bugosh (SALEM) 8 975 2 Megan Chappo (C) 8 950 3 Courtney Vannatter (SALINE) 8 925 4 Jessie Murray (C) 8 700 5 Kara Ahern (C) 8 650 6 Alyssa Kelley (C) 8 500 7 (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Adrianna Spiteri (H) 8 350 9 Jordan Brodehl (P) 8 200

**Floor Exercise**  
 1 Kara Ahern (C) 9 500 2 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 400 3 Jessie Murray (C) 9 200 4 Courtney Vannatter (SALINE) 9 150 5 Megan Chappo (C) 8 900 6 Sarah Bugosh (SALEM) 8 800 7 Kate Staley (C) 8 650 8 Adrianna Spiteri (H) 8 550 9 Jordan Brodehl (P) 8 500

**All Around**  
 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 36 600 2 Jessie Murray (C) 36 250 3 Megan Chappo (C) 36 050 4 Kara Ahern (C) 35 750 5 Courtney Vannatter (SALINE) 35 225 6 Sarah Bugosh (SALEM) 35 025 7 Jordan Brodehl (P) 34 750 8 Trisha Kulas (PW) 9 150 2 Ashley Aquino (SALEM) 9 100 3 Heather Rogers (J) 9 025 4 Elena Gueorguiev (SALEM) 9 000 5 (tie) Courtney Shaneour (H) and Aubrey Calligan (H) 8 900 7 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 8 800 8 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 8 750 9 Tamika Jones (AAH) 8 700 10 Patty Ahern (C) 8 600

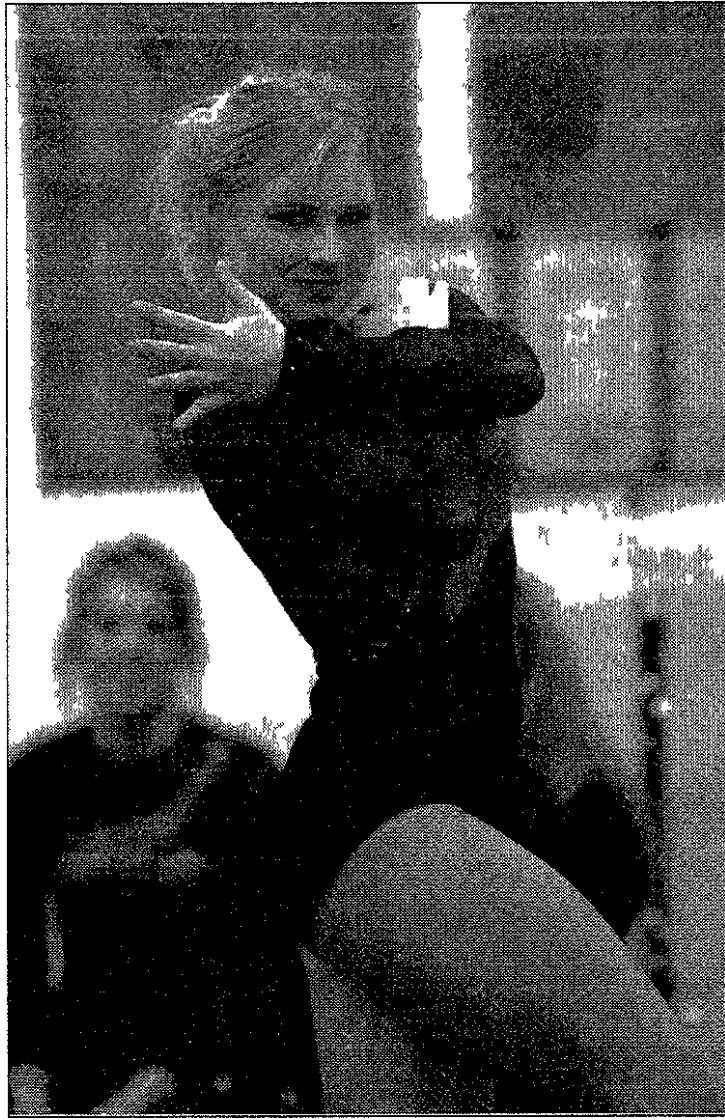
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**Bars**  
 1 Elena Gueorguiev (SALEM) 9 200 2 Ashley Aquino (SALEM) 9 050 3 Courtney Shaneour (H) 8 950 4 Heather Rogers (J) 8 800 5 Lauren Globke (Q) 8 650 6 Paige Cederna (SALINE) 8 550 7 Trisha Kulas (PW) 8 450 8 Aubrey Calligan (H) 8 400 9 (tie) Hillary Bracht (C) and Ashley Newvine (AAP) 8 350

**Balance Beam**  
 1 Ashley Aquino (SALEM) 9 050 2 Elena Gueorguiev (SALEM) 8 900 3 Courtney Shaneour (H) 8 600 4 Sarah Demlow (A) 8 550 5 Jessica Russell (H) 8 500 6 Aubrey Calligan (H) 8 450 7 Heather Rogers (J) 8 300 8 Trisha Kulas (PW) 8 250 9 Megan Cabose (A) 8 200 10 Lauren Globke (Q) 8 175

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 1 Elena Gueorguiev (SALEM) 9 400 2 Aubrey Calligan (H) 9 375 3 (tie) Heather Rogers (J) and Kaitlyn Burns (C) 9 100 5 Ashley Aquino (SALEM) 8 950 6 (tie) Hillary Bracht (C) and Megan Cabose (A) 8 900 8 Katie Shrider (A) 8 750 9 Tanya Faulhaber (A) 8 750 10 (tie) Courtney Shaneour (H) Jessica Russell (H) and Danielle Sassano (AAP) 8 700

**All Around**  
 1 Elena Gueorguiev (SALEM) 36 500 2 Ashley Aquino (SALEM) 36 150 3 Heather Rogers (J) 35 225 4 Courtney Shaneour (H) 35 150 5 Aubrey Calligan (H) 6 Trisha Kulas (PW) 34 500 7 Paige Cederna (SALINE) 33 600 8 Mina Pirzadeh (C) 33 550 9 Lauren Globke (Q) 33 525 10 Sarah Demlow (A) 33 500



Canton's Hillary Bracht earned the right to compete in Saturday's Division 2 individual state meet at Plymouth High School

**ALL-WLAA HOCKEY TEAMS**

**WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 2004-05 HOCKEY TEAMS**

**ALL CONFERENCE**  
**Goalies** Jim Gates Sr Northville Scott Lewan Soph Livonia Church II  
**Defense** Mike Kondratek Sr Canton Nick Guerrero Sr Northville  
**Forwards** Justin Stadler Sr Churchill Shawn Anderson Jr Livonia Stevenson Dan Kozlowski Jr Livonia Franklin  
**Coaches of the Year** Pete Mazzon Church II Brad O'Neill Northville

**ALL LAKES DIVISION**  
**Goalie** Kit Pruchnik Sr Stevenson  
**Defense** Craigen Bauldry Sr Salem Phil Wendecker Soph Church II  
**Forwards** Justin Tont Sr Church II Marcus Voran Soph Stevenson Brad Murphy Jr Walled Lake Central Mike Bell Sr Walled Lake Northern  
**Coach of the Year** Mike Humitz Stevenson

**ALL-WESTERN DIVISION**  
**Goalie** Justin Deslites Soph Plymouth  
**Defense** Brandon Winowick Jr Plymouth Rob McTavish Sr Northville Steve South Jr Franklin  
**Forwards** Derek Mohacs Jr Northville Reece McCabe Sr Canton Nick Kenney Jr Walled Lake Western  
**Coaches of the Year** Terry Jobbitt Franklin Mike Kaput Plymouth

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**FINAL WLAA STANDINGS**  
**Lakes Division** 1 Churchill 8 0 2 Stevenson 6 2 3 Salem 4 4 4 W.L. Northern 2 6 5 W.L. Central 0 8  
**Western Division** 1 Northville 8 0 2 Canton 4 3 1 3 Franklin 4 4 4 W.L. Western 2 6 5 Plymouth 1 6 1  
**Overall** Churchill 12 11 2 Northville 10 2 2 3 Stevenson 11 3 4 Franklin 9 5 5 (tie) C and Salem 7 6 1 each 7 Plymouth 4 8 Western 4 10 9 W.L. Northern 2 11 Central 0 14  
**WLAA CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
 Churchill 1 Northville 0

**SPIKERS**

FROM PAGE C1

The Eagles showed their never-say-die attitude in game four when they fell behind the Cougars, 21-7.

"The girls fought back and made it 21-19 at one point," Henry said. "Lenawee's coach even commented to me after the match how impressed he was by our team."

Statistically, Sara Ross (20 assists and 15 digs) and Kelsie Tietjen (five blocks, 13 digs and eight kills) paced the Eagles against LC.

"But every girl on our team played very well," Henry said. "We had a couple mental lapses at times but team defense was great. There weren't any holes on our side of the court for them."

In the semifinals, PCA swept Wyandotte Mount Carmel, 25 11, 25-17 and 25 13.

We started out hot in every part of the game, Henry said. "We only missed three serves all day. The girls played well as a team, which is what you need this time of year. We had a lot of momentum heading into the finals. Unfortunately, we had to sit and watch Lenawee's match, which took about an hour, and then they chose to wait the maximum 30 minutes before their match against us."

Julie Bahbah (16 digs, eight kills and 15 service points) and Kelli Feiler (10 digs, 10 kills and three service points) led the Eagles.

The Cougars advanced to the finals by dispatching Camden-Frontier in the three games.

**Whalers' 'Green Out' Sunday**

The Plymouth Whalers will host their second annual 'Green Out' Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena when they host the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

Not only will the game between the Whalers and Greyhounds help decide first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division as well as playoff positioning between the two long time divisional rivals but the Green Out will provide additional fun for fans.

Fans who attend the game are encouraged to wear green. Since the game will be telecast live by Comcast on Channel 25 at 2 p.m. the Green Out visual effect will stand out before the television cameras.

Other special events include:

- The first 1,000 green-clad fans attending the game wearing a green Plymouth Whalers jersey will receive a certificate for a free car wash.
- The first 1,000 green-clad fans will receive coupons that can be exchanged for a free ice cream cone, and
- A post-game auction will be held at the adjoining Ginopolis on the Ice restaurant in which 2004-05 game-worn Whalers jerseys will be auctioned off. Players will model the jerseys after the game in the restaurant while fans bid for their favorite jerseys. The players will also sign the jerseys for the winners.

The Whalers are averaging 3,250 fans per game. Eleven games have been sold out.

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# Saline spikers bump off foes at regional tourney

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

In a town where you can go sky diving — Tecumseh — it was Saline's volleyball team which parachuted safely, while Livonia Churchill took a freefall and crashed in the Class A regional final Saturday afternoon.

Saline, which had lost two of three previous meetings against the Chargers, won its first regional title since 1984 with a convincing 25-16, 25-17, 25-22 victory.

Saline, 48-11-5 overall, advanced to Tuesday's state quarterfinal against Temperance Bedford (69-6) Churchill, knocked out of the regional final for the second straight year, finished 37-8-3.

It was a battle of two of the premier hitters in southeastern Michigan — Saline's 6-foot-5 Lauren Paolino and Churchill's 6-foot Kelsey Mack.

Paolino, who is headed to the University of Texas, finished with 17 kills, 11 digs, three aces and three blocks, while Mack countered with 20 kills, three blocks and an ace.

But Paolino had more of a supporting cast as senior Jessica Duff had eight kills, 13 digs and three blocks. Senior setter Allison Dwyer added five

kills and three blocks and 31 assist-to-kills, while senior Karen Zawisza had 10 digs.

"We single-blocked Mack this time and tried to slow her down early because she's the heart of their team, just a phenomenal player," Saline second-year coach Jamie Collins said. "My sixth, seventh and eighth players did a phenomenal job. They dug out a lot of balls and played good defense. We were out of position more than I liked, but our offense came through so strong that it didn't matter."

Churchill only got seven other kills, four blocks and an ace from the rest of their supporting cast. Senior setter Kristyna Archer had 17 assists and 11 digs, while sophomore Kelly Archer finished with eight digs. Junior Stacy Urbats added six assists.

The first and second games we couldn't stop their opposite middle hitters and we did not get enough touches off the block," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "We tried a couple of combinations that did not work. Credit Saline, they hit and served well, and we flat-out couldn't deal with it."

"It's disappointing, but I'm proud of the kids. Even though we came up short, we accomplished a lot."

## Spartans, Tigers fall

In the first semifinal Saturday at Tecumseh, Livonia Stevenson started out strong, but lost steam as Churchill railed for a 23-25, 25-11, 25-18, 25-15 win.

Mack had 25 kills, 17 digs and eight aces to lead the Chargers.

Other Churchill standouts included Kristyna Archer (22 assists), Kelly Archer (19 digs), Brynn Kerr (five aces), Urbats (13 assists) and Lauren Krupsky (seven kills, two blocks).

"We blocked her (Mack) more, we committed to that because the last time her serving and kills combined killed us," said Stevenson coach Kelly Graham, whose team finished 30-17-3 overall. "We made some mental mistakes, but we had her figured out. Serve-serve killed us. We couldn't get our offense going."

Maria Mezzadri, a junior led Stevenson with 12 kills. Kaith Armstrong added five kills and two blocks, while Beth Prost contributed four kills. Setter Ashton Judis finished with 26 assist-to-kills and 19 digs.

"I have to give my girls a lot of credit," Graham said. "They put their hearts into it. They were not giving up. They were pumped and it was good to see

it. We played more competitive this match. We were down five, sixth, seven and nine points and came back. It was huge. Give the girls credit."

In the second semifinal, Belleville (17-13) put up a struggle before falling to Saline in three competitive games, 25-22, 25-16, 25-23.

"Our game plan was right there," said Belleville sixth-year coach Danny Simpkins, who has guided the Tigers to four district titles. "We knew the kind of offense they'd run and about their middle blocker (Paolino). We served aggressively, double-blocked the middle and had to watch for the tips."

"We were just a little off. Had we had five or six more aces. And No. 2, we had 15 unforced errors."

Senior Cynthia McGoldrick led Belleville with 14 kills, while senior Christina Soloman added 11. Senior setter Tamar Mida had 38 assist-to-kills, while senior Danell Dotson added 13 digs. Senior Tessa Coleman had four blocks.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win, that's all we could do," Simpkins said. "We had a good time here. The girls played well. I'm happy we had the opportunity to win and that's all I could ask for."



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Belleville senior Danell Dotson bumps the ball during Saturday's regional semi-final loss to eventual champion Saline. Dotson finished with 13 digs.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### REC OFFERINGS

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be running men's and women's slow-pitch softball leagues beginning in early May. All games will be played at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

Registration for returning teams begins March 21 while new teams can start registering April 1, or until the leagues are full.

For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 455-6620.

### WILDCAT BOOSTERS

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be held Tuesday,

April 5, at 7 p.m. in room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current players are encouraged to attend.

### GCYBSA SIGN-UP

Over 1,400 youngsters have registered to play baseball, softball and tee-ball in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association this summer, but it's not too late to sign up.

To register, visit csc.cantonmi.org for a registration form and mailing address, or pick up a form at the Summit on the Park, which is located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

For more information call (734) 394-5489.

### ARCHERY CAMP

An indoor archery camp will be offered at Plymouth Christian Academy March 21-24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for youths between the ages of 8 and 18.

Camp instructors will be Bob and Rachel Fenton, who have taught archery camps in Canton for the past five years and at all three U.S. Olympic Training Centers. Both are Level III N.A.A.-certified coaches with over 30 years experience in 4H shooting sports.

The registration fee is \$75 for Canton residents. For more information call (734) 483-5600.

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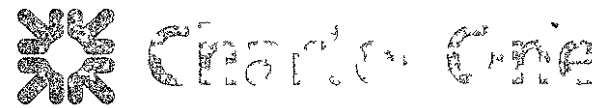
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## WHALERS

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home where they can eat well and get plenty of rest. It's also important that they have a family to come home to every night to offer them support and structure."

### FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE

Vellucci knows of what he speaks. In the mid-80s, the Farmington native was drafted by the Ontario Hockey League's Belleville Bulls, which necessitated him moving in with a billet family.

The family that billeted me consisted of a doctor and his wife," Vellucci said. "They were both in their 60s, so they were more like grandparents to me than parents. Dr. Lyones passed away a few years ago, but I still keep in touch with Mrs. Lyones. It's like I'm part of their family. That's the way it is with a lot of our players, too. They never lose touch with their billet families."

Billet families receive a monthly stipend from the Whalers of approximately \$260 to help cover the cost of food and other player expenses.

### MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

It was dinner time Tuesday night at the home of Tom and

**'I still remember the day John's parents dropped him off. It was pretty emotional. His mom, Kim, cried. And I know when John leaves us for the last time - whether it's this spring or next - I'm going to be the one crying.'**

Margaret Predhomme  
billet family mom

Margaret Predhomme, who lives within walking distance of downtown Plymouth. The appetizing scent of homemade spaghetti filled the air as the Predhommies, their two children — Jesse, 17, and Julie, 14 — and family friend Jordan Brown sat down to enjoy the meal.

Joining them was John Mitchell, 20, the captain and current leading scorer for the Whalers.

"One nice thing about having John around is that he cooks," said Tom Predhomme, smiling. "His specialty is spaghetti, but he makes eggs for us too some mornings."

The Predhommies have hosted Mitchell for the past four years, so — as you can imagine — the bond that has grown between the family and player is almost thicker than blood.

I still remember the day John's parents dropped him off," said Margaret Predhomme. "It was pretty emotional. His mom, Kim, cried. And I know when John leaves us for the last time — whether it's this spring or next — I'm going to be the one crying."

### EASY TRANSITION

I remember the first couple of weeks I lived here," Mitchell chimed in, reflecting on the transition period. "Julie wouldn't talk to me. I'd come home from practice and she would run away. But she was only in the sixth grade, so that was only natural."

Now, Julie seeks shelter from John when her brother is picking on her," Margaret Predhomme said, laughing. Mitchell and Tom Predhomme hit it off right away.

I call him Snoop," Mitchell said. "Not long after I moved in with them, we were driving somewhere and a rap song came on the radio. Tom said, 'This is Snoop Doggy Dog, isn't it?' Ever since then, I call him 'Snoop.'"

### GIVE IT A TRY

The Predhommies were encouraged to try the billet program by Jesse, who worked for the Whalers as a stick-boy when he was 12.

"Jesse asked us if we could bring one of the kids in," Tom Predhomme remembered. "We were a little reluctant at first, but then we had a couple of the coaches come over and tell us about the program. They also asked us a lot of questions and observed our family. They try to match up the player with a family that has a similar set up to his real family."

Mitchell's father, John Sr., who lives in Waterloo, Ontario, said the Whalers couldn't have found a better match for his son.

"The Predhommies have the same values and morals that our own family has, so it's been a great life experience for John," Mitchell Sr. said. "They are like members of our family now. When I attend games in Plymouth, I spend the night at their home. We see them over the summer, too, when they invite us to their cottage on Lake Erie."

### EASY ADJUSTMENT

Mitchell Sr. said the initial uneasiness about sending his son to live with an unfamiliar family soon dissipated. "It was very emotional at

first, especially for my wife," he said. "But John seemed to fit in with them right away."

"He adjusted so well that my wife and I were a little disappointed that John didn't show a little more homesickness than he did," Mitchell Sr. said, chuckling.

When Tom Predhomme was asked whether or not his family would host another player once Mitchell leaves to play for the Toronto Maple Leafs in the near future, he deferred to his wife.

Only if we can get another player just like John," she said.

### 3 YEARS, 3 WHALERS

Plymouth residents Joe and Yvonne Mancinelli have boarded three different Whalers in the past three years. They currently house James Neal, an 18-year-old center from Whitby, Ontario.

The Mancinellis are the parents of four children between the ages of 1 and 8, so they thought the program would be an interesting experience for their kids.

"The first year we billeted was three years ago for Taylor Raszka," Joe Mancinelli said. "Taylor quickly became part of the family. Unfortunately, right before Christmas that year, he was traded, so he was gone before we knew it, which was a little confusing for the kids."

Before the 2003-04 season,

the Mancinellis took in Ryan Ramsey, an "over-age" player who had just one year of eligibility remaining.

"Just when we got to know Ryan really well, he left, too," Mancinelli said. "The kids were sad, but we explained to them that it was time for him to go. Ryan is playing minor league hockey now and we still keep in touch with him."

Mancinelli said his family has gotten to know several members of the team, who often drop by to socialize with Neal.

"We'll have a few of the players over for dinner quite a bit," Mancinelli said. "We've probably gotten to know about half the team. It's a great group of people. This entire experience has been fantastic and I would definitely recommend it to any family out there who is thinking about doing it."

