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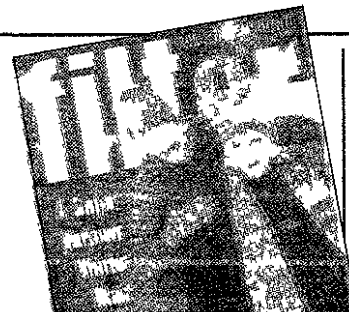
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Magazine puts focus on Plymouth

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

A statewide publication has put Plymouth front and center

Plymouth's industrial history and the Plymouth Historical Museum are prominently featured in the current issue of *Michigan History* magazine, the January/February 2006 issue

The magazine cover story is on Plymouth's claim to fame as the Air Rifle Capital of the World with a story on the Daisy Air Rifle Company and their origins in Plymouth. Daisy left Plymouth in the late 1950s for Arkansas.

"It's the cover story," said museum Director Beth Stewart. "They spent two days with us," including sending a photographer

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Embracing our differences

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Cristina Scappaticci Gubernich was growing up, so called 'friends' would make fun of her father, an immigrant who wasn't highly educated and spoke broken English.

"My father, because of his broken English, was called foreigner, and that's embarrassing when you're a child," said Gubernich, a Salem High School marketing teacher. "We would make many jokes around it, but we were very uncomfortable. So, I know how you feel when you're different and not the stereotypical American."

And, because of that, Gubernich makes certain her classes - with Plymouth-Canton's melting pot enrollment - give the proper respect to those who seem different.

"I do not promote ignorance in my classroom," said Gubernich. "I make sure every student feels comfortable to be themselves. We all have differences, and we have to try and get along."

That was the basic theme Monday, as Plymouth-Canton teachers used Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a backdrop for learning about diversity from Carrie Gibson, whose one woman show described the words, thoughts and feelings of real people about diversity. Gibson's program, paid for in part with a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for Humanities, addressed stereotypes such as those involving blacks, Asians, Native Americans, women, Jews and those with physical disabilities.

"I may do things differently, but I will get there, just a little bit slower," said a Gibson character with cerebral palsy. Another character announced, "At an early age, I learned that being gay is something I didn't want to talk about."

Gibson said biases won't change until they become discomforting.

"If we're really going to change, we have to go to an uncomfortable and vulnerable place," said Gibson. "It's not changing until we take risks, until we feel uncomfortable."

Virginia Dean, a special education teacher at Plymouth High School, remembers growing up in Detroit in the 1960s with black friends. Dean said her parents didn't see color, but gave her advice on the rest of the world - at that time.

They told me "If you are friends with that person, their families aren't going to



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carrie Gibson portrays one of her characters as an African American college professor during her one woman act on diversity at the Salem High School auditorium Monday.

like him," said Dean. "And, if his friends with you, our families won't like you. And, that's the way the world is - and until it changes you can have black friends."

Dean said that experience made her more accepting, especially those with physical disabilities. "Many people have fear

because they don't know what to do with them, they don't know how to approach them, they don't know if they are offending them. We put a label on disabled people. They are different, but they still are human."

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Hotels reap benefits

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

While Super Bowl XL is scheduled for Feb. 5 in Detroit, hotels in Plymouth are reaping the benefits.

The Inn at St. Johns on Five Mile in Plymouth Township, which opened for business Monday, has been booked by an auto company for Thursday, Feb. 2, through Super Bowl Sunday.

"A well-known auto company that has facilities in Detroit and internationally will be staying here," said Tawnya Johnson, director of marketing and catering, who declined to identify the company. "We began talking in July with a third party that books a large block of rooms for several companies."

Rumors have floated the company is General Motors, Johnson is denying the world's largest automaker has booked the Inn.

Johnson said rooms that normally range from \$200 a night to \$700 for the presidential suite will be going from \$300-\$1,100.

"We'll be doing some special hospitality things during those four days, like different breakfasts and a special dinner event one evening," said Johnson.

At the Hilton Garden Inn on Sheldon near M-14 in Plymouth Township, general manager Dave Hotycki said his facility will also be filled.

"We sold all our rooms to the Metropolitan Detroit Visitors and Convention Bureau, which is managing the rooms and assigning companies to stay here," said Hotycki. "We won't have any rooms open for the general public."

Hotycki said room rates at the Hilton Garden Inn generally range from \$139-\$299 per night. For the Super Bowl, guests must book a four-night minimum, with rates from \$249-\$499 a night.

At the Comfort Inn in Plymouth Township, located on Ann Arbor Road near I-275, guest service agent Jennifer Giggey said there are still rooms available.

"About half of our rooms (123) have been booked for Super Bowl," said Giggey. "We have a minimum three-night stay, with the package \$299.95 per night."

Fest test: Warm weather could present icy challenge

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Weather forecasts peg weekend temperatures in the mid-30s to low 40s, with perhaps a little snow Saturday and partly cloudy skies Sunday.

If that forecast holds true, Olympic ice carver and world champion Tajana Raukar of Plymouth has one piece of advice for people coming out to the 2006 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular: Get there early.

"Those temperatures are OK for carving, the problem is (carvings) don't last as long," said Raukar, who will use the weekend's ice festival to prepare for the upcoming Olympic games. "You really have to be there to see how they're going to be done, because they're going to change because of the weather."

According to the forecast for Plymouth on The Weather Channel's Web site, Friday's forecast calls for a high of 44 with a 30 percent chance of morning showers. Saturday's forecast calls for a high of 36 and low of 27 with a slight chance of snow showers, while

Ice Festival Weather Worries?

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
44° 26°	42° 35°	38° 32°	37° 27°

Sunday should see a high of 36 with partly cloudy skies.

While that's certainly not balmy, it's warmer than festival officials usually prefer. However, Mike Watts

of Watts-Up Inc., who organizes the festival, said it won't change anything. Competitions will still take place, and there'll still be plenty of carvings to enjoy.

"We will still carve everything we were going to do," Watts said. "It's an ice-carving festival and they'll still be carving all weekend. Some of the carving may get done at night or in the morning, so we're not carving in 40-degree temperatures, but everything's still in great shape. It's going to be a great festival."

"Besides," Watts added, "weather people tend to be wrong, so who knows?"

Raukar agreed the carvings will still go on, though warmer weather could change the designs a little. "The ice is much softer, and you have to make slightly thicker ice carvings so they last longer," Raukar said. "If it's very cold, you can make thinner, more delicate carvings. The carvers will know to change their designs to accommodate the weather."

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Coming Sunday on the PINK page

Host a Super Bowl party with Style Editor Carla Schwartz

Hall of fame names

The deadline to nominate someone to the Plymouth Community Hall of Fame is approaching, and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is still seeking nominations.

Requirements for induction to the Hall of Fame, currently at 40 members, include: Being a resident of the Plymouth community for at least 10 years, be at least 30 years old, and have made a recognizable contribution to the community in terms of time and effort in the building or rebuilding of the well-being of the community.

Deadline for nominations is Feb. 8, chamber officials point out "background information on the nominee is helpful." Nominations are being accepted at the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

OLGC open house

As a kick-off to National Catholic schools week, Our Lady of Good Counsel school invites area families interested in learning about kindergarten through eighth-grade curriculum to join students and staff

for a special open house 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to showcase the wonderful advantages of a Catholic education offered at OLGC," said Kay Reilly, school principal. This year's Catholic Schools Week theme is 'Building Community.' And we welcome all members of the community to attend this special showcase of our school. Visitors will be hosted by students from our upper level grades because we believe that they are the best example of what we do here every day."

Tours of the school and registration information will be available. The open house is open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

More information about OLGC can be found at <http://www.olgcschool.net>

Cox hours

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox holds office hours on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 South Main Street in Plymouth. Commissioner Cox will meet with constituents from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the library's Waldorf Room.

"This will be a great opportunity to interact with local



Deadline extension

Bryn and Vaughn Birchler recently stopped at the Plymouth District Library to redeem their completed READ cards for a prize. Librarian Michelle Wheeler helped them with their selections. The Plymouth District Library and the Canton Public Library have extended the prize deadline for the READ incentive program. Students can redeem their READ card with four stamps for cool prizes until Saturday, March 4. The program, supported by the Canton Community Foundation, encourages students to visit their public library and check out materials.

Youth photo contest

Prospective photographers between the ages of 9 and 19 have a chance to celebrate Michigan Week by taking a photo of their favorite Michigan historic site.

Photo submission deadline is Feb. 1. The contest is coordinated by the Department of History, Arts and Libraries and Michigan State University Extension 4-H Youth Development.

residents and share information about County projects and programs and also find out what issues are important to them, Cox said.

Commissioner Cox represents the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

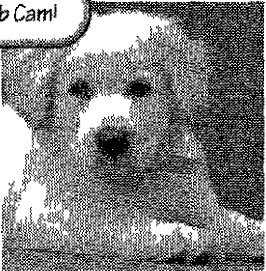
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Fox Hills will also host the first golf tournament of the new year, the Frostbite Open, Feb. 25, with tee times starting at 10 a.m.

Fee for a two-person team is \$48 and includes nine holes of golf, hot beverages, a chili and sloppy joe bar and prizes.

For reservations or information, call (734) 453-7272.

Tax office

In an effort to couple increased convenience with a growing demand for tax services during the 2006 tax filing season, H&R Block is opening hundreds of new offices, including one of the company's newest local offices, located at 706 S. Main in Plymouth.

The office hosts a grand opening 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. The public is invited to attend.

This new office will give our clients ready access to our tax professionals and the full array of tax services and products offered by H&R Block," explained office manager Renee Miller.

Those attending the grand opening will have an opportunity to talk with H&R Block professionals about tax law changes, tax planning and other financial issues. H&R Block also offers mortgage and investment-related services.

This year H&R Block has partnered with the Salvation Army in support of its Bread & Butter program. For every new client, H&R Block will send the Salvation Army \$40. That amount will be tax-deductible for the client in 2006.

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Civil War roundtable

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Roundtable features Jerry Maxwell, a Michigan State University instructor, at its Thursday, Jan. 19 meeting at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Maxwell will give a talk entitled, 'I Am Glad the Yankees are Coming: Fighting on the Confederate Right at Fredericksburg.' Maxwell, a noted historian and teacher, has taught Civil War history, World War II, Old West, advanced-placement U.S. history and has been a lecturer/presenter of historical subjects from 1972 to the present.

The meeting starts at 8 p.m. The Plymouth Historical Museum is at 155 S. Main (at Church) in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-7324.

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Booth sales up next in cookie drive

Third-grader Coral Muesig found one thing particularly challenging when it came time for this year's Girl Scout Cookie drive.

"The hardest part was remembering what to say when you're trying to sell to people," said Coral, a member of Brownie Troop 1457 at Farrand Elementary School in Plymouth Township.

That didn't stop Coral, or any of the other girls in the troop, from setting high goals — and attaining them — in this year's cookie drive, which ends today (Sunday). Some girls — like Renee Kordie and Shelby Weeg — wanted to sell 300 boxes each. Others kept it more reachable, 100 boxes or so.

They'll get another chance when the troop starts its cookie booth sales next month. The troop is scheduled to be outside Hiller's market at 5 Mile and Haggerty 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at Community Financial Credit Union on Harvey, 4-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, and at Blockbuster Video on Ann Arbor Road 5-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17.

The cookie program, which Girl Scouts have been running for nearly 90 years, is designed to teach the scouts how to set goals, develop action plans to reach those goals, work together as a team and cultivate a sense of business ethics.

In the Huron Valley Council area, the girls sold their cookies from Dec. 12-Jan. 15. At



Members of Farrand Brownie Troop 1457 (top, from left) co-leader Lisa Kordie and leader Debbie Schaff, (middle, from left) Shelby Weeg, Rlyergh Eaton, Renee Kordie, Alayna Schwartz and Kristen Schaff and (bottom, from left) Julia Schwartz, Kaitlin Smith, Coral Muesig, Angela Hayes and Emma Ferree made it through cookie-selling season, and are now getting ready for booth sales. Also part of the troop, not pictured, are Makayla and Makenzy Scott.

\$3.50 per box, they're trying to raise money for things like Girl Scout Camp in Frankenmuth and other scouting programs.

According to Troop 1457 leader Debbie Schaff, the troop keeps 55 cents per box. That allowed the troop to raise some \$1,000 last year. The money helped pay for trips to a water park and camping, this year, the girls also hope to pay for horseback riding and more camping.

"It pays for all their field trips," Schaff said. "If we can make enough, they don't have to come up with any money of their own. The last two years, we've been able to do that."

It's all part of the activities

for the troop, members of which have sung Christmas Carols at the Sunrise Nursing Home in Northville for the last three years as a troop. This year, the troop also worked with the Plymouth Goodfellows to help raise money. The troop adopted two children and bought toys for them for Christmas.

Third-grader Renee Kordie doesn't have any trouble remembering what to say when she's selling, but she admits there's one other challenge to trying to sell Girl Scout cookies in December.

"In December, it seems like everyone's on diets," she said. "It's harder for them to buy."

Ball will help pay for scholarships

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Community Foundation is offering a great opportunity to escape the winter doldrums with an evening of dancing and fine dining, and a chance to support the community at the same time. It is hosting the 12th annual Winter Ball Friday evening at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

The semi-formal event is not only the foundation's largest fund-raiser of the year, it has also become kind of requisite event for the whos who of the Canton community, and even western Wayne County, according to Canton Community Foundation President Joan Norricks.

"It's our biggest fund-raiser and the most fun," said Norricks. "We typically have about 600 people at the event. The largest turnout we ever had was about 1,400."

Norricks said ticket sales have been down a little this year, which she attributes to the poor economy. She is a little worried, because the ball largely pays for the foundation's scholarship program. The foundation will award 35

scholarships this year to students in the Plymouth-Canton district and the Canton community.

The foundation also uses some of the money for grants. Since its inception more than a decade ago, the foundation has granted out more than \$800,000 to various community projects and organizations, according to Norricks.

Highlights of this year's ball include a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception at 6:30 p.m. and gourmet dinner

beginning at 8 p.m., as well as martini and dessert bars, and dancing to Kaleidoscope Band.

"The band plays everything from Motown to jazz to big band. They are great for dancing," Norricks said. Tickets for the Winter Ball are \$100, of which \$45 is tax deductible. To make a reservation, call the Canton Community Foundation at (734) 495-1200. Reservations can be made through Wednesday at 5 p.m.



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Mom Bryn Gerich and son Perrin Renaldi shake Kindermusik rattles during storytime at the Plymouth Coffee Bean.

Tell a story, teach a skill

Kids give Kindermusik enthusiastic greeting

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

In a back room of a Plymouth coffeehouse, 6-year-old Mardi Fries stood still for much longer and listened more closely than the other children, who had gathered for a monthly story time program.

Rapt Mardi leaned in close, to hear the details of the tale about the ponies while a half dozen toddlers ran in circles around her, shaking plastic eggs full of beans to the swish-swish of tails. Mardi's 4-year-old brother, Jake, was far less interested in the story, and quietly worked on a cup of decaf.

Tuesday was the first day Kindermusik instructor Michelle Shrewsbury had held a story time session at The Coffee Bean in downtown Plymouth, and she was encouraged by the young students' enthusiasm.

Mardi and Jake are old pros when it comes to Kindermusik. Their mother, Sharon Fries, started taking them last summer to regular classes at Evola Music in their hometown of Canton.

Mostly I just wanted a summertime activity for them, Fries said. But once we saw how

good it is for them developmentally, especially for Jake, we kept going. There's more to it than better movement and coordination. It's about brain development, too.

Tuesday's theme — things that go — integrated movement and rhythm and breathing with the story, as Shrewsbury told the children to make a rhythmic clip-clop of horseshoes, and puff out their bellies like the ponies would. Even the stories themselves, told in rhyme, have a rhythmic and lyrical quality of their own, and Shrewsbury interjects periodically with sweeping physical motions with her arms and head.

"Every Kindermusik class incorporates one story to help with social skills and cognitive development," Shrewsbury said. "This — the story hour — just builds on that idea."

The story times, which will be held monthly at The Coffee Bean downtown in Plymouth, and Caribou Coffee in Plymouth Township, were organized as a free introduction to the Kindermusik program at Evola.

For information, contact Kindermusik instructor Karen Schanerberger at (734) 455-4677.

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Auto Show visitors size up the offerings at Cobo

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

The automotive world from the oldest names in the industry to the first offering from a Chinese automaker, is on display at Cobo Hall this week and open to the public. Some go to see cars they'll never be able to own — the Mercedes McLaren edition comes in for just under \$500,000 — and some go to see cars that will never be available to anyone — the Nissan Urge concept car is not slated for production. But others go to the North American International Auto Show to shop without pressure. To walk around, sit in and kick the tires of cars they're seriously considering buying for themselves. Michael Gruskin of West Bloomfield came to see the automakers' new cars and scope out the concept cars. He was particularly interested to see if the domestics were up to snuff.

I wanted to see if the American cars were competitive with the foreign brands. Gruskin said, "I think there are a lot of good products coming out of GM and Ford. The hybrids look good." Nicholas Pierson of Canton was there to see if the redesign of the Camaro stood up to the muscle cars he grew up with. He was also using the Auto Show as an opportunity to look at the companies' new cars without pressure. "I'm going to be shopping within the next year and I'm looking at what I want without having to deal with a salesman," he said. A lot of people at the Auto Show were there doing just the same thing. The largest auto showroom in Michigan was filled with people feeling the seats and smelling the new car smell without someone haranguing them about incentives and financing. This group includes even those who don't have to talk to a single salesman.

"I really like the (Pontiac) Solstice, but that's not a family car. It's just fun," said Lake Orion resident Cindy McDonald. She was there with her husband, Jeff, a GM employee who gets to order his cars rather than shop for them. "I'm looking at the (Pontiac) G6." Despite never having to deal with the traditional showroom, Jeff McDonald said the show gives him a chance to sit in all of the cars available to him at once and see what they feel like, something you can't do with a catalog in your office. Jon Maples of Canton and his son, Sam, were at the show looking for SUVs. Gas mileage was going to be a major point in the deliberations. Dad liked the Jeep Liberty diesels, son was leaning toward the Lexus hybrids. "I'm looking for a small to midsize SUV," Sam said. "I'm going to have to pay for my own gas." Jon said he was looking for something that was both environmentally sensitive as well as fuel efficient. With the decision to purchase coming late this year, the father and son team had a lot more looking to do. "It's nice to see all the vehicles at once," Jon Maples said. "The Ford Edge and the (Jeep) Compass is nice." I like the Camaro, the Corvette, the Tahoe and the Hummer, said Sunday Dwyre of Waterford. "We might be shopping for a new Tahoe in the future. My husband works for GM and we don't know if he'll have a job in the future." Gene Roberts works for Pontiac at a facility near his home in Wheeling, West Virginia. He's been coming to NAIAS for years. "It's a tradition. This is the only auto show I go to," he said. "If they stop

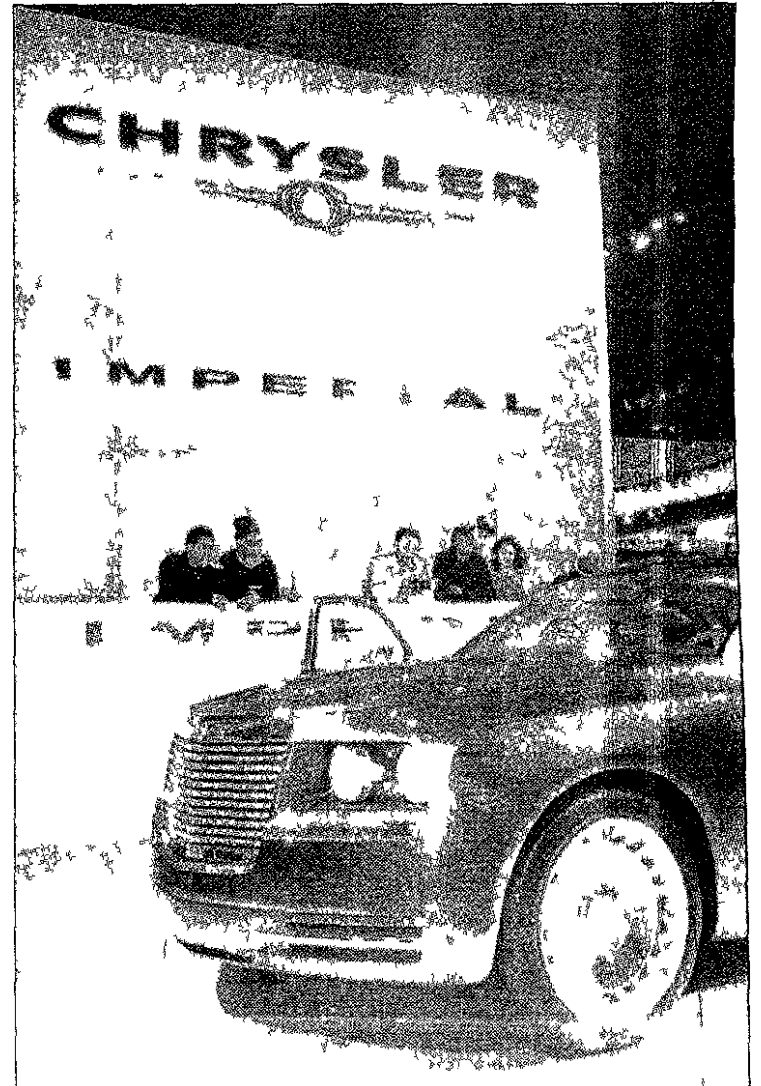


Michael Jopps works the auto show as a product representative for GM's Saturn. He's from Plymouth. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Plymouth resident Jon Maples and his son Sam are shopping for a vehicle to replace one coming off-lease. Dad leans toward a Jeep Liberty diesel and son likes the hybrid Lexus SUV.

having it here I won't go to another. This is a good place to come and see the competition." Wandering from exhibit to exhibit, the sounds of a hundred pitchmen waft about extolling the virtues of this braking system or that cabin configuration. One of those voices belongs to Michael Jopps of Plymouth, he works at the Saturn exhibit promoting the Skye and Aura — both cars will be on the streets this year. "People have a lot of questions, when will the cars be released, will there be a waiting list, how many will be at the dealership," he said. For the most part people are nice, though some people get upset if you don't have enough literature set out. Jopps has worked at the Auto Show before, getting the connection through a local modeling agency.



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MAGAZINE

FROM PAGE A1

It's an excellent magazine

The museum's new exhibit on Daisy and other BB gun companies on Plymouth are featured. Photographs are from the museum's exhibit and archival collections.

"Every picture and article is all from our collection," said Stewart, who was contacted by magazine staff some time ago. The article is by Michael Landry, a Michigan State University graduate and associate professor of marketing at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. The magazine is published by the Michigan Historical Center, Department of History, Arts and Libraries.

Landry's article tells of the early days of the Plymouth Iron Windmill Co. General manager Lewis Cass Hough met with Clarence Hamilton one day, and the firm began to offer the air

rifle as a premium with a windmill purchase.

Later, windmills were abandoned for air rifles and the name changed to Daisy Manufacturing Co. The move to Rogers, Ark., was announced in 1957 due to escalating costs here.

There's a secondary article by aerospace retiree John Dman of Topsfield, Mass., on his childhood quest for a Daisy air rifle. That is illustrated with a photo from the 1983 movie *A Christmas Story* in which postwar grade-schooler Ralphie seeks such a toy despite his mother's protests of "You'll shoot your eye out."

Stewart said the broadcasts of the movie each Christmas cause a resurgence of interest in Daisy. "I've had lots of phone calls and e-mails from all over." Issues of the magazine may be bought from the museum Gift Shop at \$4.95 per issue. The museum is at 155 S. Main, at Church in downtown Plymouth. For information, call (734) 455-8940.

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DIVERSITY

FROM PAGE A1

In her language arts and social studies classes at East Middle School, Carl Wesala said some of her classes are real melting pots, and students have learned to embrace those who appear different.

"They've really become quite a family, pulling together and accepting each other," said Wesala. "Kids don't see color. It's more the adults that need this, and that's good for us."

Cassandra Smith, principal at Canton High School, is one of a handful of black administrators in the district of approxi-

mately 3,000 employees.

"I think it's easier for kids today, because in our time we didn't have an opportunity to experiment or go outside where we lived," said Smith. "These kids are exposed to things day in and day out, and that's a good thing."

As for hiring more minorities at Plymouth-Canton, Smith is confident the future will be better.

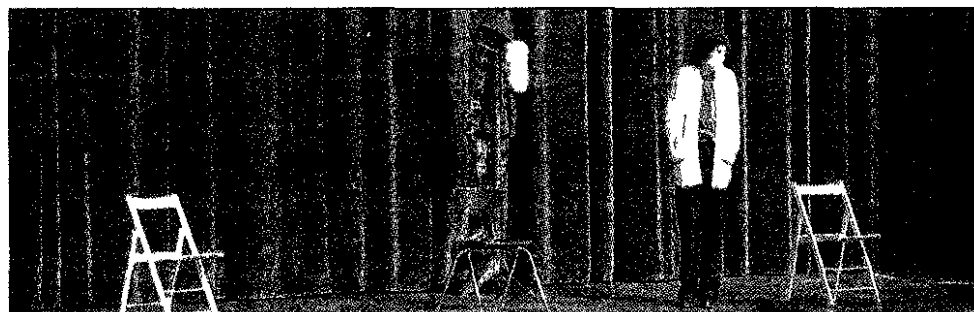
"I think they're working on it, and think the district will work on getting more African American teachers," said Smith. "I think the district is committed to doing something about it."

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Isbister teachers Lisa Coleman (left) and Kathleen West watch Carrie Gibson's one-woman show on diversity Monday.



Carrie Gibson's one-woman act on diversity played to a packed house.

Student visits

It's been a few years since Ana Lys Servieres studied in Plymouth-Canton, but she was glad to come back for a visit. Servieres, who's from La Plata in Argentina, came to say thanks to Plymouth A.M. Rotarians Tuesday morning.

"I wanted to come to visit them because they were so nice to me," she said of Rotarians and her host families when she was here as an exchange student in 1998-99. "I really missed them."

La Plata is about a half hour from Buenos Aires. Servieres, 25, is studying accounting in her homeland.

She met a lot of other students during her time in Michigan and has kept in touch with them. "I see all of them online," she said.

Jeanne Knopf DeRoche of Plymouth A.M. Rotary noted that the community's noon Rotary Club also hosted a student that same year. "They were good friends," DeRoche said.

By Julie Brown

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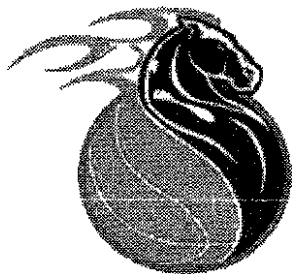


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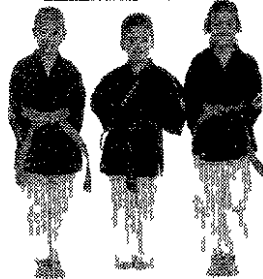
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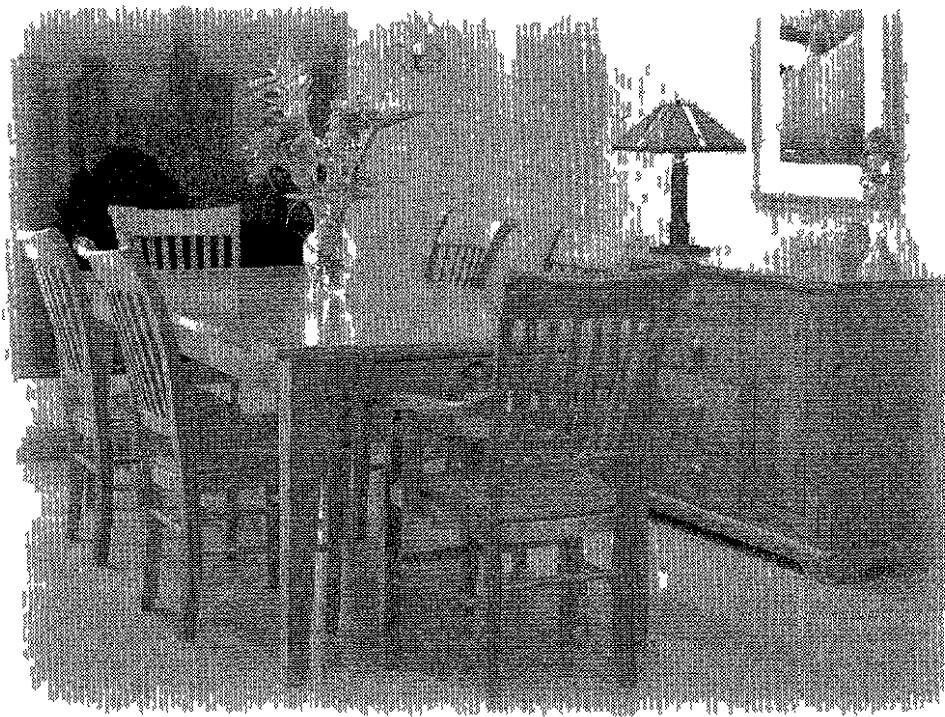
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OUR VIEWS

Livonia lease a good option

The few parents who are sniffling because Plymouth-Canton school officials shifted their course of action to deal with renovations at Miller Elementary School are off-base.

There has been some limited whining the last couple of weeks since school officials have been negotiating with their counterparts in the Livonia school district to rent Washington Elementary, the school at Ann Arbor Road and Hix which Livonia officials will close in a restructuring of their district because of declining enrollment.

Plymouth-Canton needs more space because a \$4.5 million renovation plan at Miller Elementary is forcing the district to close that school for an entire school year. That means P-C officials have to find somewhere for the general students and Talented and Gifted students to go to school next year.

The grouching comes because Plymouth-Canton Supt. Jim Ryan originally announced those students would be moved to the new Workman Elementary School in Canton's Cherry Hill Village, a school scheduled to open in August.

The whining goes something like this (and we're paraphrasing here): "First, the district told us one thing, then they said another. How are our kids supposed to adjust?"

But Ryan's initial announcement came well before the December decision by the Livonia Board of Education to close schools and realign its district. Plymouth-Canton officials can scarcely be faulted for exploring new options, particularly when they provide a better solution than cramming all those students into one building for a year.

Miller students are going to be bused somewhere, either to a school (Workman) that would then be bursting at the seams or to an empty school (Washington) the district will have to pay some \$225,000, about what it would have cost them to run Miller for the year in the first place.

The busing distance to both alternatives is the same, about 4.5 miles, so the students were going to have to adjust either way. This way, most of them will have their own building rather than having to jam into Workman.

Workman won't be big enough for everyone, but the district plans to put the TAG kids at Workman for a year, with the rest going to Washington. That will allow the district to draw attendance boundaries that will allow students living within sight of Workman to attend the school, rather than having them bused right past it.

Children generally prove to be far more resilient than adults. A fact we're confident will allow them to adjust to their new surroundings at Washington. Parents are right to be concerned their children are given every opportunity to succeed with as little stress as possible.

Assuming a lease is worked out with Livonia, that's exactly what Plymouth-Canton school officials are doing here.

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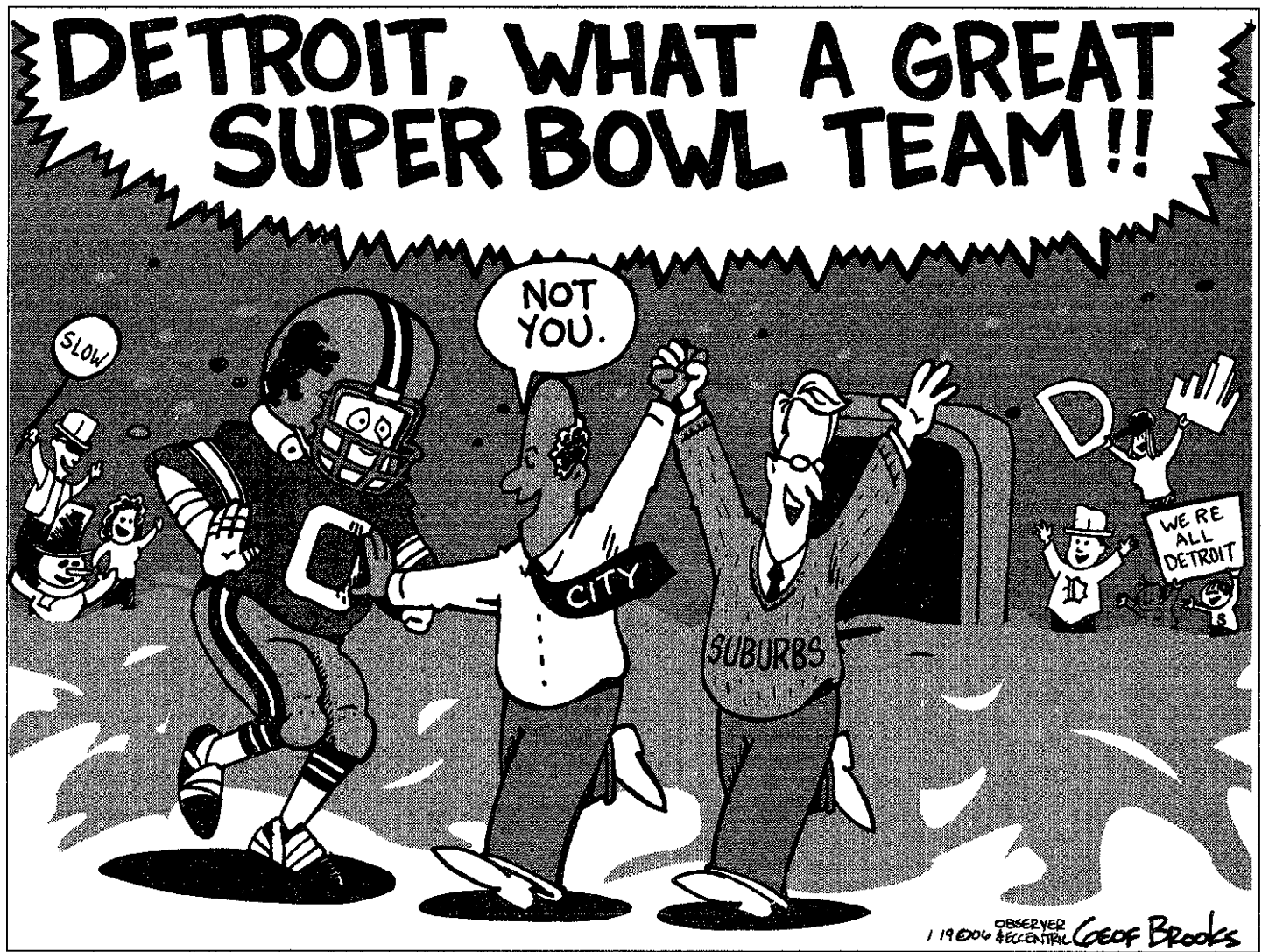
Are you ready for some football? Are you ready to party? The biggest party of the year comes Sunday, Feb. 5, to Ford Field.

The central city has spruced up and cleaned up. Detroit and the suburbs are rolling out the red carpet to welcome Super Bowl XL.

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Local groups have been working long hours to make this a Super Bowl to be remembered for all the right reasons. Beginning this week, numerous events are planned to get everyone involved throughout the metro area. Concerts will spotlight Detroit's rich contribution to American music. Local restaurants will be serving up their finest cuisine. And numerous charity events will combine a good time with a good cause, showing off the region's big heart.

Area hotels and motels will be full with media representatives, corporate leaders and sports and show business celebrities, as well as fans lucky enough to have tickets to the big game. They may come to the city with some preconceived negative notions, but local organizers hope they leave the city with the positive message that Detroit is a great place to party and a great place to live.



LETTERS

Legion thanks

The Plymouth-Canton elementary schools again showed a tremendous amount of Americanism in December.

The students and staff of all 15 elementary schools donated more than \$4,000 in personal care items to American Legion Post 112, Plymouth Township.

Post 112 then delivered these items to the Volunteer Department at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Ann Arbor. The volunteers in turn distribute the personal care items to the veterans who are patients at the hospital.

Post 112 started this program 10 years ago and since then the students, principals, teachers, office staff and custodians are waiting for the Post to begin collecting the donations each year. All members of Post 112 salute and thank all of the above for their work and donations for this program.

Above all, the hospitalized veterans appreciate these items and thank the schools for their generosity and for remembering them.

Post 112 members volunteered to count, package, deliver fliers and to pick up all the donations from the 15 elementary schools. They inventoried and delivered the donated items to the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The members who gave their time for this project included Post 112 Commander Gordon Vining, Senior Vice Commander Bob Longmate, Post Adjutant Don Demsky, Chaplain Edna Somers, Carl Stamper, Kevin Demsky and Ann Demsky.

Joe Burman

department vice commander 3rd Zone

Scrutinize Bush

At a time when the abuse of power by President Bush is in the news, there are calls for impeachment because of the Downing Street Memo exposure of lies and distorting facts that led us to war.

The leaking of a federal agent's identity, the wiretapping of American citizens, without warrants, the recent appointments to positions without Congressional approval. Bush has shown he believes he is above the laws that have governed our leaders since the founding of the U.S.

Now he nominates a judge who wrote in 1986 his Unitary Power belief giving a president a power which negates the laws Congress passes. Many people are of the belief that the whole point of the American Revolution was to *not* have a king. Alito has demonstrated in his rulings his leanings toward bigger government and less rights for the individual.

What about the over 50 percent of Americans who do not believe that President Bush is doing a good job? George W. Bush's so-called mandates should be scrutinized with all this in mind.

Carolyn Maxwell
Plymouth

Wrestlers' generosity

On Jan. 12, the Plymouth High School wrestling team hosted the Northville High School wrestling team in a match. On that evening, the PHS Wrestling Boosters collected and donated \$100 to the Northville

Football Parents Association. Todd Schoenheide Scholarship fund.

Bob Thomas, a Northville family member, also donated \$100 to the scholarship fund that evening. Todd Schoenheide was a Northville student and wrestler killed in a tragic accident last year.

I had the pleasure of meeting Todd's father, Dale Schoenheide of Novi, that evening. The reason for this letter? I wanted to personally and publicly tell all of the PHS wrestling parents what an honor and privilege it is to know and work with such caring and giving individuals. The selflessness and generosity of the PHS and NHS parents and families on that evening was so heartwarming that I was brought to tears.

Sports and athletics not only bring kids a sense of family but it also does the same for their parents. I cannot imagine the loss of a child and my heart goes out to the Schoenheide family. But the love and compassion that our wrestling "family" showed that evening to another wrestling "family" was inspirational.

Thank you, PHS and NHS, for your sense of family. We truly are one community and the unity was felt that evening. Thank you Elaine Hubbard, PHS Wrestling Boosters president, for being such a great leader, inspiration and hard act to follow. You are a good friend.

Lisa Korpus
Canton

Essence of science

Starting with the headline, Jack Kramer's defense of so-called "intelligent design" (*Plymouth Observer*, Thursday, Jan. 5) is full of misrepresentations.

The headline claims that many scientists are skeptical about the theory of evolution. The "many" turn out to be 100, a drop in the bucket of the world's scientific community. The main premise of his argument is that there are two classes of scientific study: experimental (science that can be replicated, therefore validated) and historic (science that cannot be replicated and, therefore, cannot be proved).

He takes Judge John Jones, the jurist who ruled against the teaching of "intelligent design" in science classes, to task for ignoring this distinction. We would like to take Jack Kramer to task for distorting this distinction.

Yesterday (Sunday, Jan. 15) NASA scientists recovered the space capsule "Stardust" from where it landed in the desert. Stardust contains dust and other particles from a deep space mission to sample a comet. These are particles from the very earliest stages of the development of the universe. They are the very essence of historical scientific information.

Obviously, we cannot experimentally recreate the beginning of the universe, but we can study these particles to enhance our understanding of what solar system events led up to the state of the universe today. The study of these particles is just one example of an overarching essence of science that Mr. Kramer ignores.

Humans engage in science because we are curious. We are curious about the present, the past and the future. We study epidemics so as to prevent them. We study the geological record because we are curi-

ous about how life came about. We study the universe because we recognize that we are a minuscule part of a vast and amazing environment. All these studies are science. Science is about gathering information and trying to make sense of it.

"Intelligent design" and its earlier incarnation "creationism" aren't about curiosity at all. They aren't about gathering data. They aren't about theorizing what the data might mean. They are about dogma, not science.

People like Mr. Kramer are probably curious about many things in their lives. Most of us are. But when it comes to the dogma of their religious beliefs, people like Mr. Kramer have turned their curiosity off. If that were all, so be it. This is a free country and we are free to believe anything we want.

But Mr. Kramer and his fellow travelers aren't content with this. They want to impose their beliefs on everyone. There is no evidence to support the religious concepts of "creationism" and "intelligent design." Judge John Jones got it exactly right. You can teach these ideas in a class on religious history if you wish, but they have no place in science class.

Sandra McClennen, Ph.D.
Douglas McClennen, Ph.D.
Plymouth

Alito vs. Ginsberg

Alito has been forced to face the likes of Kennedy, a whale with his red snout full from morning to night. His trips to Florida on orgies with cousins and nephews are legendary. Lots of sex, though, to fool people about the grape. His societal mode preference is leftist, liberal, with great splashes of socialism. From federal control of education to finding more reasons and more ways to redistribute wages and income, Kennedy has assured all that a one-world social system with one police force, one banking system, one producer of goods and services, accomplishes the redistribution and Balkanization of the troops who learn to bow and scrape, and say "duh" by frequent effort to cede power to the Marxist mentality, ceding all matter of inalienable rights in the process.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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"The major tenet of government is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, and it doesn't take a survey to say what services are included in those three things. ... Residents have every opportunity to let us know how they feel by telephone, e-mail and public meetings."

— Michele Potter, city commissioner, on the results of a survey of city residents

Money doesn't talk, it swears, in both Lansing and Washington

There are three things to say about the Jack Abramoff corruption case that is convulsing Washington

First, despite all the various near-bribery and influence peddling scandals that infest our political system this one isn't small beer. "People down here are scared stiff and running for the hills," one congressional staffer told me. Other sources say as many as 60 representatives and scores of staffers could ultimately be involved.

Abramoff has now pleaded guilty to fraud, tax evasion and conspiracy, and the word is that he is singing like a canary. If the extent of this is as great as feared, this could become the biggest scandal to engulf the Congress in more than a generation.



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That's not surprising, given how powerful and pervasive the system has become. The originator was now-deposed (and privately hugely despised) House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

He originated the "K Street Project," a system in which lobbying firms (whose offices are largely located on Washington's K Street) were told they had to "pay to play," i.e. contribute to Republican causes and hire ex-Republican staffers in order to get access to lawmakers to make sure legislation was written their way.

Evidently, day-to-day tactics featured a close link between DeLay's work to round up votes in the House with lobbyist Abramoff's access to money and perks. When DeLay found he needed to grease the pitch for a tough vote, he'd call Abramoff and — lo and behold! — the target member would score a Super Bowl ticket or a trip to Vegas.

Second, although the Michigan Legislature certainly is second to none in vicious partisanship and demonstrated ineffectuality, today's atmosphere in Lansing is not as corrupt as in Washington — not quite.

A now-legendary story around Lansing has it that a certain former speaker of the House once shouted across the room at a lobbyist, "Hey! I got your bill passed! Now where's my money?"

He may have been only kidding, but jaws dropped at the embarrassingly explicit — and public — linkage between dough and law. Do not delude yourself that ethical standards prevailing in Lansing are more saintly than in Washington. Lansing's a much smaller town and therefore there's less money at stake.

Moreover, Michigan's governor has a line-item veto over appropriation items, if lobbyists can't sneak expensive earmarks — legislatively required appropriation items, i.e. "pork" — into bills, a big motivation for corrupt pay-to-play has disappeared.

But aggressive lobbying and the equally aggressive and reciprocal pursuit of campaign contributions by Michigan legislators keep raising real questions about the integrity of the entire process. Fund-raising has become a 24/7 exercise, one

Lansing lobbyist told me, "and both the politicians and the lobbyists find it's a real pain."

Part of the problem is the inevitable dynamic of a term-limited Legislature, where newly elected lawmakers start raising money to run for higher (or some other) office just as soon as they're sworn in.

So it's no surprise that as of last October, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network in Lansing, the state's top 150 political action committees had already raised a third more money for this year's elections than at the same time before the 2004 vote.

Third, Michigan's seemingly tight bribery statute reveals a fuzzy area between bribery (a criminal offense, requiring explicit agreement that money is being paid in exchange for a vote or an action) and mere influence peddling, mostly via campaign contributions. Much of the time, special-interest groups contribute to legislators who are predisposed to agree with them. That's OK.

But sometimes, a "contribution" — plus a wink, a nod and a vote — comes awfully close to something criminal.

That's why a paragraph from *The New York Times* on an affair Abramoff raised so many eyebrows in Lansing — "There's a lot of talk coming out of various quarters that the Justice Department is going to pursue a different definition of bribery, meaning that if somebody were to give a gift or a campaign contribution in the same time period as a member took an official action, that in and of itself would constitute bribery. That sure scares the bejesus out of people."

Most people out of whom the bejesus is being scared won't have heard of the famous 18th century Scottish philosopher David Hume. Too bad. In a classic piece of analysis about what it really means to say that some thing causes another, Hume argued that the key issue was something he called "constant conjunction."

That is, if A is always and everywhere followed by B, it's conclusive to assert that A caused B. If a campaign contribution always and everywhere is followed by a specific vote, well, the contribution caused the vote. And that's bribery, in Hume's analysis.

Alas, most insiders I talked with said they thought neither the Justice Department nor the Michigan attorney general's office would move in Hume's direction. And virtually everybody thinks that as long as elections are as expensive as they have become, there is no way scandals like Abramoff's won't keep cropping up from time to time.

A better system is have public financing for elections, the way most industrial democracies in Europe do it. Of course, who in Lansing would want to vote for public funds in the public interest if that shuts down their local and parochial money tree?

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Take action: Plight of workers no less of a tragedy

Tragic events like the West Virginia mine, the Eurasian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina have a way of gripping the hearts and conscience of the nation. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims of these natural disasters and all of the miners' families who have been shattered by the loss of lives.

Yet, as I reflect on these tragic events and I hear politicians calling for hearings, tougher regulations, better safety and working conditions, I cannot help but think of the working men and women whose livelihoods are being snuffed out here in Michigan and other industrial states by globalization and the transformational shift in the world economy. These workers, through no fault of their own, are being tossed around in a global blast.



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Countless families will face financial ruin, and if past economic catastrophes are any predictor, there will be loss of life and spirit with increased heart attacks, strokes, suicides and mental breakdowns. We must remember that these economic fallouts are more than just statistics on some PowerPoint presentation — they are someone's father, mother, sister or brother that is being impacted, along with their families and communities. These casualties are not as visible as the human drama that is easily captured when sudden devastating events hit — but the results are no less tragic.

For the workers at Delphi, GM, Ford and the other hundreds of thousands of working men and women who have lost their jobs, livelihood and hope the past few years, their plight has been like a slow boil. The impact these workers are experiencing is not as immediate or sensational as the gripping life and death situation being witnessed on the 24/7 news stations. However, their plight is more like the frog placed in a cold pot of water and slowly brought to a boil — after 15, 20, 30 years of honest labor at the plants, these workers are told they are cooked.

Where is the national outcry for the families impacted by globalization and loss of decent middle class jobs? Where are the state and national relief efforts to help ease the pain and help the impacted families and communities pummeled by the deindustrialization of Michigan and America? Where are the demands for better safety precautions to be put in place to prevent these upheavals? Where is the national strategy to address unfair trade agreements, intellectual piracy and currency manipulation? Where are the investments in job training and retraining

Let's be clear, the slow boil that is cooking far too many working people and evaporating good middle class jobs should be a wake-up call for us all. The world is changing in dramatic ways and yesterday's answers will not help the impacted workers' families and communities build necessary bridges to the future. What is transpiring is a global transformational shift that poses an enormous challenge and will require leadership, creativity and innovation to address.

programs to help today's workers transition to the 21st century knowledge jobs?

There were warning signs provided though numerous safety violations that could have and should have foreshadowed the potential for a tragic events in New Orleans and at the West Virginia mine, if decision-makers were willing to open their eyes and see them. Unless our leaders recognize the signs and understand that good working men and women are at risk and take action now, another tragedy will surely unfold.

Does it really require that carnage be played out on national news on a continuous basis before efforts are begun to address the working man and woman's plight?

Where is the outrage demanding that our leaders actually lead and address these issues?

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Like the West Virginia mine operators, we have been warned a very serious problem lies ahead and working men and women are at risk. Will we heed the warning?

For working people everywhere, I certainly hope so.

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Watershed director welcomes challenge

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*Let no one say it to your shame
That all was beautiful before you came*

Gary Morgan first read those words as a child. Growing up in Detroit he lived near Rouge Park where the words appeared on a sign. It was the place his father, an avid outdoorsman, taught him about environmental stewardship.

I can see that like it was yesterday, Morgan said. Now 54, he has taken his passion for the environment to a new career as executive director of the Rochester-based Clinton River Watershed Council.

Morgan studied urban forestry at the University of Michigan and spent 17 years with the city of Dearborn's parks and forestry division, where his work included restoration of the Rouge River. "We did a national search. It was nice to find somebody in our own back yard," said Tony Rothschild, a Lake Orion resident who is president of the watershed council's board of directors.

"He's got a long background in watershed management, his work at Dearborn working with the Rouge River. He went back to school and got his master's degree while he was working at Dearborn. This is where his passion is sort of a career change working with nonprofits."

Along with his work on the Rouge, Morgan brings to his new job extensive recreational experience of the Clinton River



Morgan

watershed. Since the 1980s he's sailed on Lake St. Clair and kept a boat on the Clinton River. He also bicycles and enjoys cross-country skiing.

The new job was a very interesting move, the whole idea of the (size) of the watershed, he said.

From its headwaters in Springfield Township to its eventual end in Lake St. Clair, the Clinton River Watershed covers 760 square miles in four counties from almost south to the Detroit city limit. Some 1.4 million people live within the watershed.

The Watershed Council's mission is to protect, enhance and celebrate the Clinton River, its watershed and Lake St. Clair. Morgan said he became aware just how tuned in people are to the watershed when he attended a fund-raising event right after he was hired in late October.

At the council Morgan, who recently moved to Rochester, will work with seven subwatershed groups. Each is tasked with responsibilities including federal stormwater management for a section of the watershed.

It's going to be a learning experience over the last couple of months it has been already, Morgan said. I haven't even unpacked yet. It's keeping me busy.

Morgan said he's impressed with the leadership that's in place.

Museum unveils exhibit on civil liberties

The good and bad of America's history will be front and center in a new permanent exhibit which opened to the public at the Henry Ford Museum on Monday, Martin Luther King's birthday.

"With Liberty and Justice For All" takes a close look at the progression of civil liberties from the Revolutionary War to the impact of the Civil Rights Movement.

"The exhibit will be an intense and emotional trip through America's history, a history that included slavery and segregation," said Christian Overland, vice president of venue operations. "We will not gloss over the ugliness and the hate that freedom fighters faced. The artifacts that have been selected to tell these stories will show both the good and the bad as America transformed its definition of liberty."

The exhibit is made possible in part by grants from the DTE Energy Foundation, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, Institute for Museum and Library Services/National Park Service/Save America's Treasures, National City Bank, Ford Motor Company Fund, DaimlerChrysler

Corporation Fund and contributors to the museum's recent capital campaign.

The DTE Energy Foundation is very proud to fund this important addition to the Henry Ford Museum, said Fred Shell, vice president, corporate and governmental affairs. DTE Energy and president of the DTE Energy Foundation. This exhibit will remind us all that ordinary people can do extraordinary things and when they do, the world can change for the better.

The foundation awarded \$500,000 to the museum for the exhibit.

"With Liberty and Justice For All" takes visitors through four key turning points in America's history: the Independence movement and Revolutionary War, the anti-slavery movement and Civil War, the Women's Suffrage Movement and the Civil Rights Movement.

The exhibit shows the struggle and fight for freedom as well as the spirit and courage to maintain it. With the Declaration of Independence as a guide, visitors learn about the mutual conflicts and oppression related to each era and the momentum that led to change. The exhibit also



A camp bed used by George Washington is one of the key artifacts in an exhibit on liberty and justice at The Henry Ford.

introduces the leaders and their legacies and educates people on the impact of each transformation on the future Americans.

The focal point of the exhibit are key iconic artifacts from the collection of The Henry Ford, including:

- The bus where Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat which started the Montgomery Bus Boycott and sparked the Civil Rights Movement.
- The chair from Ford's Theater in which President Abraham Lincoln sat when he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth.

- The camp bed George Washington used while on a victory tour of battlefields after the Revolutionary War.
- The speakers' chair made by Thomas Affleck and used in Independence Hall by the first Congress of the United States.

Nearly 95 percent of the existing artifacts are being used in this exhibit that have never been displayed to the public. They include:

- Military letters signed by George Washington during the Revolutionary War.
- One of only three hand-

written copies of the 13th amendment signed by President Abraham Lincoln, Vice President Hannibal Hamlin and 148 members of the 38th congress.

Museum curators also acquired several artifacts specifically for the "With Liberty and Justice For All" exhibit, including:

- An enlistment notice from the Revolutionary War.
- Recruiting broadsides (posters) from the Civil War.
- Mr. President What Will You do for Women's Suffrage? Flag.
- Materials from the 1963 march in Washington, D.C., where Martin Luther King Jr. gave his legendary "I Have a Dream" speech.

The Henry Ford has hired Gallagher & Associates to create the exhibit. Gallagher & Associates is known for The International Spy Museum and exhibits at the Smithsonian and Gettysburg.

The Henry Ford, at 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, was founded in 1929 by automotive pioneer Henry Ford. For more information visit its Web site at www.thehenryford.org.



The bus where Rosa Parks took her stand against segregated seating is one of the centerpieces of an exhibit on liberty and justice at The Henry Ford.

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Common sense.
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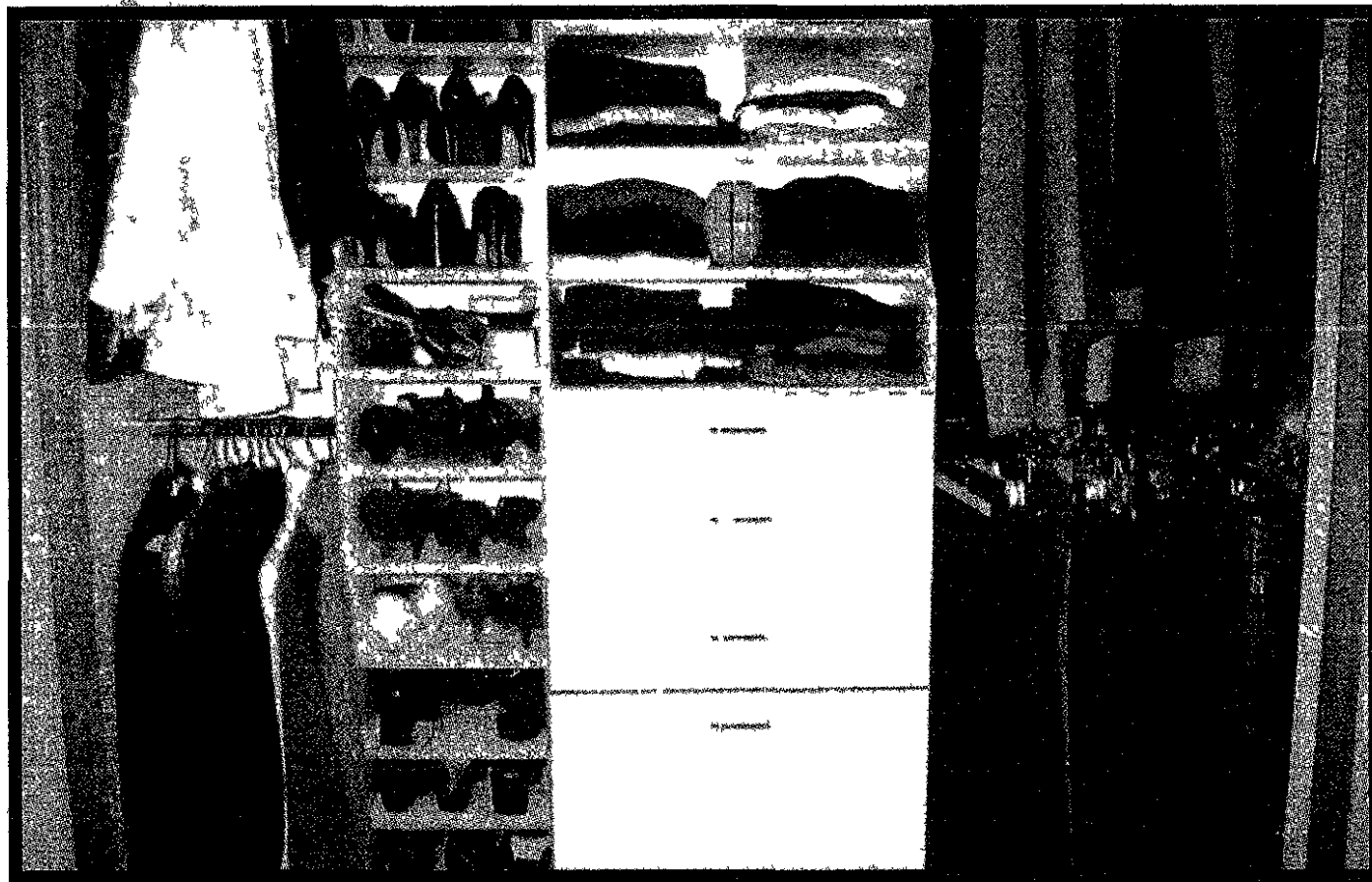
Hearing protection is important
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Home show season starts
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A well organized closet saves steps and space

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Professional organizers offer tips

Here are some suggestions from the National Association of Professional Organizers

CHILDREN'S ROOMS

- Have bins and boxes on lower shelves so youngsters can put away toys. Have the child label the bins and boxes.
- Provide low hooks to hang up clothes, book bags and other items.

GARAGE

- Determine how you wish to use the space. Is it a workshop? A storage center? Both? Stick to the floor plan.
- Get rid of things that don't work.
- Sort, purge, then decide the proper storage containers or fixtures for the treasures that you must keep. Clearly label the tops and sides of the containers.

CLOSET

- Go through your closet today and pull out everything you haven't worn in the last year.
- Decide what you want at your fingertips and what can be hidden away in containers under the bed, on top shelves or in drawers.
- The closet should be bright and inviting. You should be able to see what you have in your closet. Consider installing good lighting.
- Hang like items together -- group shirts together, pants

PLEASE SEE TIPS, B6

Organization at home, work helps busy lifestyle

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

"None of these days is that heard in talk about getting organized? And that day never seems to come."

Seize the day is the ideal phrase. Whether at home or at work, being organized cuts down on stress and frustration, and saves time and money, according to the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO).

January is National GO (Get Organized) Month, sponsored by NAPO.

Getting started at being better organized can make a difference.

"It's seeing a light at the end of the tunnel and you're encouraged to keep on with it," said Shannon Burdick, owner and professional organizer, Shannons Organizing Service in Rochester Hills.

Routing all of the paper that accumulates is the biggest problem people have with organization, consultants say. Such factors as e-mail, the Internet and the National Do Not Call registry have increased the amount of material to deal with.

"They say (the amount of mail) we receive in one week, our parents received in one month and our grandparents received in one year," said Betty Huotari, professional organizer from Logical Placement.

People are very overwhelmed with all of it and trying to keep up with it," said Carrie Vance, owner, Organized Business Solutions in Farmington Hills.

"(The Internet and e-mail) are so much fun we want to keep it all and read it all. We think we can do it all. We can't."

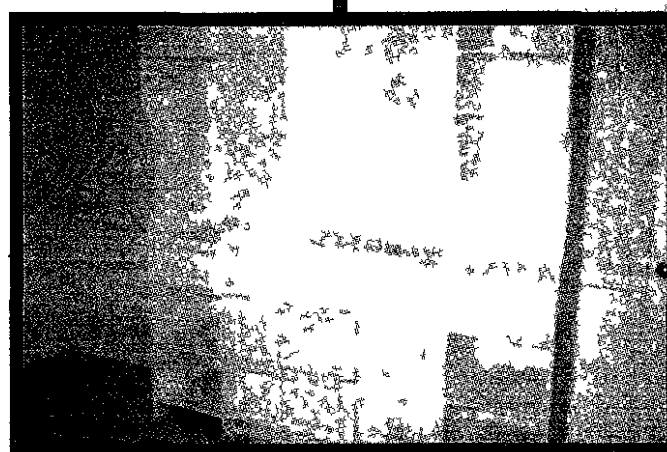
KEEPING TRACK

Organize your desk, starting with material you use on a day to day basis, Vance said.

PLEASE SEE ORDER, B6



Office areas can get an organization update



A changing table can be designed with organization in mind, such as this unit by Closet Man Co in Troy.

Accents

Lawn care

A Municipal Lawn Care Seminar: Tips for Green, Rouge-friendly Lawns will take place 8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday Feb. 1, at the Southfield Public Library, 26000 Evergreen south of I-696.

Admission is free but advance registration is required. To register, call the Southeast Oakland



County Water Authority at (248) 288 5150 or the Wayne County Department of the Environment at (734) 326 3936.

The seminar is sponsored by SOCWA, the Wayne County Department of the Environment and the Oakland County Drain Commissioner's Office, in cooperation with the Assembly of Rouge Communities and the Michigan Green Industry Association.

DPW, grounds maintenance and parks staff, planners and engineers, water quality specialists, and community volunteers should attend.

Topics will include Lawns and the Rouge Water Quality Update, by Kelly Cave, director of the Wayne County Watershed Management Division; Don't Guess - Soil Test, by Rick Lazzell of Lazzell Horticultural Services; Healthy Lawn Care: Mowing, Fertilization, Irrigation, by turf grass specialist Kevin Frank of Michigan State University Extension; Retailer Program Update: Earth-friendly Fertilizers, Designing a Cost-effective Lawn Maintenance Program, by Gary Eick of Mike's Tree Surgeon, Inc., and "Grow Zones" and "No Mow Zones": Low maintenance Improvements with Native Plants, by Rouge River Advisory Council facilitator Bill Craig.

Automatic light

"When you open a refrigerator door, the light comes on. How would you like that feature in a closet? All you need is a spring-loaded jamb switch and some basic carpentry and electrical skills," says James and Morris Carey, writers for AP Weekly Features.

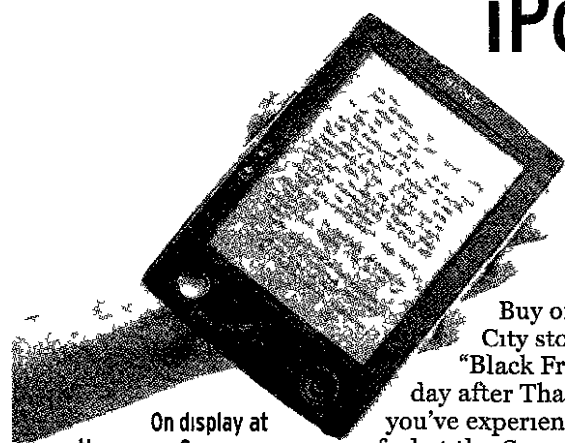
The automatic light switch is mortised (in a chiseled notch) into the hinge side of the closet doorjamb. When the door opens, the light turns on, and when the door closes, the light turns off.

"Power has to be run from the light to the switch. Many times, removing the door casing does the trick. Tools needed are a drill, chisel and screwdriver.

"When wiring it, the hot wire (most often black) runs to the switch then back to the light fixture. Electrical supply houses sell jamb switches as do hardware stores and home centers.

"If you're unsure about either the carpentry or the electrical work, consult a pro."

iPod challengers, e-book readers highlight Consumer Electronics Show



On display at this year's Consumer Electronics Show, the Sony Reader has already lined up support from major publishers.

If you've ever been to a Best Buy or Circuit City store on "Black Friday" (the day after Thanksgiving), you've experienced a taste of what the Consumer Electronics Show is like. Imagine a store that's roughly 65 times larger and packed with even more people. That's CES (I chuckle when people tell

me how crowded the Auto Show was. You ain't seen nothing.) Dedicated (read: insane) journalists like myself slog through these crowds in search of the newest, niftiest gadgets. This year's show didn't disappoint.

For starters, everyone has been waiting for an iPod killer. Creative's Zen Vision M (creative.com) isn't it, but, man, I want one.

I played with a sample behind



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

closed doors and came away impressed.

The Zen's choice of color schemes, broad feature set (including an FM

tuner/recorder and Outlook synchronization), and compatibility with numerous online music stores and subscription services definitely gave it an edge over the latest iPod.

On the other hand, it's not nearly as sexy, and Creative has yet to line up any worthwhile video downloads. iTunes, as you know, provides one-click access to shows like *Battlestar*.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B6

Hearing protection is important when using power tools

Just about every power tool and most hand tools that you buy come with some sort of warning about wearing eye protection. Even many building materials come with the same warning.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS), one in 10 Americans has a

hearing loss that affects his or her ability to understand normal speech.

Excessive noise exposure is the most common cause of hearing loss. After spending many years teaching construction in high school and middle school shop classes I can relate to this.

Two factors contribute to hearing loss: the volume or the level of sound and the time of exposure. The louder the sound, the less time you need to be exposed to it to cause damage.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) says that the maximum exposure time for 85 decibels is eight hours. At 110 decibels the maximum exposure time is about a minute and a half.

Sound is measured in decibels (abbreviated dB). The decibel scale runs from 0 dB which is the faintest sound a human ear can hear to more than 180 dB which would be about the intensity of a rocket taking off.

In the home, noise can come from many sources. Power tools, lawn equipment, and even household items such as a vacuum, can produce enough noise to cause damage to hearing.

To help prevent hearing loss, it is wise to use hearing protection while using loud noise-producing devices. Hearing protection devices decrease the intensity of sound that reaches the eardrum.

There are basically two forms of hearing protection: ear plugs and ear muffs.

Ear plugs are placed into the ear canal so that they totally block the canal.

They come in various pre-made shapes and sizes, or those that self-form to the shape of the ear. They can be custom-made from an impression of the ear. Ear plugs can reduce noise 15-30 dB.

Ear muffs fit completely over both ears. They must fit tightly so that sound is blocked from entering the ears. Like ear plugs, muffs can reduce noise 15-30 dB.

Ear plugs and ear muffs can be used together for even greater sound reduction. Use of ear plugs and ear muffs is recommended when noise is especially loud.

It's very important that the hearing protection fit properly and be used if it is to be effective.

Cotton balls or tissue paper in the ears isn't considered good hearing protection. It can reduce sound by only 5-7 dB.

For more information, see http://www.entnet.org/healthinfo/hearing/noise_hearing_of_m. I think I'll go make an appointment to have my hearing checked. My wife, Karen, thinks I'm not listening to her but I'm really having a hard time hearing her.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD SOUNDS AND THEIR DB LEVELS:

- Whisper - 30 dB
- Normal conversation - 60 dB
- Thunder - 120 dB
- Dishwasher - 55-70 dB
- Vacuum cleaner - 60-85 dB
- Hair dryer - 60-95 dB
- Flush toilet - 75-85 dB
- Power lawn mower - 65-95 dB
- Freeway traffic - 70 dB
- Power tools - 85-110 dB
- Chain saw - 125 dB
- Jet engine taking off - 150 dB
- Rock concert - 110-120 dB
- Music player on high - 112 dB
- Shotgun - 170 dB

Home show season starts

The Novi Home Improvement Show® taking place Friday-Sunday, Jan. 27-29, at the Rock Financial Showplace is the first of a series of 2006 home improvement shows produced by Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA).

This show is not only a great place to find everything you need for your home, but also the venue to find the people who can do everything for you," said James P. Babcock, president of BIA.

A wide variety of some of the area's best contractors will be available at the show to answer questions and more.

The Rock Financial Showplace is on Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck Roads in Novi.

Show hours are noon to 9 p.m. Jan. 27, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 28 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan. 29.

Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for ages 65 and older, free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Parking is

available at the Rock Financial Showplace for a fee.

Discount coupons are available online at www.novihomeshow.com or at participating metro Detroit Dunkin' Donuts locations.

For more information, go to www.builders.org or call (248) 862-1019.

At the show, Don Aslett, America's cleaning expert, will demonstrate how to make housework faster and more fun. He is the best-selling author of 26 books and has appeared in *People* and *Better Homes & Gardens* magazines.

With energy costs at an all-time high, wouldn't every homeowner marvel over \$10,000 in new energy-efficient windows? The annual House of Nails contest returns once again, sponsored by Wallside Windows and WXYZ-TV.