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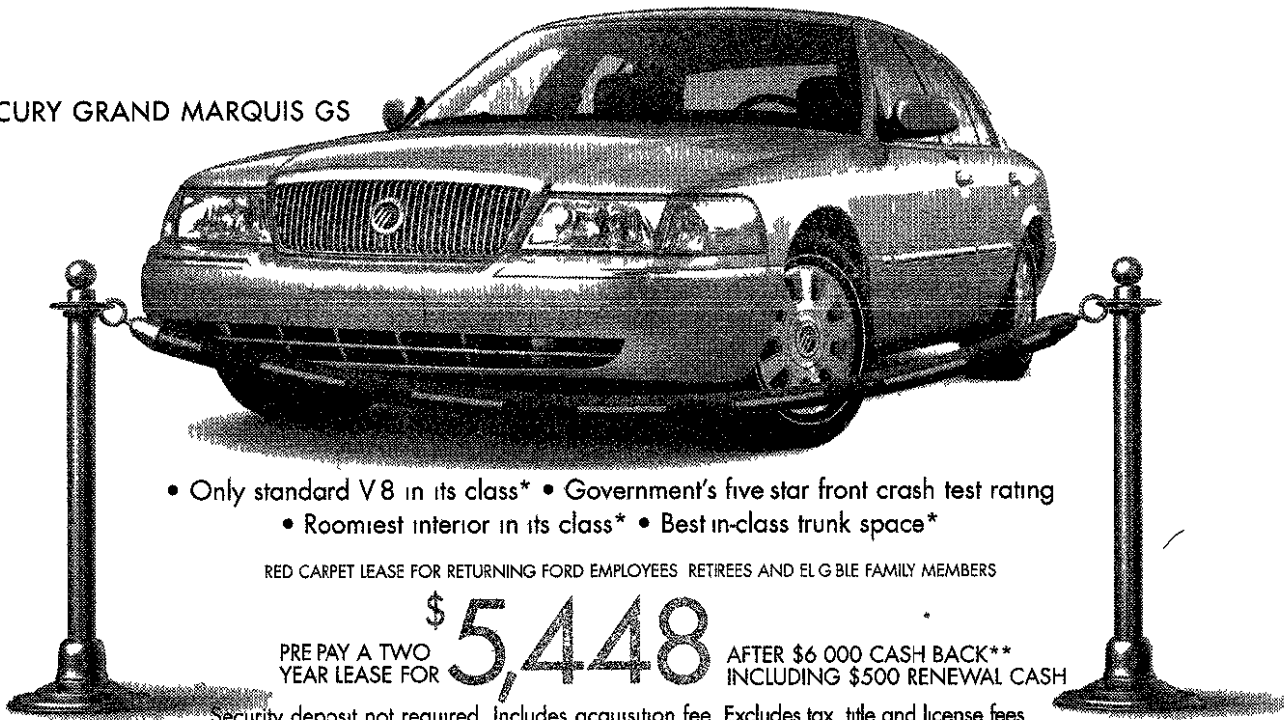
A prime example of how tight the players become with their billet families is the birthday present Mitchell gave to Tom Predhomme last year. It is a framed photo of Mitchell in his Whaler uniform during a game. With a marker, Mitchell wrote on the photo, "To Big Snoop. I couldn't have asked for a cooler billet dad. Thanks for everything. Your friend, John."

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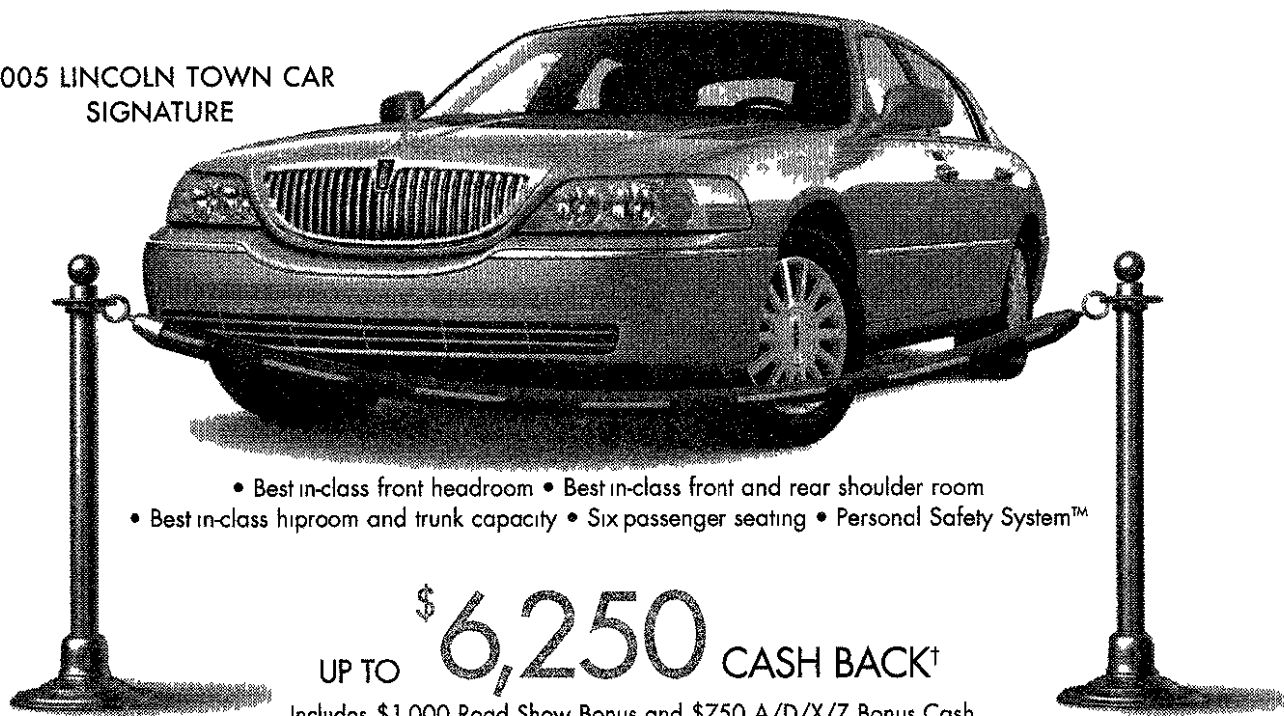
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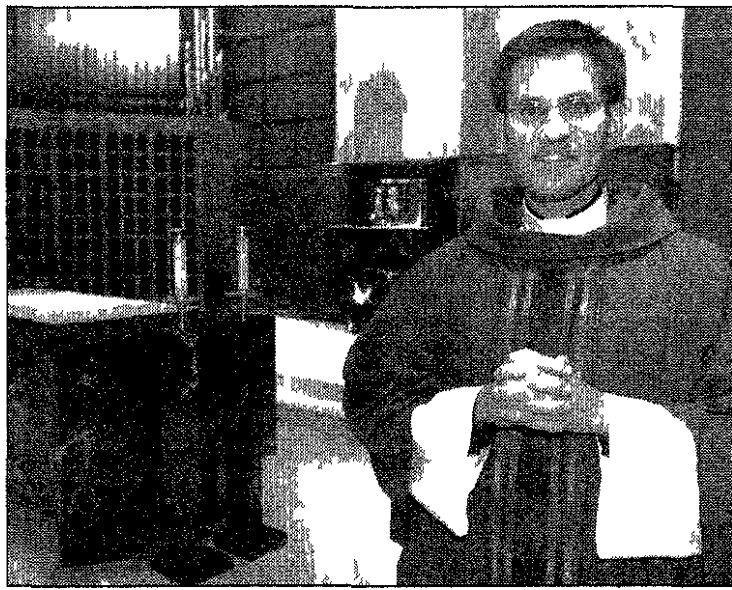
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The Rev. James Smalarz stands in his vestments in the sanctuary at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington

## Newly ordained priests are older and wiser

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

When the Rev. James Smalarz told friends he was going to become a priest they laughed and said, "remember playing church and you were always the priest."

Smalarz smiles at the memory. His life has taken a few turns since then. It wasn't until his mid 30s that Smalarz even considered joining the priesthood. According to a recent survey of men ordained in 126 U.S. dioceses in 2004, Smalarz is among a growing number of men becoming priests after age 30. Of nine priests ordained last May in the Archdiocese of Detroit, only two were in their late 20s.

More than 30-years after playing priest, Smalarz, 42, is caring for nearly 10,000 parishioners at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.

"I had to find my way back to the church from when I was growing up. I had to make the Catholic faith my own and ask what does that mean for my life," said Smalarz.

In the seminary there were guys from 18-19 to 50s and 60s, one close to 70 who will be ordained this year. They had families and wives who died. They came from a variety of backgrounds - attorneys, engineers, doctors from China, Africa, Nigeria, Samoa, Poland, Albania.

Smalarz's experiences at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit reflect a national trend of older, more highly educated men from a variety of ethnic backgrounds entering the priesthood. Smalarz earned a bachelor of science degree from the University of Michigan-Dearborn before working as a financial analyst for a Troy company then entering the seminary.

"I got out in the world and realized there's something missing and it's that calling inside from God within my heart," said Smalarz.

Like Smalarz the Rev. Ronald Richards had earned an engineering degree from Michigan State University, a teaching certificate from Wayne State University, and was teaching and coaching varsity swimming at Brother Rice High School in Birmingham when he began thinking about becoming a priest. In July, Richards became associate pastor at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church in Bloomfield Hills after studying at Gregorian University in Rome.

"I had to reflect on the decisions I made in my life, to teach at Brother Rice. I had opportunities to leave but didn't. Then I saw God was pulling me in that direction," said Richards. "I enjoy working with families, preparing couples for marriage, counseling people with problems, financial need. I get so much more than I could ever give them. In coaching days it was about the kids and the relationships with them and each other. It's a very joyful thing to work with other people."

Richards especially looks forward to visiting the 800 grade school students next door. Like Smalarz at Our Lady of Sorrows grade school, the visits give Richards a chance to demonstrate priests are not that different from everyone else and to possibly consider the vocation.

"I want to sit with kids in

small groups rather than just being the guy up on the altar," said Richards. "I tell them it's about listening to what God is calling you to do. It used to be viewed in terms of helping other people was a great thing. People need to serve other people."

It's the Rev. Jim Bilot's job as vocations director for the Detroit archdiocese to draw men and women to the religious life at an earlier age. In the 1950s, a greater number of young men considered the priesthood straight out of high school.

As times changed and applicants grew older, the church realized they must begin as early as seventh grade to host vocation days at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. By the time they're juniors in high school, the 43-year old Bilot is visiting them to talk about the future.

"It's taking people longer to make a commitment," said Bilot, who was 24 when he considered becoming a priest. "I was in the teen group in high school and that helped me. We're looking for gentlemen who have their feet on the ground. We're not looking for saints. We're looking for people who love God, love the church, have a sense of compassion."

A caring attitude seems typical of the men becoming priests. The Rev. Jim McNulty attended Our Lady Queen of Peace and Bishop Gallagher High School but still wasn't ready to join the priesthood. He went on to earn a law degree and practiced in Detroit and Flint after first working as a disability examiner.

"For me the thing that's been the common thread is the counseling. Not being able to include the spiritual aspect was very limiting for me," said McNulty, 50. "I needed to do these other things first. If I had gone out of high school I wouldn't have stayed. As a society we learn to focus on material stuff, focus on that for security. If you're looking for money for security you're never going to have enough."

McNulty has everything he needs at St. Agatha Parish in Redford where he is administrator. For the first 18-months after his ordination, McNulty served at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Plymouth.

"It has been a blessed year and half," said McNulty. "I loved doing everything I'm doing, love being with people. Our relationships are the most important. We're privileged to be welcome into people's lives, to share their joys and sorrows."

It's because of those reasons Smalarz believes men will continue to join the priesthood. "There's a lot of faith alive in junior high, high school, college. It is a minority but they'll hold onto their faith. They may in 10-12 years consider a vocation. I don't think it will be like in the 50s when they were ordaining all these priests, but I do see it being able to meet the needs of the diocese in the future. It's still a world that needs people to lead them to God. Even though times are different from 50 years ago, they need God now more than ever."

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### DOROTHY A. THORNE

March 5 2005 Age 69 of Baryton MI Beloved Wife of Aldren Thorne Dear Mother of Harold (Cathy) and Gerald (Irene) Grandmother of Nicholas Stephen Andrew and Katherine Thorne sister of Geraldine (Leroy) McDaniel JoAnn Oster Robert Jr. (Ruby) Feister Donald (Dee) Feister and Louis (Joan) Feister Daughter of the late Robert and Lotte (Ramsey) Feister Services were held Tuesday March 8 2005 at the UH Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Westland Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhfuneralhome.com](http://www.uhfuneralhome.com)

### ELIZABETH B. MCNAMARA

Age 89 March 7 2005 Beloved wife of the late Mark J. Loving mother of Barbara Johns Carole (George) Downing Velasco Mark Sharon (Dennis) Smith Paul (Kathleen) Mary (Thomas) Strates and the late Thomas James (Pamela) Dear sister of Susanne (Robert) Clayton Also survived by 15 grandchildren & 4 great grandchildren A Funeral Mass was held at St. Edith Catholic Church in Livonia on March 10 R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home Livonia was in charge of arrangements Memorial contributions may be directed to Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

### HENRY P. RUPERT

Age 90 of Westland previously of Canton for 50 years Mr. Rupert was born July 12 1914 in South Heights PA. He was graduated from Farrell High School Farrell PA. Mr. Rupert retired from the Plymouth Canton School system. He is survived by his wife Josephine children Joanne (Michael) Smith of Murphy NC and Mary Rupert of Plymouth brother Michael and sister Sue Rupert. Also survived by 2 granddaughters and 8 great grandchildren. Private cremation services arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home To leave a condolence please see [www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com](http://www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com)

### JEANNE LYNN MILLIGAN (nee ART)

Age 50 of Plymouth died March 8 2005 She was born June 26 1954, in Dearborn. She was a homemaker and a resident of Plymouth for 40 years. A daily church goer she was very devoted to the Catholic Church and to her family. She loved flowers and enjoyed gardening and canning. She is survived by her husband Thomas her children Alaina and Adam and her mother Genia Art. Funeral from St. Alphonsus Church (on Schaefer, one block north of Warren Rd.) Dearborn Saturday 10am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 9am. Visitation at Schraeder-Howell Funeral Home 280 S. Main, Plymouth Thursday 5-9pm and Friday 1-9pm. Rosary Friday 7:30pm. Memorials may be made in the form of Mass Offerings.

### JOHN A. MEHOCK

Age 59 March 5 2005 Beloved husband of Donna Loving father of Dr. Courtney Mehock Benedix and Dr. Matthew Benedix Dear brother of Dixie and Karen Mehock John was a much loved teacher in the Livonia Public Schools for 29 years. Through his passion for teaching he was able to influence the lives of so many of his students. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Road Livonia Saturday from 11 AM until the time of the Memorial Service at 1 PM. Memorial Contributions may be directed to Gift of Life Michigan 2203 Platt Road Ann Arbor MI 48104 800 482 4887 or the Botsford Foundation Chapel Fund. Please sign the online guest book at [www.rgharris.com](http://www.rgharris.com)

### WILLIAM JOHN BARLOW

WWII Veteran long time Livonia resident and Hockey Coach died of heart failure Saturday March 5 2005 in Lakeland FL. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Ruth son Dennis (Karen) daughter Kathleen son Kevin (Linda) 2 grandchildren Stephanie & Steven sister Mary Manchester. Preceded in death by brother Joseph Barlow Funeral, March 11 2005 in Lakeland, FL.

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### ELIZABETH (BETTY) A. FRANK

Age 78 of Hot Springs Village AR formerly of Birmingham passed away February 24 2005 She was born April 9 1926 to Hugh D. Alexander and Lillian Estelle Mercer Alexander in Little Rock, AR. She is survived by husband Henry Frank of Hot Springs Village two sons Greg Frank of Columbus OH Larry Frank of Crown Point IN one daughter Lynn Parker of Troy MI one brother Don Alexander of AZ two sisters Carolyn Harris of Albertville AL Sabra Lough of Dallas TX 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Memorial service was February 26 2005 at Balboa Baptist Church Hot Springs Village. Memorials may be made to Stonecroft Ministries or Teen Challenge of Arkansas Hot Springs.

### CAROL ANN KIFFNER

Age 63 of Cadillac formerly of Commerce Township died Monday March 7 2005 Born December 7 1941 the daughter of Frederick and Florence (Tyson) Radtke. Member of the Red Hat Society Wedgewood Ladies Golf League Cadillac and auxiliary volunteer with Cadillac Mercy Hospital. Survivors include husband Nicholas Kiffner whom she married in 1963 in Grosse Pointe children Leanne (Henry) McAuley of Howell LOI (Joe) Bolsenga of Brighton and Nick Kiffner of Commerce Township MI grandchildren Jared Megan Erin Joey and Kara Mother Florence Radtke of Grosse Pointe twin brother Robert (Diane) Radtke of Shelby Township and sister Pat (Norm) Plumstead of Mt. Pleasant. Visitation was Wednesday 2 8 PM Funeral Thursday 11 00 AM from MacDonald's Funeral Home Howell (517 546 2800) Interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery Howell. In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to American Cancer Society.

### JAMES J. CROWE

March 7 2005 Age 77 Beloved husband of Mary (nee Thompson) Dear father of Anne Crowe Wolf (Ted) William T. (Krisandra) James J. Jr. (Joshim) Peter M. (Alexa) Thomas P. (Yvonne) Michael J. (Kristen) and Mary Elizabeth Crowe Stanley (Fried) Also survived by 10 grandchildren Brother of Catherine Petz (Thomas) and Alda Marie McCook (James) Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgees & Connel) Chapel 32515 Woodwa d Ave. (town 13 14 Mile) Wednesday 4 8pm and Thursday 2 8pm Rosary Thursday 7pm Funeral Mass Friday 11am at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs 32340 Pierce Beverly Hills Visitation begins at church 10 30am Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorials to Melanoma Education Fund or Kaimanos Cancer Institute c/o Dr. Flaherty 3990 John R. Detroit MI 48201 or The Jesuits Detroit Province of Society of Jesus 7303 W. Seven Mile Rd. Detroit MI 48221 2198 Obituary at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

### ROBERT P. VOLLMER

Age 79 of Plymouth died March 6 2005 He was born June 26 1925 in Hubbell Michigan. A Plymouth resident since 1978 he previously resided in Livonia and Australia. He was the owner and operator of Vollmer Janitorial Services and he formerly worked for Burroughs Corporation in Plymouth. He was a member of St. John Neumann Church in Canton where he was also an usher. He belonged to the VFW Post #6695 in Plymouth the American Legion in Livonia the Knights of Columbus in Livonia and the Plymouth Elks Club. He loved sports and reading. He was a loving husband and father. He is survived by his wife Gen his children Celeste (Fred) Hottash of Ypsilanti and Carla (Todd) Vollmer Bills of Milan his sister Clarence Bailey of Livonia and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass was held Wednesday March 9 at St. John Neumann Church in Canton. Memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia Research Life Arrangements entrusted to Schraeder Howell Funeral Home (734)453 3333

### ROBERT EARL SCHEAFER

Age 74 of Grand Rapids (formerly of Birmingham and Marine City) lost his battle with leukemia on Saturday, March 5 2005. He was born in Royal Oak on July 5 1930 a son to the late Earl R. Scheafer and Celeste (Massenick) Oamka Scheafer. Mr. Scheafer was a certified fluid power engineer and retired from J.N. Fauver (Madison Hts. and Grand Rapids) following 33 years of service. He also served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force. Bob's father grew up in St. Clair MI. His father owned and operated Murphy's Bar. The family had a cottage in Avalon Beach (Marine City) where many happy times were spent. Mr. Scheafer raised his children in Birmingham MI before moving to Grand Rapids where he resided for the past 13 years. Mr. Scheafer was the loving father of Cynthia of CA John of CA Susan of Farmington Stephanie of CA and Matthew of Mexico dear grandfather of Lauren Benjamin Sydney Chloe and Mary Quinn. Also surviving are his sister Jane Friedle of Marine City and his nephew/godson Jeff Friedle. A Memorial Service was held Thursday March 10 2004 at Bower Rose Funeral Home Marine City with Reverend Timothy P. Birney officiating. Memorials may be made to the Leukemia Foundation. Dad you will be missed!

### HELEN BOLITHO

106 formerly of Farmington, died on March 2 2005 Services were Tuesday



### WALTER GERARD DOHERTY

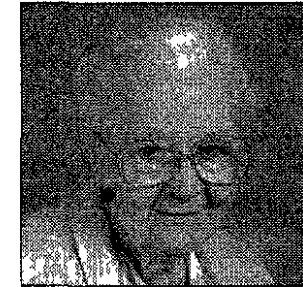
Age 70 Clearwater FL died peacefully at Morton Plant Hospital on Friday February 25 2005 after a brief illness. He was born in Cincinnati Ohio on September 24 1934. Raised on Long Island New York he spent his teen summers working at Yankee Stadium. He attended Brooklyn Preparatory Academy on scholarship and graduated from St. John's University in 1956 with honors. He met his beloved wife of nearly 40 years in Chicago and was married on June 12 1965. He worked in various public relations positions in sports including as sports information director for the University of Detroit. He eventually took a job in human resources with the Oakland County (MI) Road Commission where he worked for 20 years. He fulfilled a dream to get out of the cold when he retired to Clearwater Florida in 1997 from Oxford Michigan (Formerly of Southfield MI). He was an avid sports fan and loved watching sports, especially college football and basketball (Big 10 in particular) NBA and NFL. He also loved cooking growing cacti swimming reading books and news papers and had a real talent for completing crossword puzzles especially the New York Times crossword puzzle. He was preceded in death by his parents David Louis Doherty Mary Fay Bundy Doherty father-in-law Robert Kennett granddaughter Faith Mary Bond and brother in law Doug Ferguson. He was devoted to his family and is survived by his wife Mary Ann his children all of Madison Wisconsin Justin (Martha) Doherty Ian (Dawn) Doherty Kathleen (Andrew Kuemmel) Doherty and Kelly (Jeffrey) Bond his grandchildren Erin Sean Joseph and Amber his mother in law Mary Kennett and sister in law Patty Kennett. A memorial service celebrating his life was held in Clearwater in lieu of flowers donations are encouraged to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Memphis TN.