Attendees will have a chance to estimate the number of nails inside of the house container to win the grand prize, \$10,000 worth of custom-made windows.

Other contests and giveaways at the show total more than \$18,000 and include everything from a \$1,000 shopping spree to a custom made brick pavers system.

Among other show highlights will be a subscription to *This Old House* magazine with every paid admission to the show, live broadcasts from WJR's *Home Improvement* with Murray Gula, sponsored by James Hardie Siding Products, and the Outdoor Water Extravaganza sponsored by the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals.

More than 500 exhibitors will line the aisles and offer advice, ideas and innovations for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, spas, remodeling, interior design, home offices, furniture, arts, crafts, heating, cooling and appliances.

BIA also produces the Macomb Home Improvement Show at the Macomb Sports & Expo Center, the Spring Home & Garden Show and the Fall Remodeling & Design Expo at the Rock Financial Showplace.

HOME CALENDAR

RV show

More than 100 RVs will be on display at the Great Lakes RV Show Thursday-Sunday, Jan. 19-22, at the Macomb Sports & Expo Center in Warren. Hours are 3-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. The Macomb Sports & Expo Center is at 12 Mile and Hayes. Admission is \$6-\$3 for ages 6-14 and free for ages 5 and under. Adult admission discount coupons are offered online. Free parking available. For more information, visit www.GreatLakesRVShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

Featured RVs will include folding camping trailers, conventional travel trailers, toy haulers, motor homes and fifth wheels for families who are looking to buy their first RV or upgrade their present RV or for the veteran camper. Tips and service will be available from RV experts on selection, pricing, features, options, design and maintenance.

Activity sheet

Children at all Art Van Furniture stores will get a fun-filled winter activity sheet Friday and Saturday, Jan. 20 and 21, while supplies last.

Rummage collection

Collect your stuff for the Rochester Community House's annual Great Everything Sale, the biggest rummage sale to date. Whether you're cleaning out your house or looking to furnish your home, the event Friday-Saturday, Jan. 27-28, Call the Rochester Community House at (248) 651-0622 about drop-offs and other information.

Faux finishing

Classes taught by professionals take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Fancy Color Paints and Interiors, 3883 Rochester Road in Troy. The schedule includes Faux Finishing (Jan. 24) and Advanced Faux Finishing and Marbleizing (Jan. 31). For registration information, call Troy Adult Education at (248) 823-5100, Rochester Adult Education at (248) 726-3165, Birmingham Adult Education at (248) 203-3800, Huntington Woods Adult Education at (248) 541-3030 or Royal Oak Adult Education at (248) 862-1019.

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The Jan. 24 class will feature demonstrations of shadow striping/color washed stripes, smoothing, positive and negative rag roll, fresco, feather and sponge painting. In the Jan. 31 class, learn the techniques of frottaging, mottling, marbling and wood graining.

Sample sale

The semi-annual Floor Sample Sale will take place Friday-Saturday, Jan. 27-28, at Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz in Troy.

The event will offer 60 to 80 percent off showroom list prices. Free design seminars will be presented both days. Seminar topics are: Fashions For Your Floor (1 p.m. Jan. 27, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Jan. 28) and Trends Forecast for 2006 and Beyond (2 p.m. Jan. 27, noon and 2 p.m. Jan. 28). Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Jan. 27, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 28. Stutz is north off Maple (15 Mile) between Coolidge and Crooks.

Admission is \$7 each day with a portion of the proceeds to benefit COTS (the Coalition on Temporary Shelter). For more information, visit www.michgandesign.com.

Interior design

Winter continuing education classes at the College for Creative Studies in Detroit include Elements of Interior Design, 10 Saturdays beginning Jan. 28. Cost is \$295 plus \$10 materials fee. Call (313) 664-7691 to register and for more information. An overview of the interior design field, the course will show the methods used to create a room that is physically, visually and intellectually satisfying.

Instruction will include the basic principles of space planning, drafting, color theory and materials and finishes. Students will work toward creating a finished residential room.

Winter craft

Children are invited to come in from the cold and be creative at Art Van Furniture Kids Castles, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29. Make a snowman photo frame magnet to take home. Kids Castles are supervised play areas for youngsters in select Art Van stores, including locations at 22555

Greenfield in Southfield (phone 248) 569-3770, 8300 Wayne Road in Westland (phone 734) 425-9600, 27775 Novi Road in Novi (phone 248) 348-8922, 14055 Hall in Shelby Township (phone 586) 566-1490 and 6500 14 Mile in Warren (phone 586) 939-2100.

Sesame Street Live!

Friday, Feb. 10, is Art Van Family Night at *Sesame Street Live!* with all tickets offered at the discount rate of \$10. Register to win four VIP tickets to the show and a meet and greet with a favorite character. Entry forms are available now through Saturday, Feb. 4, at all Art Van Furniture stores in metro Detroit and Ann Arbor. Each store will select one prize winner.

Sculpture for home

HMFRRNSHNGS Utilitarian Sculpture for the Home, an exhibit of work by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies, continues to Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the Dan and Betty Kahn Building at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-1000, visit www.jccdet.org.

The show pushes the boundaries of functionality for furniture and other items in the home. The furnishings are available to purchase. Admission is free.

On the closing night of the exhibit, a reception featuring a satellite hookup with Carl Reiner will take place 7-8 p.m. at the gallery.

Crafters wanted

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

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. e-mail kabramczyk@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Ash tree replacement

The Plymouth Library Garden Group will have a special meeting about the replacement of ash trees 7 p.m. Thursday Jan. 19 at the Plymouth District Library 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Kristine Hahn of the Michigan State University Extension Service will talk about choosing trees to fill the void left by the loss of ash trees. The public may attend. Admission is free.

The library (phone (734) 453-0750) is east of Sheldon and west of I-75.

Irish gardens

Master gardener Joanne Tokatian will speak on An Illustrated Look at Irish Gardens 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 25 at the Southfield Public Library in the Southfield Civic Center at 26300 Evergreen.

A traditional Irish tea will be served. Donation \$8.

For reservations and more information call the Irish Cultural Forum at (248) 540-6687 before Friday.

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday Jan. 27 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester.

Advanced master gardener Judy Cornelli will speak on Nip, Pinch and Tuck: Topiaries from Tender Perennials. She will demonstrate how topiaries can be fun to create and easy to maintain.

Guests are welcome. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

For more information call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 1 at the Brownstown Community Center 21311 Telegraph between Sibley and West roads.

Nancy Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses in Belleville, will present Success with Climbing Roses. In this fast-paced slide program she'll discuss which varieties work best and share tips about how to train and prune them for best effect.

Lindley is the author of the book *Roses for Michigan* (Lone Pine Publishing) and an American Rose Society consulting rosarian. The public may attend. Admission is free.

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

Horticulture symposium

Troy is one of five cities in the country that will be the site of Color Rich Gardens Design with Distinctive Plants, a Horticulture magazine symposium on design, plants and garden making.

Co-sponsored with Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, the all-day symposium will take place Saturday Feb. 11 at the Michigan State University Management Education Center 811 W. Square Lake Road.

Fee is \$119 for a Horticulture subscriber or a Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary member \$129 regular. The fee includes all handouts and refreshments and a boxed lunch.

Register early as space is limited. To register and for more information call (877) GDN-PROG toll free or visit www.hortmag.com.

Among the speakers will be Janet Macunovich, co-founder of the Michigan School of Gardening and the author of eight books on gardening topics; Ed Lyons, executive director of Rotary Gardens in Janesville, Wis.; Nan Sinton, director of programs for Horticulture; Helen Dillon, a leading gardener in Ireland; and Denver-based Rob Proctor, who specializes in creating intimate gardens and who has written 10 books.

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Battle any roof leaks before rainy weather hits

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

It's that time of year again, and while we may be warm and comfortable inside, the condition of the roof outside may not be sufficient to hold back Mother Nature's angry storms and rainy weather.

If this is a problem you have, or expect, here are a few tips that may save you some grief and maybe even a little money as well.

Rainy weather is when roof leaks get discovered. That's when it's too late for anything but a repair. No time to contemplate, no time to plan, just get to the phone and get a roofer there as soon as possible.

But, the rainy season is a roofer's busiest season. In a really wet year, when weather is at its worst, roofers are even less available.

There are ways to slow the leaks down until you can navigate yourself into a proper repair.

First and foremost, it is important to properly deal with the leaks inside the house to minimize interior damage.

Here's what happens: A water leak from the roof will

slowly pond at the ceiling until it finds an escape route - usually a penetration point like a light fixture or heat register. In a sheetrock ceiling, a taped joint is another weak spot where a leak can occur.

After several hours of puddling in the attic, a simple single roof leak can manifest itself inside the home as multiple leaks - making even the simplest roof leak appear to be much worse than it really is.

With multiple leaks it is almost impossible to keep things dry at the "wettest spot" in the ceiling - where the water seems to be collecting the most.

Punch a hole right in the middle and be prepared to collect a flood of water. Remember, with multiple leaks in a ceiling, inside.

The solution to this problem really is quite simple. All you have to do is look for either the "bulge" or the ponding water has to be pretty deep. Giving it an escape route will minimize leak management to one or two locations but initially will quickly release gallons of trapped water. So, be prepared.

Once the leak inside is under control you can choose to manage collection with buckets or

redirect it to the outside with a bottle funnel. Here's what you'll need to do the job:

- An old, plastic 1-gallon bottle
- Duct tape
- A garden hose
- A ladder

Cut off the bottom of the bottle and turn it upside down to create a 1-gallon funnel.

Use the duct tape to attach one end of the garden hose to the small opening at the bottle neck and direct the other end of the hose outside (either through a window or door).

Finally, tape the bottle funnel to the ladder so that it is immediately beneath the leak. Water into the bottle is fed through the hose and back outside.

FINDING, FIXING LEAK

Once you have managed the leak inside, you can attack the outside. Keep in mind that it is nearly impossible for most of us to permanently stop a roof leak in the rain, if for no other reason than we are in a hurry to get out of the bad weather.

Step one is to crawl into the attic and use a flashlight to find the leak.

Remember, the leak in the ceiling and the leak in the roof

may not align.

If your roof covering is over a layer of plywood then you should keep in mind that water will generally travel from the leak in the roofing material to the nearest joint in the plywood - depending, of course, on how the roof slopes.

Once you have determined the general vicinity of the leak from within the attic, the next thing to do is to go outside and study that general area through a pair of binoculars.

A close look at the general vicinity of the leak may or may not render an answer, but it is worth a "safe" look from a distance. Here's what to look for:

- One or more missing shingles (sloped roofs)
- Ponding water (flat roofs)
- A large tree limb or heavy object fallen onto the roof
- A plumbing or heating vent pipe
- Leaves or debris causing a dam

Missing shingle? Replace it with another shingle. If you don't have one and all of the stores are closed, make one from a piece of tin or plastic. Any waterproof material can be used to temporarily replace any kind of shingle.

Ponding water? Sweep away

the water with a broom. Look for a seam that can be lifted. Cover with a thick glob of 'wet patch' roof patching compound.

A large tree limb? Remove the tree limb or other heavy object and use step one or two above (depending on the roof type) to patch the hole and temporarily stop the leak.

Clearing leaves and debris and allowing water to flow normally can immediately make a leak go away.

Many roofs are filled with places that will only leak when water isn't allowed to properly flow.

This is very common on pitched roofs at inside corners known as the "valley."

However, any blockage can cause a leak.

Even a blockage in a gutter or downspout can result in a roof leak.

Stay drier this wet season by having a bit of wet patch and an extra shingle on hand. Just in case!

And, that's all there is to it.

For more home improvement tips and information visit the Careys' Web site at www.onthehouse.com or call them at (800) 737-2474 between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Saturdays.

Here are some tips make home more energy efficient

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tips to make a home more energy efficient, according to the Energy Office of Michigan:

- Install an automatic setback thermostat to lower the temperature to 60 degrees at night and when no one is home.
- Set the water heater temperature at 120 degrees.
- Turn down the temperature on the water heater when

you leave on vacation.

- Fix leaky or dripping water faucets.
- Clean or replace the air filter on the furnace once a month.
- Clear area in front of air vents.
- Put caulk and weather stripping around windows and doors.
- Add a sweep to the bottom of doors to help keep out cold air.

Install gaskets behind electrical outlet cover plates located on exterior walls.

- Install glass doors on fireplaces and keep the flue damper closed when the fire place isn't in use.
- Plant windbreaks to shield a house from the winter wind.
- Look for the Energy Star logo, which shows an item is approved by a government-backed program that sets standards for energy efficiency, when buying new windows or

a furnace.

- Insulate water pipes to the first horizontal pipe that runs off the water heater or provide heat traps on both cold and hot water lines.
- Insulate all hot water pipes located in unconditioned basements and crawl spaces.
- Install water heater blankets according to the supplier's specifications.
- Install low-flow shower heads.

Place an electric water heater on an insulated pad.

- Plug major air leaks, especially in the attic and basement.
- Seal around electrical wire boxes and plumbing cutaways.
- Seal around recessed lighting fixtures, but use caution because insulation shouldn't be placed near lights.
- Caulk around outdoor faucets, wire and pipe holes and where different siding materials meet.

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Resolve to make your house safe, secure this year

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

When it comes to New Year resolutions, it's a good idea to include some home improvement resolutions that will save time and money and keep your home in good shape.

As with other resolutions, we suggest that you set realistic goals that are achievable. Moreover, it's essential to prioritize your home improvement projects according to order of importance.

We believe that your New Year home improvement resolutions list should begin with safety and security. Resolve to do things that will protect your home and family from injury and loss.

Here's our list of suggested New Year home improvement resolutions.

■ **Fireplace** Have your fire-

place, wood stove and chimney inspected by a certified chimney sweep to ensure that it is safe and operating at peak efficiency.

A poorly burning appliance can result in carbon monoxide poisoning and a dirty or cracked chimney can result in an explosive fire that can level your home.

■ **Carbon monoxide** Dubbed the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that is a byproduct of poor combustion.

You can protect your family from carbon dioxide poisoning by having all fuel-burning appliances - stoves, furnaces, water heaters, etc. - in good working order, and ensuring that burners are clean and adjusted and the flames are bright blue.

Most local utility companies

will perform this inspection at no charge or for a modest fee.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed on all levels of a home, including the basement where many furnaces and water heaters are located and near the bedrooms to alert sleeping adults and children of potential dangers.

The detectors are simple to install. Battery-operated models can be placed on a bookshelf or mounted on a ceiling, AC models are simply plugged into an electrical outlet.

■ **Fire and smoke** First, install smoke detectors. If you live in an older home, chances are good that you have a smoke detector in a common hall next to the bedrooms. That's not enough protection.

Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of a home - including the basement - and in every bedroom.

If your smoke detectors are more than 10 years old, replace them with a new model.

When shopping for new smoke detectors, consider installing a new wireless interconnected system that will trigger all alarms to sound when one goes off. This can be especially important in saving the lives of children and seniors who otherwise wouldn't be awakened.

They're easy to install and, as the name implies, don't require any wiring. Hard-wired systems are available for new construction.

If you have smoke detectors installed in all the right places and they are less than 10 years old, that's only part of the challenge.

Resolve to check them at least once per month and keep them clean by periodically vacuuming them, using an uphol-

stery brush. Dust prevents the sensor from doing its job.

And checking a detector to ensure that it is working involves more than pushing the "test" button - that only determines that the unit has power and that the alarm is functioning.

Test the sensor wafting smoke from a candle or by using a smoke substitute in an aerosol can available at most home and hardware stores.

■ **Slips and falls** Slips and falls are among the leading cause of serious home injuries. Not surprising, a majority of interior falls occur in the bathroom - specifically in the bathtub.

You can avoid a nasty fall by installing nonskid decals to the surface of the tub. If you're not into "flower power" decals that went out with olive appliances, clear sheets that appear to be integral to the tub are now available.

The key to a lasting installation is a clean tub. Scrub the tub with a nonabrasive cleanser, rinse, dry and wipe down with denatured alcohol.

Another means of avoiding falls is by installing grab bars to make it easier to get in and out of the tub or shower. Towel bars or toilet tissue holders are poor substitutes. Use only approved grab bars such as those that you might find in a commercial bathroom.

Equally important is the quality of installation. Grab bars must be solidly anchored to framing - studs or blocking - using screws.

Outside, rain, snow and ice are common causes of nasty falls. Keep snow shoveled and use ice melt or sand on paths to prevent falls.

Another source of nasty falls is a slimy moss that builds up on paths, patios, decks and steps.

Use a mild solution of bleach, detergent and hot water (1/3 cup powdered laundry detergent, 1 quart of liquid chlorine bleach and 1 gallon of hot water) to clean up the slimy surfaces.

Mix up the solution and apply it with a pump garden sprayer. Allow it to sit for a few minutes, but don't let it dry out. Work it in with a stiff bristle broom and rinse with fresh water. Using a pressure washer will make the job easier.

In the spring when the weather is warmer, consider using a sealer on concrete to prevent a feeding ground for moss and apply nonskid pads to steps.

■ **Exterior lighting** Motion sensor lighting can prevent nasty falls and protect you and your home from intruders. Motion sensors recognize body heat in motion and turn on lighting for a brief period.

They are especially useful if you have an armload of groceries or are searching for your house key in the dark.

Motion sensors can be installed as an add-on to most existing fixtures or may be bought as an integral part of a new fixture. In either case, install them at all exterior doors and in dark locations surrounding your home.

Low-voltage path lighting is another excellent means of avoiding a nasty fall - and it can perk up the appearance of your place.

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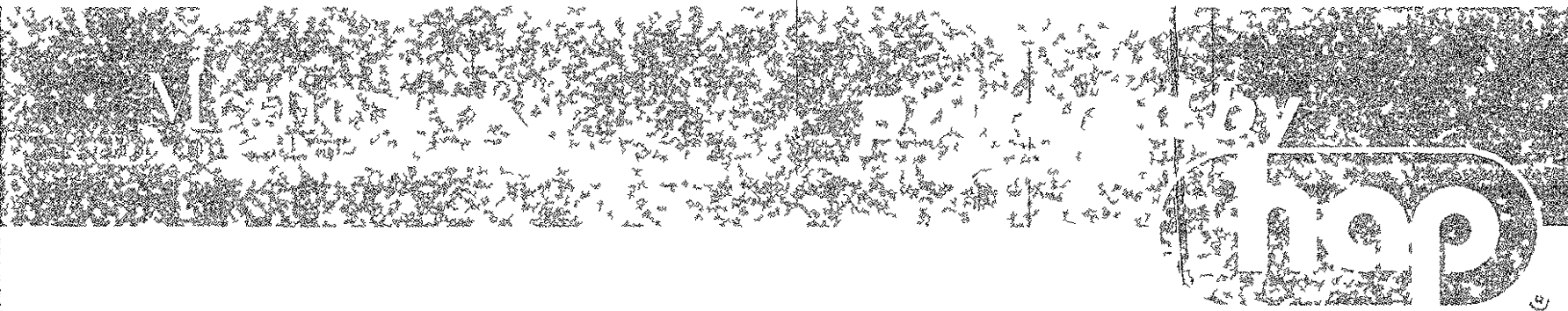
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Consider using composite wood for your outdoor decks

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A beautiful wood deck is the superstar amenity of a home's exterior. It is the undisputed focal point, serving both visually and as the "heart" of your outdoor lifestyle.

Much like the kitchen phenomenon indoors, decks are a social magnet where those who live there relax and will spend a great deal of time, and it is where guests gather and socialize.

Simply put, decks in and of themselves are a great attraction with great attraction.

Say decks and you automatically think "Wood." It's only natural. Wood is beautiful, there are numerous choices with various levels of quality and pricing, and when warmed by the summer sun, it simply "feels" good, both physically and aesthetically.

Appearance aside, the wood you choose for your deck is generally a function of budget.

The most pervasive and least expensive natural material is pine, Douglas fir and economy grades of redwood. While considered the most traditional of all decking materials, even with proper care, they have a limited lifespan, generally about 10 years or less depending upon exposure and how well they are maintained.

You can extend the lifespan of "economy" lumber (or POW, plain old wood) by using that which has been "pressure treated," whereby chemicals (pesticides) are driven deep into wood fibers to retard deterioration due to moisture and to provide insect resistance.

Pressure-treated wood, with proper care, is said to extend the lifespan of wood from 10 to as much as 20 years.

The obvious pluses and benefits are offset by a modest increase in price and a minor controversy over the long-term exposure to the actual chemicals used to achieve the desired effect.

The original formula, chromated copper arsenate, contained arsenic.

Today's more human-friendly version, ammonia copper quaternary, uses copper-based preservatives to accomplish the benefits of pressure-treated wood. Though less toxic, it still conjures up health concerns among families with little ones who might scour the surface on all fours.

COMPOSITE

Beyond economical and longer-lasting, a number of woods that increase price wise exponentially, as do the beauty, durability and exotic aspects.

The pricing stair step begins with cedar and cypress, and goes on up to and through rich mahoganies, durable and beautiful redwoods and exotics like South America ironwood, pau-lope and ipe.

Budget aside, a beautiful wood deck can also put a damper on your summer fun or entertaining with ongoing maintenance. However, today's technology is steadily providing exciting new answers to this age-old nemesis.

The cost and drudgery of keeping wood looking good is rapidly giving way to a man-made species called composite wood that is giving Mother Nature a real run for her money.

Say "composite wood," and the uninformed may think "Cheesy plastic." No way, not today.

Along with the steadily increasing numbers of manufacturers offering a wide range of looks has come a product that truly rivals the properties, performance and reason for using natural woods.

Composite wood in general blends real wood fibers with various forms of plastic and molds it into "board form" to achieve the look and properties of conventional decking but with a host of built-in benefits.

First be aware that composite wood is only used for deck sur-

faces, and that all sub-structures still use traditional framing techniques and conventional materials. Here's where pressure-treated lumber really shines.

But it is on the surface where composite wood look decking is becoming a superstar.

Basically composite woods last far longer than natural lumber and require very little maintenance by comparison. Periodic

soap and water cleanup is all the maintenance usually required. Composite decking will stain just like natural materials, so be sure to prevent nasty spills and drips from your barbecue.

Beyond being artfully molded into planks that truly capture (and rival) the "look" of traditional decking, it doesn't warp, crack, rot, split or splinter and it resists insects.

It handles like wood for saw-

ing, drilling and fasteners (screws and nails), and it requires no staining, painting or finishing initially or later on.

While not a no-maintenance product, it is certainly low maintenance, and the elimination of initial staining and/or sealing and re-staining and/or re-sealing over time equates to savings that more than offsets the modest increased upfront cost. Aha, you say, there's the

catch. Not really. Composite woods fall in the same price range as the upscale choices such as cedars and redwoods but without the "down the road" drastic changes in appearance and inevitable care required.

Keep in mind that even composite materials will age, oxidize and turn gray with prolonged exposure to the sun. (But then so will you.)

Once you've decided that

composite wood just may be your decking surface solution, compare before you buy. The Internet is a great place to start, as most manufacturers provide comparative data on their Web sites.

Once you've narrowed the field down to only a few, based on that which appeals to you, head for dealerships where those products are offered in your area.

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Replace piles with files Vance uses a simple filing system that involves color coding

Remember "You can find it again," she said

Instead of keeping track of appointments and activities in separate places - a family calendar at home, a planner for work - have everything in one planner, Vance said

Whether you choose a paper or electronic planner, stick with it

Put everything down," said Vance, who is available as a speaker

For example, if you have a meeting at work every Friday, put it on your calendar This will help remind you to prepare for it the day before

Sort items, putting like items together into categories, Burdick said

People don't know how long they should keep certain papers, she said Usually you should save anything referring to taxes for around seven years, she said

January is a good time to go through what you have gathered, pull out what you need for taxes, get rid of what was finished with last year," said Burdick, who distributes information on how to stop junk mail

She will conduct classes on Preserving Family Treasures Wednesday, Jan 25, at the Shelby Township Community Center and Tuesday, Feb 7, at Utica High School, and on Organizing Your Busy Family

Wednesday, Feb 8, at Kimball High School in Royal Oak and Tuesday, Feb 28, at Utica High School (contact her for registration information)

MAIL

Try to handle mail only once or as little as possible, said Huotari, who will conduct classes on organization Monday, Feb 6, through Novi Community Education and Monday, Feb 13, through Plymouth Canton Community Education (call the community education offices to register and for more information)

Put catalogs and magazines that you don't read directly in the recycling bin or trash when they arrive instead of bringing them in the house (removing the address label first), she said

"This will reduce your mail pile by 60 to 70 percent," Huotari said

Dedicate an area in your home for mail, and put the mail there when you bring it in

When you sit down to go through it, have at hand everything you need - such as checkbook, stamps, envelopes, wastebasket and shredder

"If you get up you get distracted 'Oh, I'll put in a load of laundry on the way,' or 'Oh, I'll start supper,'" Huotari said

Instead of having a resolution to get the house in order this year, take one room at a time, Huotari said

Maybe work on a room 9 a.m. to noon one day on a weekend while someone else

takes care of the children

Working on one room a month gives you time to make decisions about what to keep and throw away Have various bins at hand - for discarded items, for donations, etc

Don't buy storage bins or other organization items until you know what you need

Vance will also advise clients about how to improve the layout of their work area to make it more organized She tells them not to clean the area up before her visit, so she can see how they work

ROOMS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Such businesses as Closet Man Co. in Troy, and California Closets in Troy and Walled Lake, can help by designing and building closets and structures for almost anywhere, including bedrooms, laundry rooms, kitchens, garages and home offices

Home entertainment centers and other units are among their offerings

"There is so much new, it's amazing," said Mark Davis, owner of Closet Man Co., who has been in the business for 15 years

"Even a 5-foot reach-in closet (can be improved)," said Mark Lantz, director, marketing/sales, California Closets in Walled Lake

More people are asking for wallbeds these days, said Davis, whose projects besides closets have included wine racks, organizing a vehicle for a customer who worked out of a car, and trailer compart-

ments for a motorcyclist's vehicles and gear

He has designed a circular unit with a fan in the back to house sweaters

Cabinet doors are available with self-closing hinges that slowly shut automatically Closet units can feature baskets for laundry that can be lifted out and carried to the washer

Elements that pull out - valet rods, tie and belt racks, seats and mirrors - save steps as well as space

"The most important is find out what you're buying

Know what you're getting," Davis said "Know how it's constructed Is there a guarantee? Will (the company) be there for me?"

"If you come in to look around, bring the dimensions of the room It doesn't have to be exact," Lantz said

Also know the locations of such features as vents and sloping ceilings

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Galactica and *Commander in Chief*

I'll tell you more about the Vision M after I'm able to conduct a full review In the meantime, check out Creative's just-launched ZenCast (zencast.com), an attractive portal for downloading video blogs and podcasts

ROBOTS ON PARADE

Next, I stopped by the Wowwee booth to see the company's latest toy robots

Wowwee, indeed! If you thought the original walking, dancing Robosapien was cool, wait 'til you see the Robosapien RS2 Media, Roboreptile and Segway-inspired P-Bot

They're not shipping yet, but all three models are due sometime this year

Find out more at the company's Web site (wowwee.com)

In other robot news, Lego Mindstorms fans will go ape over the upcoming NXT kit (mindstorms.lego.com), which relies on a wireless, pager-like "brick" for programming and operation

The \$250 kit, due this August, can be used to build all kinds of cool robots On display at the show A creepy, crawling Mindstorms scorpion with a working (but harmless) stinger

Finally, serious videographers will want to check out the Steadicam Merlin (tiffen.com), an elegant, handheld camcorder stabilizer that promises ultra-smooth video recording

At \$850, it's not cheap, but it should make your amateur productions look significantly more professional

But, bookworm that I am, I was actually more interested in the Sony Reader, an e-book device the company plans to start selling later this year

The gadget landscape is littered with similar devices that failed to catch on, but Sony's attempt looks like a winner It has the Sony name, a thin and elegant design, and a unique "e-ink" screen that approximates the look of paper (sort of)

You'll be able to buy and

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download thousands of popular books from Sony's Connect service, and you'll also be able to stock the Reader with PDF documents and RSS feeds

The version I saw looked very slick

It is hoped Sony will decide to sell it for less than the rumored \$299 price

Not far away from Sony's booth, I discovered Piano Wizard (allegorainbow.com), a combination electronic keyboard and computer program that promises to teach anyone to play piano

Sounds like a particularly good fit for parents who want to introduce their children to music without spending a small fortune The company packages range from \$79.95 to \$199.95 Watch for my "notes" on the product (heh, heh) in a few weeks

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TIPS

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together, dresses, etc

KITCHEN

Things that work together should be stored together - baking pans, electrical appliances, plastic containers with lids, pots and pans, and large platters and bowls

Feel the flow of activity in your kitchen Place glasses near the sink or refrigerator Put snacks in a convenient drawer or cupboard

OFFICE

Use a planner to track appointments and tasks It can be a paper-based notebook, a computer software program or an electronic handheld device

Create at least one hour of uninterrupted time per day to tackle projects and action items

Allocate twice as much time for a task as you think it will take This accommodates for interruptions and stopping to get more information


Break large projects down into small, sequential steps Schedule these steps into your day with your planner

Keep only supplies you need on a daily basis on your desktop

Use your in box only for items that haven't yet been reviewed

Avoid looking at documents and placing them back on the desk Follow through with the decision you have made about the document

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These mussels steamed with a red curry sauce and topped with a tomato concasse, are featured in Craig Common's 'Return to the Common Grill'

Common

Chef celebrates restaurant

Sense

with second cookbook

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

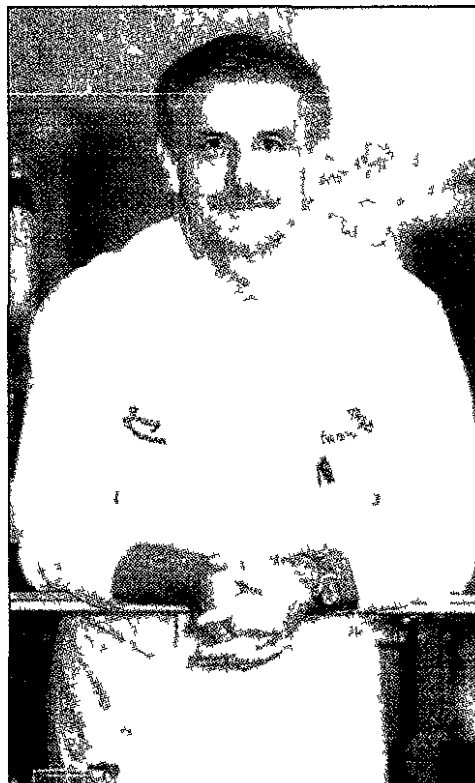
Cured smoked salmon with poblano-corn cakes can get that Super Bowl party started



Chef Craig Common, owner of the Common Grill in Chelsea recently finished his second cookbook



This is one of Common's favorites for a party: Parmesan-crusted whitefish with lemon-chive butter



Think you've worked a long day?

Try owning a restaurant and working 10 to 12 hours a day. Then try writing a cookbook, an hour each day, rewriting your restaurant's recipes to scale them down for a small family or party.

That's how Craig Common spent 2005. The owner of the Common Grill in Chelsea wrote his second cookbook, *Return to the Common Grill*, which was released in November by Huron River Press in Ann Arbor.

Common thought it was about time for a second venture into the publishing world. He has operated his restaurant for nearly 15 years, and along the way he's enjoyed cooking at the James Beard House in New York in 1997 and been involved with the Michigan Chef's Dinner at Tapawingo, working with Pete Peterson. In 2002 *Bon Appetit* selected the Common Grill as one of the "Best Neighborhood Restaurants in the Midwest."

And mixed in with all this culinary activity, his first cookbook, *The Common Grill Cookbook*, was successful, selling about 40,000 copies.

GREAT FEEDBACK

Common isn't resting on his laurels, he's just enjoying the ride.

"I had so much fun with the first one, and after about four-and-a-half years, I thought I'd do another one," Common said. "There's new recipes and things developed over the years in the restaurant."

This book features more seafood than the first book. "We had great feedback from the first book, and customers wanted more recipes from the menu, like the gazpacho," Common said.

PLEASE SEE COMMON, B8

PARMESAN-CRUSTED WHITEFISH WITH LEMON-CHIVE BUTTER

- 4 6 ounce pieces whitefish skinned milk for soaking fish
- 2 cups orzo pasta cooked
- 1 cup lobster meat
- 1/2 cup crimini mushrooms sliced
- 1/2 cup radicchio sliced
- 1/2 cup Drake's Fry Crisp Batter Mix
- 1/2 cup tempura rice flour
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese grated
- 1/2 cup Wesson Oil for sautéing
- 1/2 cup Roasted Lemon-Chive Butter see recipe below
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 cups Sautéed Spinach see recipe inside
- 4 teaspoons fresh chives chopped
- 4 lemon wedges

Roasted Lemon-Chive Butter

- 1/2 pound butter softened
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives finely chopped
- 1/2 cup butter melted
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 2 teaspoons Roasted Lemon Juice see note

For Roasted Lemon-Chive Butter: Place butter in mixer bowl and whip until soft. Add all other ingredients and mix well. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Soak whitefish fillets in milk for one hour.

Mix orzo pasta, lobster meat, mushrooms and radicchio together and refrigerate until ready to use.

Mix Drake's Fry Crisp Batter Mix, tempura rice flour and Parmesan cheese together.

Dust whitefish in Parmesan batter. Place Wesson Oil in sauté pan and heat.

Cook whitefish until golden brown. Remove from pan. Add Roasted Lemon-Chive Butter to pan and melt.

In a separate sauté pan, place olive oil with orzo-lobster mix in oven to get warm.

Place orzo in center of serving plate. Place whitefish on top of orzo.

Place Sautéed Spinach next to orzo and pour Roasted Lemon-Chive Butter over top of whitefish.

Top with chopped chives and garnish with lemon wedge.

(Note: For roasted lemon juice: Toss four whole lemons with 1/4 cup salt and 1 tablespoon sugar, place in baking dish and cover. Place in oven at 350° F for 45 minutes. Let cool, cut lemons in half and juice them well.)