### WENDELL EUGENE LLOYD

On Friday March 4 2005 Wendell Eugene Lloyd passed away at Craven Regional Medical Center in New Bern North Carolina. He will be sorely missed by numerous relatives and friends. He was born February 27 1922 in Salem Center Ohio, but moved to Gallipolis Ohio as an infant with his parents Unah Irwin Lloyd and Bonnie Marie Kate Ball Lloyd in Gallipolis. He thrived and became an outstanding 3 sport letterman musician and public speaker. He played in several popular dance bands throughout Ohio and New York before entering the US Navy to fight in WWII and the Korean Conflict. In 1946 he married Marylu Stewart Lloyd also of Galia County Ohio. He continued his college education and graduated cum laude from the Ohio State University with an accounting degree in 1948. Wendell worked as a CPA for 5 years with Touche Niven Bailey and Smart (later named Deloitte and Touche) before beginning a very successful business career with Wheel Trueing Tool Company and later Automotive Moulding Company, both in Detroit. He rose to the Presidency of Wheel Trueing Tool Company for several years before becoming Chief Financial Officer of Automotive Moulding a position he held for 15 years before retiring. His successful business career was paralleled by numerous services to the community and church. Wendell and Marylu shared a full life of family, friends, music, golf, bridge and parties while living in Michigan, Texas, Ohio and for the last eleven years on the Atlantic coastline in the little town of Emerald Isle North Carolina. He will be sorely missed by Marylu his wife of 58 years his five children John Lloyd and his wife Sue of The Woodlands Tx Susan Vogel and her husband Steve of Rock Hill, SC Wendy Buechele and her husband Bill of Ft. Worth Tx Katie Hill of Troy Michigan and Melinda Bradley and her husband Thad of Troy, Michigan. 13 grandchildren 1 great-grandchild sister Marilyn Donaldson of Walled Lake Michigan and numerous cousins nieces nephews and other relatives. Wendell was predeceased by his parents two brothers Bruce and John and four sisters Helen Wells Vivian Kull Charlotte Gothard and Gail Louise Lloyd. A memorial service will be held on Saturday March 12 at 11 00 AM at Willis Funeral Home in Gallipolis Ohio followed by his burial at Ohio Valley Memory Gardens Friends and family may call at the funeral home from 6 to 9 PM Friday March 11 2005. Military graveside services will be conducted by volunteers of area veterans lodges. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Wendell's name to the American Lung Association American Cancer Society American Heart Association or to the Swansboro United Methodist Church 665 West Corbett Avenue Swansboro North Carolina 28584.

### BRUCE E. GOUDIE

Age 83 Beloved husband of Marion Dear Father of Douglas (Holly) Denise and Dolores Grandpa of Aaron and Brent Interment at Parkview Cemetery in Livonia



### SISTER MARY PATRICE SINNOTT, RSM

(Farmington Hills MI) - Sister Mary Patrice Sinnott, RSM 87, died March 8 2005 at McAuley Retirement Center in Farmington Hills. She had been a Sister of Mercy for 62 years. She was born to Patrick and Sarah (Coe) Sinnott on January 6 1918 in Owosso, Michigan and named Mary Christine at her baptism at St. Paul's Church. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in Detroit in 1943 and received the name, Sister Mary Patrice. She earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Mercy College of Detroit and made profession of perpetual vows in 1949. Sister Mary Patrice served in Mercy hospitals throughout Michigan as nursing supervisor administrator and pastoral associate. From 1952 to 1958, she supervised patient units at Mt. Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit, Mercy Hospital in Muskegon and St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. After earning a master's degree in hospital administration from St. Louis University in 1960, Sister Mary Patrice spent a year as assistant administrator at Mercy Hospital in Muskegon. She was administrator of Mercy Hospital in Bay City from 1961 to 1972 and assistant administrator at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Detroit from 1972 to 1974. Sister Mary Patrice served as patient representative at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac from 1974 to 1980. After a sabbatical during which she earned a certificate in ministry from Gozaiga University in Spokane Washington she returned to Pontiac for two years. She later served as pastoral associate at Mercy Hospital in Grayling and at St. Lawrence Dimondale Center near Lansing. Sister Mary Patrice served on the Board of Trustees for St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Corporation of Detroit. She was active in professional associations including the American Association of Hospital Administrators Catholic Nurses Association Michigan Nurses Association Michigan Hospital Association Michigan Chapter of Patient Representatives Bay City Community Health Services Group and advisory boards at Delta College and Saginaw Valley College. In 1987, Sister Mary Patrice assumed part time responsibilities at the information desk and in pastoral care for her sisters at McAuley Center. She retired in 1994 and spent the rest of her years praying for the needs of the community and Mercy hospitals. Sister Mary Patrice is remembered for her practical and sensitive approach to life. Her responsibilities never kept her from enjoying the companionship of her sisters or giving personal attention to the needs of patients. Her warm Irish smile even during her illness endeared her to all. She is survived by her brother John, of Owosso sisters Katherine Sinnott and Rose Senud of Owosso Irene Buckley of Holland MI Margaret Britton of Las Vegas Nevada and Patricia Wirth of Pullman Washington, many nieces and nephews and the members of her religious community. A welcoming service was held at McAuley Center on March 9 2005 at 3 pm with a scripture and remembrance vigil at 7 pm. The Mass of Resurrection was celebrated in McAuley Center's Sacred Heart Chapel on March 10 2005 at 10 30 am, followed by burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Arrangements are under the direction of McCabe Funeral Home Farmington Hills. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sisters of Mercy Ministry Fund 29000 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills MI 48336 1405.

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# Bloomington sets WSU mark in season-ending loss



MARK HICKS | WESTSIDE PHOTOGRAPHY

Jason Bloomington, a native of Canton, set a new single-season goal-scoring record for Wayne State during Sunday's regular season finale.

Canton resident Jason Bloomington scored two goals Sunday afternoon to establish a single-season record for Wayne State's varsity men's hockey team. But it wasn't enough as the Warriors lost their season finale Sunday, to visiting Alabama-Huntsville at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Bloomington, a sophomore forward, tallied his 19th and 20th goals of the season.

The Warriors let a 3-0 first-period lead evaporate against the Chargers, who scored five goals in the second period.

With the loss, WSU finished the regular season with a record of 14-16-4 overall and 7-9-4 in College Hockey America. Alabama-Huntsville improved to 17-9-4 overall and 14-5-1 in the CHA.

Wayne State got its offense cranked up early. At the 5:09 mark of the first period, freshman forward Tylor Michel

slammed the rebound of a Dan Ihakis shot past Alabama-Huntsville's starting goalie, junior Scott Munroe.

Michel set up sophomore forward Nate Higgins with about nine minutes left in the period and the Warriors made it 3-0 at the 14:50 mark when Bloomington tipped a slap shot from sophomore defenseman Matt Boldt past Munroe. Livonia's Adam Krug, a freshman forward, also assisted on Bloomington's tally.

But the tide turned in the second, with the Chargers pulling Munroe in favor of freshman goaltender Marc Narduzzi. He stopped 24 of 26 shots the rest of the contest, giving his teammates time to stage a comeback.

Alabama-Huntsville, with Livonia natives Todd Bentley and Keith Rowe on its roster, scored five straight goals in the second to take a 5-3 advantage entering the third. Scoring the

goals were Doug Watkins, Jeremy Schreiber, Dominik Rozman, David Nimmo and Steve Canter.

Bloomington's second goal of the afternoon, with 13:10 left in the third stanza, brought WSU to one goal of the Chargers. He received a goal-mouth pass from Michel and tapped it into the net past Narduzzi, who had no chance.

Wayne State then tied it 5-5 when Ihakis, a sophomore defenseman, buried a shot from the right circle with 6:50 remaining. But just 22 seconds later, Alabama-Huntsville regained the lead for good. Senior center and co-captain Jared Ross, who went to Redford Catholic Central, broke in on sophomore goaltender Will Hooper (34 saves) and slipped the puck past him.

WSU begins CHA tournament play 8:35 p.m. Friday against Air Force in Grand Rapids, Minn.

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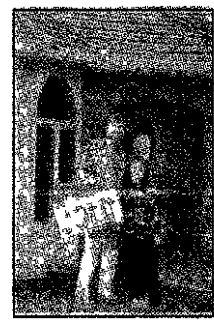
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More than likely you do based upon a case on similar facts out of the state of Virginia affirming the long standing proposition that if a covenant still serves its intended purpose, it will be enforced. In this particular case, the covenant served its intended purpose because all the changes were exterior to the subdivision. In effect within the subdivision, the only changes were the aging of homes and the maturing of trees. You are best advised, however, to consult an attorney to obtain, if necessary, an injunction and/or declaratory judgment.

I have heard that real estate values in certain cities in the East are based upon their proximity to commuter railroads. Do you have any information about that?

Having reviewed the real estate market recently in Philadelphia, it is clear that availability to rapid transit is a benefit to a prospective seller of a home particularly in the far reaching suburbs. Unlike Michigan, Philadelphia and, of course, New York, have elaborate commuter railroad systems jetting into the city from all directions and, therefore, the availability of such rapid transit is a definite plus for the marketability of homes. It also provides additional incentives for persons to locate in the suburbs but do business and/or to do shopping and frequent restaurants in the center city. Credits should be given to both Philadelphia and New York for having extensive downtown residential areas and commuter railroads availability to the airport as well as the suburbs.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. For more information call (248) 644-4433. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

# Thank Mother Nature

## Ancient glaciers created area lakes

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

That Oakland County lakefront house you love so much was more than 14,000 years in the making.

The first step in building it was to arrange for a glacier to reach a melting point along, say, the Lone Pine Road area, give or take a few mile roads in either direction.

This glacier, according to the National Park Service Web site, was no ordinary coating of ice on your windshield. No, this was snow compressed into a super-slab of frozen water thousands of feet high, maybe a mile or so, and covering more than half of North America including what became Michigan and our neighboring states.

As the glacier continued to melt and shorten back toward the colder north, blocks of ice broke off here and there, giving us what a Cranbrook geologist said are called "ice block lakes."

This geologist is John M. Zawiskie, a museum educator at the Cranbrook Institute of Science. A great many, he said, of Oakland County's 1,400 lakes are ice block lakes.

"The blocks of ice that broke off," Zawiskie said, "would get buried in sand and mud by waters swept from the melting ice. When a block finally melted, there would be a depression left on the landscape." There you have it. A lake.

Meanwhile, Zawiskie said, "the melting edge of the glacier kept piling rocks and mud and boulders along its softening southern edge." Well, if you pile enough rocks and mud and boulders you can create some pretty hills. Bloomfield Hills, for example.

These hilly areas, found throughout Michigan, are called moraines. Zawiskie said. There's one you can trace from Ontario across the state into the bed of Lake Michigan.

O.K., back to your waterfront house. When the foundation was dug, workers might have turned up mastodon or mammoth skeletons. Those giant ancestors of modern-day elephants are connected to Michigan's glacial history.

About 250 sets of remains have been found around Michigan, Zawiskie said,

"including right here at Cranbrook."

On the other hand, Zawiskie said, Michigan's extensive salt deposits are not related to the glaciers but are from a much earlier time, before the dinosaurs, when the area was covered with shallow tropical seas and our weather was like the Bahamas.

O.K., but about your house. Joan Downing, a sales agent with RE/MAX in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, said, yes, people do ask her to find houses for them on lakes. "If that's their interest," she said.

"And then it depends on their price range. If 'X' is what they can spend, we might have to say, how does lake privileges sound instead of lakefront?"

With lake privileges, Downing said, your house might be across the road from those on the water or you might be some substantial distance away in the subdivision. You would share the lakefront, having access to the beach and water through a public easement the original developers drew into the plat.

A privilege you might not have, depending on the community, is docking. You might be able to bring a boat to the water but not be able to leave it there overnight, Downing said.

A house that might cost \$275,000 to \$400,000 in a conventional subdivision, Downing said, might be priced \$200,000 more along the shore of an all-sports lake where motor boats and other powered devices are permitted.

Most people who want to live on a lake, Downing said, "have some idea of

what it's all about. For some, it's not that different from a regular subdivision except you have a fabulous view and you can go swimming when you get hot.

"On most lakes you don't have to do any special maintenance, but some people take meticulous care of their lake frontage, maybe bringing in extra sand if it's allowed.

"They might have a dock that they take in for the winter and hoists for toys and boats.

"But others buy on a lake because they like the open isolation and the beauty. They just want the setting. It all depends on how water-crazy you are."

There was a time, Downing said, when you could buy an early-1900s summer cottage that had been converted to year-round living or was a candidate for conversion. "They were good buys," she said, but now are bought just for the land they're on so someone can tear it down and put up the biggest house that will fit on the lot.

After all, said Ern O'Neill, "a lakefront lot has value beyond an ordinary piece of dirt." O'Neill sells real estate for Weir Manuel Snyder & Ranke, Birmingham.

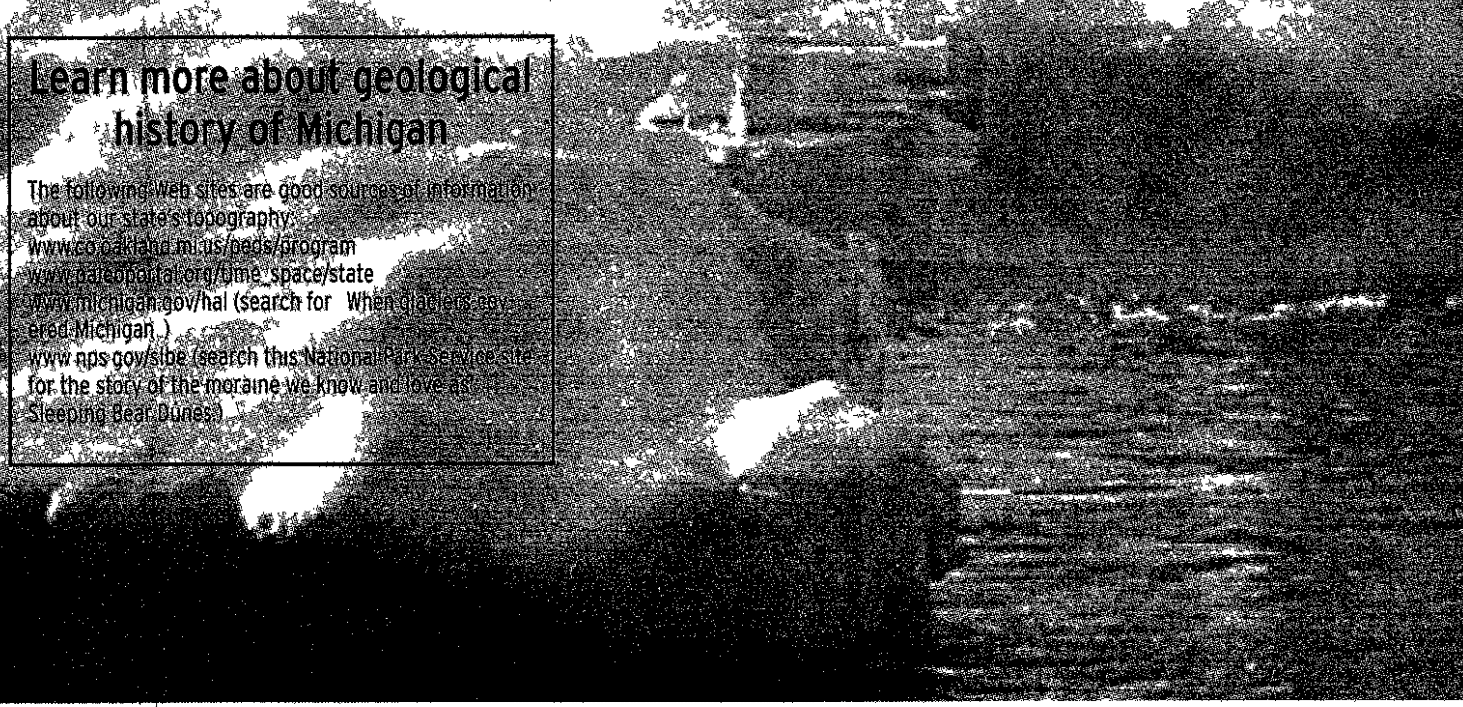
I have a customer right now who's been looking for a lakefront location," O'Neill said. "Didn't specify all-sports but they don't want a pond and they don't want a river or a canal."

"They want to be on a real lake so they have the view. You love it. You dream about it."

### Learn more about geological history of Michigan

The following web sites are good sources of information about our state's topography:

- www.co.oakland.mi.us/peds/program
- www.paleontol.org/time\_space/state
- www.michigan.gov/hal (Search for "When glaciers covered Michigan.")
- www.nps.gov/sibe (Search this National Park Service site for the story of the moraine we know and love as Sleeping Bear Dunes.)



## To your health: Mold in your home can be treated

(NUI) - The National Concrete Masonry Association suggests taking the following steps to avoid mold growth:

- Look for visible signs of moisture and eliminate the source.

- Maintain roofs, walls and openings. Replace caulking and repaint as needed.

- Keep the maximum relative humidity levels in your home at about 40 percent during the heating season and

below 60 percent during the cooling season, as recommended by the National Association of Home Builders.

- Install bath and kitchen fans and vent fans to the outside of your home.

- Seal outlets, sill plates and through-wall penetrations, to minimize uncontrolled air infiltration. For more information about mold and cleaning concrete masonry, visit [www.ncma.org](http://www.ncma.org).

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## Conditions perfect for investors

These "dog days of winter" have many real estate professionals waiting anxiously for the spring buying season — and less erratic paydays — to arrive. There are a good number of homes on the market and interest rates remain attractive.

If you invest in residential real estate, or if you want to become a real estate investor, now may be the time to make a move. It's prime time for real estate investors to snatch up some great deals. Canvass the market and you may find homes that have been on the market for some time, and perhaps even a motivated for-sale-by-owner home whose seller is willing to deal.

Investors generally need a 10% down payment unless they are going to actually live in the subject property, or in a portion of it.

There are some exceptions, of course, but this requirement is often the biggest hurdle. (A quick cure: Take out a small home equity line on an existing property as a down payment.)

Spend time and effort sniffing out those elusive, zero down deals, if you will, but that down payment will give you access to virtually every deal out there.

Surprisingly, you can have bruised credit and still be an investor. In fact, that relatively small 10% down offsets enough lender risk to get approvals for borrowers with credit scores below 600.

Of course, higher scores mean better interest rates and mortgage terms. With higher scores, you may not even need to document your income to qualify.

Generally, investors pay an interest rate about 1.5 to 2 percent higher to compensate for the added lender risk non-owner occupied properties pose. To compensate, investors often use shorter-term, 3- or 5-year ARMs to preserve their cash flows.

Today's TIMBIT: You hear time and again about folks much less educated than you making huge profits in real estate. If you have not had the will nor the courage to learn what's required to be a real estate investor, there may never be a better time than the present.

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# Fractional Vacation Home Guide launched, providing abundant information

The new Web site <http://www.LuxuryFractionalGuide.com> is a comprehensive resource for those interested in understanding fractional ownership and locating fractional vacation properties. The site provides detailed information on more than 170 properties worldwide, including Private Residence Clubs and other high-end developments. It also has listings for

fractional jet and yacht programs. Despite the rapid increase in fractional real estate developments (more than 100 have been started since 1999), it has been difficult for consumers to locate these specialized properties. Luxury Fractional Guide (LFG) provides a central location where people can find virtually all fractional properties. The property listings may be sorted

by category (golf, ski, water and metropolitan) and by region (U.S. east, U.S. west, Canada, Mexico, islands and overseas). Each listing includes information about the type of fraction offered, pricing and amenities, as well as specific details about the golf, ski or waterfront facilities offered. There is also a live link to each property's own Web site so consumers can do further research on their own.

Fractional ownership allows people to purchase a deeded share of a vacation residence in a prime location. They get the amount of time they desire (usually 4 to 12 weeks a year), without the hassles of cleaning and upkeep that a second home requires. The residences provide the amenities of a vacation home — such as fully equipped kitchens, roomy closets and sports equipment storage — com-

ined with the benefits of a hotel, such as restaurants, fitness facilities, concierge and housekeeping services. Depending on the design of the property, residences may be hotel suites, cottages, townhouses or single-family homes. Prices range from \$40,000 to more than \$1 million, depending on the location, number of weeks, number of bedrooms and level of luxury.