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Bust the flu with some homemade chicken soup

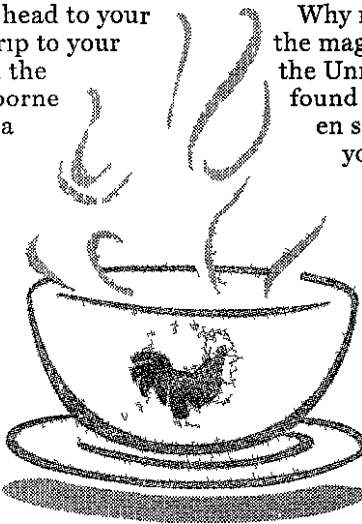
BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you're feeling under the weather this winter, before you head to your doctor's office, take a trip to your kitchen. When you feel the first signs of a winter-borne bug, a scratchy throat, a runny nose, an aching feeling, *Women's Health* magazine suggests it's time for some feel-good foods.

The January/February issue includes the following recipe for made-from-scratch chicken soup, as an example of a dish that's not only comforting, but is also packed with ingredients to boost

your immune system and ward off illness. What it's not packed with is fat and empty calories.

Why it works: According to the magazine, researchers at the University of Nebraska found that homemade chicken soup really does make you feel better when you're sick. It reduces congestion and inflammation by limiting the movement of white blood cells that produce infection-related mucus. The result? Fewer sniffles. This version also harnesses the healthy power of tomatoes, potatoes and garlic.



ULTIMATE FLU-BUSTING CHICKEN SOUP

- 3 chicken breasts (skin on and bone in) about 2 pounds
- 2 stalks celery cut in half
- 4 garlic cloves peeled
- 1 medium yellow onion cut in half
- 2 cups baby carrots cut in half
- 1 sprig fresh oregano
- 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 jalapeno pepper seeded and minced (about 4 teaspoons)
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano leaves
- 1 1/2 pounds red or purple potatoes cut into bite-size pieces
- 3 medium plum tomatoes seeded and chopped (about 2 cups)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Put chicken, celery, 2 garlic cloves, 1 cup carrots, the oregano sprig, and half the onion into a large pot. Fill pot with cold water, 2 inches above ingredients, put over high heat. When water boils, cover and reduce heat to medium. Simmer 1 hour.

Set aside chicken to cool and discard all veggies and herbs. Strain broth into a large bowl, skim fat from top, and set aside.

Put oil, jalapeno, the chopped oregano leaves, 2 remaining garlic cloves (minced) and the remaining half onion (chopped) into a large pot. Cook at medium heat until vegetables are just soft, about 5 minutes. Turn heat to high, add broth, potatoes and remaining carrots. When broth boils, reduce heat to medium. Cook until potatoes and carrots are tender, about 15 minutes.

Remove skin and bones from chicken. Shred meat into bite-size pieces. Add chicken, tomatoes, salt, and pepper to soup. Cook until warm.

Makes about four 3-cup servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 291 cal, 26 g pro, 36 g carbo, 5 g fat (1 g saturated), 5 g fiber, 74 mg sodium

Side dish

Fire up the chili

The inaugural FIRE & ICE Chili Cook-Off & Salsa Competition will be heating up the streets of downtown Northville 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28.

The event will feature competitions in red chili and salsa. More than 30 contestants will be stepping up to the plate to showcase their best chili recipes in hopes of taking home the red chili championship or the salsa championship. The top winners from each category will take home a trophy and prizes.

Also, in order to feed the hungry chili spectators, local restaurants will be serving up their own chili and salsa with the "Restaurant Chili & Salsa Challenge." At \$3 a bowl and \$1 for a sample of salsa, all visitors can taste the local flavor of nearby restaurants and vote for favorites. The restaurants' chili and salsa will be ready at 11 a.m. and served all day. The winning restaurant will win a trophy.

After leading off the day with award-winning chili and salsa, patrons can check out another of FIRE & ICE's hot attractions: Ice sculptures in the entire downtown area and "fire breathing" maniacs walking the streets.

WYCD 99.5 Young Country and WDV 96.3 will be on site with some of their own on-air talent as judges. Their promotional staff will be setting up some fiery competitions. Take a crack at the jalapeno pepper eating contest or the hot bun-ice seating contest.

The Kiwanis Club will be conducting a Polar Bear Plunge at Millis Race during the event. Local residents will be plunging into the freezing water to raise money for the local community organizations.

All the net proceeds from the cookoff and competition benefit the local community of Northville.

For more information on how you can enter the chili or salsa competition, contact Janet Bloom from the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Slow cooking is popular

Today's busy families are discovering how easy it is to recapture the wholesome hearty flavors of childhood through slow cooking.

With a slow cooker, home cooks can set up the meal and let it simmer all day while they tend to something else. During the winter months, the slow cooker can come in handy for those parents who run a tight schedule.

For recipes and tips, call (800) MEAL-TIP (800 632-5847) or visit www.mccormick.com.

Eat your fiber

During the cold winter months, it's important as ever to eat plenty of fruit, rich in vitamin C, fiber and other nutrients.

Visit www.cffausa.org for recipes and more information on grapes and other fruit grown in Chile.

RECIPES

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SAUTÉED SPINACH

- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves finely chopped
- 4 cups spinach stems removed
- 2 red grape tomatoes
- 4 teaspoons Parmesan cheese
- 1 lemon cut in half

Add olive oil to saute pan and heat. Add garlic and cook until golden.

Add spinach and toss well. Add tomatoes and Parmesan cheese and mix well.

Squeeze lemon into spinach and serve immediately.

Makes four servings

CURED SMOKED SALMON WITH CORN CAKES

- 18 slices smoked salmon (approx)

- 1 mately 1 pound)
- 12 Poblano Corn Cakes
- 6 tablespoons Jalapeño Creme Fraiche
- 6 teaspoons Herb Garniture
- 6 teaspoons butter melted

Herb Garniture*

- 1 tablespoon fresh dill finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons shallots rinsed dried and finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons capers whole

Brush Poblano-Corn Potato Cakes with melted butter and place under broiler in oven. Cook until hot and golden.

Place two cakes on each serving platter on one side stacked in fan fashion. Roll three slices of cured salmon and place on top of Poblano Corn Cakes.

Sprinkle 1 teaspoon Herb Garniture over top of salmon. Drizzle 1 tablespoon Jalapeño Creme

Fraiche over top of salmon and Poblano Corn Cakes.

For Herb Garniture: Mix ingredients together and refrigerate until ready to use.

POBLANO-CORN CAKES

- 2/3 cup yellow corn flour (Masa Harina)
- 1/3 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup buttermilk
- 1 egg beaten
- 1 cup Roasted Corn Poblano Relish

Roasted Corn-Poblano Relish

- 2 ears fresh corn grilled
- 2 tablespoons butter melted
- 1 Poblano chili pepper grilled
- 4 tablespoons red pepper finely chopped
- 1/4 cup green onion sliced thin
- 1/4 cup red onion finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons cilantro finely chopped

- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 garlic clove finely chopped
- 1/4 cup beefsteak tomato chopped into 1/2 inch pieces
- Jalapeño Creme Fraiche**
- 1/3 cup Crème Fraiche
- 1 jalapeno pepper seeded finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon cilantro finely chopped
- pinch white pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon Tabasco Sauce

For Roasted Corn-Poblano Relish, brush corn with butter and place on grill. Turn corn to grill on all sides. Set aside until ready to take off cob. Place Poblano pepper on grill and char on all sides. Seed and chop poblano pepper into 1/4 inch pieces. Take corn off the cob and place in mixing bowl. Combine with all other ingredients and mix well. Makes 2 cups.

For Jalapeño Creme Fraiche, add all ingredients to a food

processor and puree until smooth. Keep at room temperature. Makes 2 cups.

For Poblano Corn Cakes, mix flours, baking powder, baking soda, sugar and salt in a mixing bowl. Add eggs and buttermilk to dry ingredients and mix well. Add Roasted Corn Poblano Relish and mix well. Allow to rest for 15 minutes before cooking on griddle. Using a quarter cup measure, place cakes on griddle and cook at 350°F until cakes are golden on both sides. Place on cookie sheet and cover with plastic wrap until ready to use.

Tomato Concasse

- 1 large red tomato seeded diced small
- 1 large yellow tomato seeded diced small
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives chopped

Combine all ingredients for Tomato Concasse in mixing bowl. Refrigerate until ready to use. (Note: This recipe makes 1 cup.)

For Red Curry Sauce, heat butter and oil in saucepan. Sauté garlic and ginger for two minutes until soft. Add cumin, curry powder, paprika and crushed tomatoes. Saute for two-three minutes. Add curry paste and coconut milk and stir until paste dissolves. Add chopped cilantro and mix well. (Note: This recipe makes 1 quart.)

For mussels recipe, place mussels and Red Curry Sauce into sauté pan and cover. Cook until mussels have opened. Pour into serving dish.

Place Tomato Concasse on top and sprinkle with chopped chives.

Recipes courtesy of Craig Common, owner of the Common Grill in Chelsea and author of *Return to the Common Grill*. Huron River Press, Ann Arbor.

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Common holds a special place in his heart for his first cookbook (he calls it "my baby"), but the second one was easier to create, he says.

There are chapters on the essentials, appetizers, salads, brunch, sandwiches, fish and seafood, meat and poultry, sides, dessert and sauces.

Many recipes in the essentials and sauces chapters in *Return to the Common Grill* are required as prep for the entree dishes. The recipes are relatively simple, but they do require prep time and some culinary skills are necessary. "I look for recipes that will be easy to do, and that will challenge people," he said.

The essentials chapter focuses on sauces, oils and stocks, which you can freeze into smaller portions for future recipes.

With Super Bowl here in two weeks, the chapter on appetizers will help grill or saute some great dishes for the big bash. "I always feel that starting a party with some great appetizers sets the tone for a fun evening," Common said. (That chapter includes his gazpacho.)

Steamed red curry mussels grace the cover of the book, and are included in the appetizers chapter. Seared ahi tuna, cured smoked salmon with poblano corn cakes and several flatbreads round out that chapter.

Home cooks don't need to restrict themselves to the appetizers there that are easy for people to do, and there's big salads or sandwiches, Common

said. "I like the parmesan crust ed whitefish."

Salads include Greek-style romaine, Shanghai chicken, fresh summer fruit, warm spinach and blackened steak salads. For brunch, there's chorizo-jack quesadilla, pear maple waffles and banana-pecan buttermilk pancakes.

The seafood chapter highlights Common Grill's specialty Seafood gumbo, grilled ahi tuna with olive mustard butter and three bean compote and paella are some of the offerings. Grilled rainbow trout is teamed with pancetta mustard vinaigrette and fried leeks, while seared salmon open ravioli is topped with tomato vinaigrette.

Another chapter highlights meat and poultry dishes, and the side dishes will come in handy at any meal. The book suggests wines to accompany the entrees.

Common worked an hour a day on the cookbook for about a year. It's a project, but I loved doing it, Common said.

A CULINARY INSPIRATION

Common grew up in Dearborn Heights and attributes his love of cooking to his mother, Donna, whom he calls a great cook. With the restaurant humming along in Chelsea, he has no plans to open a second one.

For now, he hopes that the latest cookbook will be as successful as the first.

"We really tried to do recipes that anyone can do and that people can learn from it. And there are a lot of potato and side dishes that you can use with any of the entrees," Common said.

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Vino Mania

The Community House in Birmingham will host Vino Mania a unique wine event that combines wine tasting wine games food and live jazz music at 7 30 10 00 p.m. Thursday Feb 9 Event hosted by certified sommelier Nidal Daher Registration fee is \$50 and you must be 21 or older to attend To register contact The Community House 380 S Bates Birmingham at (248) 644 5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com

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This seminar will make you aware of the latest scientific discoveries in nutrition 2 30 6 p.m. Sunday March 12 at Metro Seventh Adventist School 15585 Haggerty (just north of 5 Mile Road) Northville Cancer heart disease and diabetes are largely preventable through proper nutrition There will be lectures cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans Cookbooklets will be available for purchase A vegetarian meal will conclude the day's activities Suggested donation \$10 per person To register call Dr Arthur Weaver at (248) 349 5683 or Helen and Floyd Morris at (313) 531 2179

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Learn basic cooking terminology and techniques how to use basic knives and hand tools and safe and sanitary methods for food preparation (This class is a prerequisite for all of Schoolcraft's Continuing Education hands on classes or chef's approval) Class is scheduled 5 7 p.m. Wednesday Feb 15 and 5 9 p.m. Thursday Feb 16 instructor is Jeff Gabriel certified master chef Fee is \$105

Hands-On

These classes require Cooking 101 or chef's approval to register Wear a white chef's jacket dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands on classes You'll need a tool kit consisting of a set of knives peeler spatula dough cutter thermometer and measuring spoons The following classes instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel are scheduled European Bread Making 5 10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday March 14 Soup it Up 5 9 p.m. Thursday March 23 Saute Like a Pro 6 9 p.m. Tuesday April 4 Stewing & Braising 5 9 p.m. Tuesday April 18 and Outdoor Grilling 5 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday April 25 Class fees range from \$109-\$139

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Tuna recipe is quick, easy winner

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When it comes to easy dinners, the trick is to keep the good taste while refining your recipe ingredients down to a few well chosen components that work really well together

This recipe for fresh tuna with black pepper artichokes and lemon calls for only 30 minutes cooking and results in a winner on the table Tip Look for artichokes packed in water or oil not marinated the editors say If you can't find them rinse the artichokes thoroughly with water, then

pat them dry

TUNA WITH BLACK PEPPER, ARTICHOKE AND LEMON

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 red onion thinly sliced
- Three 6.5 ounce jars artichoke hearts drained and halved
- 1 lemon cut into 8 slices
- 2 cloves garlic thinly sliced
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme (optional)
- 1 1/2 pounds fresh tuna cut into 1 inch cubes
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 cups cooked rice

Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large skillet over medium heat Add the onion and cook until softened about 3 minutes Add the artichokes, lemon, garlic and thyme (if using)

Cook until heated through 3 more minutes Transfer to a plate Season the tuna with the salt and pepper Heat the remaining oil in the skillet Cook the tuna turning to brown all sides to the desired doneness about 2 minutes for medium Return the artichoke mixture to skillet and toss to combine Serve over the rice

Makes 4 servings

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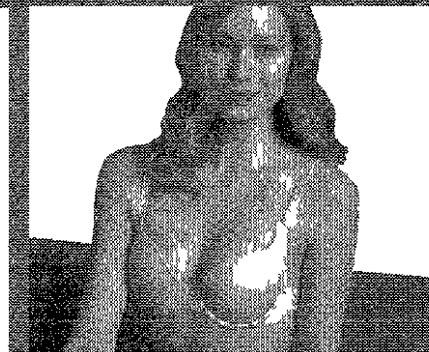
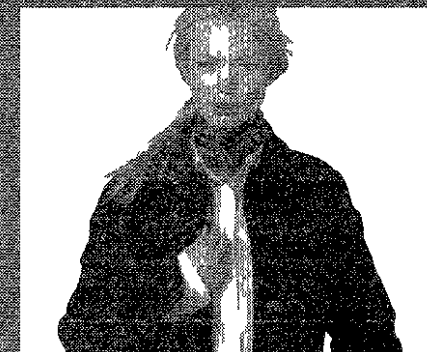
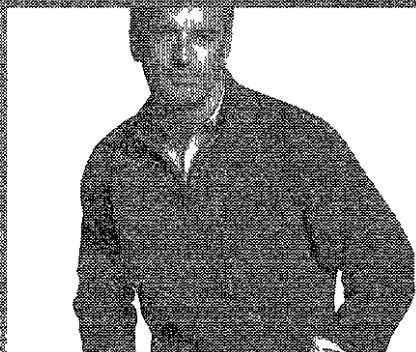
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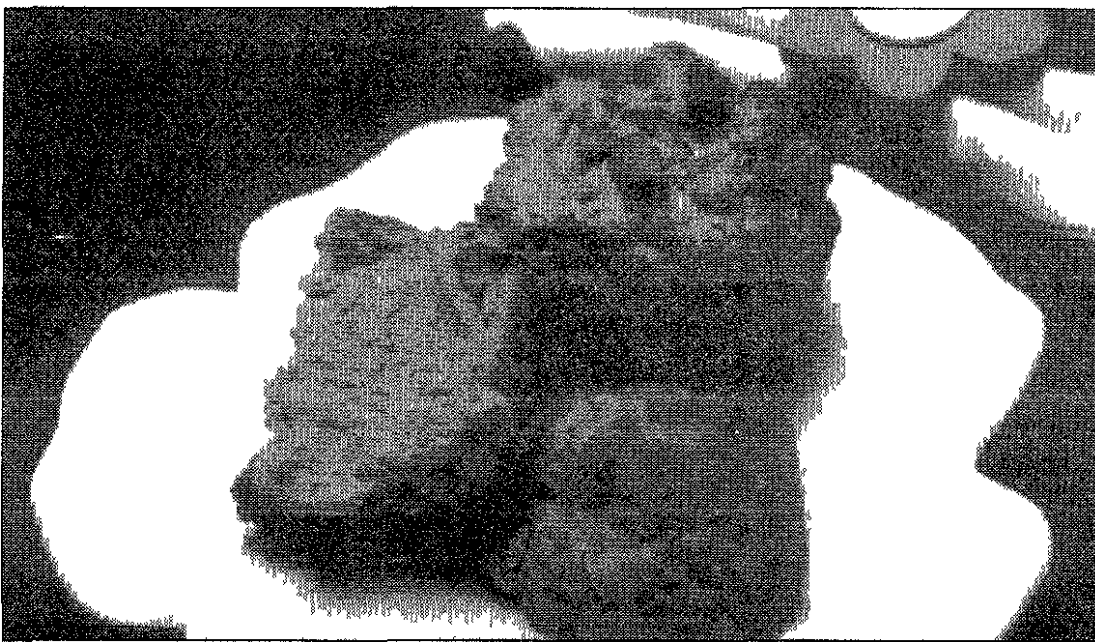
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Herbs, scallions warm up these muffins

BY DANA JACOBI
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Savory muffins are delicious spread with pepper jelly or orange marmalade

If you are a reluctant morning baker, you are probably too foggy to deal with the precise measuring and other steps required without eating a solid breakfast first. But a healthful, savory muffin might be just the eye-opener to start your morning.

The herbal flavors in savory muffins complement tea and coffee as well as sweet versions do. For those who want a little more sweetness, savory muffins are delicious spread with pepper jelly or orange marmalade.

The whole-wheat muffins below have only a modest amount of fat, but they do not taste "heavy" if eaten while still warm from the oven. Two points explain why you cannot simply substitute whole-wheat for refined wheat flour called for in most recipes.

When the fat from butter, milk and egg yolks coats the grains of flour in baked goods, this reduces the amount of liquid the flour sponges up.

So the more fat in a recipe, the more tender the result usually is.

The gluten in flour is equally important. This elastic protein provides the invisible web of support that holds in air, lightening baked goods and keeping them from flattening into pancakes. In whole-wheat flour, though, the bran and germ interfere with the chain-like structure gluten must form to do this.

Those who grew up with or are accustomed to eating only baked goods made with refined flour may find the texture of

those made with whole-wheat flour a bit chewier, or have a more distinctive flavor.

If that describes your experience, try making the switch to the much healthier whole-grain baked goods gradually. These muffins are a good first step in that transition, because herbs and mustard balance the flavor nicely.

Try these muffins hot and split open, spread with apple butter, with a slice of Cheddar added so their heat warms the cheese.

SAVORY WHOLE-WHEAT MUFFINS

- Canola oil spray
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter, well chilled, cut in small pieces
- 1/2 cup diced scallions
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano or

- basil
- 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1 cup low fat (1 percent) milk
- 1 tablespoon whole grain mustard
- 1 extra large egg white

Preheat the oven to 425° F. Coat the cups of a 6-cavity muffin pan with cooking spray. In a bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Add the butter, working it in using a fork or your fingertips. Add the scallions, oregano and nuts. Combine them using a fork.

In a measuring cup, combine the milk, mustard and egg white, using a fork or small whisk. Add the wet ingredients to the dry and mix just until they form a dense, fluffy batter. Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin tin, filling the cups to the top. The tops will be craggy, like a scone.

Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until

deep golden on the top and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.

Let the muffins sit 2 minutes in the tin. Remove and cool the muffins on a baking rack until cool enough to eat but still warm.

Makes 6 muffins. Per serving: 210 calories, 6 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 33 g carbohydrate, 9 g protein, 5 g dietary fiber, 485 mg sodium.

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

Sauté duck with gingered grape sauce

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duck and fruit are a classic combination, Sara Moulton writes in *Sara's Secrets for Weeknight Meals* (Broadway, 2005, \$29.95) — humans having long ago figured out that the acid in oranges, apples or pears acts as a great counterbalance to the richness of the duck.

Moulton uses grapes in the following easy but sophisticated recipe from the book, pairing duck breasts with grapes and ginger. Duck breast can be quite lean and not at all gamey, Moulton says, suggesting to cook it with the skin on for better flavor and to prevent its drying out (if you want to avoid the extra fat, just remove the skin before serving). Cooking the duck medium rare will give you maximum juiciness, Moulton said.

SAUTEED DUCK BREAST WITH GINGERED GRAPE SAUCE

- 4 Pekin duck breast halves
- Kosher salt and freshly milled black pepper
- 1 cup seedless grapes, halved, plus 4 small bunches for garnish
- 3 large shallots or 1/2 small onion, finely chopped (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 tablespoon finely grated fresh ginger

- 1/2 cup rice vinegar
- 1/2 cup canned chicken broth or homemade chicken stock
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon currant jelly

Score the duck skin in a cross-wise pattern and season the duck with salt and pepper. Heat a large skillet over high heat until hot. Add the duck, skin side down, reduce the heat to medium-high and cook for 10 minutes, or until the skin is very crispy. Periodically remove and reserve any excess fat that the duck gives off. Turn the duck over and let it cook for 3 more minutes for medium-rare. Transfer to a plate, skin side up and cover loosely with aluminum foil.

Add 2 tablespoons of the reserved duck fat to the skillet. Heat over high heat until hot, reduce the heat to medium and add the halved grapes, shallots and ginger to the skillet. Cook for 3 minutes, add the vinegar and let it simmer until reduced by half. Add the broth, mustard and jelly, and simmer until thickened slightly about 2 minutes. Add any juices that have accumulated on the duck plate and salt and pepper to taste.

Slice the duck at an angle into 1/4 inch slices and serve each portion topped with some of the sauce. Garnish each with a small bunch of grapes. Makes 4 servings.

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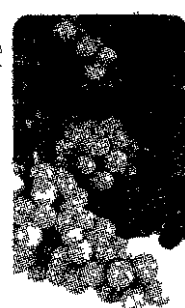
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Salem cagers' first win etched in 'Stone'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When you're 0-7, you tend not to take too many things for granted.

That's why Salem's Grant Stone-led 66-58 victory over winless Livonia Churchill Tuesday night was extra-sweet for the Rocks, who outscored the Chargers 18-9 over the final eight minutes to secure their first win of the 2005-06 campaign.

Stone, only a sophomore, matched his career high with 21 points, 10 of which came in the decisive fourth quarter. The 6-foot-3 forward pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds. Billy Leddy also played a major role in the Salem victory, netting 16 points.

Salem is now 1-1 in the ultra-balanced Western Lakes Activities Association heading into Friday night's home game

against unbeaten Walled Lake Central. Churchill slipped to 0-8 overall and 0-2 in the WLAA.

"The guys were excited more than relieved after the game," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We've played fairly well and had some close losses before tonight, so it's nice to finally come out on the 'W' side. Grant really stepped up in the fourth quarter for us when the game was on the line, which is pretty good for a sophomore."

The key against Churchill was our ability to score. Before tonight, we hadn't scored 50 points in a game this season, so to get 66 is a big improvement. We played more up-tempo tonight and we were successful."

Salem out-rebounded the Chargers 40-24 and took advantage of 25 Charger turnovers.

Joel Hall, a senior guard, led Churchill with 19 points. Sophomore Ryan Rosenick added 13 points and 10 rebounds.

"We didn't come to play with the exception of Rosenick," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We let them (Salem) do whatever they wanted on offense and they (Salem) dominated the glass."

Brodie was pleased with his team's late game defensive effort against Hall.

"We did a good job of shutting him down in the second half," the veteran Salem coach said. "He came out of the blocks fast and scored 10 points in the first quarter, but we held him to just two points in the second half."

Brodie credited Jeriah Dixon, Joe Halewicz, Mike Marek and Kevin Burleigh for their defensive efforts against Hall.

All four of them guarded him at some point, and they all did a nice job," he said. "We played a lot of kids tonight and they all did a good job for us."

Churchill led 20-17 after one quarter before the Rocks rebounded to grab a 36-31 halftime advantage. The Chargers regained the lead, 49-48, after three quarters before Stone and his fellow Rocks took over down the stretch.

Junior guards Mike Marek and Jon Gibson were also instrumental in the victory, scoring eight and seven points, respectively.

Mike hit a couple of really big baskets in the second half and Jon had a nice game, too.

Salem was 7-of-14 from the foul line, while Churchill hit 8-of-13.

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No room for error Canton gymnasts edge rival Rocks

See page C2 for complete meet results

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's gymnastics team may have been fatigued prior to Monday's meet against Salem, the squad's third competition in six days.

But the Chiefs proved they weren't tired of winning as they clipped the Rocks, 142.95-140.05, to run their dual-meet record to 5-0. The meet was the second of the season for Salem, which dropped to 1-1.

The meet came at just the right time for us since it was our seventh meet and Salem's second," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Except for being a little more weary from our Wednesday-Saturday Monday schedule the past week, the girls did a great job. Our performances on floor and on vault proved to be the difference."

"Salem had a great beam that we were able to overcome with a great floor."

The Rocks performed well considering they had just one competition under their belts prior to Monday's meet.

"The nice thing about the meet was that we improved since our first meet," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "We definitely still have some work to do, but I was happy with how the girls performed. They did what I expected them to do tonight."

Canton went 1-2-3 in the all-around thanks to solid efforts from Alyssa Kelly (36.65), Kate Staley (35.85) and Kara Ahern (35.6). Salem's top all-around performer was Sarah Bugosh, who recorded a 35.5, which was impressive considering she missed substantial practice time the past couple of weeks.

"Sarah was in Hawaii for two weeks during break, so her score was better than I expected," said Driscoll.

Salem's Katie Koetting (35.0) and Brittany Young (34.95) filled out the top six all-around slots. Kelly, a junior, placed first in the vault (9.45) and the floor-exercise (9.35) competitions. Young took the gold on the uneven bars with a 9.2 while Kara Ahern earned top honors on the beam with a 9.25.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Jessie Murray completes her balance beam routine during Monday night's meet against Salem. The Chiefs prevailed to run their dual meet record to 5-0.

Whalers edge 67s

The Plymouth Whalers' fourth game in five days Sunday — a 3-1 victory over the Ottawa 67s — wasn't pretty, but was effective and enough to give the team a 2-2 split over the four games.

Plymouth captain John Vigilante led the offensive attack with a goal and assist, while Mike Letizia and Dan Collins added single goals. Whaler goaltender Justin Peters stopped 32 of 33 shots and was named the game's first star. Peters is now 8-5-0-0 since he was acquired by Plymouth in a trade on Dec. 9.

Jamie McGinn scored the lone Ottawa goal in the third period, his 14th of the year, to spoil Peters' shutout bid.

Plymouth, which improved to 23-16-1-3 (50 points), needed the win to remain four points ahead of second place Saginaw (23-18-0-0), which beat Sault Ste. Marie, 5-4, on Sunday.

After defeating Saginaw on Jan. 11, Plymouth lost a pair of games to Kitchener on Friday and Saturday. The Whalers had every reason to be sluggish at the start of Sunday's game, but they outshot Ottawa, 24-8, in a decisive first period that saw Plymouth take a 2-0 lead.

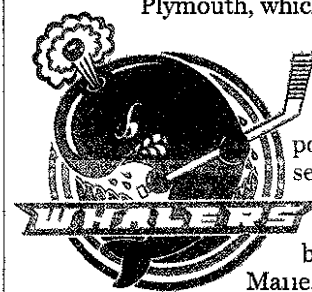
The line of Vigilante, Chris Terry and Joe McCann set up the first goal at 11:08 of the first period when Terry took a hard shot from the right dot that seemed to handcuff Ottawa goaltender Brady Morrison, who didn't see the loose puck standing alone at the right goal post.

Vigilante pounced on it and put it in the net for his 21st goal of the season. Letizia capped severe Whalers' pressure on a power play at 15:24 of the period when Vigilante hit him with a sharp pass from the right dot to the left hash mark. Letizia lashed the puck into the net for his ninth goal of the season.

Following a scoreless second period, Collins scored his team-leading 26th goal of the season at 6:17 of the third period when he batted home a rebound.

McGinn scored the final goal when he re-directed Derek Josh's point shot by Peters.

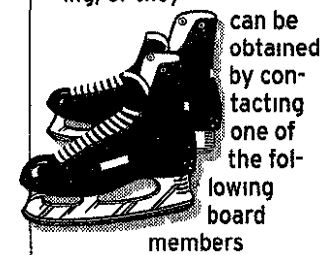
Plymouth outshot Ottawa, 35-33.



Sidelines

Hockey meeting

The PCEP Hockey Booster Club's next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Nominations for board elections will be taken at this meeting. Nomination forms will be available at the meeting, or they



can be obtained by contacting one of the following board members:

Deborah at tollfam@yahoo.com, Chris at cjwolfe52@comcast.net, Kathy at klash@umich.edu, or Noreen at desix4@wowway.com. Nominations will be accepted until the March annual meeting. Elections for the PCEP Hockey Booster Club Board will be held at the March meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. For more information, contact Neva Nahan Werda at neva1255@aol.com.

Youth wrestling

Several members of the Canton Wrestling Club excelled at the Motor City Wrestling Tournament, which was held Saturday at Chippewa Valley High School.

Over 500 youth wrestlers between the ages of 5 and 14 competed in the event.

Earning gold medals for Canton were 12-year-old William Askew (120 pounds), 9-year-old Ben Griffin (63), 9-year-old Alec Pantaleo (67), and 13-year-old Braden Price (106). Nine other Canton wrestlers placed: Carter Demink (second at 47 pounds), Luke Denzer (third at 112), Joseph Dison (third at 180), Caleb Finamore (second at 71 pounds), Nick Frazier (second at 80), Connor Johnson (third at 90 pounds), Daniel Poupore (second at 41), Weston Price (second at 74 pounds) and Zachary Smilo (second at 80 pounds).

The team is coached by Ben Griffin.

In-line champs

Team Mission Detroit 91 Yellow won the AAU Winter Nationals 14-year-old Elite Division Inline Hockey National Championship held in Apex, N.C. last weekend. The team defeated the North Carolina-based DreamSport Dragons, 5-4, in overtime to win the gold medal.

Three of Team Mission's players were named the top players at their respective positions: Canton's Jarred Pheffer (top forward); Canton's Corey Pheffer (top defenseman), and Chris Sullivan (top goalie).

Other Team Mission players are Jake Sweeney, Micah Prescott, Justin Pheffer, Casey Mardis, Aaron Schwartz, John Erace, Jake Carneghi and Mikey Simmons.

Plymouth icers check Chiefs, 4-1

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Jason O'Gunn's "O" combined with Justin Desilets' "D" equaled a "W" for Plymouth's hockey team Saturday night in its cross-campus showdown against Canton.

O'Gunn scored a pair of goals and Desilets turned back 34 Chief shots to lead the Wildcats to a 4-1 victory in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena. The victory lifted the Wildcats' record to 6-4-2 overall and 2-3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"The key for us was Desilets in goal," said first-year Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "Justin was rock solid in there for us. He did a heck of a job."

Even though he's a defenseman,

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Plymouth goalie Justin Desilets makes a kick save against hard-charging Canton forward Brett Giacomino during the second period of the Wildcats' 4-1 victory Saturday night at Compuware Sports Arena.

Wildcat wrestlers host and win tournament

Plymouth's wrestling team proved to be the host with the most at the 3rd Annual Wildcat Team Tournament held Saturday in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

The Wildcats went 5-0 on the day to improve their record to 17-4. Milan finished second followed by Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, Salmie, Gibraltar, Carlson and Armada.

"We started slowly, but came on strong at the end," said Plymouth coach Sam Amme.

Defending champion Chippewa Valley did not compete in this year's tournament.

Although the Wildcats did not have an undefeated wrestler, they did have six grapplers who recorded stellar 4-1 marks: Steve D'Annunzio (112 pounds), Ben Kosmowski (119), Andrew Saunders (135), Steve Korpus (140), Ali Youssef (145) and Danny Jammoul (189).

Plymouth's toughest test proved to be against Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central, which tied the Wildcats. Plymouth earned a decision based on the second tie-breaking standard.

Chief grapplers 3rd at CC invite

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP WRESTLING

At Saturday's Novi Catholic Central Invitational, Davison proved why it's considered one of the elite high school wrestling programs in Michigan — if not the country. Canton, on the other hand, showed why it's on the verge of becoming an upper-echelon team.

The powerful Cardinals ran away with first-place honors, rolling up 217 points to out-distance runner-up Novi CC, which finished with 156.50 points. The up-and-coming Chiefs were next with 154.50. Rounding out the top five were fourth-place Holt (143) and fifth-place Oxford (138.50).

The competition featured several wrestlers who will be

making the west-ward trip to Battle Creek in March for the state meet.

"We got a chance to go up against some of the top competition in the state on Saturday, and we're going to be better for it in the long run," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "Davison has won five of the last Division I state titles and they're ranked among the top 10 teams in the country. We were competitive with them today, but their good kids wrestled a little bit better than our good kids."

Canton heavyweight Donnie Laramie was the lone Chief to win a title Saturday. The junior made a statement in the final

match when he pinned Oxford's Adam Duncan in just 37 seconds. Laramie, who improved to 17-3, won all four of his matches with pins.

"I'm very proud of Donnie, Randolph said. He's wrestling with a lot more confidence now and he's showing more patience. He's naturally a very aggressive kid on the mat, which is good sometimes and bad sometimes. Lately he's been mixing patience with the aggressiveness and it's paying off."

Three other Chiefs placed second in their respective weight classes, losing in the finals to opponents from Davison. At 130 pounds, Corey Phillips dropped a hard-fought 8-4 decision to Zack Burns, a three-time All-State performer. Canton's 140-pound Konrad

Konstzke lost, 12-0, to All-Stater Keenan Duffy, while 160-pounder Marwan Faraj was pinned in 36 seconds by All-American John Reeder, who is reportedly headed to Iowa State, one of the top collegiate wrestling programs in the United States.

Other Canton placers were Mike Haar (third at 103 pounds), Ryan Schnettler (fourth at 125) and Alex Amberg (fifth at 189).