## Featured

# HOMES OF THE WEEK

Presented By

**Canton** - Curtis built 2 story w/3 bedrooms 2.5 baths and first floor laundry. Gas fireplace in living room full basement 2 car attached garage stove & frig stay. Master suite has walk in closet & bath. Morgan Creek is a newer sub of only 88 units w/a 20 acre nature preserve. \$222,000 (63CON)

**Dearborn** - Very clean 2 family colonial 2 bedrooms 1 bath LR DR kitchen in lower unit 1 bedroom 1 bath living room in upper unit. Upper unit rents for \$500 lower unit rents for \$600. 1.5 car garage rents for \$40 per month. Newer furnace windows & driveway. 2 HWH's large covered porch. \$159,900 (31COL)

**Livonia** - Very clean 3 bedroom ranch with immediate occupancy! Coved ceilings in living room dining nook off living room C/A newer HWH shingles on Florida room & garage Vinyl double clad windows & pull down stairs for extra storage appliances stay. \$159,900 (66GR0)

**Livonia** - Move in condition 4 bedroom 2.5 bath brick ranch. Newer roof furnace HWH carpeting updated both new kitchen. Hardwood floors finished basement. 6 panel doors newer windows. Garage deck Florida room fenced yard some appliances stay. \$219,900 (35JAC)

**Livonia** - Maintenance free 3 bed 1.5 bath brick ranch. Remodeled kitchen hardwood floors new carpet in bedrooms recessed lighting updated baths new faucets ceiling fans. Finished basement with wet bar and office new windows lighting roof & siding. Walk to park! \$194,000 (35WES)

**Plymouth Township** - Recently updated 4 bed 2.5 bath colonial in desirable Trailwood Sub. Large FR w/natural brick fireplace bsmt, freshly painted w/brand new carpeting & flooring through out. 2 car garage beautifully landscaped yard w/ sprinklers entertaining deck & porch. \$359,900 (28CAN)

**Taylor** - Over 1500 sq ft ranch with 3 bedrooms. Living room family room & newer kitchen. Master bedroom has walk in closet roof shingles only 5 years old. 2 story heated shed newer HWH. Fenced yard patio some appliances stay. Very clean home! \$136,900 (90LIN)

**Warren** - Very sharp 3 bed ranch remodeled bath newer HWH paint and carpet throughout. Nicely decorated basement w/bedroom and rec room. Some appliances stay C/A in 96 furnace in 97 move in condition not a drive by! \$124,900 (43TIM)

**Westland** - Cute and clean 3 bed ranch w/Livonia Schools. Finished basement open kitchen w/eat in dining room C/A doorwall that leads to 16 x16 deck. Anderson windows 2 car garage lots of perennials planted all around the home. \$162,900 (38FRE)

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### HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Oct 25-29 2004 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	42715 Boudien	\$180,000	Livonia	36067 S x Mile	\$230,000
	43938 Brandywyne	\$214,000		33773 Eight Mile	\$100,000
	42207 Br arc ff	\$224,000		38449 Eight Mile	\$225,000
	2083 Br arfield	\$120,000		16364 Aldrich	\$267,000
	1382 Brockle ne	\$134,000		9994 Arcola	\$164,000
	43642 Candewood	\$237,000		11428 Arcola	\$151,000
	745 Cherry Orchard	\$219,000		11309 Arden	\$203,000
	45061 Coactman	\$195,000		14142 Arden	\$223,000
	135 Concord	\$207,000		14467 Auburndale	\$223,000
	346 Const tution	\$594,000		19295 Augusta	\$397,000
46436 Creekside	\$283,000	35368 Barbury	\$305,000		
46932 Eastbourne	\$433,000	29535 Barkley	\$155,000		
6984 Epping	\$268,000	9487 Bassett	\$175,000		
2256 Fairway	\$215,000	20335 Beatrice	\$137,000		
372 F Imore	\$158,000	944 K ngs	\$235,000		
951 Foothill	\$286,000	39948 Kopperrick	\$165,000		
7083 Foxcreek	\$277,000	1347 Lasalle	\$168,000		
4741 Grove	\$147,000	42771 Lilley Pointe	\$125,000		
43144 Hanford	\$220,000	2172 Lone Wolf	\$187,000		
45754 Hanford	\$263,000	1743 Marlowe	\$180,000		
1573 Her tage	\$190,000	1584 Mciane	\$428,000		
2704 Hogan	\$293,000	1651 Mciane	\$465,000		
46424 Killarney	\$245,000	390 Meadowlake	\$195,000		
944 K ngs	\$235,000	6149 Meadowview	\$367,000		
39948 Kopperrick	\$165,000	50167 Monroe	\$207,000		
1347 Lasalle	\$168,000	50193 Monroe	\$164,000		
42771 Lilley Pointe	\$125,000	1664 Morr son	\$209,000		
2172 Lone Wolf	\$187,000	40981 N Maplewood	\$200,000		
1743 Marlowe	\$180,000	40991 N Maplewood	\$186,000		
1584 Mciane	\$428,000	41011 N Maplewood	\$178,000		
1651 Mciane	\$465,000	41312 N Maplewood	\$226,000		
390 Meadowlake	\$195,000	44976 N Spring	\$238,000		
6149 Meadowview	\$367,000	6338 New England	\$220,000		
50167 Monroe	\$207,000	8252 New Haven	\$370,000		
50193 Monroe	\$164,000	45336 Patrick	\$261,000		
1664 Morr son	\$209,000	248 Patriot	\$287,000		
40981 N Maplewood	\$200,000	1386 Ramier	\$219,000		
40991 N Maplewood	\$186,000	45155 Rector	\$219,000		
41011 N Maplewood	\$178,000	119 Robyn	\$190,000		
41312 N Maplewood	\$226,000	45140 Saltz	\$230,000		
44976 N Spring	\$238,000	41362 Southwind	\$130,000		
6338 New England	\$220,000	7701 Thornwood	\$135,000		
8252 New Haven	\$370,000	45338 Turnberry	\$295,000		
45336 Patrick	\$261,000	43598 W Arbor	\$127,000		
248 Patriot	\$287,000	2491 Westgate	\$295,000		
1386 Ramier	\$219,000	44911 Weymouth	\$346,000		
45155 Rector	\$219,000	908 Wildwood	\$230,000		
119 Robyn	\$190,000				
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**NOVI** \$649,900  
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Updated with contemporary flair this unique home awaits the buyer seeking 4 or 5 bedrooms at a modest price. Newer kitchen with upscale appliances and oceanic baths on both levels. Sun filled great room.  
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**REDFORD** \$162,900  
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# Take time for research when choosing windows, enhance home's value

(NU) — Of all the remodeling projects undertaken by homeowners, replacing windows or doors ranks among the top five. It is one of the most cost-effective ways to add to a home's value, comfort, security and curb appeal.

With hundreds of window and door options, the dilemma for many homeowners is choosing stylish, high quality products that will stand the test of time. Jeld Wen, the largest manufacturer of win-

dows and doors, offers the following tips to help homeowners make the right choices:

- **Recognize reliability** One indicator of reliability is the warranty. Don't settle for a one-year warranty on interior-hung doors when a five-year warranty is available. And don't settle for a short-term warranty on vinyl windows when some manufacturers offer a lifetime warranty.
- **Set a budget** Costs vary

based on the material used to construct the window or door. For windows, prices are lowest for aluminum, followed by vinyl. Wood is generally the most expensive. For doors, prices are lowest for steel, then composite and fiberglass. Wood tops the list.

Be sure to examine overall value, however, and not just the price tag. Energy Star-qualified windows and doors cost about 5 percent more, but can save money in the long run

by reducing yearly energy bills by up to 15 percent.

- **Pay attention to performance features** Useful features increase the comfort and safety of a home. Consider ergonomically designed options like one-touch, automatic-locking windows that lock and unlock with almost no effort. If privacy is important, look for solid-core interior doors, which significantly reduce noise transfer.

- **Consider climate** For regions with high heat in the summer or extreme cold in the winter, choose windows and doors with low-E glass. Low-E is a microscopic metallic coating applied to the glass that diminishes the amount of heat that can be transferred through it.

In humid regions, look for wood windows and doors that are protected against decay and insect damage and backed

by a 20-year warranty. In arid regions, immediately seal and finish wood windows and doors to maintain their moisture, or consider high-quality vinyl windows.

When it comes to selecting the right windows and doors, a little planning can bring major benefits for years to come.

For ideas, style options and more information on choosing windows and doors, visit [www.jeld-wen.com](http://www.jeld-wen.com)

# Some timely tips to help you find your new home

(NUI) - How can you find and buy a home to enjoy for years to come? The first step is to answer this simple question: *Is it the right time for you to buy?*

You need to consider the tax deduction, building equity, monthly mortgage payments and maintenance expenses, funding for a down payment and closing costs, and staying in the home long enough for its appreciation to cover your transaction costs.

If you can afford and want to buy a home, the next step is to get pre-approved for a mortgage from a lender.

"I ask buyers to do this right away, before we start looking for homes," said Bill McCarthy, a certified residential specialist with Coldwell Banker Devonshire. "That way I know what price range the

buyer can afford. Otherwise, a buyer could find the perfect home only to be disappointed when he or she cannot afford it."

An experienced real estate agent can help you decide on your needs and desires for a home. For example, how important is its location? How long is your commute? How are the schools if you have children? How many bedrooms? A one- or two-car garage?

Once you have prioritized your answers, a real estate agent will know which homes to show you.

I always explain a home's advantages and disadvantages to buyers," McCarthy said. "For example, one home may have a great layout but need updated decorating. Another home may be nicely decorated but have an awkward kitchen and dining

room. I tell clients that decorating is easy to fix, but major structural deficits are not."

Once you find the right home in your price range, your agent will make an offer on your behalf and negotiate with the seller's agent. If your offer is accepted, there are a few more steps before closing.

I always advise my clients to get a housing inspection," McCarthy said. "It ensures whether your future home's structure and mechanical systems, from the furnace to plumbing, are working properly or not."

The lender requires an appraisal of the property to confirm the home's value is sufficient to support the sales price. If that goes smoothly, you are ready for the closing. Once that's done, the home is yours.

# Home air cleaners come in many shapes, sizes

(NUI) - Millions of people buy portable air cleaners to improve their health, remove harmful particles from the air and maintain a clean home. But consumer research shows that portable air cleaners also have some drawbacks.

Some people complain that the air cleaners make too much noise. Others say the units are unsightly, expensive to maintain and take up space.

An alternative for those who want to have clean air in every room of the house is a whole home air cleaner that attaches

to the heating and cooling system and installed by a professional contractor. A whole-home air cleaner reduces all airborne contaminants such as dust, pollen and bacteria.

Recent reports show that these irritants, not germs, may be responsible for chronic colds.

A recent study sponsored by Aprilaire revealed that homeowners prefer a whole-home air cleaner versus a portable air cleaner when comparing performance, installation and maintenance factors and over

all cost. For instance, the Aprilaire whole-home air cleaner costs around \$400 for the first year and about \$40 thereafter. The initial price includes the unit, filter and professional installation. The equipment is in the utility room, where it does not detract from the home's aesthetic appeal. Typically, a whole-home air cleaner needs maintenance once a year.

Conversely, in the first year alone, a homeowner with four portable units serving about 500 square feet apiece would

spend nearly \$2,500 for the cleaners, filters and electricity. Plus, the units are placed throughout the house and distract from a room's decor. Portable air cleaners also have to be cleaned regularly and their filters need to be changed four times a year.


In terms of energy costs, people who choose portable units can expect to pay up to \$220 in annual costs.

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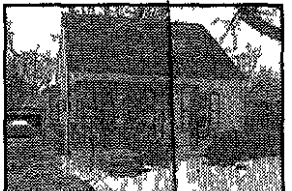
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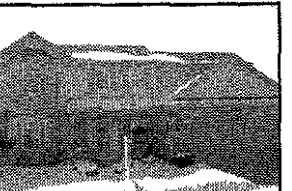
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**DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow with updated roof water heater hardwood floors fireplace finished basement and new deck off of the 3 season room overlooking the pool! \$269,900 (P 644AN)




**COMFORT COURTS** Enjoy the comfort of a well-maintained home and private yard with a nice patio. Many updates formal dining garage and family room w/wood burning stove. Comfortably priced! \$139,900 (C 793CE)




**PICTURE PERFECT** Built in 95 and in perfect condition this 3 bedroom beauty has all the features you desire. Great location oversized garage family room fireplace 1st floor laundry formal dining & more! \$279,900 (C 907RI)




**1998 PULTE** Livonia Schools oak kitchen & flooring totally neutral décor awesome tiered deck large lot with private yard prof fin basement 2 fireplace 1st floor laundry Why build? A must see! \$324,900 (P-216CR)




**BEST DEAL IN CANTON** Builder is offering sellers concessions on this brand new home 2200 sq ft with many quality upgrades Award winning schools nice wooded lot backs to a nature preserve basement & garage Hurry! \$289,900 (P 200WI)




**RUSSELL WOODS COLONIAL** Gorgeous triple bay windows & crown moldings Formal dining & hwdwd foyer Updated kit incl ceramic tile built ins & tray ceiling in nook All baths updated Fin bsmt updated elec new roof & more! 2 car gar Excellent value! \$140,000 (P 841CO)



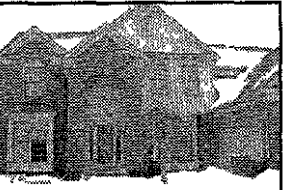
**POTTERY BARN PERFECT** This totally updated home near Desquillo basement windows, oversized garage, and an enormous 480 square foot master! WOW! \$229,900 (P 641DR)




**PLYMOUTH ESTATES** Attractive brick ranch with 3 bedrooms 2 full baths finished bsmt large deck overlooking a private back yard with a view of Tonquish creek This home has it all! \$219,900 (P 251HA)




**EXTENSIVE UPDATES** In this Garden City ranch fenced yard 2 car garage remodeled kitchen bath dining room fully room carpet and floors Cared front porch and an affordable price Perfect for first time buyers \$116,000 (P 674KR)




**ROYAL POINTE COLONIAL** Wonderful for entertaining & simply stylish living Situated on one of the largest lots in the sub this home offers it all! You must see the finished basement to fully appreciate the tender & expensive care the owners have lavished on this home \$439,900 (P-601WA)




**SPECTACULAR SUNSETS** 99 ft of water frontage on Zukey Lake (all sports lake) on Portage Chain of 9 Lakes Sandy beach front Custom built A Frame home w/wall to ceiling windows in great rm Fieldstone triple ceiling 2 balconies & loft area Circular staircase \$429,900 (P 708ZU)




**PRIVATE RETREAT** Wonderful retreat from hectic lifestyles! 3 cozy fireplaces central vacuum system walkout lower level with a spa 3 car garage sprinkler system huge remodeled kitchen & more Wooded setting w/lake nearby \$399,500 (P 465VA)




**STUNNING CONDO** Beautiful brick patio Offering plenty of room to entertain friends & family The large FR is lighted by a gas fireplace & garden level windows Vaulted ceilings w/ skylights Berber carpeting and side by side two car garage \$184,900 (C 509PO)



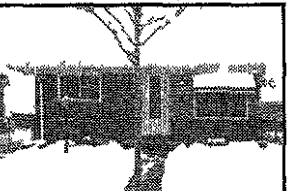
**WHITE GLOVE CLEAN** This 4 bedroom cape cod must be seen to be appreciated Really lovely with all the conveniences and updating already done for you. Over 2000 square feet with a 1st floor master & laundry. Call now \$304,900 (P 014SO)




**AWESOME RANCH** In Plymouth Township w/an easy flowing floor plan Spacious living impressive open kitchen leads to the family room w/ fireplace Master w/bath vinyl windows bsmt garage fenced yard w/deck & full appliance package \$225,000 (P-659SU)



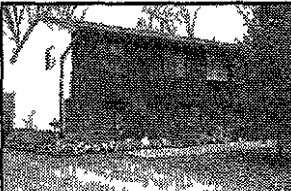
**CHIC CONTEMPORARY** Exclusive Hillsborough sub Superb 2 story w/ final areas volume ceilings fireplace & custom window treatments Luxury master w/mour bath & island kit w/ window \$315,000 (C 059C)



**MAINTENANCE FREE** Brick ranch with an open floor plan All new windows hardwood floors updated kitchen & bath with ceramic tile finished basement w/half bath & rec room newer roof water heater and insulation \$154,900 (C 492DR)



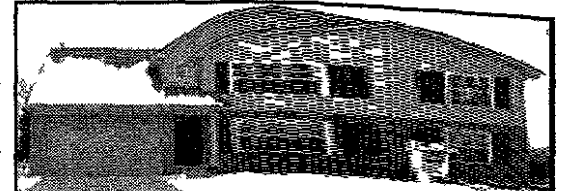
**PULTE ST JAMES** Immaculate Canton Colonial with a welcoming 2 story foyer neutral décor throughout and updated carpet 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths and a large deck to a private back yard A great family home \$279,500 (P 291PO)




**LAKE PRIVILEGES** Great get away with the comforts of the city and the quiet of the country 3 beds 2 baths and an extra lg family rm w/FP Appliances stay deck w/cabana and mechanics dream garage \$198,900 (C 330RI)



**PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW** On a tree lined street with a walk up attic space plus a full basement Updated & neutral throughout Newers include windows siding cement work roof floor coverings light fixtures & more \$164,900 (P-345EA)



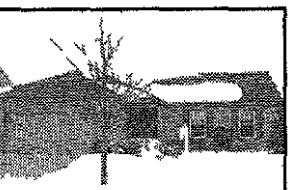
**BROOKFIELD VILLAGE** New with many ceilings in in master bedroom w/cathedral upgrades w/window bath central vac air cleaner, jets, marble fireplace sprinkler system and over 2000 sq ft \$274,500 (P 348 ET)



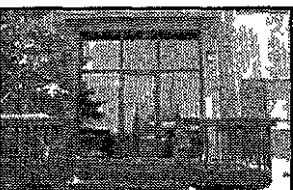
**PERFECT BUY!** Red brick ranch with 3 beds 1.5 baths and a 2.5 car garage! Many updates since 03 including tear off roof siding exterior doors windows furnace oak kitchen refinished hardwood floors, paint and carpet Wow! \$164,900 (P 224RI)




**BASK IN THE WARMTH** Of this superb colony in a terrific family sub Forming areas plus a family rm pergio floor & fireplace 3 generously sized bedrooms finished basement deck and gazebo \$229,900 (C 409AA)



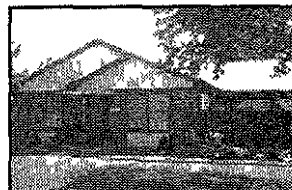
**WIDE OPEN SPACES** This Canton beauty is sure to please with an open concept volume ceilings and a fantastic master suite Professionally finished LL w/family room den game room and ceramic bath \$289,900 (C 354PO)




**A WALK IN THE PARK** Carefree condo living bordering scenic Hines Park 2 bedrooms 2 full baths spacious family room with a fireplace and a garage Perfect for those looking for affordable living \$154,900 (P 731SY)



**IT'S ALL HERE!** Everything you want - Canton colonial with lots of updates Newer roof furnace AC HWH windows and doorwalls Finished basement nice garage 4BR/2.5BA and award winning schools! Great value at only \$230,000 (C 151AV)



**55+ COMMUNITY** Beautifully updated condo with 2 beds 1.5 baths Eat in kitchen plus formal dining all updated big ticket items Pool clubhouse and many senior activities Close to carport and parking \$134,900 (C 847NE)



**IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY!!** Neat & clean condo backing to the woods w/neutral décor, soaring ceilings skylights appliances incl the washer & dryer, large deck, Andersen windows and low association dues. \$114,900 (C 296SH)

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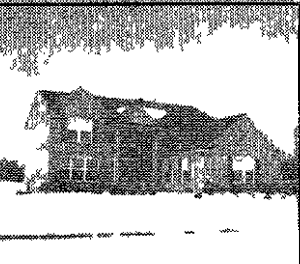
**BRIGHTON \$374,900**  
Curved w/s accent this contemporary colonial upstairs den/loft could be used as 4th bdrm or computer rm. Lrg master suite w/spacious bath. Walk n closet+ sitting rm. Fireplace on 2 story great rm. huge kit (OESLY92HIG) 248 437 4500



**BRIGHTON \$299,900**  
2680 sq ft lakefront home on over 1/3 acre close to expressways. Sandy beach and dock. Large 30' deck facing ake side to watch the wildlife. Den w/ fireplace. cathedral ceiling and skylights. 2.5 car garage. 6 bedrooms (OESLY56CLA) 248 437 4500



**CANTON \$395,000**  
Fabulous Home On Superb Lot Professionally Fin. Lower Level W/3rd Fl. Bath Den/loft & Add. Family Rm. Beautiful Hdwd Flrs in Entry & Through Kitchen & Nook. Great Open Flr Plan. Bridge Overlook ng Fam rm. W/frp (OEN55HEN) 248 347 3050



**CANTON \$387,900**  
Stunning Beauty This Home Possesses So Much Glamour. A Bay Boke Mo Del It Offers 2 Stor. W/4 Bdrms 2 Baths & 1 Lav. Entrance Has Hdwd Flrs. Lrg Fam Rm. W/frp Neutral Decor (OEN06MAN) 248 347 3050



**CANTON \$345,000**  
Picture Perfect! Beat The Spring Rush To This Terrific 2 story home backing To Woodlands. Dramatic 2 story Foye W/arch Window. Credibly Spacious Kitchen. W/Island. Fam y Rm with marble Surround fireplace (OEN49NOR) 248 347 3050



**CANTON \$3,900**  
3BR co w/lgt nook w/marble units & wd flrs. Nat FP n FR w/cu. antle. Prof n bsmt 1st fl n dry upst slte w/jetted tub. Lg corne lot w/pave patio some fences. alow 3 car garage. Plymouth Canton schools (OEP56SOR) 734 453 680



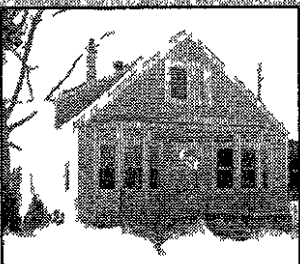
**CANTON \$234,900**  
Get ready for summer! Spectacular level w/n ground swimming pool. Delightful setting 4 BR 2.5 BA with great coat on. Just move your family in. Enjoy the summer in a 1 year home w/warranty (OEP76SHA) 734 453 6800



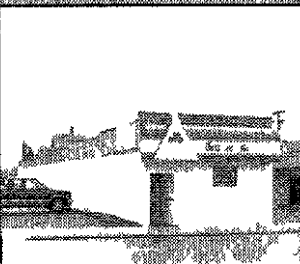
**CANTON \$184,900**  
Affordable Canton Brck ranch backing to private wooded area. Updates cement driveway porch (04) glass block windows (03) entry/storm doors (02) vinyl siding windows & central air (00) Quick occupancy (OEP00PRO) 734 453 6800



**CANTON \$2,600**  
Home Backing To 6th Fairway Off Pheasant Run Golf Course. Finished bsmt w storage. Updated kitchen. W/48 stainless stove. W/dbl ovens. Fab master W/2 person jacuzzi. Deck & 3 car gar. 1.3 yr lease. No Pets. smoke s (OEN18MU) 248 347 3050



**COMMERCE \$169,900**  
Charming 3 bdr m 1 bath. bungalow with walking distance to all sports lake. Many updates which include kitchen bath roof windows siding. 10 X 16 deck. HW/H ca pet. freshly painted. 5 ceiling fans and basement (OESLY59BR) 248 437 4500



**DEARBORN \$490,000**  
Newer terms Inc Roof Gutters Park Lot Kit Elec Serv Fun A/C Pump & Sp rk Sys Ba Owns All Machines 2 Dart Mach Juke Box & 2 Pkcs. Machines Near Rouge Paint Terms Avail. Includes Liquor License (OEL14SCH) 734 591 0333



**DEARBORN HTS \$185,000**  
Make me your new home & make you friends. envy you. I'm a custom built ranch that's ready to move into. 3 bed room. 2 1/2 baths. 1 finished basement. Florida room & more! (OEP05ROU) 734 453 6800



**DEARBORN HTS \$119,900**  
Starter home. 3BR. Dr/face ranch w/siding. Full basement & 2 car detached garage. new roof (tear off) & gutters. Newer electric furnace (90) & some copper plumbing. HDWD floors. Great school. Proceed to see (OEP48SYR) 734 453 6800



**DETROIT \$85,000**  
Move Right In To This 4 Bdr Home W/ 2 Kts 2 Baths & 2 Lvg Rooms. Could Be A 2 Fam Ft W/ 2 Up 2 Dn. Has FP. Full Bsmt. Huge Bkryd. Updates include New Furn (05) Cop Plumb. Elec W/crt Brks & Some New Wndws (OEL01LIT) 734 591 0333



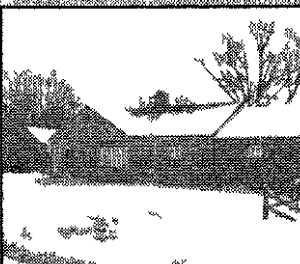
**FARMINGTON HILLS \$370,000**  
Impeccable Legends End Unit Condo. Overlooking Pool/creek/c/ubhouse wetlands. Impressive GR w/volume ceiling w/granite FP & wet bar. black & white Cont. cabinets. n.k.t.w/3 skyghts. n adjoining nook study off foyer (OEN38LEG) 248 347 3050



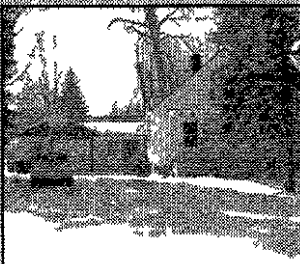
**FARMINGTON HILLS \$329,900**  
Beautifully maintained 3 bed 2.5 bath det. condo on large lot. Cathedral Ceiling. Nat FP. LG Mstr. Ste w/W Closet. Dressing Area & Jacuzzi Tub. Kit w/Island. Hw. Fire Private Wrap Around Deck. Show & Sell (OEL67BUR) 734 591 0333



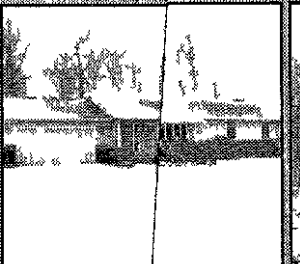
**FENTON \$133,500**  
Super end unit. Sma complex. own maintenance less. 2 sty y great room. lge bed rms. spacious kitchen. finished basement. w/day ght window. Attached garage. Almost new (OESLY04EAS)



**GARDEN CITY \$174,000**  
Finally everything you have been hoping for. Very clean & beautiful 4 BR 2 BA. auch offers spacious living room w/fr replace open newer kitchen 1st floor laundry fam y room 1 car garage. Updated baths (OEP57PAR) 734 453 6800



**GARDEN CITY \$89,900**  
Investor/handyman special. Don't miss the opportunity to live in one of Garden City's most beautiful neighborhoods. Priced below market value & being sold as is. Gorgeous double lot. Tons of potential (OEP61BAR) 734 453 6800



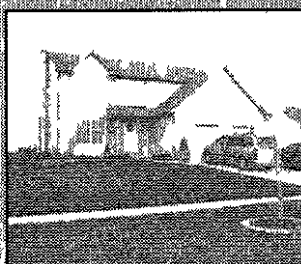
**GREEN OAK \$349,500**  
Bring your horses to this ranch on 5 acres w/60x40 ft w/water and electric fenced paddock. Spacious home w/open flr plan. 3 bdrms. 2.5 baths. overlooks gorgeous wildlife habitat (OESLY12EIG) 248 437 4500



**GREEN OAK \$139,500**  
Looking for privacy and wildlife? This 5.5 parcel offers the best of both worlds. Nature privacy yet just minutes to town. Great location for all expressway access. Build your dream park ready (OESLY00DIX) 248 437 4500



**HARTLAND \$334,900**  
Warm open 3 bdr 3 bed 2.5 bath Cape Cod Colonial on over 2 acres s it. Close to expressway for easy commute. Hartland township schools. Geotherma and cooling (OESLY88HOL) 248 437 4500



**HOWELL \$234,500**  
Spectacular open floor plan neutral colors. great room with fireplace and extra large master suite with bath and walk in Oversized garage full basement and professional landscaped (OESLY84ASH) 248 437 4500



**LIVONIA \$389,900**  
Exclusive 4 bedroom 4 bdr Tudor in B. central Estates. Great location n subdiv. on Upgrades. ga o e. Traditonal flr plan w/ mal v ing dining & fam ly rm. 2.5 baths. Lvg 1st flr laundry (OEN22HAL) 248 347 3050



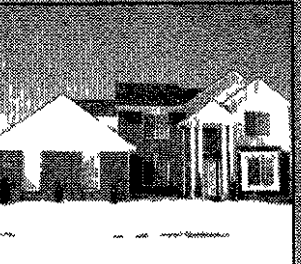
**LIVONIA \$289,900**  
Via Judd. 4 bdr. 4 bdr. Home. Ms. Bdr m. 12x25 FR. 18x27 2 Skyghts. Each Updtd Wdws. Kitch W/ oak Cab. 2nd Flr. Lnd y. Wd D's. Jetted Tub. Bsmt. 90% Eff. Furn. & F. 365 Sq Ft. Rec. Rm. L/L. Pr vacy Fence. Nwr Gar. dr. (OEL21PER) 734 591 0333



**LIVONIA \$145,000**  
3 Bed room 1 1/2 Bath Bkryd Ranch On Blvd St. In North Livonia. Newer Kit. Cabs all Appliances. Stay HW Flrs updates. Furn. CA Wndows. Fin Bsmt. W/glass Block Wndows. Copper Plumbing. 1/2 Bath (2) Ca Ga (OEL64ANT) 734 591 0333



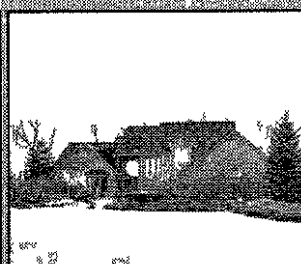
**LYONS \$474,900**  
A lot of fun in the money. Gorgeous Ext Deep F n Lower Level W/o (03) vch Opens To A Spectacular Backyard W cabana House W/ Holo newer Spacious Deck hwd flrs In Foyer (OEN64WIN) 248 347 3050



**LYONS \$333,500**  
Why B Id When You Can Move Right In Better Than New Kit W/stainless Stee Appl & Island. Eat in Nook W/dnral to spectacular maintenance free Trex deck. Hot Tub. Brick Pavers. Ove \$50,000k Of Seller Upgrades (OEN01COB) 248 347 3050



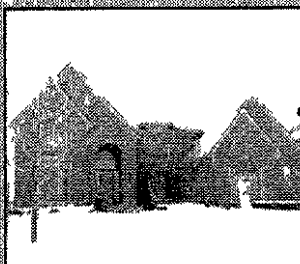
**MARION \$294,900**  
Beautiful home n newer sub that features city water and sewer. walking trails and playground. Home has huge sand kitchen hardwood floors. Large master suite w/jetted tub (OESLY70FA) 248 437 4500



**MILFORD \$479,900**  
Stunning 2 Story Contemporary 5 Bds On 1.62 Acres Backs To Woods. 4 Bed 3.5 Baths & 1st F Mstr Ste W/sky Lights & P enty Of Pr vacy. Fin Bsmt. Pro viding An Add. 1 400 Sq Ft. One Snow s All That's Needed (OEL67HER) 734 591 0333



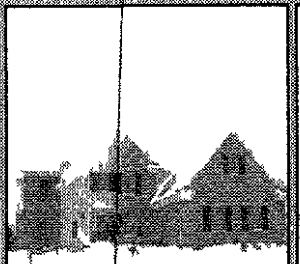
**NORTHVILLE \$1,700,000**  
Pheasant Hills At Its Finest 1st Flr Mstr W/estone Shower & Fl R's. W/tp & Granite Ctr's gour Kit W/3000 Bottle Wk n Wine Ce ar granite Ct s cherry F s & V kng Range 4 Car Gar study W ch nry Pane l ing (OEN00MIL) 248 347 3050



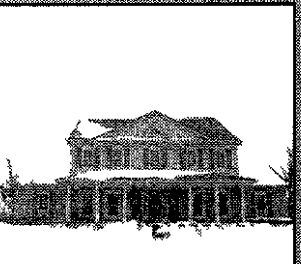
**NORTHVILLE \$999,999**  
Impeccable monarque. Mode Built By Mocer. Quick Occupancy On T H's lakefront Home. W/ext a Deep F n L. W/o w/gr mad a Rm fu. Bath n West 3a. Hdwd n Foyer hat 1 Bath kt & D granite Counters n Spacious Kt (OEN40MAN) 248 347 3050



**NORTHVILLE \$790,000**  
Luxury At Its Finest this Exclusive Customized 5 Bdrm 4.5 Bath Home. Ret cts The Best W over 5000 Sq ft of Luxurious Living. Gourmet Kitchen W granite Den Hdwd Flr T/o F n walkout Llv W/ Fam Rm 5th Bdr m (OEN37CAS) 248 347 3050



**NORTHVILLE \$759,900**  
Imm Occupcy Priced To Sell. Color al w/fr nter or st backing to commons. Stunning neut decor. w/ m n dayb rmt 18x18 cer tile in boys ha kt/ ar rm & laund 2 stry Gr 2 Fps graht s comm pool w/ten nis cts (OEN0G) 248 347 3050



**NOVI \$625,000**  
Outstanding custom 1.5 story in Autumn Park Sub. 4br 3.5 bath including 1st flr mstr suite w/jetted tub & huge W/ closet. 2 story foyer w/dual staircase. hdwd flrs crown mold ngs (OEN02SUM) 248 347 3050



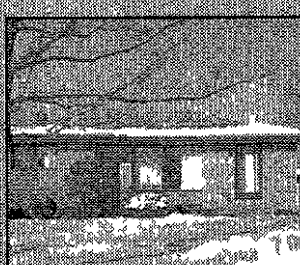
**PLYMOUTH \$1,475,000**  
Secluded wooded natura setting w/stream & awesome contemporary home. 2 x 6 const. exposed beams. 14 skylites. 2 stone FP's. plantation shutters. Woodmode kit. Expansive 1st flr mstr suite. 3rd flr retreat. WO LL (OEP50TER) 734 453 6800



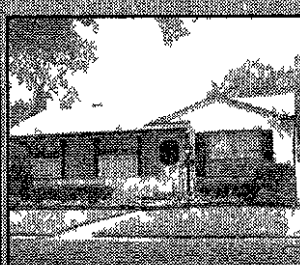
**PLYMOUTH \$339,900**  
Wow! Hurry to this truly exceptional 3BR 2 1BA colonial located n desired Tre wood sub. Beautifully landscaped on premium lot w/ pr vacy backing to woods w/c ek. Lb/den could be 4th BR. Lux mstr ste w/mstr BA (OEP38PIN) 734 453 6800



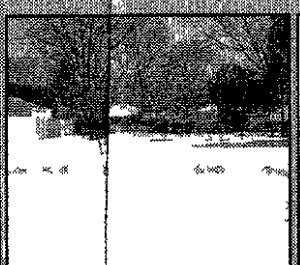
**PLYMOUTH \$309,900**  
Dream Home n dwn Ply. Renovated n 1997 4 Br 3 Full Bths Nwr Wndws. Roof Furn Siding & Doors Mst Bd. W/Wc Pergo Flrs On 1st Fl. Nwr Oak Ct 1 2 Bth Updated & Lg Bay Wdw In Mst & Lv Rm Open Foorplan (OEL73HAR) 734 591 0333



**REDFORD \$158,900**  
This One Sparkes 3 Bd 1 1/2 Bath Brck Ranch W/ Numerous Updates. Roof Wndows C/A HW/H Foo ing. Beautiful Kitchen W Pantry and All The Appliances. Fu Bath W Jacuzzi Tub 2 Car Gar part fin bsmt (OEL01NAT) 734 591 0333



**REDFORD \$138,000**  
PRICE REDUCED! Updated kit. newe ref stove 2y roof 5 Ys complete tear off furn 03 F n bsmt w/storage pool newer gar dr & scrn drs blown n \$2000 off SELLER ALLOWING n \$2000 off OUTSIDE COSM REPAIR! (OEL13ROC) 734 591 0333



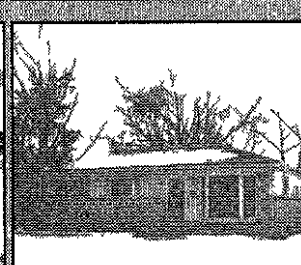
**REDFORD \$40,000**  
Near Redf Union High School. Previous Name Destroyed In Fire. Debris Has Been Removed (OEL40WAN) 734 591 0333



**SOUTH LYON \$412,900**  
A perfect 10! Located on a premium cul de sac this home is better than brand new. Your fustest buyer will enjoy the professionally landscaped yard. custom window treatments & decorated like a model interior (OEP18HAC) 734 453-6800



**SOUTH LYON \$393,500**  
Spectacular newer 3228 sq ft colonial on double lot! 4 bdrm 2.5 bath gourmet island kit w/cor an counters. 2 story GR w/nat fireplace. Dual zone heating and AC. Split staircase. Cathedral ceiling in mstr suite (OESLY01HOR) 248 437 4500



**WESTLAND \$139,900**  
Lovely 3 bedroom ranch. Updated kitchen w/oak cabinets. Living room has arge bay window and hardwood floors. Basement offers large finished rec room and utility room. Fenced yard. A must see to appreciate (OESLY38SHA) 248 437 4500



**SOUTH LYON \$750/Lease**  
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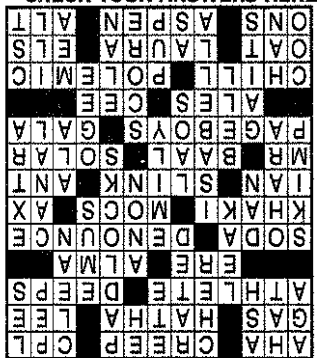




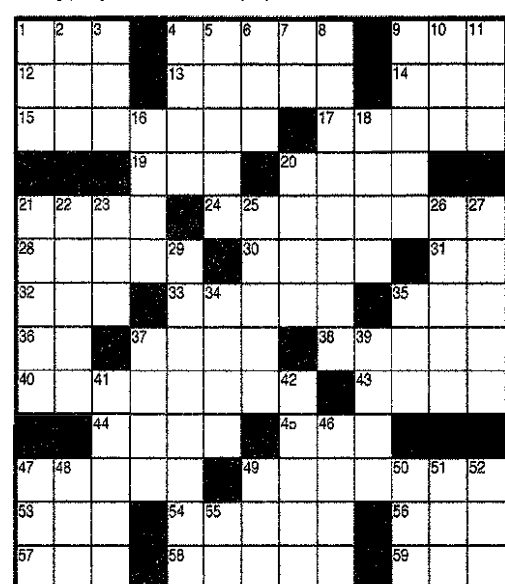
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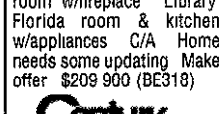
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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
Gorgeous 2.223 sq ft 3 bdrm 3 1/2 bath Colonial w/additional 1200 sq ft of living area in fabulous finished lower level Hardwood foyer Great room w/fireplace formal dining room white kitchen w/appliances 1st floor laundry Huge deck 2 car garage Sprinkler system & more \$419,900 (G0280)



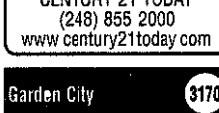
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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY
1.754 Sq Ft 2 1/2 bdrm brick Ranch w/2 car attached garage Living room Dining room Family room w/fireplace Library Florida room & kitchen w/appliances C/A Home needs some updating Make offer \$209,900 (BE318)



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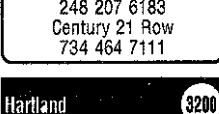
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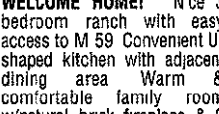
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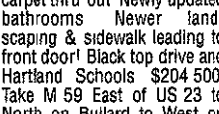
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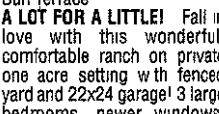
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WELCOME HOME!
Nice 3 bedroom ranch with easy access to M 59 Convenient U shaped kitchen with adjacent dining area Warm & comfortable family room w/natural brick fireplace & 2 doorways leading to decks Newer hardwood flooring & carpet thru out Newly updated bathrooms Newer landscaping & sidewalk leading to front door! Black top drive and Hartland Schools \$204,500 Take M 59 East of US 23 to North on Builard to West on Countryside to Sun Terrace following open signs to 2520 Sun Terrace



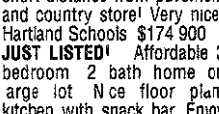
A LOT FOR A LITTLE!
Fall in love with this wonderful comfortable ranch on private one acre setting with fenced yard and 22x24 garage! 3 large bedrooms newer windows well septic and furnace Convenient location just short distance from pavement and country store! Very nice Hartland Schools \$174,900



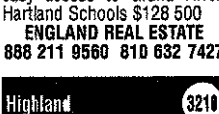
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Affordable 3 bedroom 2 bath home on arge lot Nice floor plan kitchen with snack bar Enjoy home owners p here! Great location for commuters with easy access to Grand River Hartland Schools \$128,500



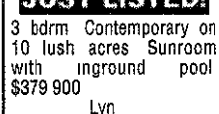
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LIVONIA
Rosedale Gardens 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home Cove ceilings hardwood floors finished bsmt 2 car garage \$274,900 (01A)
Century 21 Row
734 464 7111



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LIVONIA Open Sun
Feb 27th 12-4
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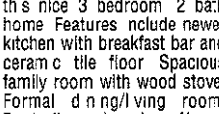
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3 bdrm Contemporary on 10 lush acres Sunroom with inground pool \$379,900
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Heritage GMAC
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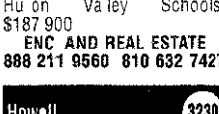
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Access to all sports Duck Lake comes with this nice 3 bedroom 2 bath home Features include newer kitchen with breakfast bar and ceramic tile floor Spacious family room with wood stove Formal dining room First floor laundry Newer oversized 2 car garage w/workshop and 2nd story Hu on Valley Schools \$187,900



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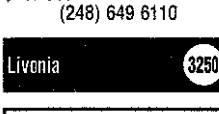
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on Lake Manitou 2071 sq ft \$415,000
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3 Bdrm brick Ranch Living room w/bay window Kitchen w/ built in oven & cooktop Finished bsmt with fireplace Garage with greenhouse Home Warranty \$154,900 (DE115)