Konstzke reached a milestone Saturday when he notched his 101st career victory. Phillips' three victories boosted his total to 123.

The Chiefs will host Wayne Memorial tonight at 6:30 p.m. in a dual meet set for Canton's Phase III gymnasium.

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SWIMMING RESULTS

ROCK-KILGORE INVITATIONAL

Jan 14 at Salem
FINAL STANDINGS 1 Zeeland 295 2 Ann Arbor Pioneer 277 3 Northville 217 4 Livonia Stevenson 211 5 Canton 106 6 Salem 61
200 yard medley relay-A. 1 Zeeland (Mitch Ruch Zach Pellegrini Clayton Sommers Jake Vanderpeyl) 1:48.00 B. 1 Zeeland (Sean Hamstra Anthony Sall Josh Geschwendt Drew Coffin) 1:43.90 C. 1 Pioneer (Pat Buck Patrick Whitehead Jason Hass Chris Buck) 1:40.17
200 freestyle A. 1 Matt Gauthier (AAP) 1:54.37 B. 1 Josh D'Angelo (AAP) 1:50.82 C. 1 Chris Culkin (N) 1:47.59 D. 1 Sho Koba (AAP) 1:40.99
200 IM A. 1 Mark Buster (AAP) 2:13.58 B. 1 Westen Laabs (N) 2:08.08 C. 1 Pat Buck (AAP) 2:01.89 D. 1 Travis Hatt (LS) 1:56.36
50 freestyle A. 1 Sam Meengs (Z) 24.64 B. 1 Steve Brustle (LS) 23.53 C. 1 David Gosdzinski (LS) 22.58 D. 1 Matt Massman (LS) 22.24
Diving-A. 1 Brent Etzel (Z) 243.25 B. 1 Sam Meengs (Z) 262.60 C. 1 Zack Golin (Z) 315.95 D. 1 Kyle Overway (Z) 449.20
100 butterfly-A. 1 Sean Hamstra (Z) 1:00.13 B. 1 Mitch Ruch (Z) 58.07 C. 1 Steve Brustle (LS) 54.93 D. 1 Travis Hatt (LS) 51.96
100 breaststroke-A. 1 Justin Bussies (Z) 52.45 B. 1 Dustin Hennigar (AAP) 49.87 C. 1 Brody Blicke (N) 49.07 D. 1 Sho Koba (AAP) 47.17
500 freestyle-A. 1 Matt Gauthier (AAP) 5:10.62 B. 1 Marshall Bouwman (Z) 5:14.30 C. 1 Josh D'Angelo (AAP) 5:00.11 D. 1 Chris Keady (N) 4:43.12
200 freestyle relay-A. 1 Zeeland (Clayton Sommers Nathan Kraai Marshall Bouwman Zack Golin) 1:40.32 B. 1 Zeeland (Zach Pellegrini Jake Vanderpeyl Justin Bussies Sam Meengs) 1:36.90 C. 1 Pioneer (Chris Buck Dustin Hennigar Robert Steele Sho Koba) 1:29.11
100 backstroke A. 1 Mitch Ruch (Z) 58.75 B. 1 Sean Hamstra (Z) 56.78 C. 1 Jeremy Sall (Z) 55.70 D. 1 Jordan Diekema (Z) 53.64
100 breaststroke-A. 1 Gregg Elhart (Z) 1:12.26 B. 1 Jake Vanderpeyl (Z) 1:09.44 C. 1 Zach Pellegrini (Z) 1:06.64 D. 1 Westen Laabs (N) 1:03.13
400 freestyle relay A. 1 Zeeland (Sean Hamstra Mitch Ruch Marshall Bouwman Nathan Kraai) 3:34.88 B. 1 Pioneer (Brian Gregorka Josh D'Angelo Peter Keeler Pat Buck) 3:24.80 C. 1 Pioneer (Jason Hass Dustin Hennigar Robert Steele Sho Koba) 3:16.13

(C) 2:15.11
50 freestyle 1 Noah Whitener (S) 23.41 2 Shogo Uno (C) 23.58 3 Jon Templeton (C) 24.19
Diving 1 Joel Chambers (S) 189.60 2 Andre DeVries (S) 178.60 3 Chris McGinnis (C) 84.40
100 butterfly 1 Noah Whitener (S) 54.42 2 Connor Christie (S) 57.65 3 Chris Marinica (C) 1:03.84
100 freestyle 1 Kyle Begley (S) 49.63 2 Shogo Uno (C) 51.32 3 Derek Schmitt (C) 51.98
500 freestyle 1 Nick Landis (C) 5:07.87 2 Matt Carlson (C) 5:09.29 3 Stephan Furey (S) 5:10.30
200 freestyle relay 1 Saline (Noah Whitener Stephen Petersen Stephen Furey Kyle Begley) 1:33.68 2 Canton 1:37.02 3 Canton 1:40.78
100 backstroke 1 Justin Duong (S) 1:00.18 2 Robert Blaesser (C) 1:00.75 3 Nick Schneide (S) 1:01.02
100 breaststroke 1 Joel Chambers (S) 1:10.10 2 Kevin Karlinski (C) 1:10.17 3 Dan Anthony (C) 1:10.42
400 freestyle relay 1 Saline (Connor Christie Stephen Petersen Stephen Furey Kyle Begley) 3:27.62 2 Canton 3:33.63 3 Canton 3:43.3

NORTHVILLE 129

Tuesday at Northville
200 medley relay 1 Northville (John Barsdie Westen Laabs Joe Kargula Chris Keady) 1:47.91 2 Northville 1:56.51 3 Salem 1:56.81
200 freestyle 1 Will Blicke (N) 1:49.80 2 Nick Leone (S) 1:55.41 3 Greg Sheppard (N) 1:56.77
200 IM 1 Brad Farris (N) 2:00.39 2 Joe Kargula (N) 2:20.14 3 Matt Underhill (S) 2:20.25
50 freestyle 1 Chris Culkin (N) 23.97 2 Stan Chen (S) 24.76 3 Mark Stuber (N) 24.82
Diving 1 Will Fankell (N) 166.85 2 Stephen Kruse (N) 161.10 3 Christopher Watkins (S) 109.10
100 butterfly 1 Nick Leone (S) 1:00.37 2 Greg Sheppard (N) 1:01.27 3 Colin Smith (N) 1:02.91
100 freestyle 1 John Barsdie (N) 51.79 2 Westen Laabs (N) 54.19 3 Matt Underhill (S) 54.29
500 freestyle 1 Brody Blicke (N) 4:50.56 2 Dan O'Brien (N) 5:31.82 3 Kyle Adams (N) 5:38.85
200 freestyle relay 1 Northville (Brad Farris Mark Stuber Jack Temple Will Blicke) 1:33.54 2 Northville 1:43.16 3 Salem 1:43.64
100 backstroke 1 Chris Keady (N) 55.59 2 Nick Hoffmeyer (S) 1:05.17 3 Chris Folas (N) 1:05.75
100 breaststroke 1 Westen Laabs (N) 1:04.29 2 Stan Chen (S) 1:10.93 3 Eric Petersen (N) 1:15.29
400 freestyle relay 1 Northville (Chris Culkin Greg Sheppard Paul Young Brody Blicke) 3:33.84 2 Salem 3:40.10 3 Northville 3:53.06

SALINE 100

CANTON 83
Tuesday at Canton
200-yard medley relay 1 Saline (Justin Duong Joel Chambers Connor Christie Noah Whitener) 1:47.98 2 Canton 1:56.09 3 Saline 1:56.16
200 freestyle 1 Kyle Begley (S) 1:49.46 2 Derek Schmitt (C) 1:52.27 3 Matt Carlson (C) 1:53.03
200 yard IM 1 Connor Christie (S) 2:06.12 2 Nathan Phillips (C) 2:13.32 3 Robert Blaesser

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

CANTON 142 95

SALEM 140 05
Monday at Plymouth H S
ALL-AROUND 1 Alyssa Kelly (C) 36.65 2 Kate Staley (C) 35.85 3 Kara Ahern (C) 35.0 4 Sarah Bugosh (S) 35.5 5 Katie Koetting (S) 35.0 6 Brittany Young (S) 34.95
VAULT 1 Alyssa Kelly (C) 9.45 2 Jessie Murray (C) 9.0 3 Kate Staley (C) 8.95 4 Sarah Bugosh (S) 8.9 5 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 8.7 6 Katie Koetting (S) 8.5
UNEVEN BARS 1 Brittany Young (S) 9.2 2 Kate Staley (C) 9.0 3 Alyssa Kelly (C) 8.85 4 Kara Ahern (C) 8.8 5 Katie Koetting (S) 8.75 6 Sarah Bugosh (S) 8.65
BALANCE BEAM 1 Kara Ahern (C) 9.25 2 Autumn Collins (S) 9.2 3 Sarah Bugosh (S) 9.1 4 Katie Koetting (S) 9.0 5 (tie) Brittany Young (S) Kate Staley (C) Jess e Murray (C) Alyssa Kelley (C) 8.9
FLOOR EXERCISE 1 Alyssa Kelly (C) 9.35 2 Kara Ahern (C) 9.15 3 Jessie Murray (C) 9.05 4 Kate Staley (C) 9.0 5 (tie) Kaitlyn Burns (C) and Sarah Bugosh (S) 8.85

Canton spikers advance to semis at GC tourney

On Saturday, Canton's volleyball team bounced back from last week's three-set loss to Salem by recording an impressive performance at the 10 team Gibraltar Carlson Invitational.

The Chiefs went 7-1 in pool play to earn a berth in the semi-final round, where they lost to Redford Thurston, 19-25, 25-14 and 15-9.

"The girls played real well," said first-year Canton coach Kristi Drinkhahn. "That's what I've been looking for all season. It looks like they're starting to jell and come together as a team. They were kind of down the night we lost to Salem, but they came to practice the next day very upbeat and ready to

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play hard. Canton advanced to the semis by beating Melvindale, 25-21 and 25-23, Taylor Kennedy, 25-17 and 25-12, and Dearborn Fordson, 25-21 and 25-18.

The Chiefs split their fourth pool-play match with Romulus, 25-16 and 21-25, but their 7-1 mark was good enough to advance.

Kelsey Bailey played phenomenal all day," said Drinkhahn. "She was a great leader for us."

Drinkhahn also praised the efforts of junior outside hitter

Joellen Heldt and sophomore setter Heidi Herendeen.

Rocks 1st Salem continued its winning ways by taking first place at Saturday's Troy Invitational, which was held at Troy High School. The Rocks are now 19-0 after posting their third straight tournament championship.

The Rocks breezed through pool play knocking off Detroit Cass Tech 25-8 and 25-5, Rochester 25-12 and 25-10, Macomb Dakota 25-16 and 25-14, and Berkley 25-15 and 25-9.

The Rocks ousted Rochester again in the semis 25-11 and 25-18 before sweeping Chippewa Valley 25-19 and 25-18 in the title match.

Jansan Falconson continued to shine in her freshman season recording 81 assists and 22 service aces. Front line stars for Salem included Teresa Coppellie (49 kills 15 digs) Lauren Price (38 kills 27

digs seven aces) and Lauren Kurtz (19 blocks).

Wildcats thrive Plymouth advanced to the quarterfinals of Saturday's University of Michigan Dearborn Invitational before getting bumped off by Farmington Hills Mercy 25-11 16-25 and 15-13.

The Wildcats who took an 18-3 record into Wednesday's key Western Lakes Activities Association match at Livonia Churchill were led by Jeannine Moise who registered 38 kills and 15 digs. Also playing well for Plymouth were Sarah Haskins (58 assists 13 digs) Jackie Dorre (14 kills eight assists) Lyndsey Vogelsberg (25 digs) and Brandi Swyhart (18 digs).

Plymouth advanced to the quarterfinals by thumping Dearborn Edsel Ford 25-10 and 25-8, Lutheran Huron North 25-18 and 25-14, and Oakland Christian 25-19 and 25-15.




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Vikings gain early WLAA leverage

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

They're not super big or super speedy, but members of the Walled Lake Central basketball team have been super good so far this season. The Vikings, who don't start a player over 6-foot-3, solidified their early-season position atop the Western Lakes Activities Association standings Tuesday night with a 64-54 victory in Canton's Phase III gymnasium. Central improved to 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA while Canton slipped to 5-3 and 1-1, respectively. After playing limited minutes as a junior, Central senior Chris Farr is making up for lost

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time this season. The 6-2 center pumped in a game-high 22 points, connecting on all eight of his field goals while going 6-of-9 from the free-throw line. Chris played sparingly last year because we had six seniors," said Central coach Dennis Butcher. "But he's played great for us so far. He's so athletic. He goes and gets the ball when it looks like he has no chance to get it. He works the same way in practice as he does in games. Senior guards Neil Mitchell and Aaron Hakola also played well for the Vikings, netting 14 and 12 points, respectively.

Canton's offensive attack was balanced. Junior forward Ryan Waidmann led the way with 11 points followed by Rob Eppler (10), Andy Larsen (nine) and Neal Sharma (eight). Paced by its pressing defense and solid inside offensive game, Central raced to a 26-8 lead mid-way through the second quarter. The Chiefs put together a mini-rally during the final two minutes of the first half as Eppler's triple cut their deficit to 28-19. However, Mitchell seized back the momentum for the visitors with a steal and layup to give his team a 30-19 halftime cushion. Sparked by its own full court pressure defense, Canton made another run in the third quar-

ter when it got to within 32-27 on Larsen's three-point play with 3:16 to go. Central responded by putting together a 10-2 run to close out the quarter and take a 42-29 advantage into the final eight minutes. The Chiefs clawed back to within 58-51 with 1:35 to play, but they could not get any closer. The Vikings out-rebounded Canton, 25-18, as Farr and Hakola both yanked down six boards. Andre Bridges led Canton with four rebounds. Central made 19-of-28 free throws (67.8 percent) while Canton went 13-of-19 from the line (68.4%).

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'Cats win on sophomore's late triple

Plymouth rallied from a 16-point halftime deficit to knock off Westland John Glenn, 65-60, Tuesday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association game played on the Rockets' home court. The victory improved the Wildcats record to 3-5 overall and 1-1 in the WLAA. The Rockets slipped to 2-6 and 1-1, respectively. Glenn led 36-20 at halftime before Plymouth mounted its comeback. With Plymouth trailing 60-58, sophomore guard Brandon

PREP HOOP
Roberts nailed the go-ahead triple to put the Wildcats ahead to stay with 22:36 seconds left to help propel a 26-9 fourth-quarter run. "That was a set play for Brandon that we ran out of our motion offense," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We ran him off a double screen and he nailed it. "When you're on the road, you go for win, and that's what we did."

Senior guard D.J. Coleman led Plymouth in scoring with 19 points. Josh LeDuc added 14 while Jim Wilbur and Roberts contributed 11 each. Five Glenn players scored 10 points apiece — Jackie Wilson, Robert Jones, Wiley Roberts, Brandon Pratt and Duncan Jones, the latter of whom was 7-of-8 from the foul line. **CANTON AGAPE 50 FRANKLIN ROAD 46** The Wolverines improved to 6-1 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division with a key road victory. Tyler Majeski led the winners with 22 points while Jack Anletner

chipped in with 15. The two guards combined to go 11 for 11 from the free-throw line. Anletner also stood out defensively holding the Warriors leading scorer Josh Mansfield to five points. Agape trailed 26-25 at the half before rallying to grab a 38-32 lead after three quarters. Led by Mark Mullet's seven boards the Wolverines out rebounded their hosts 28-18 and registered 18 steals. **SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 46, PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 35** PCA was led by Trevor Zmns 11 points. Devyn Govan chipped in with seven and Matt Saagman added six. PCA trailed 16-11 at the half and 30-23 after three quarters.

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O'Gunn is encouraged by his coach to take the puck the length of the ice if he sees an opportunity. That's exactly what he did a little more than four minutes into the game when he secured a loose puck deep in his own zone, skated up the right side and rifled a slapper past Canton goalie Kevan Swanberg to make it 1-0. O'Gunn was assisted by Billy Gauthier. Jason has the green light to take it end-to-end if he thinks he can do it," said Dubois. "Once he gets the puck on his stick he can really go. He's very smart with the puck. If he sees nothing is there, he'll slow it up." O'Gunn doubled Plymouth's lead to 2-0 eight minutes into

the second period when he jammed the puck around the pipe and past Swanberg. Mark Olvner assisted on O'Gunn's second goal. Ryan Stamm extended the Wildcats' lead to 3-0 at the 9:20 mark of the third period with a goal that was assisted by Adam Lazorka. Brett Giacomino put the Chiefs on the board with 7:13 left in the game when his backhand got past Desjais to make it 3-1. John Knoerl added an empty-net goal for the Wildcats with 26:4 second remaining. Swanberg turned in a solid performance recording 27 saves for the Chiefs.

Western got on the board first 5:45 into the game when Brandon Kandowski scored off assists from Nick Kenny and Jason Norville. Salems Jason Sharrow knotted the game at 1-1 with 32 seconds left in the first period when he beat Warrior goalie Mike Purcell. Kris Brant and David Carey assisted on Sharrow's lamp light. Following a scoreless second period Salem grabbed its only lead of the contest 3:37 into the third period when Nate Werda found the back of the net. He was assisted by Mike Habume and Brant. Less than two minutes later the Warriors answered by netting three goals in less than two minutes. Kandowski, Ben James and Jeremy

Snively scored in the sequence for Western. Kandowski finished off his hat trick with an insurance goal with 3:36 to play. Purcell earned the win in net for Western while Salems' Ralph Asperwall took the loss. The game came to a halt with 1:19 left in the second period when nine players — five Warriors and four Rocks — were penalized for a series of infractions. Four of the players — two from each team — were handed misconduct penalties. Salem returns to action Friday when it hosts Livonia Churchill. The opening face off is set for 8:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- January 10, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday January 10, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo, Staff, Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to approve the Board Study Minutes of December 13, 2005. Motion carried by all members present. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Expenditure Recap for January 10, 2006** General Fund 101 \$ 989,088.07 Fire Fund 206 42,125.84 Police Fund 207 96,052.13 Summit Operating 208 31,764.22 Cable/TV Fund 230 2,124.74 Twp Improvement 246 640.53 E 911 Utility 261 26,700.68 Auto Forfeiture (w/wa) 267 644.83 Federal Grants Fund 274 2,879.79 Auto Theft Grant 289 2,988.24 Downtown Dev Auth 294 165,610.29 Cap Proj Road Paving 403 59,761.74 Golf Fund 584 16,141.29 Water & Sewer Fund 592 2,043,754.64 Trust & Agency Fund 701 11,463.00 Construction Escrows 702 134,982.12 **Total - All Funds 3,626,722.15** **RECOGNITION, RECOGNITION OF NANCY FOGARTY'S RETIREMENT** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution in recognition of Service for Nancy Fogarty. Motion carried by all members present.

Recognition of Service Nancy Fogarty Whereas Nancy Fogarty has completed 30 years of faithful service to the Canton Community and Whereas Nancy has displayed excellence and dedication in her various roles throughout her tenure. She worked her way up from Finance Secretary in 1975 to Executive Assistant of the Administrative and Community Services Department in 2003 and Whereas During that time Nancy's commitment and enthusiasm made Canton a better place for all municipal employees. She was instrumental in creating the employee personnel files and the Personnel Policy Manual preparing union contracts coordinating the Township pension and deferred compensation plans as well as processing lawsuits and MMRMA claims. On the lighter side Nancy also organized the popular annual employee golf outing and annual employee holiday potlucks and Whereas Nancy's commitment to her job fellow employees and the Canton Community is a great example for future employees to follow. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees extends its appreciation to Nancy Fogarty for her 30 years of dedication and service to the Canton community and wishes her a happy and healthy retirement. Date _____

Signed _____
Thomas J. Yack, Canton Supervisor

CONSENT CALENDAR, Item 1 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO BE THE DESIGNATED OFFICER TO SIGN THE ANNUAL PERMIT AND OTHER PERMITS FOR WORK WITHIN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHTS-OF-WAY (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Township Clerk as the designated officer to execute the 2006 Annual Permit for Underground Utility Operations with the Michigan Department of Transportation right of way and approve the performance resolution for governmental bodies as amended. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Township Clerk as the designated officer to sign permits for operations within the Michigan Department of Transportation rights of way not covered by the annual permit. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR, Item 1 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR TEXAS CORRAL GRILL AND SALOON (FORMERLY DAMON'S) (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Texas Corral Grill and Saloon as amended. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Texas Corral Grill and Saloon** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested site plan approval for the Texas Corral Grill and Saloon located north of Ford and east of Sheldon Roads (Tax EDP# 040 99 0004 702) and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL subject to execution of the reciprocal access agreement with the 5th /3rd Bank site and based upon a finding that the building design meets the requirements of the Central Business District Overlay subject to removal of the water tower and addition to a landscape island in the front parking lot and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the site plan for the Texas Corral Grill and Saloon located north of Ford and east of Sheldon Roads including approval of the building design and the modification to the building material requirements as shown on the plan subject to execution of the reciprocal access agreement with the 5th/3rd Bank site and also subject to all other regulations of the Township modification of the water tower to incorporate it into the parapet wall and addition to a landscape island in the front parking lot. **Item 2 APPROVAL OF AFSCME UNION CONTRACT (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Canton Township and the Canton AFSCME Local #3860 union to run from April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. APPROVE RESOLUTION ADOPTING MERS PENSION PLAN FOR AFSCME UNION (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the attached resolution adopting the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan Defined Benefit Pension Program for the Canton AFSCME Union Local #3860 Employees. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. RESOLUTION DEFINING A DAY OF WORK FOR MERS RETIREMENT PURPOSES (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the attached resolution which defines a day of work for the Canton AFSCME Union Local #3860 employees as eight hours for MERS retirement purposes. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5 APPROVE SITE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CELL TOWER (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the site lease agreement with Omnipoint Holdings Inc a Delaware Corporation 12170 Merriman Rd Livonia Michigan 48150 and to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement pending Planning Commission and FAA approval. I further authorize the initial \$10,000 payment to be used for dumpster improvements at Victory Park and to make the following budget adjustments: Increase Revenues Rental Income #101 000 669 0000 \$ 10,000 Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay Land & Impr CSC #101 755 977 0000 \$ 10,000. This budget amendment increases the Canton Sports Center budget from \$704,918 to \$714,918 and the General Fund budget from \$27,573,731 to \$27,583,731. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH GREATER CANTON YOUTH BASEBALL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the agreement for administrative support with the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association for the 2006 season. I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this agreement: Increase Revenues Reimbursement - GYBSA #101 000 682 0000 \$17,400 Increase Appropriations Part-time Seasonal Wages #101 755 706 0000 \$14,400 Capital Outlay - Computers #101 755 975 2580 \$ 3,000. This budget amendment increases the Canton Sports Center Division budget from \$480,766 to \$498,166 and the General Fund budget from \$27,573,731 to \$27,591,131. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. AWARD CONTRACT FOR PARK/GOLF MAINTENANCE BUILDING DESIGN (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to award the contract for Architectural Engineering and Construction Monitoring Design Services for the Parks/Golf Maintenance Facility and Expansion Project to TMP Associates 1191 West Square Lake Road Box 289 Bloomfield Hills MI 48303 in the amount of \$53,500.00. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER** Supervisor Yack stated a Board Study Session Meeting with Municipal Services will be January 17, 2006 at the Administration Building 1150 Canton Center Road Canton Michigan at 7:00 p.m. **ADJOURN** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

- Thomas J. Yack Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Rd Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton.mi.org after Board Approval.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE FEBRUARY 28, 2006 ELECTION FOR THE VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that **JANUARY 30, 2006**, is the last day voter registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Van Buren School District Election to be held on Tuesday February 28, 2006. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734 394-5120. Mail in registration will be accepted postmarked by **January 30, 2006**.

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. Thursday February 2ND 2006 for the following:

COLD WATER METERS AND ASSOCIATED CONTROL EQUIPMENT

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394 5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for Asbestos Abatement at Farrand, Fiegel, Gallimore, and Isbister Elementary Schools**. The project will be completed in early 2006 prior to building renovation activities and will include the removal and disposal of asbestos flooring materials, asbestos thermal system insulation, asbestos transite materials and windows with asbestos window caulk. Bid documents will be available for pickup on or after January 16, 2006 at HealthAir Inc 23491 Research Drive Farmington Hills Michigan 48335 or by phoning (248) 426 0165. A Pre Bid meeting will be held on January 17, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at Salem High School located at 46181 Joy Road Canton MI 48187. All submissions should include 3 bid copies (1 original, 2 duplicates) which are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center RE School Abatement Bids 454 South Harvey Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 10:00 a.m. Tuesday January 31, 2006 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.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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VILLAGE THEATER BRASS RAILING

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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. Thursday February 2ND 2006 for the following:

PURCHASE OF GOLF CARS PRGC

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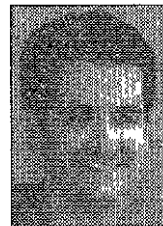
Secondly, Bettis will become the face of Super Bowl XL. Every story will be about him playing his final game in his hometown. The media will travel from the house in which he was raised to Mackenzie High School, where he starred on the field. They will close the cir-

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Carolina? Weird QB (Jake Delhomme) Really, really good receiver (Steve Smith) Good team? Sure. Compelling stories? Zilch. Seattle? The NFL MVP who nobody knows

(Shaun Alexander) The old Green Bay coach (Mike Holmgren) Super Bowl-caliber? Absolutely. Anything you care to read more about? Nope.

Denver? Um... Denver? I honestly can't think of a single reason to care about the Denver Broncos. They should have lost Saturday night, but New England apparently really wanted to lose more.

If two of those teams come to Detroit in two weeks, we're doomed. The game might be competitive, but the build-up will be a snooze. And with nothing to write about, all the out-of-town media will say, "Why are we here? It's cold and the game stinks."

Now let me say for the record that I think the Super Bowl will be a success in Detroit. Too much hard work has been put in by too many good people for it not to succeed. But I also know that there are plenty of cynical peo-

ple out there who will spend Super Bowl week looking for the negative. And knowing Detroit, they'll be able to find it.

But if the Steelers get by the Broncos on Sunday and Steeler nation descends on Detroit, it's a win-win for everybody. We'll have a rust-belt population who won't be looking for tropical weather. They'll only be looking for a good time and a good game. And they'll be led by the best guy, our guy, "The Bus."

Bettis has long said that playing in Detroit would be the perfect end to his career. It would also be the perfect end for Detroit — a city which has worked so hard to rebuild its badly decayed image. Both "The Bus" and the city deserve it.

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BRUNA VANNELLI

January 14 2006 Age 84 of Southfield formerly of Beverly Hills Wife of the late Aladmo Dear mother of Stefano Steve (Noelle) Grandmother of Bradford (Noelle) and Megan Everett Aunt of Dante (Penelope) and Carla Barrett Also many relatives in Italy Funeral Mass was Tuesday at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church Memorials to Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs 32340 Pierce Beverly Hills MI 48025 or the charity of donors choice For information call A J Desmond & Sons 248 549 0500 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

CAROLINE HASBROUCK NAGENGAST

Age 82 died January 14 2006 in Naples FL Born in Chicago IL on Dec 20 1923 to Melvin and Florence Hasbrouck she graduated from New York State College for Teachers in Albany NY in 1945 and earned a masters of library science in 1947 from Columbia University in New York With her husband of 30 years she raised seven children in Bloomfield Hills MI She worked for 18 years as a librarian at Bloomfield Township Library before moving to Naples in 1985 with her sister in law Elizabeth Villam She was preceded in death by her husband William E Nagengast in 1978 and her brother Henry Hasbrouck in 1973 She is survived by her children William (Judy) Nagengast of Anderson IN Elizabeth Nagengast of Naples FL Christine (Edward) Bishop of Niceville FL Stephen (Mary) Nagengast of North Muskegon MI Bernard (Karin) Nagengast of Cadillac MI Donald (Kris) Nagengast of Farmington MI Emil (Kat) Nagengast of Huntington PA fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren A loving mother grandmother and dedicated volunteer Mrs Nagengast was known for her patience and generosity She worked tirelessly on various committees at her parish and handmade beautiful crafts to contribute to church fundraising efforts and give as gifts Her thoughtfulfulness and laughter touched many and she will be remembered for her unceasing encouragement and devotion to the people and causes she loved The Mass of Christian burial was held January 18th at St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church Interment will be in the spring at Holy Sepulcher Catholic Cemetery in Southfield MI Donations in Mrs Nagengast's memory may be made in lieu of flowers to Mother of God House of Prayer P.O. Box 0687 Alva FL 33920 www.mogohop.com or St Peter the Apostle Church's Raise the Roof Campaign 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road Naples FL 34113 May she rest in eternal peace and live forever in our fondest memories



DAVID C HALL III

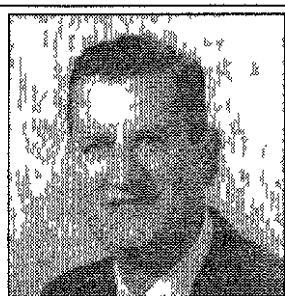
Died at age 37 on January 9 2006 from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy He loved and enjoyed life to its fullest He was a graduate of Specs Howard School of Broadcasting and attended a year at Oakland University He operated a small business and encouraged everyone he came into contact with David was an inspiration to everyone in his presence The doctors told David many times that he would die at an early age but he refused to stop fighting for life In 1995 David's primary care physician told his father to take him home put him to bed and let him die He then gave David III the same message David refused to embrace this doctor's silly opinion Instead David found a team of doctors (Dr Martin Weisman Dr Scott Lewis Dr Linn Miller and Dr Bradley Rowens) that pulled him from the death bed so that he could continue a fruitful extra 10 years of life David is loved and missed by many He leaves 2 Grandfathers Mother Step Mother Father Sister Half Sister Step Sister and Stepbrother He has many aunts uncles cousins 2 nieces 1 nephew and hundreds of friends David's life will be celebrated January 19th and 20th Viewing will be January 19 at 3:00 PM to 7:45 PM at OH Pye III Funeral Home 17600 Plymouth Road Detroit Michigan 48227 Family Hour and the Funeral will be held January 20 at 10:00 AM The services will be held at Palestine Missionary Baptist Church 15787 Wyoming Ave Detroit Michigan 48238 David has requested that his body be cremated and his ashes placed in Africa This will be accomplished Please visit and sign a tribute at www.pyefuneralhome.com

JAMES F SCHUNEMAN

Age 64 of Houghton Lake and previously from Oakland Twp passed away on Sat Jan 14 2006 Former Tool & Die maker & Keller Operator for General Motors in Pontiac Beloved husband of Nancy Father of James (RaeAnn) Suzann (Doug) Floyd Heidi & Eric Son of Florence Sister of Nancy Schuneman Also survived by 8 grandchildren & 8 great grandchildren Preceded by daughter Sara & father Fred Funeral services were held Tues 11:00 a.m at the Henry M Malburg Funeral Home Romeo

DON J OTTO

Born June 5 1929 in Bessemer MI passed away on January 6 2006 in Roseville CA With the grace of God Don will join his loving wife Ellen who preceded him 9 years earlier Don was a long time resident of Farmington MI He was a founding member of St Johns Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills and an active member of the Michigan Parkinson Foundation He enjoyed teaching music in Ida and Southfield and later became a principal in South Lyon During his years at South Lyon Don relished the interaction with students families community and teaching staff He took great pleasure participating in the students academic achievements and personal growth Don is survived by his brothers Fred and Rupert of MI sons Larry and Dave of CA daughters in law Nancy and Laura and five wonderful grandchildren Karen Michelle Alyssa William and Danielle He will be missed by his family and friends Please send any notes recalling fond memories with Don to Otto Family at 1404 Dana Ct Roseville CA 95661 A memorial service will be held in Farmington later this spring



KENNETH FRYE NAGLEY

Age 81 of Birmingham MI born October 26 1924 formerly of Wilmington Ohio Mr Nagley passed on January 14 2006 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak from complications of surgery He was a resident of Birmingham MI for 42 years from Pontiac MI grew up in Wilmington Ohio During WW2 he was an officer in the US Army Air Force flying both the B 17 and the B 29 Scouting was a nice part of his life an Eagle Scout and a Scoutmaster Mr Nagley went to public schools in Wilmington was a graduate of Wilmington College with a major in history He received his Masters in Education at Ohio State University Out of college he was employed in the Pontiac School System then relocated to Birmingham where he became the first principal at Groves High School 1959 1960 He then became Assistant Superintendent of Personell Birmingham Schools 1959 1972 He went from Birmingham to Dearborn to again assume the position there of Assistant Superintendent of Dearborn Public Schools Mr Nagley was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham a member of Birmingham Senior Mens Club and an active participant in Michigan School Administrative Association Mr Nagley is survived by his immediate family parents brothers and sisters and their home cities His wife Virginia McDowell Nagley One daughter Madolyn Greve of Princeton NJ Two sons Kent Lewis Nagley of Whitmore Lake MI and Kirk Alan (Susan) Nagley of Howell MI Brother of Jean Pickering and Philip Nagley and the late John Nagley Grandfather of Steven Charles Katherine Sarah Laura and John Funeral service on Friday January 20 at 1:00 PM at the Wm R Hamilton Co 820 E Maple Birmingham Visitation on Thursday 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM Interment will be in Byron Cemetery Byron Ohio The Reverend Mary E Austin Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham will be officiating

ELTON RAYMOND (MIKE) KERR

80 of Orchard Lake and Douglas Lake died Jan 13 after an extended illness A long time manufacturers representative in the auto industry he was an active member of the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) He was also a member of the Orchard Lake Country Club Society of Manufacturers Representatives and Sigma Chi fraternity He was born July 18 1925 at Bridgeport Conn a son Raymond C and Ethel I Kerr The family later lived in Schenectady NY until moving to Ann Arbor in 1941 After graduation from Ann Arbor High School he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and served as a navigator bombarder during World War II Mike was graduated from the University of Michigan in 1949 and on June 10 1949 he married Joyce M Rogers of Pontiac They lived briefly in Marion Ohio before returning to Michigan in the Birmingham area In addition to his wife Mike is survived by four children Susan (James) Gartin of Ann Arbor Elizabeth Kerr of Douglas Lake Grutchen (Raymond) Francini of Crystal Lake IL and William (Rhonda) Kerr of Rochester Hills 7 grandchildren and a brother Richard C Kerr of Leland He was preceded in death by his parents of Manchester Funeral services will be at 11 a.m Saturday Jan 21 following visitation at 10 a.m at the Franklin Community Church in Franklin