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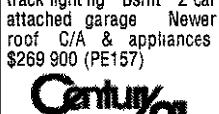
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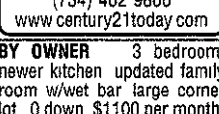
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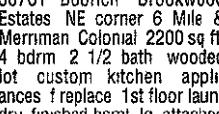
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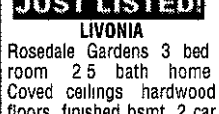
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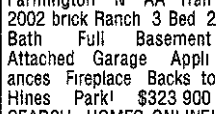
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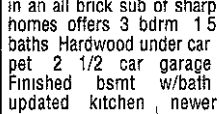
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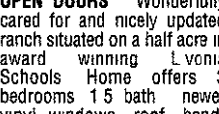
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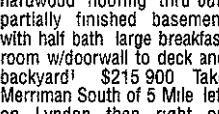
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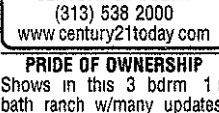
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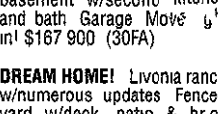
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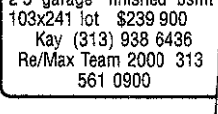
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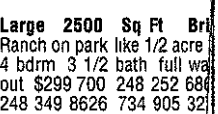
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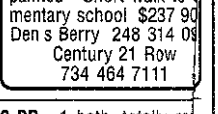
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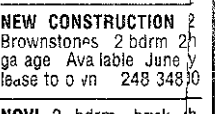
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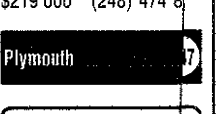
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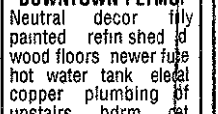
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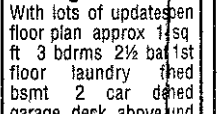
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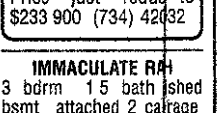
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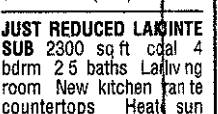
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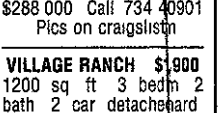
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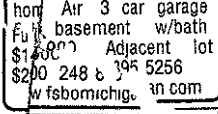
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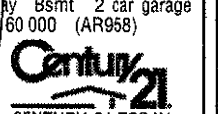
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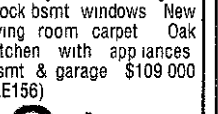
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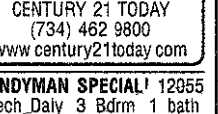
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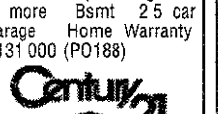
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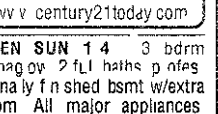
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3 large bedrooms w/posse 4th bedroom r full finished basement huge eat n kitchen 2 car garage w/hw door great brick paver patio & sprinkler A real must see home

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**WESTLAND Recently Remodeled Brick Ranch**  
Remodeled kitchen & bath ref n shed ha wood floors newer roof w ndows cement plumbing & elec Service a1 offered in this 3 bedroom 1 5 bath home w/2 car garage & finished basement w/posse ble office

(E51BIR) 734-455 5600 \$139,900



**WESTLAND Priced To Sell!**  
Built n 2000 th s lovely colonial offers 3 bedrooms 1 5 baths 2 car attached garage w/wk bench master bedroom w/cath ceiling & WIC ha wood foyer ceramic baths 2 tiered deck & full basement

(E90FAI) 734 455 5600 \$194,000



**NOVI Immaculate & Spacious**  
3 bedroom 1 5 bath end unit condo on quiet cul de sac w/lots of natura light Newer windows door & dishwasher 99 New carpet 65 pool take park & playground Accia med Nov schools

(E49CRA) 248 349-5600 \$159,900



**LIVONIA Bungalow**  
Remodeled kitchen includes appliances & laminate floor also in nook Barber in FR 2 upper bedrooms & stairs LR & 2 lower bedrooms have hwdw frs Michigan basement 2 5 car garage patio & w/de drive Part fenced

(E71FIV) 248-349 5600 \$169,900



**WESTLAND Your Search Is Over**  
Gorgeous 3 bedroom ranch w/all the updates kitchen w/wood cabinets granite floor granite ceramic bath finished basement w/possible 4th bedroom ha wood floors 2 5 car garage

(E05FAI) 734 455 5600 \$149,900



**WATERFORD Curb Appeal & Incredible Updates**  
Lake or vilages n this beaut fu 3 bedroom ranch home Custom entry doors newer roof windows doorwall kitchen cabinets & counters w/appliances Part ally finished basement & more

(E60MAP) 734 455 5600 \$189,900



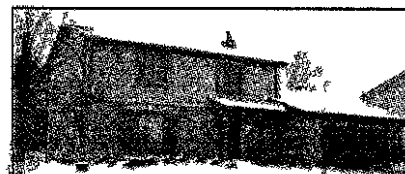
**ROMULUS Bright & Cheerful**  
3 bedroom ranch w partia y 1 n shed basement 2 5 car garage updated windows of furnace & more Dont miss out on this wa m & cozy fam y home

(E32BAR) 734 455 5600 \$128,500



**TAYLOR Meticulously Maintained**  
Perfect townhouse condo w/2 BR 1 5 BA newer furnace A/C carpet w ndows appliances Updated kitchen w/ceramic floors in foyer and bath Gas and H2O included in assoc ation fees c ubhouse pool tennis

(E98DUP) 248 349 5600 \$71,900



**NOVI Fantastic 4 Bedroom Colonial**  
Many updates including windows/doorwall carpet kitchen & baths Finished LL Professionally landscaped Newer gutters T/O FFL freshly painted ner or & exterior Best of a sidewalk community

(E14BUC) 248 349 5600 \$324,900



**NOVI Sellers Have Outgrown This Home**  
Lovely updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home w/never oak kitchen custom deck & panel doors leaded glass front door Pella windows & more All appliances stay Lots of active ties in the sub

(E12VAL) 734 455 5600 \$214,900



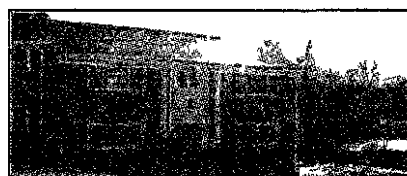
**REDFORD Won't Last Long**  
This charming updated 3 bedroom ranch presents a spacious finished basement numerous updates large 2 car garage Love y wooden front porch for cozy summer n ghts & nice sized fenced yard

(E28GAR) 734 455 5600 \$117,400



**REDFORD Wonderful Updated Home**  
3 bedroom 1 5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage finished basement newer furnace & C/A Large kitchen w/oak cabinets beautiful hardwood floors a sitting on a dead end street

(E28SAR) 734 455-5600 \$149,900



**NORTHVILLE Historic Northville**  
Downtown location nestled n/w wooded area Close to parking Washer & dryer n building Recently renovated newer carpet kitchen and bath cabinets Newer w ndows roof paint Must see to be eve

(E25FAI) 248 349 5600 \$100,900



**CANTON Beautiful Home**  
4 BR 3 5 BA colonial w/updates kitchen w/white ctrs backsplash & SS appls MBR & guest rms w/BAS Cust pa nt lighting & flooring FR w/custom trpic Lib LR & to ma DR Hwdw fir in kit foyer & 5 bath

(E57DEL) 248-349-5600 \$469,000



**LIVONIA Pride Of Ownership Shows**  
Large 4 bedroom 3 full bath tr eve w/2 car attached garage finished basement fam y com w/replace & custom mantle Lg oak kitchen w/SS appls 2 doorwall & built-ins Spacious BRs w/storage & closets

(E06ING) 734-455 5600 \$230,000



**WESTLAND Stretch Your \$\$\$\$\$**  
Charming 3 bedroom 1 5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage n ce fn shed basement Newer furnace elect c most carpet updated bath Hardwood floors n most rooms & home warranty

(E84DEN) 734 455 5600 \$134,900



**CANTON Sunflower Maintenance Free**  
Colon a loader w updates! Roof approx 6 yrs sliding gutters Wallside w ndows newer furn 50 gal HWH Spacious kitchen has never stove 1 yr DW d sposa & firing Updated BAS FR w/trpic & firng part n bsmt

(E44BAR) 734 455 5600 \$277,000



**SOUTH LYON Centennial Farms**  
55+ w/kout ranch Phase II 2 bedroom 2 bath w/ffr ceramic foyer and kitchen Fo da room Crwpy m dings neutra decor to mal d n ng room and larger kitchen

(E04LEX) 248 349 5600 \$150,000



**SOUTHFIELD Craftsmanship Style Cape Cod**  
Un que & charming 3 BR 2 BA cape cod on wooded approx mataly 1 acre of Country living in the city with easy access to x ways & shopping Home has lots of deta ed woodwork natural fireplace & finished bsmt

(E01EVE) 248 349 5600 \$224,000



**PLYMOUTH Cape Cod**  
Redes gned 2 story LR w neut carpet Open sta case to outdoors sky deck gran top s and newe cabinets DR w/columns & nat che ry custom built ns FF BR w/5 bath mstr w/J&J bath newer ool FFL

(E50FAI) 734 455 5600 \$337,500



**WYANDOTTE Updated With Plenty Of Charm**  
Newe Pe go flooring n kitchen & living oom 2 car garage part ally fn sh d basement spacious bat n kitchen w/appliances All th is n th s 3 bedroom 2 fu bath dungalow

(E83ORC) 734 455-5600 \$131,000



**LIVONIA This One Has It All!**  
On overs zed lot offering a 3 BR 1 5 BA bungalow w 4 car attached garage updated fr shed basement refinished hardwood ceramic frng Updated ceramic tile in BA & kit w/counters & frs newer lghtg & elec panel

(E26SHA) 734-455 5600 \$207,000



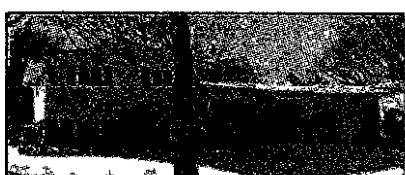
**NORTHVILLE Mind Boggling Condo**  
2 BR 2 5 BA condo decorated to perfection & upgraded flooring T/O De ghtg kitchen w/ oak cabinets nobok formal DR LR w/natural trpic lg MBR w/walk n c oset FFL wood deck C A n rac rm & heated 2 ca gar

(E68NEW) 248 349 5600 \$179,900



**NORTHVILLE Walk To Downtown**  
Local on location Ra e fnd Ideal sitng everyone looks or when buy g a home The se entity and comfort of living n a private court location A hop skip & ump to downtown Hardwood floors under carpet

(E78FAI) 248-349 5600 \$229,900



**COMMERCE Sharp & Updated Home**  
4 bedroom 2 full bath tr eve w/2 car attached garage great sq ftg Updated kitchen bath vinyl windows & doorwall Huge family oom w/br ck fireplace w/gas logs or enterta n on newer 24x24 deck

(E78ORE) 734 455 5600 \$219,900



**PLYMOUTH Old English Colonial**  
Character charm & open floor plan in this 2 bedroom home located near downtown Plymouth Hardwood floors partially fn sh d basement garage Newer furnace windows & vinyl exter or

(E57PAL) 734-455 5600 \$212,000



**FARMINGTON HILLS Head For The Hills**  
1994 built ranch home close to downtown 3 bedrooms inc a master suite Spacious great room w/fireplace 3 full baths Beautiful fn shed LL w/wet bar full bath & walk in cedar closet Interior pa nt in 2005

(E00BOS) 248-349-5600 \$249,500



**FARMINGTON HILLS Now This Is A Great Deal**  
Spacious 2 bedroom 2 bath ranch unit with underground 2 car garage and elevator Living room w/replace and doorwall to large pr vate balcony Sallie to pay buyers closing costs

(E94ORC) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS Heights Beauty Is Born**  
Beautiful 2004 built full br ck ranch w/3 bedrooms 2 baths Open tow ng floor plan w/grout attention to deta l Generous room sizes and large country kitchen Centra a r custom front porch

(E81HAR) 248 349 5600 \$149,900



**LYONS Just Like New**  
Open floor plan w/3 BRs 2 BAS ght oak kit w/ island Hwdw frs secluded master suite w/Jacuzzi tub & doorwall to deck track lights n BR w/double doors to wrap a round deck 2 ca gar bsmt w/marble fir

(E46EME) 734 455-5600 \$309,900



**DEARBORN HGTS Perfection Plus**  
Great location for th s 2 bed oom 2 5 bath condo backing to Hines Park Open floor plan 2nd floor laundry deck off kitchen full basement & 2 car attached garage

(E12LEG) 734 455 5600 \$164,900



**SOUTH LYON Ranch Condo**  
Centennial Farms end unit w/2 BR & 2 fu ceramic baths Extra sink n dressing area Great view from DR Enjoy clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake

(E52CAM) 248 349 5600 \$138,000



**SOUTH LYON Shows Like A Model**  
Fresh y painted Newer carpet updated kitchen wherever appliances c own moldings large laundry room Condo faces courtyards Close to shopping schools and churches A must see All the wo k done

(E34PRI) 248 349 5600 \$94,000



**LIVONIA Brick Bungalow**  
Original owner Well kept 3 bedrooms vinyl windows roof 3 yrs 1 yea carpeting neutra Huge master bedroom fin shed 04 Florida room for seasonal employment Fenced yard 2 ca garage 1 yr warranty

(E65INK) 248-349 5600 \$152,000



**WYANDOTTE Spacious Starter**  
Large 2 bedroom 2 bath 1 5 car garage w/ opener updated kitchen w ndows roof elec plumtng tub & ding Formal dining room eat n kitchen basement w/full bath large lot all appls & freshly painted

(E405TH) 734 455 5600 \$119,900



**PLYMOUTH Fabulously Renovated**  
4 bedroom 2 5 bath colonial n O d V hage ust a short walk to downtown offers 1st floor master suite 2nd floor FR w/fireplace 1st floor frp area n LR fn sh d basement 2 car garage w/ opener & kit appls

(E61ADA) 734 455-5600 \$299,500



**SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo**  
2 bedroom 2 full bath w/main bath recently updated w/handicap access Kitchen updated w/extra cupboards and built in breakfast table Covered front porch A/C Floor da room fn LL w/BA & guest rm Single car garage

(E84CAM) 248-349 5600 \$155,000



**SOUTHFIELD 2 Suite Condo With Fireplace**  
Location Location Location Th s condo is ready now AH appls neut ng front loader washie & dryer Humer Double blinds upgraded shower doors & carpet ng 2nd floor laundry What more could you want?

(E91STJ) 248 349 5600 \$195,900



**HARTLAND Pristine Inside & Out**  
3 BR 2 BA home w/kitchen w/oak cabinets & skylight LR w/eac c start trpic MBR w/WIC FF laund FR (option 3rd BR) w/surround sound wet bar & 1 fng full cust ceramic BA on LL W/O to paver patio All appls

(E51NEW) 248-349 5600 \$199,900



**PLYMOUTH A Real Charmer**  
Custom built a b ck contemporary big lot n tte Plymouth Very clean & well taken care of Has bu t n doubt e owns newer roof & HWH Un que floor plan n th s 2 bedroom 1 5 bath home Br ng al offers

(E90ANN) 734 455 5600 \$199,900



**LIVONIA Lovely Newer Ranch**  
Large 3 bedroom 3 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage part ally finished basement circle drive great room w/replace open floor plan large deck bow windows oak kitchen w/d n g area Home Warranty

(E88MER) 734 455 5600 \$248,900



**CANTON Awesome Cape Cod Condo**  
First floor master suite w/huge master BA & WIC Upgraded carpet hardwood floors & custom lighting Open floor plan w/cath ceiling & neut a deco Finished 2 ca garage full bsmt w/lots of storage

(E90CHE) 248-349 5600 \$274,900



**SOUTH LYON Super Sharp!**  
Spacious 2 bed oom 3 bath condo Great room w/vaulted ceilings K tchen w/oak cabinets & ceramic floor Th rd BR n LL w/bus us et tub Upper lct: FFL 2 ca garage App ances Close to schools and tra s

(E97VL) 248-349 5600 \$214,900



**COMMERCE TWP To Be Built**  
Community true Hidden Paradise Your dream home n the middle of nature at its finest Walkout site w/b eathtaking cana front & sland vsw Use our fir p an or your own Custom builder in cust com

(E33SER) 248 349 5600 \$559,900



**NOVI Rare Find In Novi**  
Updated 3 bed oom 1 5 bath ranch w/family com living room & a den P vate 2 ter deck hardwood floors under ca pet Fn shed bsmt master bath updated w/ceramic tile Newer v ny w ndows & firing n kit

(E05MEA) 734 455 5600 \$229,900



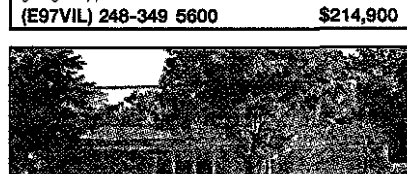
**GARDEN CITY Real Cute Cape Cod**  
3 bedroom home w/2 car garage family room w/doorwa to deck some appliances Some newer ca pet & w ndows formal d n ng room & a 1st floor laundry

(E74BRO) 734 455 5600 \$114,900



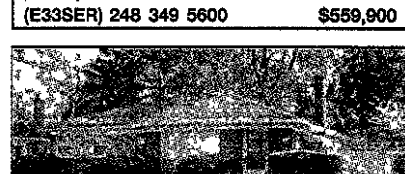
**NORTHVILLE Stylish And Spacious**  
2 bedroom 2 bath 2 lav end unit w/walk out 2 car ga age Lots of updates Close to downtown Highy acc a med school Great Value Great investment

(E44CON) 248-349 5600 \$199,000



**NOVI Welcome Home**  
Spacious open floor plan California sty e ranch Great oom with ots of windows 2 f replaces & 1st floor laundry 3 bedrooms 1 5 baths 2 5 car garage w/wor/bench crown mold ngs & Nov schools

(E60TEN) 248 349 5600 \$187,900



**REDFORD Ready To Move?**  
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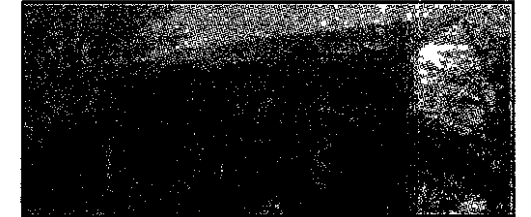
**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
ESTATE SIZED LOT! Pride of ownership in this 4 BR 3.5 BA Cape Cod Gorgeous gourmet kit w/hdwd & cherry cabinets Cozy up in front of the fpic in Hearth room Call now for appt (23F11075) \$550,000



**MILFORD** 248-348-6430  
INVEST IN THE BEST! Elegant custom designed home on 2.8 acres overlooking pond 4 BRs 3.5 BAs 1st flrmstrste gourmet kit hdwd flrs open flr plan & so much more 349-6200 (24145337) \$549,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Winding brk paver pathways flow thru a wooded 1/2 acre that surrounds this 2000 SF ranch w/3 BRs 2.5 BAs, hdwd flr rec rm granite & tile accents A must see! (25003630) \$400,000



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 734-455-7000  
SPACE TO GROW! 4 BR 2.5 BA 3405 SF Colonial Remodeled kit w/granite island W/ Pantry dbl ovens appls Zoned htg & A/C Newer roof, siding, some wndws GR w/wet bar/stone fpic (23L4932) \$389,900



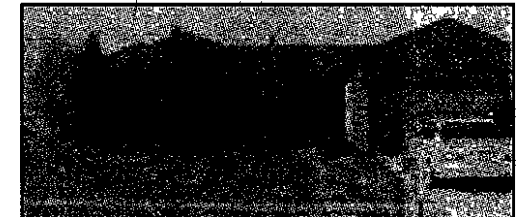
**PLYMOUTH** 734-455-7000  
GORGEOUS PLYMOUTH CHARMER! A rare & unique blend of early century character & new construction amenities Ext remodeled Custom trim work, cherry hdwd flrs 2 full baths 1st flr office/den (23A40810) \$329,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
POPULAR BURTON HOLLOW SUB 4 BR, 2 BA 2133 SF Open flr plan w/vaulted ceils in LR DR & kit New roof (04) wndw & DR Fla rm overlooking Indscp & fenced yrd (24142312) \$269,000



**PLYMOUTH** 248-348-6430  
COUNTRY SETTING ON ALMOST HALF AN ACRE! Freshly painted 4 BR 2 bath home New kitchen cabinetry and counters new carpet and newer roof 2 cozy fpics spacious FR 349-6200 (25022828) \$225,000



**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
RANCH! One floor of gracious living! 3 BRs 2 1/2 baths, entry level Indry Plymouth/Canton schools Built in 1988 Full basement (23W1129) \$224,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
4 BR, 2.5 BA in Livonia 2 car att gar Newer roof, furnace, HWH, wndws & more Fin bsmt family rm w/natural fpic & wet bar Quick occup too (24113515) \$219,900



**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Beautifully decorated & loaded w/updates 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths New kitchen w/hickory cabs 03 New windows 00 A/C & furnace 00 Roof 02 Siding trim gutters 02 (25013334) \$214,900



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
North Dearborn Heights condo w/2 lg BR plus a 13x10 loft 2.5 BAs vaulted ceiling in GR fin bsmt 2 car att gar and very low association fee Very striking decor (24056714) \$210,000



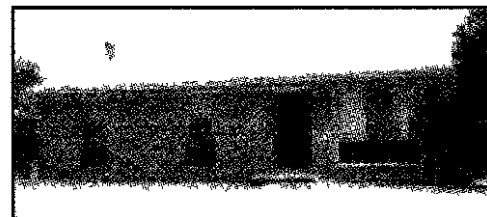
**FARMINGTON HILLS** 248-348-6430  
CAREFREE RELAXED LIFESTYLE 2 BRs 2 BAs Tiled entry Open flr plan MBR w/WIC Eat-in kit Spacious LR w/gas fpic Formal DR 1st flr Indry Full bsmt Brck paver patio 349-6200 (24089471) \$199,500



**WAYNE** 734-326-2000  
WAYNE S WOODBROOK SUB Fabulous custom ranch on ravine lot Must see open floor plan with exceptional view 3 BRs 2 baths fireplace C/A attached garage & more (W326) \$184,900



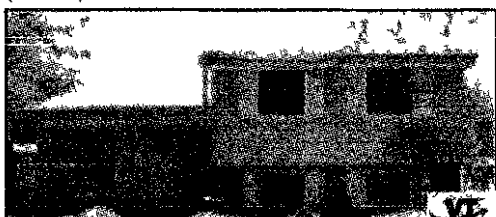
**PLYMOUTH** 248-348-6430  
SUPER BUY Contemporary flair Enjoy this spacious condo! Vaulted ceilings skylights 2 car garage 2 BRs 2.5 baths fireplace Convenient location Quick occupancy 349 6200 (24043061) \$175,900



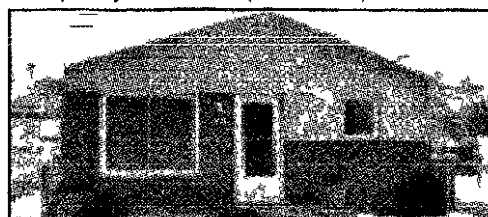
**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
TOO GOOD TO LAST!! 3 bedroom brick ranch with full basement and 2 1/2 car garage Updates include roof shingles plumbing electrical windows and central air (P150) \$159,900



**GARDEN CITY** 248-349-6200  
COMPLETELY UPDATED HOME! A beautiful kitchen & prvt elegant mstr ste are just two of the updates in this mint condition 3 BR 3 BA bungalow Walk to elem & high school 348 6430 (25007432) \$159,900



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
STOP YOUR SEARCH! This home is a sparkling gem you must see 3 BR 1.5 BA w/walk-out bsmt new furn C/A newer crpt flr drwry wndws eat-in kit & DR (24115068) \$154,900



**LIVONIA** 248-348-6430  
TOTALLY UPDATED RANCH 2 BR (possible 3rd in bsmt) 2 bath Updates include roof furn C/A vinyl siding wndws doorwall & Berber crpt Wood burning stove for those cool evenings 349-6200 (25020453) \$148,800



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 248-348-6430  
3 BR, 2 BA UPDATED RANCH Newer bath \$6,000 in new windows perfect hdwd flrs Kitchen & bath in bsmt investment potential! All appls stay What more could you ask for? 349-6200 (24133637) \$144,900



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 734-591-9200  
Extremely well maintained 3 bedroom 1 094 SF updated brick ranch Finished basement w/wet bar & 1.5 car gar All appliances stay (25012225) \$139,900



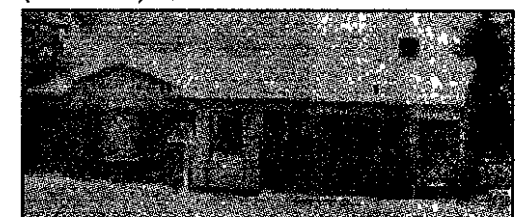
**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
RANCH 3 BR 2 bath offers large eat-in kitchen 2 garages finished basement all appliances are included (pool table negotiable) deck overlooks an extra deep lot (P330) PC220972 \$136,900



**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Move in condition Updates include roof furnace siding windows C/A front walk & elec in garage kitchen & bath Glass blk wndws in bsmt Nice clean house A pleasure to show (25007699) \$126,000



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** 248-348-6430  
UPDATED RANCH Well cared for 3 BR 1.5 bath home w/natural fpic Newer roof gutters, bath oak kit cab Refinished hdwd flrs Fin bsmt w/lav 2.5 car gar & fenced yard 349-6200 (24155688) \$124,900



**REDFORD** 734-326-2000  
THE WOW HOUSE! Lots of bang for the buck in this South Redford 3 BR brck ranch w/ clean & bright open floor plan Newer windows furnace C/A carpet interior paint & more! (O244) \$104,500

**ANN ARBOR** 734-326-2000  
6 acre Executive Estate 4 BRs 3 1/2 BAs 3+ gar lg kit W/Brkfst rm overlooking golf course LR w/large fpic mstr ste w/Whirlpool tub (T354) PC220342 24106089 \$454,900

**BELLEVILLE** 734-591-9200  
End unit freshly painted window treatment incld & all appls Kit w/oak cabs lrg mstr ste w/WIC covered patio & near Belleville Lk (24132779) \$119,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
Spacious Pulte Princeton Model 4 BR 2.5 BA Luxurious mstr Cherry cabs Ext hdwd flrs Lg prvt deck 3 car gar (23N3410) 24106594 \$344,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
4 BR 2.5 BA Colonial-Detached Condo Frm LR & DR 1st flr Indry FR w/fpic Mstr w/full BA, shower & jet tub (23S41523) 25006710 \$314,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
Newer condo 3 stories of 2082 SF Gas fpic lrg GR dining area eat in kit w/doorwall to deck 2.5 BA 2 car att gar (23C516) 24142293 \$234,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
Three BR Colonial built in 1998 Clean neutral decor FR fireplace mstr BA A great home and fantastic value (23S45615) 24123327 \$229,900

**CANTON** 734-591-9200  
2 bedrooms 2.5 bath dramatic staircase in GR Cath ceiling w/fan & fpic MBR has 2 WICs Bright kit has new flr & drwall to patio appls stay 1st flr Indry 2 car gar & bsmt (25009266) \$184,900

**CANTON** 734-455-7000  
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME On this wooded 1.29 acre w/Plymouth-Canton schools North on Palmer W side of Sheldon Call for more information (23S1700) 24099290 \$155,000

**GARDEN CITY** 734-326-2000  
Remodeled 3 BR Cape Cod w/2 400 SF remodeled kit w/all appliances & BA w/vanity deck 3 car gar & huge MBR (P330) 24139579 \$174,000

**INKSTER** 734-326-2000  
3 BR brick bungalow Remodeled kit and BA Lovely fin d bsmt 2 1/2 car gar Newer furn HWH and carpeting. (S109) 24127823 \$119,900

**LINCOLN PARK** 734-326-2000  
3 BR RANCH Well maintained home many updates including the BA Huge kit with doorwall to patio partially fin d bsmt (N206) 24148483 \$125,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
Beautiful open soft contemporary ranch 3 BRs 2 BAs cath ceilings skylight wet bar GR & DR fpic 2 car att gar part fin d bsmt: appls & home warranty incld PC070402 (24111744) \$225,900

**LIVONIA** 734-455-7000  
CHARMING LIVONIA RANCH! Brck ranch w/lg oversized bkrd Walking distance to elementary school New deck surrounding above ground pool 3000 back towards upgrades at closing 1yr hm wrmty (23P35948) 25021630 \$204,900

**LIVONIA** 734-591-9200  
A must see! 3 BR 1.5 BA brck ranch in Rosedale Gardens Updates A/C 04 re-fin hdwd flrs Indscp in frnt & back privacy fence copper plmb Fin bsmt w/glass block windows (24151396) \$184,900

**LIVONIA** 734-455-7000  
Updated ranch w/2 car gar Newer kit w/appl s Roof 2001 HWH 2 yrs newer elect 1.5 yrs Nicely fin d bsmt w/gas fpic (23C12232) 25012619 \$144,900

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
UPDATED HOME Quiet street w/sidewalks Near schools & town New window beautiful red oak floors Updates galore New BAs lg bedrooms FR w/fpic prvt yard 349-6200 (24142068) \$309,900

**NORTHVILLE** 248-348-6430  
WALK TO DOWNTOWN N VILLE-LOVELY RANCH Open floor plan Neutral decor oak floor updt kit newer wndw & furn new deck & brk patio fin bsmt lg fenced yard 349-6200 (24121746) \$214,900

**NORTHVILLE** 734-591-9200  
2 BR 2 BA condo Great floor plan with vaulted ceilings covered balcony Updates incld roof tilt out wndws sinks & fixtures storm door pergo in kit & entry & more (25013417) \$135,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
NEW CONSTR! Custom 4 BR 3.5 BA Colonial in beautiful Broadmoor Park! Gourmet kit w/cooktop dbl oven & microwave 3600 SF home awaits your final touches! 349-6200 (24128648) \$599,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME! Let Madison Homes build your custom dream home on this spacious lot Close to schools shopping & freeway for easy commutes! Approx 3600 SF built to suit 349-6200 (24116430) \$580,000

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
Popular Olde Orchard townhouse condo with great location! 2 lg BRs 1.1 BAs Updated kit BA lav carpet paint & more Assoc incld gas and water Nov schools 349-6200 (24157833) \$139,900

**NOVI** 248-348-6430  
POPULAR STONEHENGE CONDO Many updates BA light fixtures carpet painted storm door & doorwall Open floor plan attached gar all appliances stay 349-6200 (24144007) \$123,500

**PLYMOUTH** 734-591-9200  
Totally updated ranch Spacious eat-in kit Neutral colors Ceramic tile & jet tub in BA New Berber crpt Fin bsmt w/an extra room (25013288) \$209,900

**REDFORD** 734-455-7000  
PRIME REDFORD LOCATION! Large 3 BR 1.5 BA ranch on beautiful 82 acre directly across golf course House is surrounded by year long beauty Most popular location in all of Redford (23R26811) 24134769 \$254,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
3 BR brick ranch Additional kit space newer roof updated BA gar door glass block windows central air park-like setting (24106305) \$159,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
This house has it all! Great main & upstairs floors Fin d bsmt Loaded w/updates 1246 SF (24120771) \$139,900

**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
Updtd kit cab & counter tops newer wndws furn & c/a newer roof copper plumbing gar door & deck Close to park w/trails picnic & play area 349-6200 (25003712) \$135,900

**REDFORD** 734-591-9200  
Clean neat! 3 BR vinyl ranch freshly painted & carpeted Many updates some new wndws roof siding plumbing elec furn hdwd flr under crpt part fin d bsmt 2 car gar (25008964) \$124,900

**REDFORD** 248-348-6430  
GORGEOUS 3 BR IN NICE NEIGHBORHOOD! Newer roof vinyl siding windows copper pipes h/w tank furn fencing steel doors & alarm system 349-6200 (25013218) \$120,000

**SOUTH LYON** 248-348-6430  
PRIME LOCATION! W/O UNIT & LAKE ACCESS Privacy & beauty in end unit w/Fla rm FR fpic direct gar access 2 BR 2 BA & appls Overlooks trees in 55+ co-op Includes beach and clubhouse 349-6200 (24124573) \$138,000

**SOUTHFIELD** 734-591-9200  
Sharp 1600 SF brck ranch w/gourmet oak kit FR rf (01) furn w/C/A (02) newer wndws (29) glass blk (99) 2-tier deck backs to woods All appls & home warranty (24139431) \$196,000

**SOUTHFIELD** 734-326-2000  
FABULOUS RAISED RANCH CONDO Offers Lg mstr ste w/walk-in closet Ceramic countertops Many updates throughout This beautiful condo is located in much sought after downtown Southfield (R202) 25016523 \$184,900

**WAYNE** 734-326-2000  
CUSTOM BUILD ON RAVINE LOT 1 865 SF 3 BR brck bungalow fireplace cove ceilings formal DR sunroom C/A & partially fin d bsmt 2 car gar Extremely clean (W321) 24123945 \$219,900

**WESTLAND** 248-348-6430  
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! LARGEST RANCH IN SUB! Newer roof wndws furn A/C H2O heater Berber carpet paver patio Huge 3.5 car gar w/storage attic Nicely landscaped yard Immediate occupancy 349-6200 (25014999) \$184,750

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
One year old 2 BR 2 1/2 BA Brownstone condo Neutral throughout w/luxury features Mstr ste w/BA & WIC 2nd floor laundry C/A deck att gar (S870) 24154447 \$144,900

**WESTLAND** 734-326-2000  
This 2 or 3 BR alum ranch on a nice lot Clean w/lots of updates including furn carpeting RF shingles C/A & vinyl windows Lg kit w/good table space (P324) 24076968 \$94,900



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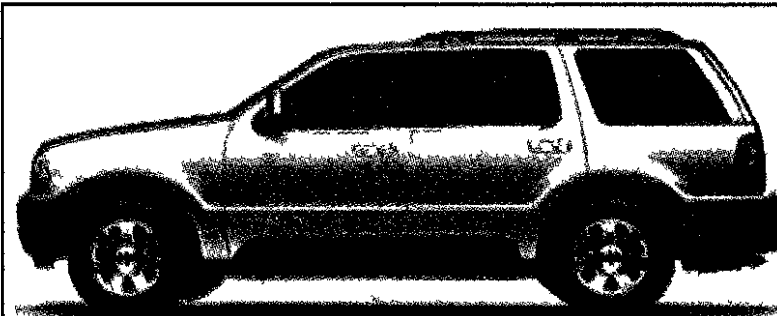
There are many reasons, of course, why the prospect of \$2.25-a-gallon gas just in time for the summer driving season is a bad thing. And among the many is this: It could spell big trouble for great vehicles like the two near-luxury SUVs I drove recently, the 2005 Lincoln Aviator and 2005 Volkswagen Touareg.

Here's my reasoning. It's true that gasoline prices are still nowhere near their inflation-adjusted record in the United States, which would take them right now to around \$2.95 a gallon. Still, the \$2-a-gallon barrier long has been a key psychological benchmark for the American consumer. As long as we've only been flirting with that level over the last couple of years, gas prices don't seem to have taken a huge chunk, anyway, out of the hide of the market for large SUVs that are some of the industry's worst gas guzzlers.

But now that it seems we may have pierced the \$2 level definitively, and indefinitely, I believe we'll start to see some more dramatic effects on the psychology of the automotive buyer. It'll simply be very difficult to ignore the drain at the bottom of your wallet when you're paying \$2.25 or possibly even more for a gallon of gas for your SUV this Memorial Day that isn't even going to get you to the county line, much less a good sight toward Flint.

And that's where these two fantastic vehicles could come in for a marketplace beating. For as expensive gasoline increasingly separates the relatively insulated well-to-do buyer from those of us who are not, there will still be a market for the heavy-weight Navigator or Suburban for those for whom gas prices are really no object. And of course higher fuel prices will boost sales of relatively fuel-efficient vehicles ranging from compact SUVs like the Ford

Aviator gets 13 mpg in the city and 17 mpg on the highway.



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The market that may suffer the most, and most immediately, from the direction of gas prices are near-luxury SUVs—the vehicles to which middle-class buyers aspire, and stretch to afford, but whose budgets can be easily busted by gas-price increases of 15% to 25% that are expected this spring.

Which brings us back to Aviator and Touareg. These two vehicles are priced almost exactly the same. The all-wheel-drive version of Aviator that I drove carries a suggested retail price of \$46,142, while the spiffy V6 Touareg I drove is asking \$46,835. And actually, Touareg's fuel efficiency—at an EPA-rated 16 miles a gallon in the city and 21 mpg on the highway—isn't half bad for a vehicle that weighs 5,100 pounds. Weighing in at a mere 4,800 pounds, however, Aviator's V8 engine delivers a mere 13 mpg in the city and only 17 on the highway, a truly deplorable rating that is as bad as many vehicles that are much heavier.

If Aviator is in your affordability spectrum, it's hard to go anywhere in more style. The vehicle displays all the dignified yet crisp exterior design, and

interior class and amenities, of the much larger Lincoln Navigator—without as much cargo room, of course—but demonstrates a spryness afoot that makes it a much more enjoyable vehicle. I and my passengers especially enjoyed the fact that, while Aviator's second and third rows of seats are plenty roomy for just about any demands, they allow a coziness for, say, a family trip that you just can't get with the much wider Navigator, with its second-row bucket seats separated by a huge central console. Touareg may have been Volkswagen's best idea since resuscitating the Beetle a few years ago. VW had to get a foothold in the SUV market in the United States in order to remain a credible presence in this market, and Touareg delivers handsomely. Its 3.2-liter V6 engine delivers enough power to carry the package, a nicely appointed vehicle with leatherette upholstery, eight-way adjustable seating, wood trim, a power-glass sunroof and more—in other words, all the doodads that competitors such as Aviator carry as well. Fortunately, Touareg lacks some of the loquaciousness that other VW models sometimes display.

Long live Aviator and Touareg. And \$1.50-a-gallon gasoline.

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PROGRAM

Debussy — Ballade for Violin and Piano, Op. 100  
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Johann Sebastian Bach — Fugue in G major  
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# No spectacle

Ever popular  
'Phantom'  
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BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Apparently one can never get enough  
*Phantom of the Opera*

The ever-popular musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber plays through March 27 at Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit. And if you're considering a second go at the show, take heart in the fact that even cast members can't stop doing Phantom. If it were just a spectacle, it would have closed 10 years ago, said David Cryer, who plays Monsieur Firmin and has been with the production for its entire run.

Phantom, winner of seven Tony Awards including Best Musical, celebrated its 17th anniversary in January.

It's the longest running show currently on Broadway and credited with more than 7,000 performances. The musical's worldwide box-office sales — more than \$3 billion — surpass the earnings of blockbuster films like *Titanic* and *Star Wars*.

How does one account for Phantom's phenomenal popularity and longevity? Is it the thrill of the plummeting chandelier? Or does the presence of a ghost — a haunted opera house — so entice our interest in the supernatural?

'It really has meaning to people,' Cryer said, adding Phantom's success, like all good theater, follows from the story. And Phantom's narrative balances fantasy with reality, which appeals to the modern theater-goer.

It's not exactly a happy ending, and there are a lot of compromises made," said Cryer.

As the story goes, an opera ghost is terrorizing the cast and crew of a French opera house, all the while tutoring an unknown chorus girl named Christine. The ghost drives the opera's lead soprano crazy, demands his protegee — now the object of his love — be given the lead roles. Unfortunately, Christine has fallen in love with another man, which prompts the phantom to kidnap her.

Everybody wants to have a mentor to make them greater than they ever dreamed of being, Cryer said.

all want somebody to make us the best we can be, and then we want to give that person love. But here it doesn't exactly work out. In all the spectacle and fantasy, there's some reality."



PHOTO BY JOAN MARCUS

'The Phantom of the Opera' returns to Detroit and plays at the Masonic Temple Theatre

The touring production's cast also accounts for the show's popularity, added Cryer, who has appeared in more than a dozen Broadway shows, several television shows, including *Law and Order* and *Dallas*, and the feature film *American Gigolo*.

Our cast is just first class. Everybody in it is about as good as you could be."

So after all this time of playing Monsieur Firmin, the owner of the opera house, how does Cryer keep the job and his performances interesting?

"That's the actor's job — to keep it fresh. To me it's not even a problem. It's a devil of a part, so I can't ever relax and roll it off."