RICHARD CHARLES KNAPP

Passed in his sleep on January 13th Born April 8 1923 the second of six children raised in Cleveland Ohio Known to most as Knapper he graduated from the University of Detroit where he received a basketball scholarship Knapper volunteered and served his country as a naval officer during WWII where he met and married his beloved wife of 58 years Kelley They settled in Orchard Lake Michigan to raise their children Knappers successful career in the transportation industry began when he sold his company Knapps Break Service to Anchor Motor Freight Known for his intelligence integrity and fairness he worked his way up the ranks to Executive Vice President of Leaseway Transportation and Chief Executive Officer of Anchor Motor Freight Leaseway's largest subsidiary Always mindful of his beginnings Knapper was a mentor to many of his guys and to those who sought his advice He was extremely generous with his time expertise and net working contacts Knappers management style reflected his belief that employees were treated like family Representing management Knapper earned his stellar reputation in labor relations and negotiations because he was respected by both sides of the table He set a character standard for those who chose to follow it through his kindness generosity loyalty and humility His amazing spirit sincere interest in others fabulous sense of humor and unwavering faith in God contributed to his personal success as a husband father grandfather brother uncle mentor businessman and wonderful friend His genuine and quiet acts of kindness unending generosity and emotional support encouraged people to do their best His patriarchal nature extended to the world and as a result many knew him as their other dad His friendships were boundless and many have lasted for more than 50+ years - like the bridge club He was a famous instigator and loved nothing more than a good laugh - very few people escaped his antics Simply put He was a class act and a great guy Knapper is survived by his children Kay Schack Richard Susan Sharon George Terry MJ Pulling Charley (Cindy) and Barbara Olson (Paul) His grandchildren Richard (Amber) Meghan Daniel and Matthew Knapp DJ and Kelley Schack Katelyn and Taylor Pulling Kelley and Jack Olson His brothers and sisters Raymond Ozzie Carole (Richard Smith) and Mary Alice Arner and his many nieces and nephews Services to be held at St John The Evangelist RC Church Friday January 20 11:00 am There will be a memorial service in Michigan The date is to be determined For details please call 239 596 5227 In lieu of flowers please send charitable donations to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research 1111 Stewart Ave Bethpage NY 11714 or by phone 866 789 1000 or email www.lustgartenfoundation.org or Gods Love We Deliver 166 Avenue of the Americas NY NY 10013 or by phone 212 294 8146 or email http://www.godslovewedeliver.org

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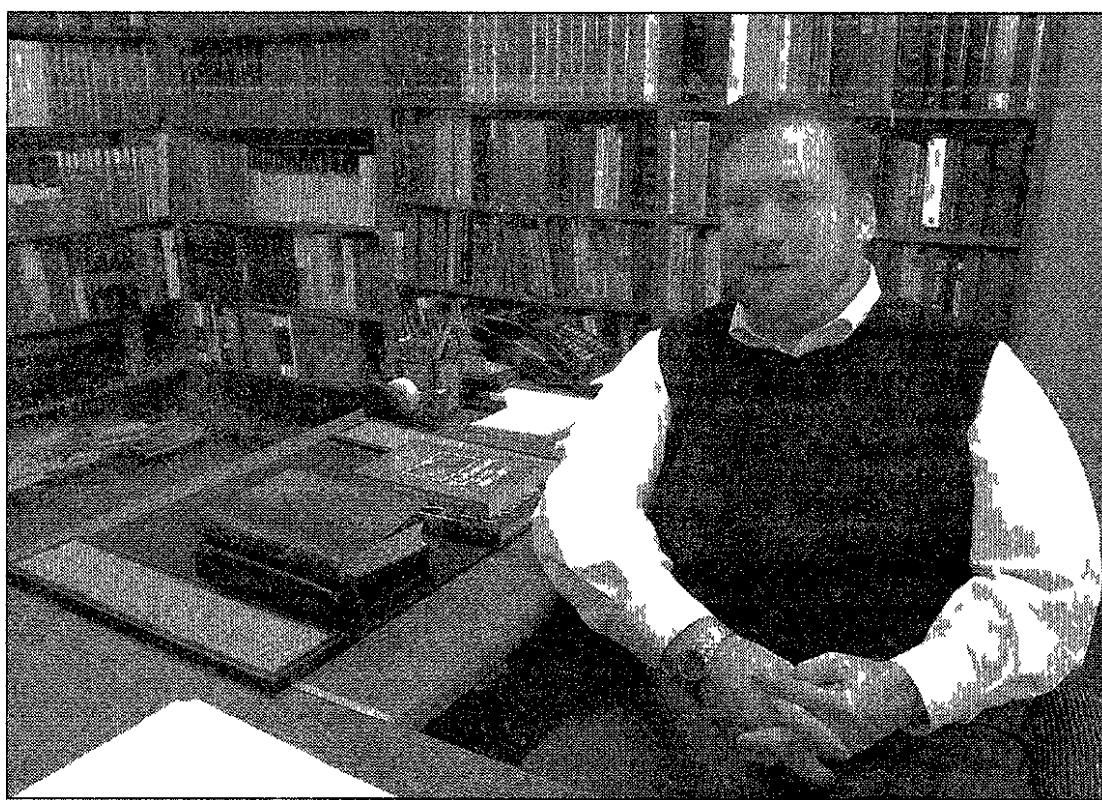
Age 78 of Bloomfield Hills died January 14 2006 Beloved wife of the late Don Loving mother of Don Jr (Cheryl) Jim (Cheryl) Sally Kaylor (Doug) Frances Shettel and Jane Williams (B Curtis) Dear grandmother of Mike and Paul Sister of Almeda Wallace Maryann Kunkel and the late Edwin Fager Jr Also survived by many nieces and nephews Memorial Service was held at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham For information call A J Desmond & Sons 248 362 2500 Memorial Tributes to BASCC (Birmingham Area Senior Coordinating Council) or American Heart Assoc View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

LOIS WILLIE BEATTY

Jan 11 2006 age 96 of Westland Beloved wife of the late Walter Howton & James Beatty Dear mother of Charles (Judy) Howton & the late Doris Brown Lawrence KY Howton Gilbert Howton Pat Howton Sister of Iva Glass Syble McChesney & the late Mary Baker George Baker Alpha Coleman Anna Miller Willie Baker Gladys Oates Ruby Baker & Garnett Baker Grandmother of Kristen Risch Matt Howton Ricky Howton Gaylynn Lovendusky Susan Sweeney Great Grandmother of Lana Dolin Jason Crystal Rocky & Amanda Howton Josh Jeremy J J Lovendusky Bobby & Ashley Dolin Great Great Grandmother of Sidney & Keith Funeral was held at the Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Rd Westland on Fri Jan 13 Please visit and sign a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

ROBERT O. BRUNER

Age 70 passed away January 14 2006 He was born on February 6 1935 in Detroit to the late Arthur and Charlotte (Zepp) Bruner On December 3 1960 he married Wanda Norrod He was formerly of Livonia prior to moving to South Lyon in 1994 He filmed city council meetings in South Lyon and Brighton and loved photography and model trains Robert is survived by his wife Wanda Bruner of South Lyon Daryl (Phillip) Bruner of Salisbury NC Kevin (Patricia) Bruner of Cadillac Roger Bruner of Redford Joyce (Keith) Whittenburg of TN brother Donald Bruner 5 grand children Justin Trevor Ryan Preston and Lacy A Funeral Service was held on January 16 Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association 3816 Paysphere circle Chicago IL 60674 Arrangements entrusted to Phillips Funeral Home South Lyon



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Rev Cole Westwood is the new pastor at Covenant Community Church in Redford

Best of both: New pastor blends tradition, innovation

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The Rev Cole Westwood may not look old enough to be a pastor, but his experiences give the 33-year-old the wisdom to minister not only to members of Covenant Community Church in Redford, but those seeking a relationship with God Westwood was raised in a dysfunctional family in Indiana He rarely went to church Then at age 19 he joined the U S Navy and was sent to the Persian Gulf to fight in Desert Storm The fear of chemical attack led him to an appreciation for God and a desire to become a minister After six years in the Navy, Westwood left to enter Heritage Baptist University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Biblical studies and a master's degree from Grace Theological Seminary in Indiana He arrived at Covenant Community Church in July 2005 ready to take on any challenges he might face as the new pastor Associate pastor Steve Baker had been leading the church since the retirement of H Dalton Myers in 2004

"Life is a messy thing God allows us to go through them so we can learn to appreciate those messes others are going through and help them carry the burden," said Westwood "God used those to make me understand life is fragile and whatever lies on the other side I wasn't ready for it" "Life didn't make sense outside of my relationship with God I look at my mission as being of one to help people understand their relationship with Jesus Christ We're welcoming and open in our services at Covenant Community Church We have people who grew up in church and others experiencing Jesus for the first time I'm a facilitator to introduce those on the outside looking in"

Westwood realizes the weight of his responsibilities as the new pastor at Covenant Community Church Because of the size of the congregation, Westwood found it difficult to communicate individually with members so he started small groups to meet in homes On Sunday night, he hosted the first get together The discussion focused on that morning's sermon about racial barriers "This has been in the planning stages since I arrived to help people not slip through the cracks I felt an inability to shepherd them," said Westwood who's currently pursuing a Ph D at the University of Wales Bangor in the U K in addition to carrying out his duties as pastor As busy as our society is we look at our home as being a refuge When we open our homes up to other people it signals we want to include them in our lives"

Livonia is home to Westwood's family of seven He, wife Lora, and children Shane, 12, Sarah, 10, Grace, 9, Cole II, 8, and Kara, 5, lived in Wolf Point, Montana, a small town where Westwood ministered for 2½ years before moving to Michigan Although Westwood's begun to introduce new ways of reaching the 300 to 400 members of the nondenominational, Bible-based evangelical church in Redford, he appreciates tradition as well and plans

to continue bringing in speakers and special events such as choir festivals in addition to leading the services that blend traditional and contemporary music As a father, he is grateful for church programming that includes a youth ministry, vacation Bible School and retreats Youth pastor Tim Stotler is in charge of a winter getaway to Bear Lake for junior and high school students at the end of January

Miriam Paul sees the new pastor as moving the church in a different direction, but one she appreciates along with the old A member of the church for almost 4-decades, Paul has seen many changes since her father was an associate pastor many years ago Covenant Community Church has had only 3-pastors in its 68 years

Pastor Cole is great He has a different style of preaching, but very good for today's world He's more casual in his speaking a little more down to earth He speaks on a level people can understand, said Paul who lives in Southfield and has worked as church secretary for the last 9-years "Even though he's a young person, he's proven himself with his knowledge From the very young to right up to the oldest person here at 87 plus they just think the world of him, respect his ideas, interpretations He's bringing a new energy to help expand the church"

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SC beats stubborn Wayne Co.

Down by as many as nine points in the first half Saturday, the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team fought back in the second half to subdue Wayne County Community College, 86-80.

Schoolcraft is now 15-3 overall while Wayne County is 7-5.

The game did not count in the Eastern Conference standings in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, Wayne County is ineligible for conference play because it does not field enough athletic programs.

Schoolcraft outscored the Wildcats 48-39 over the final 20 minutes after trailing 41-38 at halftime.

"Wayne County is athletic and strong, with those Detroit kids you'll know they'll come and compete," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "We needed a close game to see how we'd perform down the stretch especially we played against (Flint) Mott (a 77-62 loss) and after having won so many blowouts."

"I thought we held our composure and ran our sets pretty well."

James Davis, a 7-foot center, led the victorious Ocelots with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Wallace Hall added 17 points and team-high eight assists, while Darryl Garrett came off the bench to score 14 on 9 of-10 shooting free throw shooting.

Point-guard Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) chipped in with 13 points and four assists. Schoolcraft's bench outscored Wayne County 31-15.

Guard Joel Lawmann led Wayne County with 21 points. Forward Benjamin Lawmann added 19 points and 11 rebounds, while Enrique Hope had 17 points. Guard Demetrius Graham dished out 10 assists.

AQUINAS 94, MADONNA 73: Derek Douglas poured in a game-high 30 points and grabbed 11 rebounds Saturday to power host Aquinas College (11-9, 3-1) to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference.

Lady Ocelots romp to easy 90-64 victory

A 22-point afternoon by Charlese Greer lifted Schoolcraft College's women's basketball to a 90-64 victory Saturday over visiting Wayne County Community College.

Greer, who also hauled down seven rebounds, was one of four Lady Ocelots to reach double figures in scoring as Schoolcraft improved to 15-1.

LaShanda Thomas scored 19 points, with 16 by Maricka Seay and 14 by Tomka Hodge.

Seay led Schoolcraft, ranked No. 3 in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II, with 10 rebounds. Garden City alum Alisha June scored four points and grabbed three rebounds in a relief stint.

For Wayne Counted (8-8), Tonaye Smith scored 19 points and pulled down 16 rebounds.

AQUINAS 66, MADONNA 57 Madonna University (7-13, 2-3) fell behind 40-28 at halftime Saturday and could not recover in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference matchup to visiting Aquinas College (13-6, 3-1).

Forwards Sarah Thomson and Martina Franklin (Redford Union) led the Crusaders with 19 and 17 points, respectively.

Franklin also grabbed 11 rebounds for MU.

Aquinas guard Whitney Marsh paced the attack with 28 points, including 5-of-6 from three-point range.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

triumph over Madonna University (6-12, 1-3).

Aquinas built a 54-38 half-time lead en route to the win. James Telman came off the bench to add 17 points for the Saints, while Damien Mayo and Jeff Jayson added 14 and 13, respectively.

Adam Kerfoot led MU in

scoring with 17 points, while D.J. Bridges (Canton) added 13.

Dernick Mudri and Charle Henry (Canton Agape Christian) finished with 12 apiece, while Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson) had nine.

MU was outrebounded 47-30 and shot only 35 percent from the floor (21-of-60). The Crusaders were 20-of-25 from the foul line.



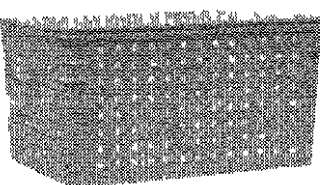
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Schoolcraft College's Cedric Sims, a Wayne Memorial graduate shown here in a recent game against Flint Mott, had 13 points and four assists in the Ocelots' 86-80 win Saturday over Wayne County CC.

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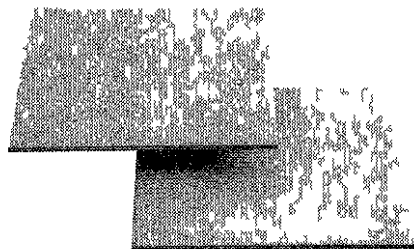
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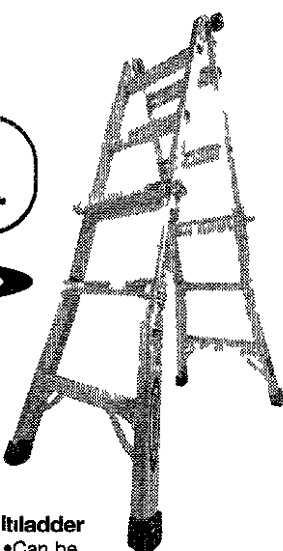
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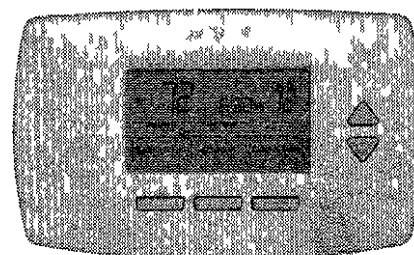


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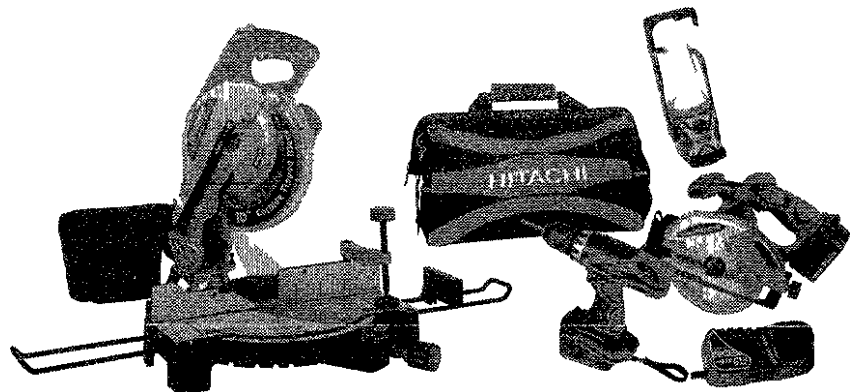
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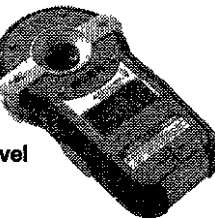
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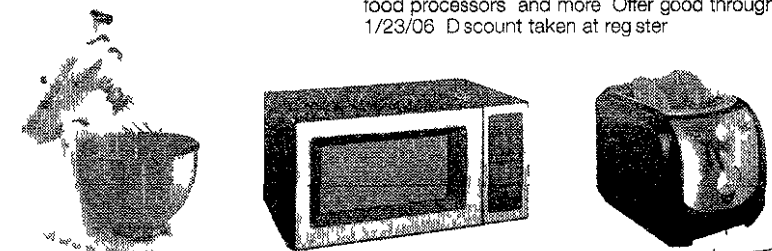
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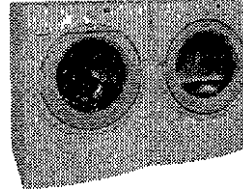
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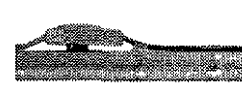
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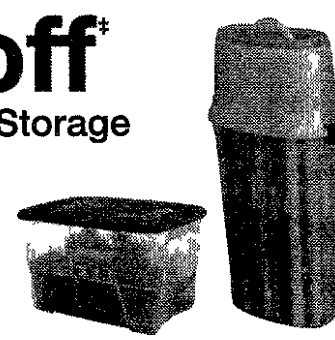


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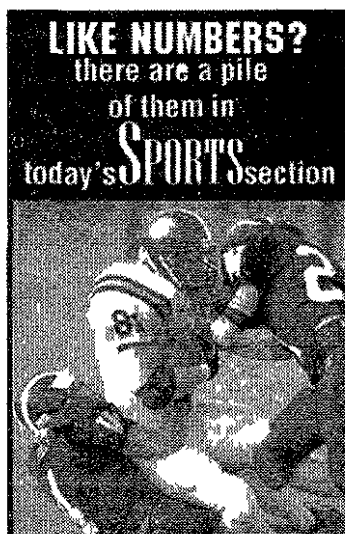
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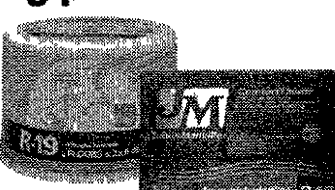


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Downtowns appeal to variety of owners

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Petula Clark sang about "Downtown" back in the 1960s. The lights may well be brighter in such local downtowns as Plymouth, Farmington and Rochester, as many people are eager to call them home.

I do a lot of business in the downtown area, said Realtor Deborah DePriest of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer-Bake on Main in Plymouth. I get a lot of positive comments on the Plymouth community. We get a lot of people walking in just asking about homes for sale.

Her recent listings have included homes on Harvey, Ann and Sunset in Plymouth. DePriest sells a variety of properties but especially enjoys Plymouth's older homes.

It's actually quite a variety, she said of the homes, which appeal to singles, families with children and older people. She sold to a couple from Royal Oak just starting their family. Another couple was downsizing to a smaller Plymouth home from a larger one.

There's always the emotional attachment, she said of people who've lived in a home a long time. Many people like being able to walk to Plymouth festivals.

William Street in Plymouth has been home for almost four years for Steve Alexandrowski and wife Renee, along with 4-year old daughter Grace. We wanted to live in a downtown area, said Alexandrowski, who's in investment planning. We wanted the sense of community that comes with a small town.

They enjoy being able to walk into town including the Kellogg Park area and environs.

Plymouth Downtown Development

Authority Director Bob Anderson and his wife call Plymouth's Old Village home, and bought there four years ago. He'd buy downtown today, noting the success of Daisy Square and other condo projects. The Andersons are empty nesters and wanted a condo.

"So we got a condo in Old Village," he said. "We can walk downtown, walk to restaurants in Old Village." He too cited the homey appeal of downtown Plymouth, "which I think is its greatest draw."

Realtor Shara Barrett of Century 21 Town & Country in Rochester has found people like to live in that community. "People gravitate to downtown Rochester specifically for the retail shops. Homeowners like the family businesses and specialty shops, she said.

They have a sense of the noncorporate environment. The friendliness, the charisma, the charm of downtown Rochester is really what's drawing people."

Rochester boasts Rochester Municipal Park a little off the beaten path but walkable from Main Street. People are drawn to the farmer's market, Barrett said, and to the Stoney Creek nature trails.

"People will bike, ride, jog or walk." There are several other parks in the area as well.

"It's very much the friendly hometown environment," Barrett said of her community. The people that want to live in downtown Rochester, it's convenient. There are grocery stores and more.

There's quite a lot to choose from, she said, noting people do pay a little more to live downtown. Low crime rates are another drawing card for homeowners.

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California court allows emergency assessment

Q. I have a condo in California that was damaged recently by an earthquake. The association hired an insurance adjuster agreeing to pay him 10 percent of the proceeds derived from the association's insurer. There was an issue with the adjuster and the association did not pay him but then he obtained a judgment and he is now seeking to collect from the assessments paid by the unit owners to the association. Do you think he has recourse to get our money given a California statute which exempts regular assessments from execution to the extent necessary for the association to perform essential services?



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A Fortunately, you have a provision in California that exempts certain assessments from execution which is not necessarily the case here in Michigan. However, in a recent California case based on similar facts, the court agreed that all the association's regular assessments were needed for

essential services but directed the association to impose a special emergency assessment to pay the judgment. The members met but did not vote for an assessment so the court appointed a receiver for the purpose of imposing the assessment. The result contravenes the general principle that members and shareholders of a corporation are not personally liable for the entity's debts notwithstanding the court's disavowal that the special assessment will not transform the homeowners into judgment debtors otherwise making them

personally liable for the debts of the association.

Q. I understand there has been a recent scientific study regarding mold which was theoretically advantageous to community associations. Do you have any information about it?

A. In response to the outbreak of mold related illness lawsuits, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention asked the Institute of Medicine to conduct a study on the health effects of mold exposure in indoor environments. The study,

called "Damp Indoor Spaces and Health," was conducted by scientists and doctors and the results were released in the summer of 2004. The study concluded that although exposure to excessively damp indoor spaces can trigger coughing, wheezing, and asthma in susceptible individuals, there is no evidence that mold causes other health problems including cancer, immune diseases, neurological problems and asthma. The study also concluded that damp environments generally create other health risks in addition to mold, including

dust mites and rotted building materials, making it even more difficult to attribute a member's health problems to mold alone.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium* available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

Referrals key business source in industry

More than 40 percent of all real estate firms participate in some type of referral program, and one-fifth of all firms have their own affinity programs to generate leads. That and other benchmarking information on different types of referral programs, including affinity, corporate relocation and Internet lead generation, can be found in the 2005 Profile of Referral and Relocation Activity, jointly released by the National Association of Realtors and Worldwide ERC, the association for workforce mobility. Advertising, firm affiliation and years of experience are all mainstays of the real estate

profession, and many buyers and sellers select an agent based on previous experience with that agent. Even so, the survey shows that a significant share of a firm's business results from referral relationships from another broker or agent, from an employer seeking to relocate some of its employees, or an affinity relationship with a particular firm. NAR President Thomas M. Stevens from Vienna, Va., said consumer needs vary. "The prior experience of homebuyers and sellers, and established relationships with real estate brokers and agents are very important," said Stevens, sen-

ior vice president of NRT Inc. However, we see in many situations that both consumers and real estate professionals benefit through referrals. Sandy Taraszki, GMS, executive director of the Worldwide ERC Coalition Center for Governmental Issues, said all types of referral activity have increased. "We've seen a growing trend toward consumer incentive programs associated with referral and lead generation programs. Consumer benefit programs - which incorporate rebates and referrals - are currently permitted in more than 40 states," she said. Taraszki noted, "Some firms

elect not to participate in referral fee or lead generation programs due to concern about the level of the fees, but this report shows that participation in these programs results in increased conversion rates. The report also shows that 80 percent of relocation referrals result in closed transactions." Nearly half of all real estate firms surveyed have either a business development department offering relocation services, or a relocation department. The typical real estate firm had a median of 10 employer-assisted relocations in 2004.

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Brighton Commerce Bank	5.575	0	5.375	0	J/A	LeSalle Bank Midwest	5.75	2	5.375	2	J/A/V/F
Brinks Goldstar Mortgage	5.25	2.25	4.75	2	J/A/V/F	Lra Financial	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A/V/F
Capital Mortgage Funding	5.75	2.25	5.25	2.25	J/A/V/F	Manufacturers	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A
Charter One Bank	6.375	0	6	0	J/A/V/F	Manistee Mortgage	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A/V/F
Client Services by Golden Rule	5.625	0.625	5.125	1	J/A/V/F	Michigan Schools & Conv C U	6	0	5.625	0	J/A
Co-op Services Credit Union	5.75	2	5.5	2	J	Mortgages by Golden Rule	5.75	0.125	5.25	0.5	J/A/V/F
Community Bank of Dearborn	6	0	5.625	0	J/A	National City Bank	5.625	1.675	5.125	2	J/A
Credit Union One	6.25	0	5.875	0	J/A	Northlawn Financial	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A/V/F
Dearborn Fed. Savings Bank	5.125	0	5.75	0	J/A	Pathway Financial LLC	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A/V/F
DFCU Financial	5.75	2	5.25	2	J/A	Peoples Mortgage	5.625	0.5	5.125	0.625	J/A
Fifth Third Bank	5.75	0.25	5.625	0.125	J/A/V/F	Shore Mortgage	5.375	2.5	4.75	1.75	J/A/V/F
First Alliance Mortgage Co	6	0	5.625	0	J/A/V/F	United Mortgage Group	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A
First International Mortgage	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A	York Financial Inc.	5.875	0	5.375	0	J/A
GMAC Mortgage Corp	5.625	3	5.625	1	J/A/V/F						

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SALEM
CUSTOM BUILT Executive retreat on 3+ acres in priv sub w/spring fed pond GR w/outlet cing over-sized hand b h fpl spacious kit w/15x14 island built in buffet Hagerstown cabs butler's pantry 1st fl mstr suite w/ luxury BA fitted WIC 2 more BR/BA/WIC sites upst is 43x10 ft bonus rm over 4 car gar \$749,900 (W/155)

NORTHVILLE
TRANSFERRERS offer better than new 4 BR 3.5 BA colon ad in Stonewall cabs better than new GR w/gas fpl chef's k it w/42 cherry cabs granite cnts butler's pantry French doored liv w/bk shelves 1st fl w/boxer BA WIC & bonus rm Princess suite jack n Jill bath Walkout bsmt Open Sun 11/8 from 12:30m \$699,900 (B/102)

PLYMOUTH
MUST SEE to appreciate! Warm hwd thr's in LR & DR Open & expanded k it new w/designer touches added cnt'r & pantry br to spac FR w/gas tp convenient lg indry rm 2 full BAs one redone Updts roof siding windows & more Storage thruout Great area Low taxes \$238,900 (SH/64)

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP
WELCOME HOME! Gorgeous pk like setting man from d vtn N vllie Huge LR w/great view & fpl Fresh y pntd entry or hwd flr in DR & kit Great updated kit w/drain to deck & hot tub brick paver patio mud rm 2.5 car gar N vllie Schls, nearly 1 acre of prime prop \$399,900 (MA/138)

CANTON
OWNER HATES TO GO just got settled great house & neighborhood Parks tennis crts Updates foyer picture window k lgrnd wdw others newer 5 yr furn 3 yr car off rd new chndlr & lightng Barber crpt in bsmt fresh pnt 170 This s a must see 3% dep pre call \$241,500 (M/046)

CANTON
MUST SEE Better than new co onal detached s te condo wth many upgrades including a finished basement, n Chatterton Square wth commun ty pool and park. F n shed garage \$249,900 (B/161)

DEARBORN
POPULAR SPRINGWELLS PARK Put this on top of your list you won't be disappointed Walking distance to TPC of Dearborn You'll love gran cnts newer cabs & upgraded appls Step into briskr cook w/French drs cer tile & wdwds galore fruit n LR for cozy nss 2 full BAs furn w r cleaner CIA roof replaced at gar \$214,500 (AM/15)

CANTON
WONDERFUL FAMILY HOME in great family nighbhd Comm pool clubhouse & tennis crts PC schools! Hwd flr in foyer k it & nook 02 Walls de w/dwds 03 new crpt 04 appl stay incl d sh rst s nk W & D fresh pnt crown moldng in DR LR FR & foyer DR w/bay and & char midng lead glass entry dr sprnk syst invisible fence dock hot tub sell agt to ver mass \$294,900 (REG/2)

CANTON
GREAT FAMILY HOME in wonderful sub! Lovely n & out wdwter 2200 sq ft! Incd car entry oak k it fr fresh pnt tiled cnt'r vaulted cing Anderson drw l forma DR w box wdw lg FR wlp full kitchenette never rd CIA at c fan Newer hwdscr etc 5 fruit trees all appls \$245,000 (K/193)

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LIVONIA \$214,900
Home is need of some updating but what a great family home and value in this 3 bedrm 1.5 bath brick colonial in "Olde Rosedale Gardens" sub Large LR w/nat'l FP White kitchen w/ hwd floor & all appls Formal DR Excellent 4 season Florida rm Full bsmt Newer roof shingles furnace & c/a Vinyl windows t/o

LIVONIA \$224,900
Excellent clean & sharp 3 BR 1.5 BA brick ranch Beautiful country kit w/white cabs ceramic tile hwd floor & all appls Gorgeous FR w/coathedral ceiling full brnk FP & doorwall to wood deck Full fin bsmt w/glass blk windows New furn & c/a Vinyl windows t/o Great location for schools shopping & x ways

LIVONIA \$229,900
Home needs some updating but what a great value on 4 BR 2.5 BA 1965 sq ft colonial in desirable Lyndon Meadows sub Excellent FR w/nat'l gas FP Doorwall to lrg patio Full fin bsmt under FR Most windows are newer Copper plumb Newer furnace & c/a (2 yrs) Roof shingles (12 yrs) 2 car att garage Great location

LIVONIA \$254,900
A touch of Greenfield Village describes fantastic 3 BR 2.5 BA brick bungalow in desirable Rosedale Gardens' sub Beautiful LR w/nat'l FP & wood mantel Olde style kit w/ swing door to formal DR Excellent mstr bedroom w/half bath Fantastic fin shed bsmt w/office full bath & hot tub 2.5 car brnk front & vinyl garage

LIVONIA \$239,900
Step back in time in gorgeous 3 BR 2 full BA brnk & vinyl colonial in beautiful "Rosedale Gardens" sub Fantastic LR w/FP Large country eat in kit w/bay window & all appls Beautiful formal DR Excellent FR w/ gas log FP Full bsmt Newer furnace Copper plumb Roof shingles (house 8 yrs gar 4 yrs) 1.5 car garage

LIVONIA \$204,900
A touch of "Greenfield Village" describes charming 2 BR 1 BA brick colonial in beautiful Olde Rosedale Gardens' sub Pretty LR w/hwd flr & FPL w/wood mantel Excellent updated kit w/blonde oak cabs Formal DR Updated BA Full bsmt w/glass blk wdwds Copper plumb 2.5 car garage Newer roof shingles Vinyl windows t/o

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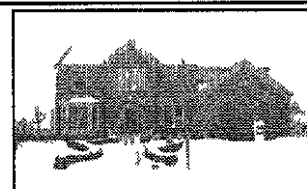
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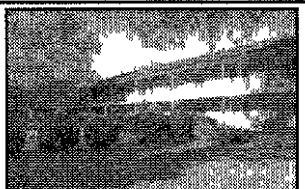
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CANTON BEAUTY 3 bedroom ranch with nice updates Fresh neutral décor throughout newer central a/r system roof and vinyl siding Updated bath and much more Call to see this one today \$204 900 (P 241DU)



EXCLUSIVE CENTRAL PARK ESTATES Loaded with upgrades like crown moldings dual staircases a gourmet island kitchen with granite & hardwoods private study & custom touches t/o Amenities include tennis golf and clubhouse \$439 900 (P 557DE)



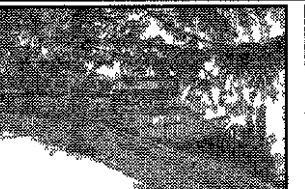
NO CAR NEEDED! This 2 bedroom ranch condo is within walking distance to everything Kitchen w/appliances common basement pool laundry facilities new carpet and paint in the city of Plymouth \$69 900 (P 450AN)



QUIET CUL DE SAC SETTING Backing to a commons in this 1900 square foot cape cod with a huge family room and fireplace Large kitchen deck attached 2 car garage 1st floor master and lots more Call to make an appointment to see this one today \$204 900 (P 708BE)



CLUBHOUSE POOL AND TENNIS! Where else but popular Sunflower Subdivision Over 2600 sq ft with 4 beds 2 1/2 baths and many updates Large family room w/fireplace Private study 1st floor laundry New landscaping Plymouth Canton schools \$284 900 (P 670CH)



ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE! In this gated community with beautiful views of Ford Lake Upper ranch condo featuring 3 beds 2 full baths fireplace a large deck overlooking the lake clubhouse and a pool Dues include heat and water \$152 500 (P 859CL)



EXQUISITE WALNUT CREEK ESTATE Dramatic vaulted ceilings custom kitchen bayed formal dining fin walkout w/kit & bath Pelia windows custom touches t/o 2 frpcs circular paver drive wrap around deck & prof landscaping \$549 900 (P 756HA)



CURB APPEAL PLUS! Extremely well maintained brick ranch with 3 bedrooms 2 baths Nicely decorated finished basement new furnace ac windows fenced yard and appliances That's a lot of house for only \$103 900 (P 994GL)



PLYMOUTH'S OLDE VILLAGE Don't miss the chance to own this 2 bedroom ranch with new neutral paint and carpeting Updated kitchen and bath appliances stay dining room fenced yard with a shed too Clean and ready to move into \$74 900 (P 755PI)



FIRST TIME BUYERS Don't miss the chance to own this 2 bedroom ranch with new neutral paint and carpeting Updated kitchen and bath appliances stay dining room fenced yard with a shed too Clean and ready to move into \$74 900 (P 755PI)



WHY RENT? When you can own this beautiful condo with a sunny east west exposure All new light fixtures large storage/laundry room fresh paint & carpet updated kitchen 2 bedrooms and 2 baths \$124 000 (P 567LI)



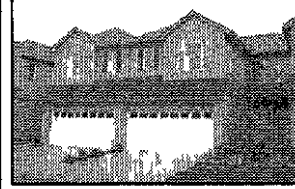
CUTE NEW CONDO Gorgeous newer condo on a low traffic street Clean bright and neutral decor Direct access garage Stove and refrigerator included Why rent when you can own in a sought after Canton area? \$159 900 (P 885CA)



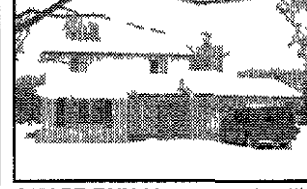
NEED A LOT OF SPACE? This home has 3 huge bedrooms upstairs plus a storage room 1 full bath dining and living room open to the breakfast nook big kitchen w/walk in pantry to the Florida room overlooking the backyard 2233 sq ft \$145 900 (P 274EL)



STOP RENTING! This home is ready to be lived in! Nice size living room 2 bedrooms on the first floor and a full bath Huge bedroom upstairs with an extra 6x7 area Basement garage and a cute screened in porch to enjoy all summer \$74 999 (P 946EV)



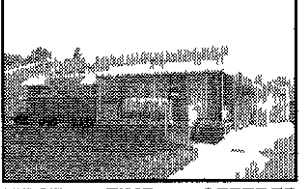
EYE CATCHING FEATURES In this newly constructed condo offering a ceramic foyer 1st floor laundry hardwood and autumn maple kitchen dual toned paint master w/garden tub treated deck & more \$209 900 (C 472GL)



SMART BUY Move in and settle down in this awesome 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial situated on a huge lot that measures to almost half an acre! Updated roof furnace electrical window paint fixtures and more Home warranty too! \$219 900 (P 784HO)



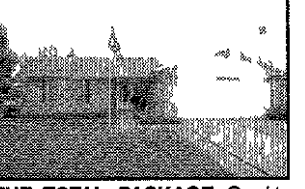
AMAZING BRICK RANCH Beautifully maintained Dearborn Heights home with a family room fireplace formal living & dining rooms and major updates that include sprinklers windows plumbing furnace and more \$169 900 (C 261MI)



FIRST TIME OFFERED Maintenance free brick ranch featuring newer windows a finished basement newer roof fenced yard updated kitchen with appliances hardwood floors and a home warranty! Cant be beat for only \$145 000 (P 825SA)



NOT JUST NEW CONSTRUCTION This is a quality constructed Redford ranch with high eff furnace and air all kitchen appliances a 9 foot basement 3 bedrooms 2 baths and more Still time to pick your own colors Call now \$154 900 (P 945SA)



THE TOTAL PACKAGE Quality brick ranch with 3BR/2 1/2BA Large floor plan offering rich hardwood floors huge eat in kitchen appliances family rm fireplace finished basement 1st floor laundry air attached garage and fenced yard \$250 000 (P 448SH)



IMMACULATE PRINCETON MODEL 2 story foyer lighted crown moldings large family room w/ fireplace hardwood floors large master w/ vaulted ceilings fashion soaking tub and WIC Finished basement w/bar beautiful deck and a premium lot \$306 000 (P 748SH)



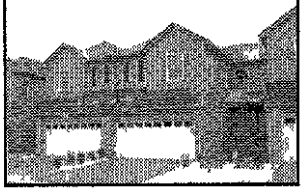
NICELY DONE RANCH Many upgrades in this beautiful Pulte built ranch Hardwood in the great room dining & kitchen newer carpeting in the bedrooms extensive landscaping w/large brick paver patio Over 1600 sq ft \$257 000 (P 673TI)



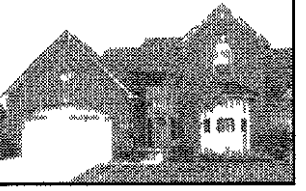
THE ONE WON'T LAST Brick ranch with 3 bedrooms on a quiet street in Livonia New roof furnace and central air Fabulous 3 season room in a very pretty fenced yard Just move in and enjoy \$159 900 (P 863WE)



BRAND SPANKING NEW Bright and spacious new construction condos with 2 BR 1 1/2 BA huge kitchen large dining area oversized master bedroom and garage You won't find a better deal anywhere at this price \$134 900 (P 734BR)



QUALITY CONDO Moderately priced best describes this covered entry home w/loads of trim 9ft ceilings autumn maple crowned cabs in culinary kit engineered flrs 9ft ceiling bsmt w/gress window 13x12 raised deck FF laund & all major appls \$209 900 (C 484GL)



BEAUTIFUL IN CANTON Absolutely stunning home offering many upgrades like granite in the kitchen top of the line carpeting marble surrounding the fireplace cherry wood floors Call to see it today! \$274 900 (C 770SC)



FORMER MODEL HOME Pristine clean 3 bedroom ranch with 2 baths and a large great room floor plan Dining room with doorwall to deck and a private fenced yard Great location Better hurry this one won't last \$199 900 (C 047WE)



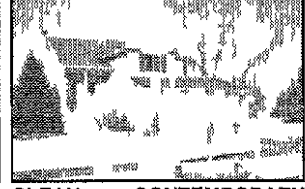
VERY POPULAR CONDO 2 bedrooms 2 baths and immediate occupancy 55 and over community with a pool and clubhouse with many activities Hardwood floors and new windows make this a winner Clean move in condition \$132 500 (P 221NE)



SHINED TO PERFECTION Canton ranch home w/1620 sq ft w/open flr plan A GR w/cath ceiling & gas fp formal DR & lg eat in kit 3 bds inc mstr suite w/bath FF laund fin bsmt w/dance studio rec area hobby rm Lndscpp yd w/sprinklers & brick paver patio \$244 900 (P 656RI)



UNEXPECTED FIND 2700 sq ft 3 BR 3 1/2 bath home w/grand entry & ceilings spac GR w/FP Gour kt w/designer cabs granite ctops cer flrs bit in appl & nook FF mstr w/cath ceiling & gla bath w/oversized tub sep shower & dbl sinks Lndscpp yd to nature preserve \$449 900 (P 837ST)



CLEAN CONTEMPORARY Landscaped & maintained raised ranch w/newer Andersen Wndws oak trt or c/a A/LR w/cath ceiling & fp spac kit & dining area mstr ste w/WIC & dual entry bath FR w/w/o to cust Patio Lg att Gar appls inc & 1 yr warr \$244 800 (P 631TY)



UPDATED LIVONIA RANCH Beautiful ranch boasts new siding gutters furnace C/A HWH & windows New oak kitchen w/new appls New FR add on to 2 brick paver patios Add to this 4 bedrooms how'd flrs frpic & fin bsmt You must see for yourself! \$214 900 (P 145BA)



PEACEFUL SETTING Nestled in the Heart of Castletwood! Featuring a vaulted ceiling great room triple doorwall to the beautiful deck overlooking trees luxury master garage pool clubhouse and more \$125 750 (C 737CA)



WONDERFUL OPEN RANCH Totally updated ranch with an open floor plan Awesome updated kitchen glowing hardwood floors finished basement with a wet bar updated furnace & central air to help save on gas bills \$169 900 (C 811DO)



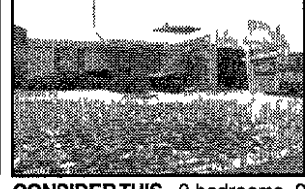
RANCH END UNIT Overlooking the woods with a huge floor plan 2 bedrooms 2 baths super clean with vaulted ceilings ceramic baths attached 2 car garage and a home warranty! Great location too \$179 900 (C 032RI)



EXCEPTIONALLY PRETTY Sharp contemporary on a private acre in exclusive Pilgrim Hills 5 bedrooms 2 baths huge island kitchen expansive tiered deck 2 1/2 car garage and loads of updates An absolute must see \$369 900 (C 872TH)



NEAT AS A PIN Awesome ranch with covered ceilings vinyl insulated windows finished basement with a full kitchen and updated ceramic floors in the kitchen & bath Come take a look! \$159 500 (C051BR)



CONSIDER THIS 3 bedrooms 2 full baths family room fireplace attached 2 car garage a basement w/glass block windows sprinkler system and award winning Livonia schools sounds perfect doesn't it? \$179 900 (C 729BU)



EXQUISITE CONDO Just 2 years new this light bright and airy condo is decorated to the nines! Hardwood floors upgraded carpeting & light fixtures laundry 1st floor laundry & great master This is a 10 plus! \$178 900 (C 947CA)



COUNTRY CONTEMPORARY Wonderful ranch in Huron school district Plenty of cabinets in Kitchen w/deep sink & spacious Breakfast Nook Master suite w/WIC & jetted tub Home is located on over 3 acres \$229 900 (C 433CA)



DEARBORN CHARMER Vinyl sided bungalow with 3 bedrooms updated furnace central air windows and basement Deck off of the back of the home Hardwood floors and pretty landscaping Fenced yard too! \$99 900 (C 614GA)



PRICED TO SELL & READY NOW! This brick ranch offers many upgrades inc new carpet fresh paint new gar dr w/opener updated Kit w/all appl & brand new full bath in part fin bsmt lmm occup Livonia schls city cert's done Call today for more details \$159 900 (C 937JO)



A GREAT BUY! Nice 2 bedroom ranch in the Downriver area with all of the big ticket items updated for you Windows siding furnace roof cement water heater remodeled kitchen & more \$99 900 (C 830KA)



LUXURY MEETS VALUE Enjoy this beautiful brick condo w/large master suite vaulted ceilings den/study 3 full baths & a finished basement Canton community at its best \$285 000 (C 491KI)



WELCOME HOME Well maintained brick ranch in Livonia Updated bath windows roof and water heater Nice fenced yard shed and 2 car garage Partially finished basement Put this one at the top of your list! \$164 900 (C 961LY)



HOME BUYERS DREAM Everything has been updated in this wonderful 3 bedroom ranch Furnace and roof less than 5 yrs old new carpeting updated kitchen and baths 2 1/2 car garage home warranty & a great location \$144 900 (C 437MC)



WESTLAND'S HIDDEN JEWEL Private wooded view on a quiet cul de sac backing to Hines! Built in 94 this 3 bedroom beauty offers a spacious neutral floor plan finished basement sprinklers and lots more \$184 900 (C 358PE)



PRICED BELOW MARKET! Magnificent 4 bedroom 2 bath colonial in popular Cobblestone Ridge on a premium lot siding to woods Numerous upgrades including an expanded bedroom 3 car garage stone fireplace & more Quick Occupancy \$389 900 (C 885WA)



START PACKING! Spacious 4 bd bungalow w/1 1/2 baths Move in condition Enjoy freshly painted rooms newer oak kitchen updated baths updated carpet pergo windows furnace electric & roof 165 ft deep fenced yard w/2 1/2 car garage Call today \$144 900 (P 450AC)



OUTSTANDING RANCH Well maintained home is conveniently tucked away close to everything it offers 3 spac bedrooms lg eat in Kit w/all appls LR w/vaulted ceiling Mstr w/WIC & bath 1 1/2 car det Gar fenced yard & Liv schls! This is a turnkey home \$149 900 (P 468BE)



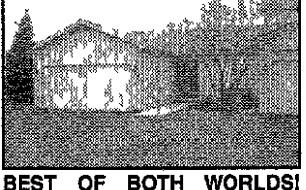
LINCOLN SCHOOLS 10 acres & you can split lots! Close to 94 x way Ann Arbor Eastern & Eagle Crest golf course Lots are surrounded by new subdivisions Ready for your builder to build your dream home! Call today for more info \$660 000 (P 000CA)



START 2006 FRESH! Ground fir condo built in 04 Spacious unit offers 2 bd 2 baths GR w/gas triple hwd flrs high end appl in kit private patio & courtyard FF laund full bsmt c/a & two car att gar w/opener Pack your bags lmm occup! \$1395/mo \$1 395/MO (P 525CO)



INVESTORS SPECIAL! 3 Bedroom Brick Home w/ unfinished basement 2 car garage Needs a little TLC! Motivated Seller! Getting out of the LandLord Business Great Location near expressway and shopping Home sold as is \$167 000 (P 206CR)



BEST OF BOTH WORLDS! Better than move in cond on this perfect 2 bd 2 1/2 ba end unit condo overlooking pond & private nature preserve Excellent location cond & flr plan yet close to everything Hard to find this combination! \$179 900 (P 981DE)



PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! Great value 3 bd home w/Livonia Schls Completely remodeled Kit & Baths w/new copper plumb Other updated include vinyl siding & trim roof windows furn w/air refinished hwd flrs sprinkler & HWH What more do you need? \$169 900 (P 213DO)



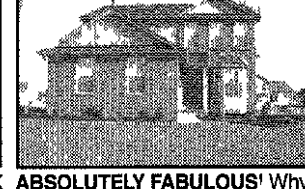
BEAUTIFUL BROCK RANCH Plymouth Township charmer Tread corner lot 2 car attached Garage many updates inc new Kitchen cabinets c tops & Pergo Updated furnace C/A & roof Full basement 3 spacious bedrooms & 1 1/2 baths A great value \$219 900 (C 375LA)



METICULOUS LIVONIA RANCH 4 bd 1 1/2 bath ranch w 1200+ sq ft Updated Kitchen w/Pergo style floor New roof on home & gar Updated windows furn A/C circuit breakers & copper plumbing Patio dr to Deck & beautiful yard Wide open fin bsmt This home is ready for you! \$200 000 (C 161LY)



WELL MAINTAINED BRICK RANCH Neutral decor t/o in this Canton ranch 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 bath open floor plan w/gas fp 2 1/2 car Garage w/workbench & great storage space Close to xways schools & shopping \$1 450/mo (C 488OR)



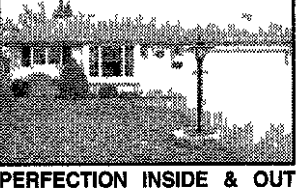
ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS! Why build new when this one is just over a year old with all the finishing touches Nicely landscaped w/sprinklers & Deck on a premium elevation lot Many upgrades t/o including Kitchen flooring fixtures and more Immediate occupancy Huron schools \$245,000 (C 681OR)



OLD FASHIONED GEM Room to roam Over 1400 sq ft 2 bd 1 1/2 ba Huge fenced yard large Kitchen formal Dining Room Great Room w/hardwood floors Library with built in book shelves & full basement Conveniently located & close to everything \$153 750 (C 504SI)



A MUST SEE! Beautiful colonial on private treed lot New Kit w/ Pergo flrs & maple cabs Updated FR w/ceramic trim fp newer crpt Deck overlooking wooded private yard New Wallside wndws newer tear off roof newer 6 panel drs Home warranty for the lucky buyer! \$234 900 (C 693WA)



PERFECTION INSIDE & OUT Many updated t/o this 3 bd home including windows gutters furnace C/A roof & Kitchen floor Freshly painted Family Room w/FP Cedar Deck w/awning & a brick paver front porch A must see! \$219 900 (C 344WE)



PLYMOUTH'S BEST KEPT SECRET Walk to town & take in all Plymouth has to offer from this delightful private complex 2 bd 2 1/2 baths & Great Room w/ gorgeous view Marble surround gas fp 2nd floor laundry 2 balconies & plenty of storage space Immediate Occupancy! \$177,900 (C-806YO)

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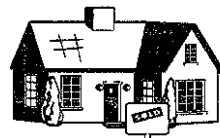
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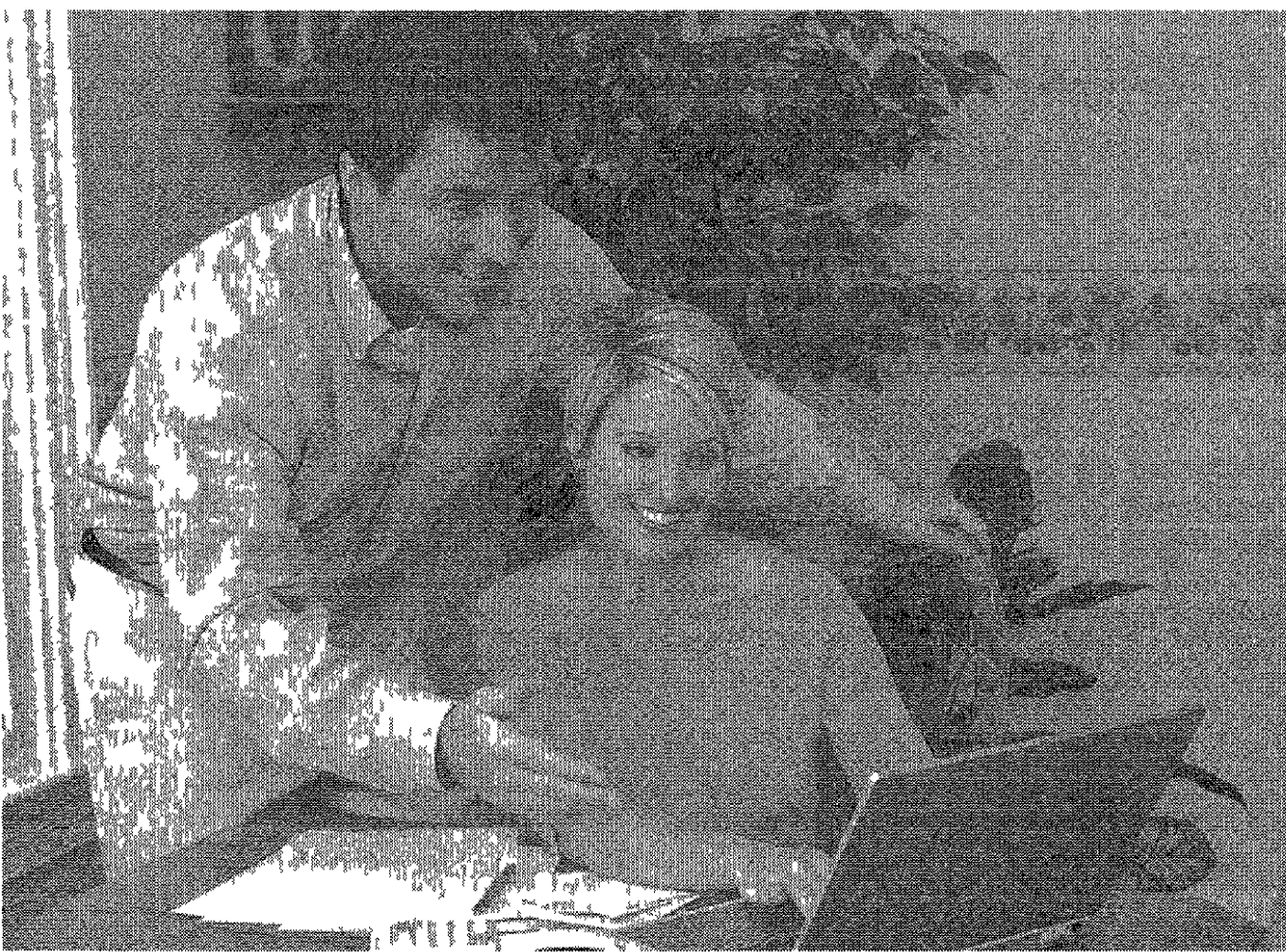
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<p>JUST LISTED!</p> <p>GREAT RANCH</p> <p>3 bdrm new roof furnace windows Freshly painted 2 car attached garage \$182 500 (EA308)</p>	<p>Southfield/Lathrup 3390</p> <p>By Owner</p> <p>UPDATED RANCH</p> <p>on 2 acres Hardwood floors in all bdrms marble bathroom updated kitchen lg front back decks Year round sunroom New win dows/ siding/ garage door \$195 000 248 910 3300</p>	<p>Westland 3445</p> <p>ELEGANT & CONVENIENTLY LOCATED</p> <p>Fantastic West Bloomfield colonial is set on 1 1/2 acre & features numerous updates - roof, driveway, hot water heater, kitchen, windows, bath, fireplace, large Florida room, \$220,000</p>	<p>Lakefront/Waterfront Homes 3580</p> <p>Canadian Waterfront</p> <p>Gorgeous 3 bdrm lakefront getaway with sandy beach \$299 000 Call Theresa at 3021 in the Hills 800 521 3021 or 248 802 9485</p>	<p>Condos 3720</p> <p>JUST LISTED!</p> <p>CANTON</p> <p>Townhouse 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath bsmt rent \$925 Option/buy \$129 900 LC \$3K down (734) 455 2953</p>	<p>Condos 3720</p> <p>JUST LISTED!</p> <p>CANTON</p> <p>Lil' Pointe Condo lower end unit with private entrance Move in cond Contemporary decor with all new floors paint & kitchen sink \$195 000 (248) 880 8237</p>	<p>CLASSIFIEDS WORK!</p> <p>1-800-579-7355</p>	<p>GREAT DEALS!</p> <p>BRAND NEW!</p> <p>1178 sq ft 3 bed 2 bath Deluxe GE appliances ONLY \$29,900</p>	<p>Real Estate Wanted 3870</p> <p>HANDYMAN BUYS HOUSES</p> <p>Good or Bad Condition 313 671 8415</p>
<p>JUST LISTED!</p> <p>Immaculate 2073 sq ft 3 bdrm 2 1/2 bath ranch</p> <p>Open floor plan cathedral ceiling fireplace Florida room \$234 900 248 668 6980 Fsbomichigan oakland.com</p>	<p>Well maintained</p> <p>3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath ranch Hardwood floors fireplace bsmt 2 car attached garage \$189 900 (RA231)</p>	<p>Westland 3445</p> <p>"WHAT A BUY"</p> <p>On this sprawling 3 bedroom brick ranch family room natural fireplace large kitchen remodeled bath 2 car garage many newer updates only \$129 900</p>	<p>Just Listed!</p> <p>FENTON WATERFRONT</p> <p>Open Sun 2 4 Brng your Master Craft and move right n! Awesome views both sunsets and sun sets Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath home coated on one of the most des red land ngs on 845 acre all sports Lake Fenton Charm ng home comp etely rebuilt n 1993 Custom kitchen hardwood floo s throughout Back of yth 27x30 1 0 sto / garage Prce \$649 900 Sam Natchez RE MAX P at num 810 632 5050 or 810 240 8862</p>	<p>Just Listed!</p> <p>Downtown Farmington!</p> <p>Beautiful 2 bedroom 2 bath ranch condo n Charlestowne Occupancy can be quick \$145 000 Call Mary L Bush 248 477 9600 RE/MAX Affiliates</p>	<p>Just Reduced!</p> <p>FARMINGTON BARGAIN</p> <p>Fabulous spacious updat ed ecot on 2 bedroom 2 bat \$87 000 1 bedroom 1 bath \$69 900 Lease option ok (248) 255 5259 Keller Williams 22260 Haggerty North Ie</p>	<p>LIVONIA 2004 BUILT</p> <p>3 bdrm 2 1/2 bath w/2 1/2 car garage 2 way fireplace Loft library \$374 900 (NE375)</p>	<p>Handyman Special!</p> <p>24 x 56 3 bed 2 bath appliances Only \$13 900</p>	<p>Handyman Special!</p> <p>24 x 56 3 bed 2 bath appliances Only \$13 900</p>
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About nine out of 10 "That's what a group of veteran Realtors will tell you when you ask them how many of their failed transactions were a result of broken financing. Most Realtor and seller headaches exist as a result of the borrower's mortgage experiences."



Tim Phillips

Broken promises, lack of responsiveness, inexperience, last minute funding requirements—the list is mammoth. The horror stories you might hear from within the walls of a title companies-closing offices could easily form the basis of next year's hit TV reality series. The events are equally stunning and unbelievable, at times.

Candidly, there are times that even the most experienced of us mortgage loan officers

encounter situations that were not predictable. Clients do not always disclose information accurately or completely. And there are often issues with the property itself or with its title work. In such cases, even the world's best loan officers could stumble.

However, notwithstanding these issues, most mortgage train wrecks can be avoided by taking some simple steps.

First, fully comprehend that while your mortgage's interest rate and terms are important,

they mean nothing if your real estate deal falls through. For that reason alone, you should select a loan officer either that you deeply trust based on prior personal experiences or that you can trust from a solid referral source.

Next, don't be snagged by expensive advertising. Understand that most lenders can now get the same mortgage products as the next one down the street. In fact, you may be surprised to learn that many of us brokers use the very same wholesale funds that the annoying mortgage advertisers use without the huge marketing overhead.

Finally, as with other professionals, when you finally discover a good and competent mortgage professional, stuck

with that person. A true mortgage professional, like a custom tailor fitting your attire, will make sure you are always in the right loan for the right reasons.

Today's TIMBIT! Do not wait until the real estate Rush Hour to befriend a mortgage professional. The current "slow" market is a good time to discover which mortgage brokers are full-time professionals and which have flown south for warmer weather.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit www.PhillipsHQ.com for free information online or call him toll free at (866) 369 4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept. 26-30, 2005 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price	City	Address	Sales Price
	31115 Pickwick	\$412,000			
	Keego Harbor				
	1985 Maddy	\$164,000			
	2929 Pridham	\$78,000			
	1661 Stapleton	\$40,000			
	Lake Orion				
	167 Bridge	\$178,000			
	108 Evergreen	\$183,000			
	831 Fairview	\$235,000			
	2529 Freeman	\$200,000			
	165 Hi Valley	\$270,000			
	3911 Long Meadow	\$332,000			
	971 Mcclellan	\$108,000			
	712 N Long Lake	\$321,000			
	825 N Long Lake	\$146,000			
	148 Park Green	\$166,000			
	1214 Ridgeview	\$272,000			
	638 S Newman	\$313,000			
	Lathrup Village				
	18860 Roseland	\$78,000			
	Novi				
	2280 Austin	\$160,000			
	24749 Bashan	\$175,000			
	45823 Bristol	\$434,000			
	28042 Carlton Way	\$235,000			
	21093 Chase	\$470,000			
	41645 Chattman	\$320,000			
	45007 Cobblestone	\$120,000			
	39516 Country	\$171,000			
	39876 Crosswinds	\$174,000			
	27948 Declaration	\$166,000			
	27950 Declaration	\$167,000			
	27952 Declaration	\$189,000			
	42757 Faulkner	\$420,000			
	41602 Hamlet	\$230,000			
	41608 Hamlet	\$217,000			
	22443 Heatherbrae	\$240,000			
	24800 Highlands	\$215,000			
	45438 Irvine	\$488,000			
	24735 Jamestowne	\$320,000			
	41065 McMahon	\$185,000			
	44800 Northhaven	\$161,000			
	41506 Oconnor	\$244,000			
	45010 Paine	\$143,000			
	45022 Paine	\$143,000			
	42559 Park Ridge	\$255,000			
	24509 Perceval	\$486,000			
	24672 Picara	\$345,000			
	44882 Revere	\$151,000			
	44917 Revere	\$143,000			
	1341 S Lake	\$602,000			
	41684 Sleepy Hollow	\$264,000			
	47250 Sunnybrook	\$680,000			
	45821 Willingham	\$580,000			
	23604 Wintergreen	\$520,000			
	23640 Wintergreen	\$556,000			
	45135 Yorkshire	\$242,000			
	Oakland Township				
	3528 Oakmonte	\$154,000			
	700 S Rochester	\$190,000			
	Orchard Lake				
	4220 Orchard Lake	\$695,000			
	Oxford				
	3942 Apache	\$398,000			
	220 Aspen	\$298,000			
	22 Davison	\$130,000			
	1666 Eagle	\$440,000			
	102 East	\$120,000			
	812 Gibson	\$137,000			
	837 Gibson	\$141,000			
	824 Keith	\$145,000			
	1400 Meadowbrook	\$360,000			
	510 Sandhurst	\$268,000			
	950 Seymour Lake	\$134,000			
	1851 Twin Lakes	\$325,000			
	846 W Peninsula	\$282,000			
	813 Watersmeet	\$410,000			
	1059 Woodbriar	\$266,000			
	Rochester				
	1063 Autumnview	\$720,000			
	801 Canyon Creek	\$550,000			
	2785 Cranbrook Ridge	\$2,700,000			
	3689 Edinborough	\$528,000			
	3324 Edmunton	\$363,000			
	721 Loggers	\$495,000			
	1294 Maple	\$208,000			
	1505 Meadow Side	\$134,000			
	2997 Mohawk	\$238,000			
	347 Parkdale	\$167,000			
	597 Romeo	\$167,000			
	699 Twin Oaks	\$359,000			
	750 Willard	\$196,000			
	Rochester Hills				
	2140 Avoncrest	\$330,000			
	2862 Corinthia	\$200,000			
	3065 Courtfield	\$332,000			
	3861 Dunning	\$115,000			
	28 Kirks	\$177,000			
	3040 Primrose	\$289,000			
	636 Spartan	\$308,000			
	2829 Steamboat Springs	\$326,000			
	2645 Tower Hill	\$335,000			
	3797 Winding Brook	\$492,000			
	2767 York	\$221,000			
	Southfield				
	19553 Albany	\$255,000			
	18740 Autumn	\$203,000			
	20034 Boardwalk	\$148,000			
	30146 Brentwood	\$155,000			
	25247 Briarbank	\$205,000			
	20295 Briarwood	\$215,000			
	18910 Bungalow	\$216,000			
	29761 Chelmsford	\$170,000			
	16301 Fairfax	\$165,000			
	21763 Fairway	\$116,000			
	15977 George Washington	\$213,000			
	25580 Ingleside	\$225,000			
	27720 Lathrup	\$305,000			
	23720 Lee Baker	\$200,000			
	28552 Lowell	\$129,000			
	15570 Mount Vernon	\$168,000			
	29195 Murray Crescent	\$275,000			
	22760 N Bellwood	\$272,000			
	16210 N Park	\$165,000			
	27010 Pierce	\$162,000			
	Franklin				
	31932 Bella Vista	\$218,000			
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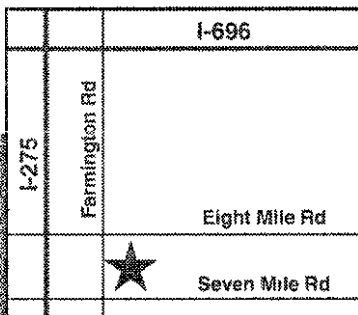
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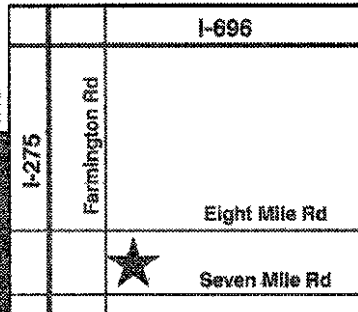
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■ 8 a.m. to noon Friday, Jan. 27, "Safety and Security" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$145 for Remodelers Council members, BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests (248) 862-1033.

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Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes for

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■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 23, 25, 30 & Feb. 1, "How To Build Your Own Home," Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford, \$199 plus \$30 for two course text books. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 19. Waterford Community Education (248) 682-1088.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 23, 25, 30 & Feb. 1, Builders Pre-License, Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Jan. 19, Walled Lake Community Education (248) 956-5000.

■ 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Jan. 24, 26, 31 & Feb. 2, Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Jan. 20, Birmingham Community Education (248) 203-3800.

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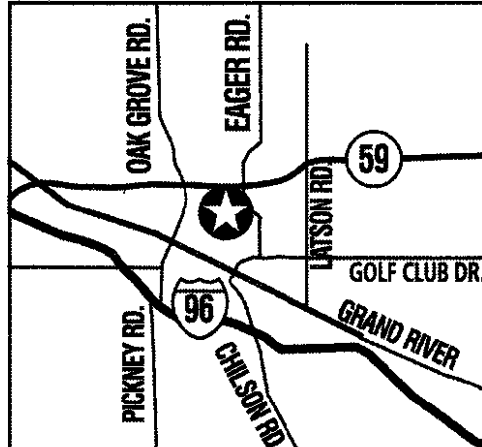
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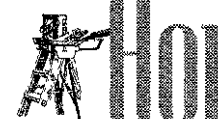
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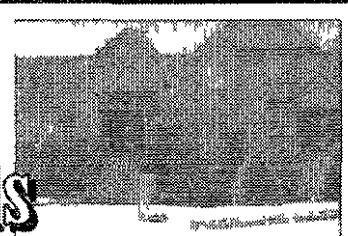
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 <p>MARION TWP Country Living In Great Sub Custom built 4 BR 3 5 BA ranch w/high end features Granite kitchen counters custom cabs glamor bath n master ste lower level wa kout offers fn shed FR w/frplc & bar for entertain ng pat o & fire pit</p> <p>(E39LAK) 734 455 5600 \$459,900</p>	 <p>GARDEN CITY Buyer Alert Very nice 2 bedroom home offering newer floor ng in kitchen & bath tile foyer newer windows & custom blinds newer entry & nter cr doors Ha dwood floors under carpet Privacy fence & garage</p> <p>(E29ELM) 734 455 5600 \$109,900</p>	 <p>BLOOMFIELD TWP Don't Miss This Wonderful brick ranch offering 3 bedrooms 3 full baths wet plaster huge wing room w/frplace updated kitchen 4 bedroom over oak ng deck Inground pool & patio 2 car att gar w/atic all appls & warr</p> <p>(E60HIL) 734 455 5600 \$299,900</p>	 <p>ROYAL OAK Nicely Updated Ranch Great local on for this 3 bedroom home w/basement & 2 car garage Newer kit w/ceramic tile A app acres stay Newer roof windows furn & C/A Newer 50 gal HWH Du ck occupancy & 1 yr warr Profes landscaping</p> <p>(E29AME) 248 349-5600 \$179,900</p>	 <p>WESTLAND Upper Ranch Condo End unit w th attached garage 2 bedrooms 1 bath large open living/dining room area Spacious master bedroom w WIC Enjoy maintenance free living Pool & clubhouse immed ate occupancy</p> <p>(E26CAR) 248 349 5600 \$89,900</p>
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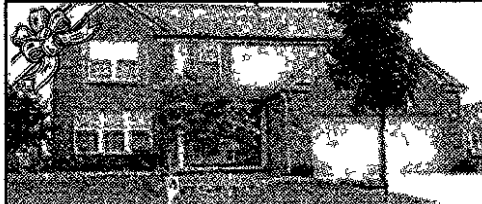
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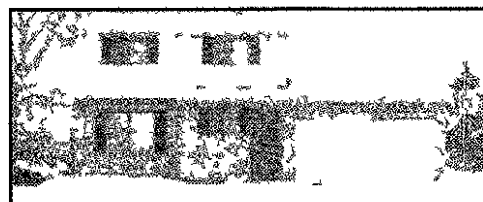
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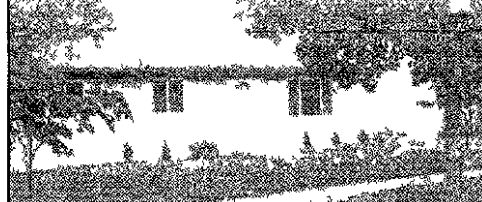
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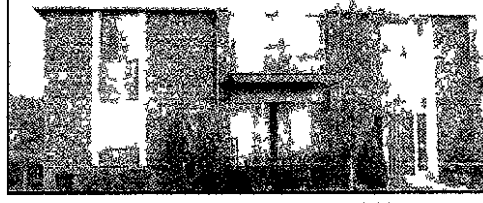
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FOILING A LAZY CO-WORKER



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

How can you spot a lazy co-worker before it's too late, and what can you do?