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### Planet Ant's 'Usher' explores dark sides of Edgar Allan Poe

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER



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Shannon Sanville, from left, Patrick Loos and Darrell Glasgow star in the Planet Ant Theatre's stage interpretation of Edgar Allan Poe's short story 'The Fall of the House of Usher'

Author Edgar Allan Poe makes us think about the supernatural, the mad, the horrible, the unthinkable

But *Usher*, an original play based on the author's famous short story, *The Fall of the House of Usher*, set to run at the Planet Ant Theatre, shows us other facets of Poe

Written by John Sousanis, *Usher* opens March 18 and runs through April 10 at the Hamtramck venue. Previews are slated March 11-17

"The play is grounded in Poe's general framework for *The Fall of the House of Usher*, but I think what we've come up with is something that reflects his body of work," said Sousanis, a former theater critic

A Lathrup Village resident, Sousanis found himself exploring Poe's essays about art, literature and poetry to flesh out his adaptation

*The Fall of the House of Usher*, with its main character's descent into madness and seemingly supernatural happenings, oozes drama. However, the story itself contains a minimal plot

"Not much happens. The narrator mostly describes the character going through stages of mental illness," said Sousanis

"So I realized I had to find a plot"

Poe's ideas, as well as the events in some of the author's other works, helped fill in the gaps. Other Poe compositions hinted at in the production include *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *A Cask of Amontillado* and *Ligeia*

What emerged is a two-act Gothic romance set in the 1820s with three characters - the mentally ill Roderick Usher, his dying sister Madeline and, in place of Poe's narrator, the Visitor

"It's a love triangle and sort of a complicated one. And we don't think we invented it. We think it's in the story"

The seemingly passionate relationship between Roderick and his sister - a love that can never be - operates in the play as

the reason for the Usher house's decline and unhealthy decay

"It's sort of Freudian," commented Sousanis. Although Poe predates Freud - *The Fall of the House of Usher* was published in 1839 - his works often seem to be psychological journeys into the mind with characters and plot functioning on an allegorical level

The mood is "macabre," said York Griffith, Planet Ant's artistic director

"Very Poe" Griffith immediately took to Sousanis' idea for several reasons. A three-character play suits Planet Ant's venue size. But also I wanted to give John an outlet to direct and write

*Usher* marks Sousanis' directorial debut. Last year, he served as Griffith's assistant director for *Oz*, another original adaptation. A cynical take on *The Wizard of Oz*, the play was one of Planet Ant's most popular last season

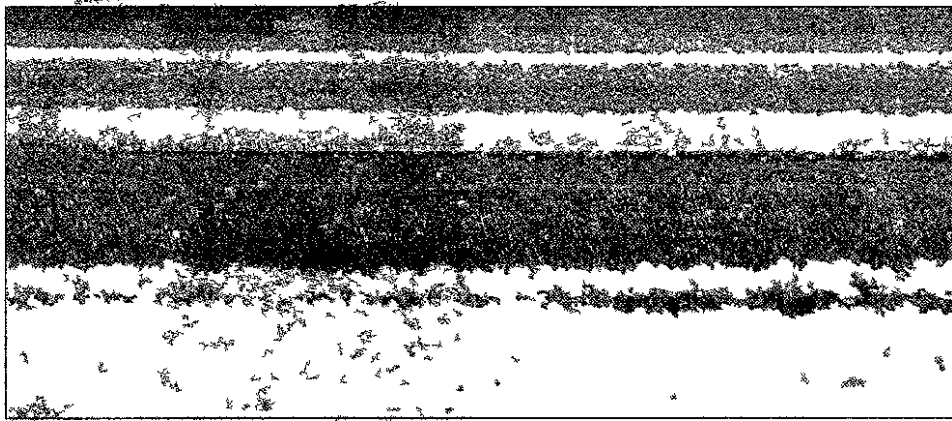
Griffith anticipates more works like *Oz* and *Usher* in the theater's future

"It's the direction that I think our theater needs to take," he said. "It's the direction that generates the most interest. And it's a new way to take risks"

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# Art



'Tulips - Provence' by Joe Crachiola is part of the Hurry Spring exhibit

## March is perfect time for spring perspectives

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Immerse yourself amongst vivid colors of reds, blues, pinks and yellows. See spring robins and green grass that artists created in honor of spring.

Let it help you forget winter for just a while and remind us all that spring is really on its way.

More than 30 artists who are members of Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale decided that March would be the perfect time for the *Hurry Spring* exhibit.

Mediums like watercolors, oils, sculptures with metal and bronze, photography and print making were all used by various artists to help them depict their version of spring.

When I'm painting I can completely escape winter through the blues and pinks and other fresh colors, said watercolorist Laura Host.

Her abstract floral painting are part of *Hurry Spring*.

When (Lawrence Street members) had the idea for the exhibit we thought it would be a perfect way to say goodbye to winter and remind us that soon the colors will return.

The gallery wide celebration of warmth includes two artists new to the gallery who will be highlighted. Kathy Rowenchuck of West Bloomfield is a ceramic artist who created Raku vessels that gleam in out of this world iridescent.

Last year artist Gabriel Ban came to the US from Romania to reunite with family members who already lived here.

He's continued to paint brightly colored acrylics that reflect influences of surrealism and expressionism from his European artistic training.

There's so many different styles in this exhibit, but they all reflect spring. Host said.

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# Drinkology

## Drink some rich, creamy German chocolate

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
CORRESPONDENTS

Appolon Schilkin and his family were forced by the Russian Revolution in 1921 to abandon their distillery and hometown of St. Petersburg, Russia.

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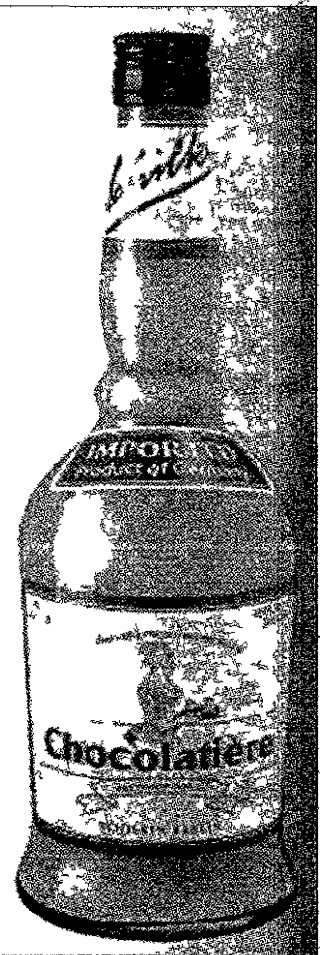
But in 1972, when the communist regime dispossessed the Berlin distillery, the Schilkin family lost their livelihood again.

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**E**very year St. Patrick's Day popularity seems to grow in Detroit. Pub owners say it, along with the day prior to Thanksgiving, is the busiest day of the year.

From the chi chi dance clubs to the laid-back corner bars, nearly every watering hole opens early on St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17.

The holiday is so big that we can't list every event at every pub, so we're focusing on the Irish pubs.

The newest is Cock 'N' Bull Irish Sports Bar in Detroit that just opened three weeks ago and hosts Irish music five days a week. It will

open at 7 a.m. St. Patrick's Day. Adorned with Tiffany lamps and Celtic paintings, Cock 'N' Bull, on Clinton between Brush and Beaubien in Greektown, serves Irish meals such as corned beef and cabbage and fish and chips, plus 20 tap beers including Harp's, Murphy's Irish Stout and Old Speckled Hen. It has two rooms with live music alternating between each.

"It's already really popular," bartender Elizabeth Ross said. "The clientele changes throughout the day."

Every day, office folks crowd the bar for lunch. After work, they let

loose during happy hour. Later in the evening, a more casual crowd fills the rooms.

Dress code is casual. "You can be yourself here," Ross said.

One of the more wild places to be is Shanahan's Irish Pub on Laurel Park Drive in Livonia.

It opens at noon on St. Patty's Day. Promo folks from Guinness, Bushmill's Irish Whiskey and others will be there offering drink specials and giving gifts.

At 5 p.m., things should get lively. Two Irish bands will perform. There's a free buffet that includes corned beef and cabbage,

shepherd's pie, mashed potatoes and authentic Irish soda bread.

"We'll even have an ice luge," chef Andy Caswell said. "It will be an interesting night."

An ice luge is a giant block of ice, that will be hosted by Pucker's, with carved tunnels beginning at the top and leading to the bottom of the block. The drinker places their mouth on the bottom of the frozen luge. A shot of flavored alcohol is poured from the top and by the time it flows down the luge, it's watered down and very cold.

The luge isn't Irish, but Caswell

PLEASE SEE PADDY'S, D15

STORY BY LANA MINI | STAFF WRITER



# Look, listen, look

## Cranbrook family event takes up storybook tales and images

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

How do children's book illustrations, cartoons and fine art differ?

Obviously, each genre has a different audience, but perhaps they're not so disparate after all

Family Fun Day, slated Saturday at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, explores the similarities

The event is built around *Twice-Told Tales*, an exhibit of banner prints that incorporate nostalgic children's book illustrations and grade school science texts. The exhibit runs through April 3.

But visitors will do more than look at storybook images.

"We are offering a wide range

of activities and doing it all in collaboration with Brookside Elementary School and St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild," said Elena Ivanova, the event's organizer and curator of education for Cranbrook Art Museum.

Members of the theater group, for instance, will dress as famed storybook characters and greet children as they enter the gallery. A display of Caldecott Medal-winning illustrated books dating back to 1938 comes courtesy of Brookside. Of course, there will be plenty of storytelling for the kids, said Ivanova, adding that children enjoy live narrative presentations because it's a theater experience.

In addition, Rosie Chapman, a popular storyteller who goes by the name Miz Rosie, will lead a storytelling workshop for kids



Family Fun Day at Cranbrook Art Museum Saturday will feature storytelling and more.

age 9 and 10. The workshop runs 1-2 p.m.

Guided tours through *Twice-Told Tales* will engage visitors of all ages. The pieces, about 10 in

total by artist-in-residence Randy Bolton, present digitally composed images on enormous street-sized fabric banners of different colors.

### TALKING PICTURES

**What:** Family Fun Day featuring Pictures that Tell a Story with the St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild: an exploration of the world of children's book illustrations.

**When:** Noon to 3 p.m.  
Saturday, March 12

**Where:** Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills

**Admission:** Regular admission plus \$5 charge per child or flat fee of \$14 for a family with two children. Regular admission is members free, general \$6, seniors, teens, and full-time students \$4, children 12 and under free with adult admission. Call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or (877) 462-7262 or visit [www.cranbrookart.edu](http://www.cranbrookart.edu)



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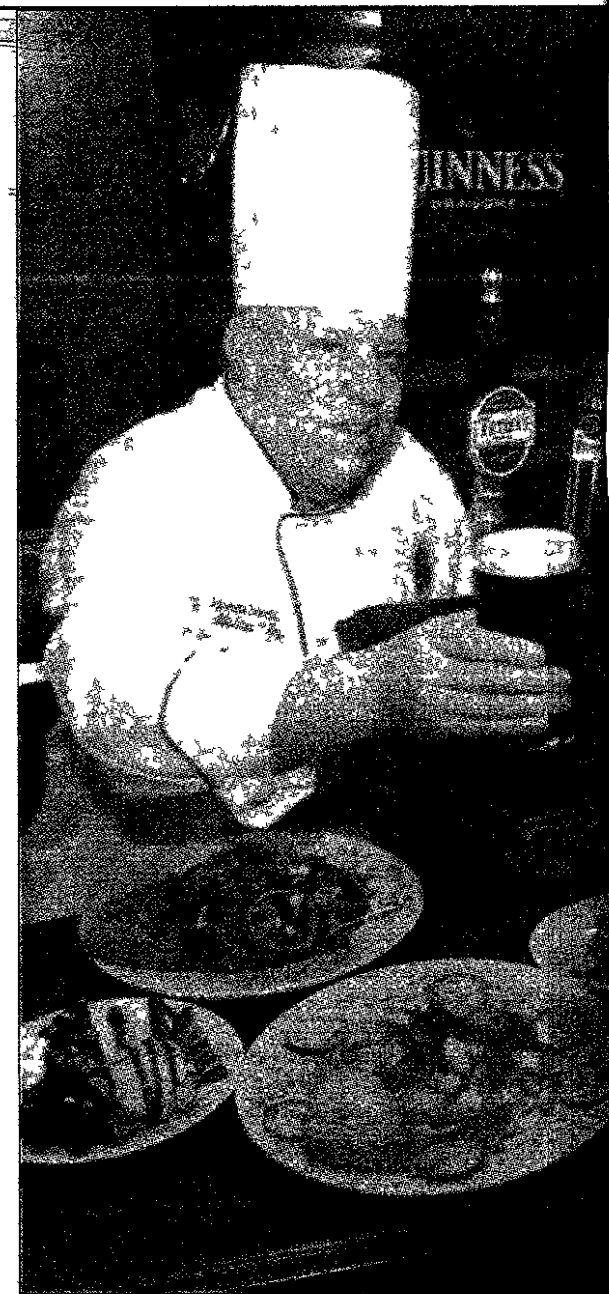
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## Table hopping



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# Lucky spot

A new Irish public house opens in Rochester

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
 CORRESPONDENT

Given its strong Irish roots, Guinness recognizes that it's able to offer direction on how to create Irish pub culture in the US

In a crowded market of pubs, microbreweries, bars and grills, the Irish Pub Concept cuts to the chase, boasting a 99 percent success rate since a 1996 launch in the US. The newly opened Gus O'Connor's Public House in Rochester is a prime example.

Ed Smith, the 38-year-old owner of Gus O'Connor's with business partner, 40-year-old Kevin Van Dyke, a Bloomfield Hills financial adviser, cited six factors leading to the success of the Irish Pub Concept.

Authentic design and construction is primary, Smith said. O'Sullivan Interiors in Waterford, Ireland, designed and built the interior of Gus O'Connor's, then shipped it in pieces to be reassembled here.

Secondly, Smith cited "authentic Irish food." In charge of this is Chef Michael Keys, most recently chef at the Pontchartrain Hotel in Detroit. "Irish cuisine is fun, comfort food," Keys said. "Comfortable, warm and cozy matches the ambiance and the whole Irish pub experience."

Next on Smith's list is Irish music. A live band will play Thursday to Sunday from 9:30 p.m. until closing. An amazing fourth is Irish employees. Four people have emigrated, two from Dublin, one from County Meath and another from County Mayo to work at Gus O'Connor's.

The last two, upmarket location and sound management, are no-brainers.

### IRISH PUB CULTURE

"Irish pub culture is unique," Smith said. "Yet, it's not totally adaptable to the US or Michigan." A good example is TVs, principally tuned to sports. Generally, Dublin pubs do not have TVs or may have

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Michael Keys, left, and co owner, Kevin Van Dyke toast with Guinness over the culinary delights at O'Connor's

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From the authentic look of the front entrance, painted black with "Slainte," Gaelic for "To your health," over the door, to the warm mahogany wood throughout and pendant lights over the bar, patrons catch the Dublin feel

There's even a snug, seating eight or 10 tightly squeezed. A passthrough enables the bartender to act as the snug's private server. This room and a comfortable library just inside the front door with five upholstered wing back chairs and a fireplace gain occupancy on a first-come, first-served basis.

"I love the city of Rochester," Smith said enthusiastically. "The demographics are fantastic. This building (part of the former Mitzelfeld's department store) has 125-year-old floors and an equally old brick wall — it oozes character." Except for staining, Gus O'Connor's floors are the original 125-year-old boards.

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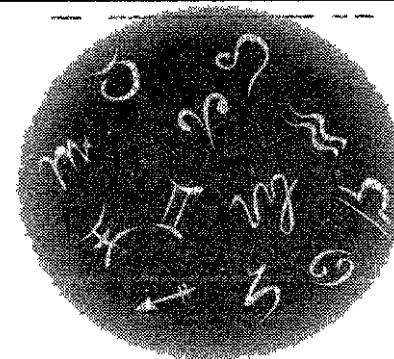
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### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Yours is one of the most favored signs of the Zodiac at the moment and the Moon in your sign now can only lift your spirits even higher. However, there are certain home or domestic difficulties to be faced and individuals who must be told to keep their distance.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

The time has come to share a responsibility that is making too great a weight on your pocket or your patience. As long as you are prepared to shoulder the full weight of the burden, others will only be too happy to let you. Only you can call a halt. Bull.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Domestic and family affairs now play a major role in your day to day existence and you must reassure yourself that the people who matter will provide you with the love, support and respect you crave. They will - but unless you trust them, you risk losing their backing. Twin.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

So much that is worthwhile and necessary is born out of conflict or adversity. Therefore, take a closer look at what is going on at your place of work or in the working pattern of your life and you should find the answer or solution staring at you. MoonKid!

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Lion, you are in danger of underestimating your need for others at this time, particularly when it comes to what should clearly be a team endeavor. Don't be afraid to ask for help. You stand to gain more through sharing the potential accolades than trying to do everything yourself.

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Every event in one's life is a thread weaving a pattern that unfolds by design. Therefore, if you are now confronted with a major decision or obstacle that could alter your future comfort and security, then let go and simply let things take their course. Think about it. Virgo!

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

The weeks ahead promise many golden moments and opportunities, so there's no reason to rush into anything. Balancer. Use this time to recuperate and to decide how best you can realize your dreams as well as meet your obligations. Now's a great travel time, kid!

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Feelings of remorse, resentment, deprivation or anger must now be analyzed, rationalized and then discarded. Otherwise, you will remain trapped in a time warp and be oblivious to the many fantastic opportunities to improve your career prospects and capitalize on your creative talents or abilities.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Your mind appears to be so cluttered with trivia that you are not addressing a decision that simply must be made. With a Moon-Sun union now enabling you to take giant strides into the future, your own lack of purpose seems to be all that is holding you back.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Wake up, SeaGoat! A plan or project has been simmering for long enough. Now it should be brought carefully to boil - even if it means temporarily turning your back on more amusing activities. Involve others and you are more likely to achieve your ends.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Give some thought to consolidating what you have rather than spending what you don't. Beware of relying upon the goodwill of someone whose motives could differ substantially from your own. Keep it honest - and expect honesty in return. Waterbearer.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

It would appear that you are being far too sensitive about something said or overheard. A Venus-Neptune alliance this weekend will enable you to smooth ruffled feathers while giving others the chance to smooth yours. This is no time to risk turning an ally into an enemy.

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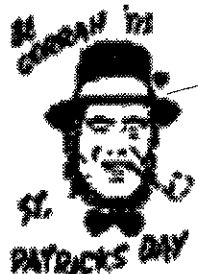


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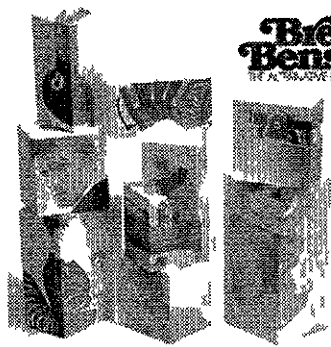
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# Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.



**Brendan Benson**  
BY A. TRAVELER, Q. DAVE



# Local Music

All we needed was the Hamtramck Blowout and music is starting to wake from its winter slumber. Interesting releases by the likes of Regina Spektor and The Kills hit stores this week – and records from The Decemberists' buzzy band Bloc Party and Beck are on their way a little later this month.

But this month's big release for us Detroit dwellers is **Alternative to Love** by well loved pop songwriter **Brendan Benson**. The album arrives on V2 March 22, which is a good thing, cause I've been bugging Benson's former label since last June about its release.

It begins with much of the same great stuff that has given Benson his solid rep – jumpy hooks and throbbing bass crash into hip jittery bursts that England is going to absolutely love. Simple ya'll sing along with me now lyrics litter the don't fix it if it ain't broke verse chorus aesthetic. Yes, Jack White worked with Benson on the album, but don't expect the Loretta Lynn treatment here. Benson keeps his multi-layered pop stylings intact – producing a record that fits well in the progression of *One Mississippi* and *Lapalco*.

You can preview some of the songs from *Alternative to Love* at [www.brendanbenson.com](http://www.brendanbenson.com). And then go buy the album March 22.

**DVD** Remember *The Mole*? I barely do, except I sort of remember that everyone started to crush out on Anderson Cooper from this show, making it a must watch. Now that barely remembered (almost makes you feel guilty, doesn't it?) reality show is out on DVD. The entire first season was released this week for a retail price of like \$15. Bargain! By the way, there were three seasons of *The Mole*, including a celebrity edition – yes for real, three seasons. Stay tuned in 2007 when the complete first season of *Project Runway* becomes available for the no one cares anymore but Heidi Klum sure was hot price of \$12.95.

# Conferences

If you aren't lucky enough to attend **South by Southwest** this week – and I'm guessing you ain't, cause you're reading this column – make sure to at least check out the Web site while the festival's proverbial van is rockin' (March 11-20). It's at [2005.sxsw.com](http://2005.sxsw.com). There you will find a daily blog (for the techies missing the interactive portion), a stream of musical performances (for the band geeks missing the music portion), experimental films (for the film nerds wishing they were at the er film portion) and tons more to let you live vicariously through the festival. Among the smattering of local bands playing SXSW are The High Strung, The Paybacks, Rescue and Bear vs. Shark, but neither of my boyfriend's bands, even though I basically begged them to showcase this year, so I could attend. Hmpfh.

Speaking of big conferences, have you heard about the **Motor City Music Conference** yet? Billed as the Detroit equivalent of New York's CMJ by the promoters, the conference isn't happening until April. We here at *Filter* (or at least yours truly) are planning full coverage of the event, but I felt you needed a heads up to start thinking about buying those tickets. About half of the 400 musical acts have been announced, and they include national acts Paul Westerberg, Moby and The Black Keys and a ton of local bands. The conference also will live up to its conference name with a variety of music panels and a trade show. The Detroit Music Awards will kick off the event. Check out the Web site and start getting excited (for those cynical plebs among you think about the revenue SXSW brings into Austin and the possibility MC2 could grow in years to come) at [www.motorcitymusic.com](http://www.motorcitymusic.com).

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# TABLE HOPPING

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Some squeak — all part of the charm.

## ON THE MENU

Including Guinness, Gus O'Connor serves a total of 17 draft beers. It will be surprising if your favorite is not on the list. There are also wines and Irish whiskeys.

A menu with "boxed" items is user-friendly. It's easy to see that Donegal chips, a basket of warm house-made potato chips served with Irish onion dip and bangers & mash, grilled Irish sausages and mashed

potatoes served with a variety of dipping mustards, top the appetizers.

Among sandwiches, the pub burger, one-half pound of certified Angus beef, and the Piedmontese burger, a guilt-free beef from northern Italy, are standouts. Would they serve this in Dublin? Not sure, but many serve paninis. Hey, it's a global society.

Several main dishes, including shepherd's pie and Guinness stew, are chef's favorites and then there are signature boxes, common to rural Ireland. The authentic boxty is a seasoned potato pancake stuffed with various ingredients and cooked on a grill.

In the future, watch for Keys to offer festivals with a seafood emphasis and true Irish preparations.

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