A shift in attitude, from positive to negative, might be a red flag, because "negativity and laziness go hand-in-hand," says trainer Dan Stockdale, president of Adventures In Leadership Inc., in Knoxville, Tenn. Kathy Atkins states that absences, missed deadlines, lack of preparation and excuses may indicate lack of enthusiasm and commitment. She is president of The Latitude Group in Greensboro, N.C. She also advises watching people who "are lax with details."

Should you do anything or back away? Sales consultant Paul Feld of PES Inc., in Virginia Beach, Va., advises you to "trust that instinct rather than discount your feelings. But it's difficult to discover. The person may do the work differently, perhaps more efficiently."

Deidre Combs, author and management consultant, agrees about different work styles and favors restraint. Based in Bozeman, Montana, she comments, "He may be productive at night when I'm not watching, or might be temporarily distracted with personal issues like an aging parent and can't focus at work. We can mislabel other co-workers as

'lazy' and miss their potential contribution, and even their humanity. It never hurts to check out your assumptions."

ORGANIZATIONAL STRESSORS

Organizational factors can promote laziness. Atkins mentions that lack of clarity about how "to contribute to that overall vision" or a company's failure to link a person's job to it can discourage hard work.

All four of the consultants discussed here say that companies with unrealistic or unspecified expectations contribute to laziness. Feld points out that this is a communication problem caused by "inadequate explanation, not listening or failure to provide information." He also indicates that organizational change may cause a person to seem lazy, having "fallen off the edge of a road that no longer exists." Insufficient training can leave the person uncertain about what to do. He cites "organizational constraints, such as a lack of (or ineffective) functioning of equipment, lack of resources or a lack of cooperation." The wrong person may have been hired for the job. Atkins mentions that lack of accountability, which many companies encourage, plays an important role in non-performance. Stockdale points to misuse of power.

INSPIRATION

What options do you have, besides not doing anything? The most obvious and most direct is speaking with the person. Feld suggests something like this: "Hey, I need to

talk to you. I've been watching things and have an uneasy feeling that you're not achieving what we're supposed to be achieving. I may not be seeing what you're doing. Could you help me understand better how your efforts are producing the results we expect?" He advocates the "we're all in this together" spirit. "If you're having a problem," he directs you to say, "I want you to know I'm there for you. And if I'm having a problem, I want to know that you're there for me, too." Atkins asserts that not everyone will be forthcoming, despite your sincerity. She says to suggest the possibility of "speaking with your manager about bringing someone in to help with this."

Another option is to "offer to partner with your co-worker on the next project or assignment," explains Stockdale. "Before you begin the project, get together with your new partner. Come up with a written plan that divides the work evenly. Be sure to communicate the plan with your supervisor. Have brief, daily chats to update each other on your progress. And be sure to include your boss in the updates -- email works great for this."

Stockdale cautions not to "offer to pick up the slack if your co-worker is getting behind. You will simply set up a condition where you have reinforced the laziness."

If you've tried everything, with no luck, take the problem directly to your manager. Feld recommends presenting your case in



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terms of behavior that affects you and a wide circle of people in the company. "Help the manager understand how the person is missing the boat and why he's not motivated," Atkins states. Enlist the manager as a partner in turning the situation around.

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF 54 142lbs 5'6" enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5'10" N/S social drinker for LTR ☎548938

FORMER MODEL

SWF 50 5'6" slender intelligence creativity passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50 who is attractive and fit to share his interests and more ☎600106

JERSEY TRANSPLANT

SWF 50 slender blonde Virgo N/S enjoys foreign travel wine tasting and working out. Seeking WM 40-53 N/S for LTR ☎885454

THE BEST OF TIMES

Optimistic healthy WIWF 68 brown/brown 5'6" 150lbs N/S N/D looking for that special man to share friendship first. I love fitness the outdoors long walks holding hands. Romance ☎765933

GIVE ME A CALL

SF 27 brown/green 5'5" enjoys bowling going out with friends dining cuddling more. Seeking a nice hard-working down to earth guy to share friendship dates maybe more later on ☎879584

ISO GOOD FRIEND?

Possible relationship? Read on SWF 47 N/S enjoys cooking dining out art museums plays reading and traveling. Seeking honest WM 42-57 N/S ☎857253

LOVES BOATING

SWF 65 5'6" Aries N/S loves dancing and dining out. Seeking WM 60-71 N/S with sense of humor for friendship possible romance ☎890004

SO MEONE SPECIAL

Fun loving attractive SWF 70 5'5" 135lbs blonde retired Cancer N/S seeks well groomed WM 65-72 N/S to share life romance and possible relationship ☎891247

LET'S GIVE IT A TRY

SF 19 5'5" slim build occasional smoker. Looking for SBM 18-26 tall good personality and loves having fun ☎879060

ENJOYS CHURCH

BF 59 looking for a man who also enjoys going to church movies bowling and the casinos occasionally ☎892813

WORTH A CALL

SF 45 5'5" blonde/light brown Italian/German descent likes fitness sports events dining downtown outdoors animals. ISO energetic active man N/D dog lover who appreciates the same. Friendship first ☎879891

INTERESTED?

DWF 39 Leo mother likes dining out cooking in movies relaxing times in cuddling family times. Seeking family oriented child friendly SM who appreciates friendship life and love ☎880974

BEAUTIFUL REDHEAD

SF 58 beautiful both inside/out wonderful smile dimples and great SOH with interests in travel concerts movies cooking gardening. WLTM secure accomplished fun loving SM 50-70 5'8" with similar interests. Call ☎870556

TRY ME!

Attractive SWF 49 I enjoy movies dining sking and skating. Seeking an attractive SWM 45-55 who enjoys most activities ☎869847

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER

SWF 49 5'5" full figured brown/brown romantic lovable humorous likes entertaining traveling family time. Seeking SM 40-56 N/S social drinker ok who puts God first in his life for possible LTR ☎861408

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM

SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non smoker man 35-53 who likes outdoors bicycling walking family ☎115795

COULD YOU BE MR RIGHT?

Are you a big tall handsome man? DWF 47 very attractive loving fun seeks SWM to share life together ☎433339

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF 53 5'9" brown/brown N/S nursing home activities coordinator enjoys boating swimming and Michigan State football games. Seeking WM 50-62 with similar interests ☎759316

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

SWF 57 N/S seeks intelligent kind hearted young-at heart WM 57-63 N/S who enjoys traveling camping boating (Great Lakes or ocean) music book stores and laughter ☎759907

A KIND HEART

SBF 56 mother enjoys dining in/out swimming horseback riding camping picnics. Seeking sociable honest fun employed man N/S to share happiness friendship and possible LTR ☎780769

ASIAN MAN WANTED

Pretty blue eyed blonde 5'5" plus-sized warm and bright seeks intelligent handsome man for dating. Troy area ☎827007

DOWN-TO-EARTH HOMEBOY

SBF 37 5' 160lbs single mom of 2 nice smile hard-working N/S seeks teddy bear type SBM 37-42 N/S kids a+ for friendship maybe LTR ☎848200

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF 58 5'3" 170lbs attractive intelligent creative articulate seeks SWM 57-73 who is kind-hearted articulate who enjoys dancing walking traveling movies dining out ☎812098

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF early 60s feels much younger N/S loves music and dancing stays physically active would like to hear from friendly honest man 56-68 N/S ☎672174

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim attractive 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54-64 please respond ☎589875

GET IN TOUCH

SBF 20 5'2" 168lbs mother of one. Looking for a friend to get to know hang out with and just have fun with. Seeking SM 19-34 kids ok ☎879989

I CAN LOVE YOU BETTER

Very sexy SBF 26 5'1" 120lbs caramel complexion short black hair Libra smoker hair stylist enjoys singing cooking dining in/out movies concerts and plays. Seeking BM 27-37 for LTR ☎890302

SEEKING COMPANION

SWF 52 young at heart very personable fun loving great SOH. Seeking SWM who sweet and lovable for friendship first hopefully more ☎873722

WIDOWED

Pretty WF 55 5' 170lbs shapely looking for an active man 60-70 for LTR ☎882163

FRIENDS FRIEND

SF 59 pretty young-looking professional medium build long brown/brown wants to meet family-oriented man pet lover 55-65 who appreciates art music dancing dining out travel sports classic cars fitness fun ☎690404

EBONY SEEKS IVORY

DBF 42 5'3" 140lbs full figured seeks to date SWM 40-50 in the Mount Clemens area ☎455323

GOOD MAN WANTED

Attractive SBF marriage minded 5'6" average build 40 Capricorn N/S, seeks BM 40-51 N/S to enjoy life and more ☎692032

RESCUE ME!

SBF 41 5'5" average build enjoys church family shopping much more. Looking for SBM 43-47, professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman ☎408635

GREAT COMPANION

SF 65 looks 55 5'2" unique bright w/many talents and interests. I'm well traveled very attractive health conscious. How about you? Seeking non smoking counterpart 62-70 ☎633527

LIKE HAVING FUN?

SF 5 112lbs blonde/green looking for a romantic guy 20-25 who is tall handsome nice and knows how to treat a lady ☎845044

VERY ATTRACTIVE

Classy slim young looking SWF 57 with good personality and values financially/emotionally stable. ISO SWM 53-64 with same qualities for serious relationship ☎867073

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE

Very attractive blonde fit energetic and happy professionally employed very youthful 60s 5'3" trim and shapely enjoys dining travel dancing theater family and friends. Seeking honest handsome fit 55+ college grad N/S with youthful passion for life. Serious replies only ☎652360

SEEKING LTR

SWF 21 brown/hazel enjoys bowling watching movies computers dining out and just having fun. Looking to meet a SW/BM 21-28 who has same interests ☎873729

ROMANTIC AND HAPPY

Attractive outgoing SWF 50 professional N/S secure young at heart RN no dependents WLTM loving man N/S with similar qualities for sharing dinner dates quiet walks laughs and lasting love ☎875822

LONESOME

Senior WF retired 54 active honest healthy. Need the attention of a WM 65-75 enjoys everything easy to please. So hurry up and call me! ☎449585

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF late 40s Cancer N/S seeks special no games WM 45+ N/S for caring quality committed relationship. Let's create sparks and watch them fly ☎639272

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF 68 5'2" long dark brown/brown N/S N/D with positive attitude enjoys leisurely drives movies and dining out. Seeking man 58-75 for LTR ☎669606

GOOD LOOKER

Positive caring easygoing SBPF 53 (looks younger) N/S not into bars enjoys jazz old-school music and fun times. Seeking special secure man 48-60 N/S for laughter good times and LTR ☎725001

KIND HEART

Full-figured SF 55 enjoys dancing and all types of music likes working with animals seeks good-natured single man 44-60 ☎742466

WILDFLOWER

SWF 63 5'6" average build Aries N/S enjoys dancing dining out seeks WM 58-75 N/S with a sense of humor for friendship possible romance ☎720594

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Loving attractive SWCF 74 trim fun N/D N/S homebody type seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s. Let's talk! ☎794040

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty charming SWF successful kind compassionate lots of fun looking for her knight in shining armor. Any sincere caucasian gentlemen 55-80 please respond. Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates ☎592074

DON'T THINK TWICE

SWF 57 enjoys blues music sit patricks day independent films traveling nature a good laugh and being active. Seeking SM 49-59 ☎868397

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?

Spontaneous SWF 61 5'4" average build happy independent humorous enjoys boating cards music dining walks travel golf. Seeking good humored SM w/similar interests for companionship ☎962703

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then ☎271793

THICK AND HEALTHY

SBF 30 5'5" 240lbs N/S N/D no kids enjoys Seeking nice looking SM 20-35 w/no kids N/S for friendship possibly more ☎534802

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC

Youthful easygoing SWM 46 likes movies concerts boating. Seeking attractive SWF 40s 50s with a lively spirit good sense of humor friendly positive outlook ☎642092

YOU WON'T BE SORRY!

SBM 43 5'6" well-educated Christian Looking for a single Christian female 25-39 5'5" college educated 130-165lbs great personality and out look on life ☎879213

ADVENTUROUS

SWM 41 seek SF to become friends maybe more. She must be smart have SOH Blend into me. All I want is you to be happy if you want this call! ☎595394

FREE SPIRIT

SWM 42 180lbs 6' brown/brown vegetarian likes skiing cooking going out picnics in the park long walks stargazing. ISO SWF 24-44 N/S with kids ok ☎887753

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND

SM 46 N/S employed well groomed seeks sincere respectful loving lady to share quality time with. I enjoys movies dining out cooking in quiet nights at home ☎895333

MARRIAGE MINDED

SWM 47 5'10" employed Seeking SF 30-40 race open I enjoy movies sports and cuddling at night. Seeking someone for LTR possibly marriage ☎895403

WELL, HELLO

SM very young looking 50 5'7" 180lbs medium build employed self reliant D/D free easygoing and easy to get along with enjoys biking and cooking. Seeking S/DWF 40-55 200-350lbs ☎597126

EASY ON THE EYES

Well maintained SWM 56 who enjoys keeping in touch with current events heart to heart talks and silly conversations. Let's meet over coffee and see what develops ☎259844

WEST SIDE OF DETROIT

SBM 28 5'11" curly black/dark brown smoker loves bowling skating and shooting pool. Seeking BF 18-40 who wants nothing but respect ☎888903

HI, LADIES

Male 27 6' 200lbs brown/brown Libra N/S loves traveling to Canada. Seeking marriage minded woman 19-35 N/S to get serious with ☎893158

LEISURE IS BEST SHARED

SBM 28 6'2" Virgo N/S loves movies bowling and shooting pool. Seeking a cool down to earth BF 23-35 N/S to join me ☎893419

LOOK ME UP

SBM 55 5'10" 198lbs medium complexion brown eyes enjoys fishing movies music sports travel picnics more interested in meet an outgoing sweet woman for friendship and possibly more ☎893600

HOW YOU DOIN'?

Ladies if you seek a good guy devoted and real to share a little romance and happiness with take a chance on me. SM 23 looking for the real thing ☎895867

LET'S TALK

SWM 52 6'2" 220lbs enjoys dining out movies the outdoors quiet evening at home. Seeking honest petite SF 50-65 with similar interests for LTR. East Pointe ☎91273

SEEKING CULTURED WOMAN

SWM 80 5'8" 155lbs healthy intelligent college educated N/S seeks slim educated attractive WF 65-75 N/S who loves classical music opera Stratford Festival and travel ☎82041

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic outgoing SWM 46 enjoys most activities yet open to new ideas and adventures seeks spirited spontaneous SWF age open ☎547524

HAPPY DAD

Single father of three 37 loves family outdoors biking barbecues cooking and more. Looking for a lovely WF 30-45 to share happiness and life with ☎715711

SENSE OF HUMOR!

Attractive SBM 6' 220lbs N/S occasional drinker 40 ish very laid back and family oriented likes dinner movies and going to Canada. Seeking SF 20-45 race open H/W proportionate for friendship possible LTR ☎822912

JUST PLAIN TALK

A strong shoulder to lean on! Nice-looking SWM 43 kind considerate romantic seeks feminine lady friend ☎733275

COULD IT BE YOU?

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Automotive

The 2006 Jeep Commander

Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Jeep Commander is a vehicle that many of us have been waiting a long time to see - and drive. Kudos to Chrysler for finally bringing out this impressive new specimen, which looks like a utility vehicle should look, cossets like a cocoon, and drives like a dream. But that doesn't mean the company should escape without a wistful slap for waiting so long.

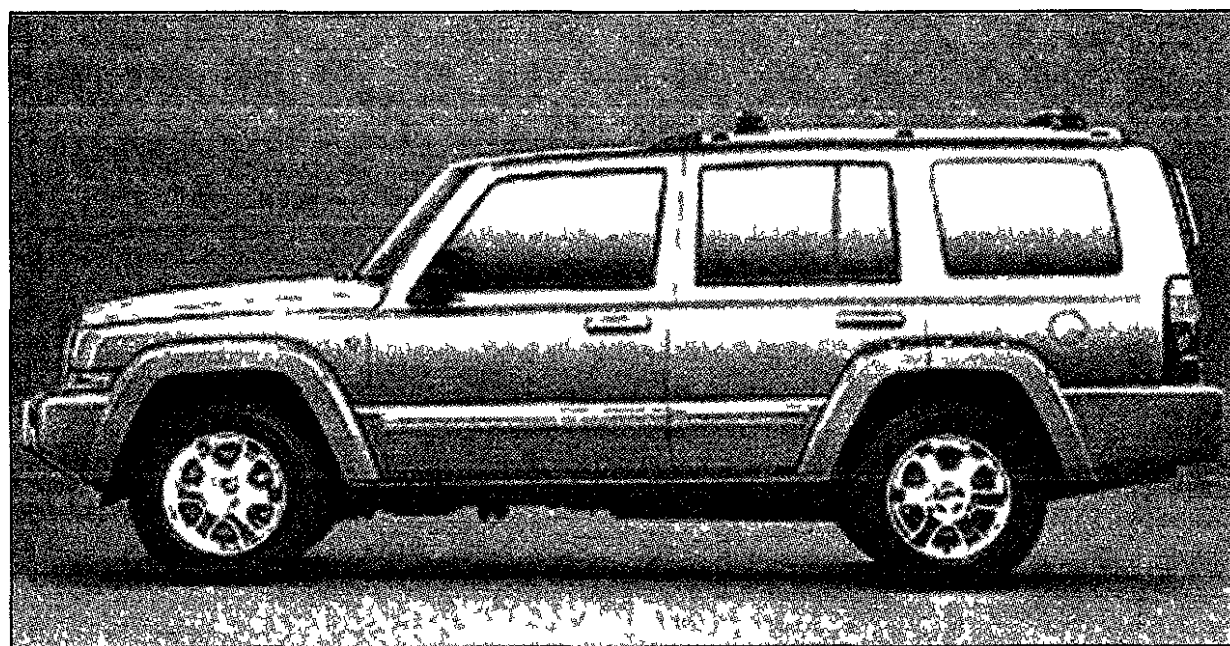
Remember 15 years ago, when the Jeep Grand Cherokee practically invented the modern, medium-sized SUV segment that has transformed the automotive business during the time since? Commander, the company's largest SUV, would have been a great encore for Jeep and a way for the Chrysler brand to have maintained its mastery over the genre - just as Chrysler's minivans did for so long - by beating GM, Ford and others to the punch.

But Jeep didn't. And now, Commander is going to have to try to claw some market share out of a large SUV club that includes well-established players such as Ford's Excursion, Lincoln's Navigator, the GMC Envoy and other GMC brands, and newcomers such as the Honda Pilot, Toyota Highlander and a couple of Lexus models.

Well, at least Jeep has come up with a vehicle that may be up to the task. As the first modern Jeep that can comfortably seat seven people, Commander significantly advances the Jeep line-up. Equipped with a higher level of safety and security features than any previous Jeep, Commander also represents the first salvo in a product offensive that Chrysler is bringing to its Jeep brand now much as it beefed up its Chrysler and Dodge lineups over the last few years.

Commander comes in two models, Commander and Commander Limited, each of which is available in two wheel drive or four wheel drive. Either way, Commander starts impressing you with intriguing styling. It is unapologetically boxy, enhancing both its rugged appearance as well as the practical value of the cargo space inside.

If anything, Jeep has overstated the rear end as well, with a stepped-up roof that makes room for rear-passenger seating. It also underscores the fact that this is its biggest Jeep and visually distancing Commander



The 2006 Jeep Commander

from the smaller Grand Cherokee that used to top the Jeep lineup. Commander is two inches longer and nearly four inches taller than Grand Cherokee.

At the same time, Commander makes great use of classic Jeep design cues, including, of course, the instantly recognizable seven-slot grille, trapezoidal wheel wells, and squared-off lines with flat surfaced Exposed Allen headbolts along the wheel wells and in the headlamp module are intended to create a technical look. And while the long handles that reside on either end of the rear window no doubt are practical because they can assist someone climbing onto the rear bumper or getting to the roof of the car, they also add to the visual impression of the vehicle's utility.

I was equally impressed with the driveability of the Limited, all-wheel-drive version that I used. Commander handled very well, reminding me of the responsiveness and overall balance of the best of this category, such as the Lexus LX models. The 5.7-liter Hemi engine that powered our vehicle, with its 330 horsepower and 375 pound-feet of torque, not surprisingly provided all the power required in a seemingly effortless manner - even though one long trip in the vehicle involved a full cargo of returning-to-camp gear.

This version features the fuel-saving Multi-Displacement System technology that shuts down

engine cylinders as the opportunity arises under light load conditions. Even so, fuel economy for Commander hasn't improved beyond the long-typical range for this category: 15 miles a gallon in the city and 19 on the highway.

I appreciated the interior amenities, including automatic bright and-dimming headlights and ample pockets and compartments, including a nifty slot right in front of the front passenger that can hold cell phones, keys, sunglasses and the like.

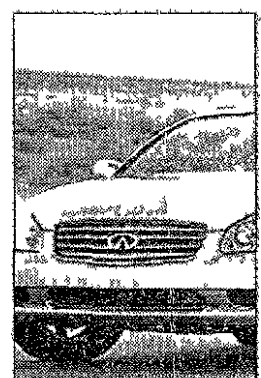
But the most impressive thing about Commander is the sense of spaciousness that it creates. The raised roof permits stadium seating in which each row is higher than the one in front of it. Second- and third-row passengers have enhanced forward visibility. A nifty pair of skylights overhead the second row add an airy feeling for its passengers, and the availability of screens that can be zipped over them allow these skylights to reduce heat and filter light.

Typical even of the largest SUVs, the third-row seats are most suited for children. Yet the second-row seat flips forward, allowing an adult to access the third row relatively easily. The third row also has rear heating and air conditioning controls available, as well as nearby power outlets.

For \$42,895 for the version I drove, Commander is going to get Jeep squarely in the large-SUV game.

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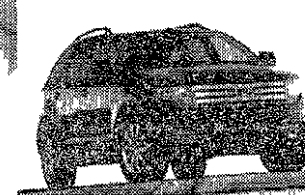
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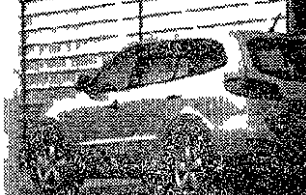
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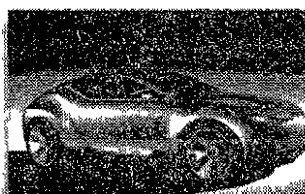
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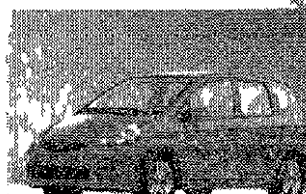
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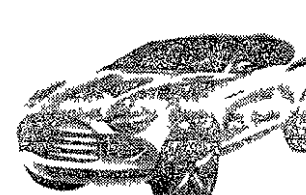
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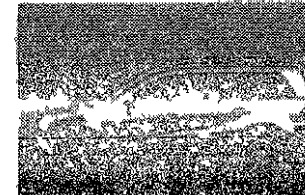
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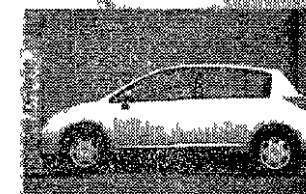
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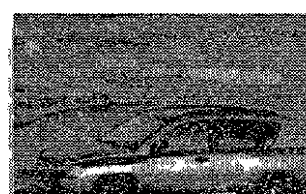
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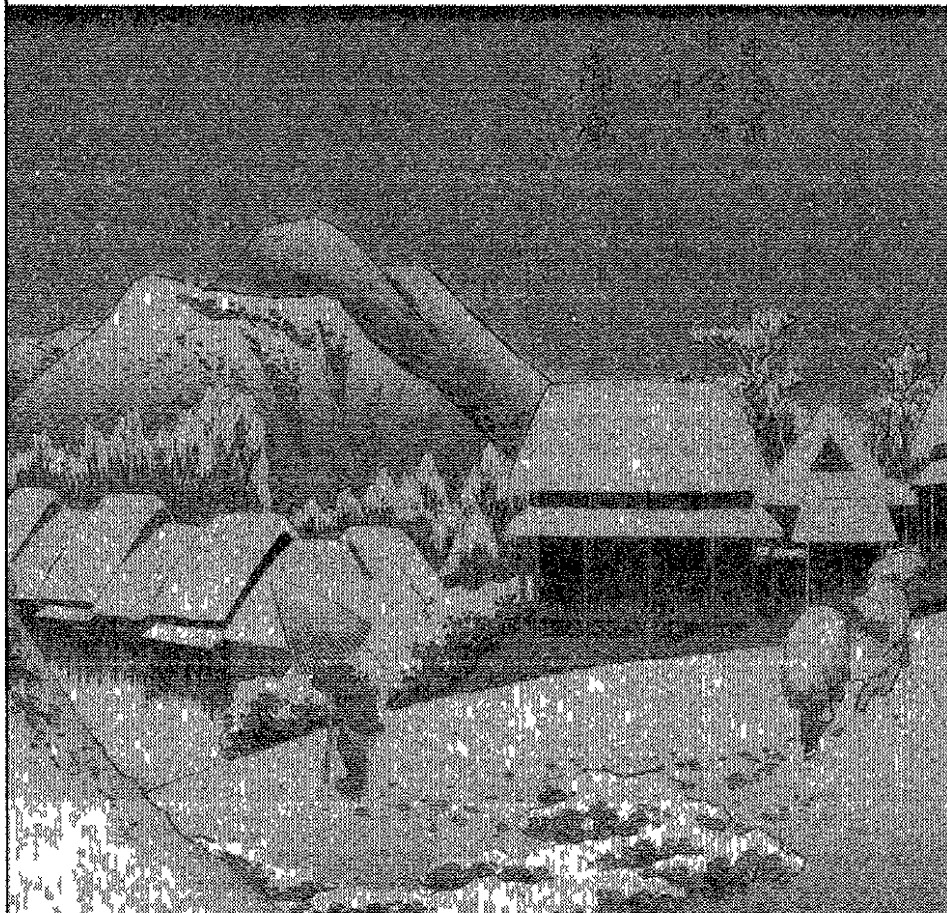
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David Bowie loves The Arcade Fire

MUSIC ON THE WEB

Most 2005 music wrap-ups I read at least mentioned The Arcade Fire as one of the top current acts around, or writers poured their hearts out over them. While I couldn't agree more, you know the critics aren't lying when other musical heavyweights pipe in, too.

Enter David Bowie

Yep, Ziggy Stardust himself proclaimed his love for The Arcade Fire by performing with them at last fall's *Fashion Rocks*, the efforts having recently been released as an EP for iTunes exclusives.

The three songs include Bowie's *Life on Mars?* and *Five Years*, along with a larger-than-life rendition of The Arcade Fire's *Wake Up*. Bowie himself helps out on the lead vocals, proving that his unique sound would guarantee him a spot in the band anytime. Check out the songs for yourself at www.apple.com/itunes

CONCERTS

The concert season has definitely slowed down for the next few weeks as the temperature finally drops back to its normal, chilly level and football fans gear

up for the Super Bowl. There's always spring to think about, right? Get your calendars out now and have a pencil handy.

■ Nada Surf plays the Magic Stick (4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit) on March 6. www.majesticdetroit.com

■ Ted Leo and the Pharmacists hit Ann Arbor's Blind Pig (208 S. First St., Ann Arbor) on March 8. www.blindpigmusic.com

■ The next day Of Montreal will visit the same stage on March 9.

■ 'It' band Clap Your Hands Say Yeah stop in Michigan on April 7 at the Blind Pig.

■ The Dirtbombs will present an all-ages show also at the Magic Stick on April 10.

That's at least a little something to look forward to.



Alicia Dorset is waiting for another celebrity to step up and sing with The Arcade Fire. Send her your suggestions at adorset@hometownlife.com

Fire & Ice Festival hosts chili, salsa competitions

The First Annual Fire and Ice Festival will heat up downtown Northville 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Jan. 28. Over 30 restaurant and consumer contestants will be stepping up to the plate to showcase their best chili and salsa recipes.

Awards will also be given for the best Fire House Chili (City versus Township), People's Choice, and the best named chili and salsa entries. Judging begins at 2 p.m. with the awards presentation at 3:30 p.m.

All entries will be available for tasting starting at 11 a.m. Visitors purchase tickets to use toward sampling all the entries.

Prices are \$1 for a sample size or \$2 for a bowl. They can then vote for the best chili or salsa for the People's Choice Award.

WYCD 99.5 Young Country and WDVD 96.3 will be on site setting up some fiery competitions.

The coveted job of selecting the top chili and salsa honors goes to the panel of judges.

Among them are Peter Neill, the

general manager of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, WYCD News Director Bob Schuman, Wendy White, editor of PINK, and Duane McLean, senior vice president of sales for the Detroit Tigers.

Visitors can check out these other cool attractions: ice sculptures throughout downtown, a dragon being formed out of ice at the corner of Wing and Main, and the troupe of performers doing amazing tricks with fire.

The Kiwanis Club will be doing a Polar Bear Plunge across from Ford Field during the event. Local residents will be plunging into freezing water to raise money for Kiwanis' charitable activities.

Anyone who wants to participate can pick up a chili/salsa application at the Northville Meijer service desk at the store at Haggerty and Eight Mile Road or contact the Northville Chamber office at (248) 349-7640.

For more information on Fire and Ice, visit www.northville.org or call (248) 349-7640.

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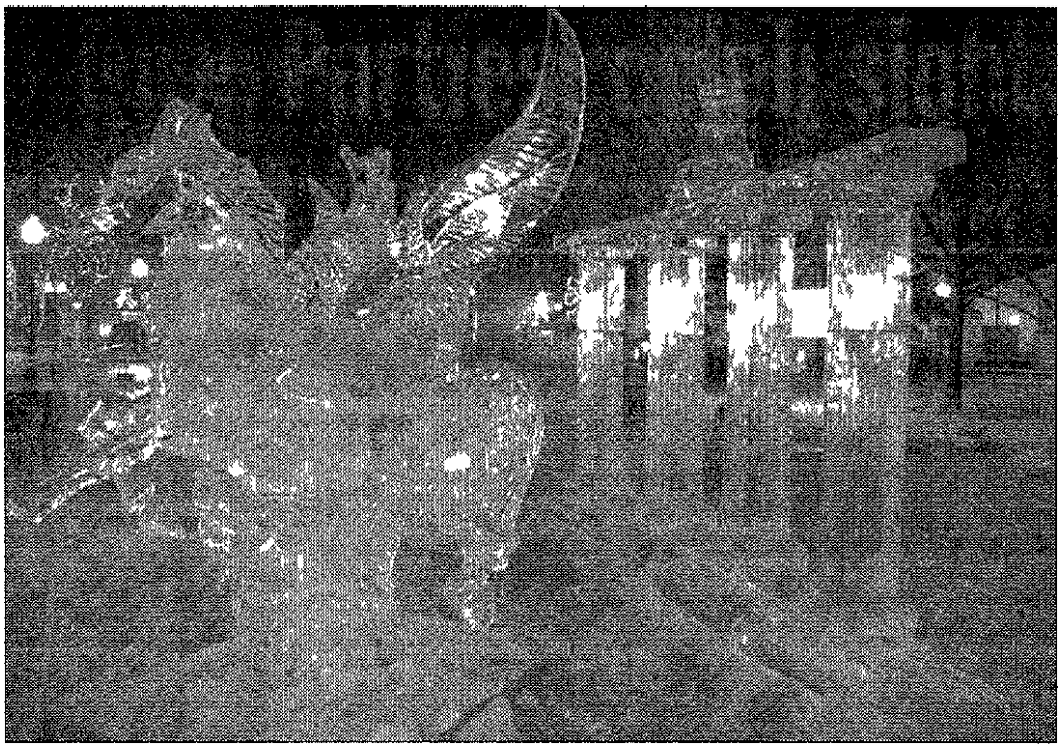
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MIKE WATTS

The sculptures are on display 24 hours a day

So cold, so fun

Ice carvers sculpt up creations in Plymouth

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

It's the oldest and largest free ice carving event in North America.

This year marks the 24th year for the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular that takes place this weekend, Friday through Sunday, Jan. 20-22.

The family-friendly winter festival has averaged 500,000 visitors during the past 23 years.

And the event is attracting national attention.

ABC's *Good Morning America* Weekend Window team will be there, focusing on all the events that are happening in metro Detroit as Super Bowl XL nears.

Professional, amateur and student carvers are competing for thousands of dollars in prizes and scholarships.

"It's fun, free and it's open 24 hours, all day, all night," said Mike Watts of the Plymouth Ice Spectacular. "The Detroit area has many third-shift workers who want something to do during the wee hours. We'll have security there all night long."

The show attracts carvers from around the world including top

Hot Ticket

What: 2006 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular

When: 24 hours a day
Friday through Sunday
Jan. 20-22

Where: Downtown Plymouth

Web site: www.plymouthice.com

designers from Japan.

"Ice shows are one of few art events where the viewer can actually see the work being created right before their eyes," Watts said.

Here's a list of the festival highlights:

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Pedestal sculptures will be displayed in Kellogg Park and at participating businesses.

A light show begins at dusk.

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

The High School Individual Competition is scheduled 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the park. Competitors have four hours to carve one block of ice. The College Individual Competition is slated for noon - 4 p.m. at the park.

Plymouth Whalers Charity

Shootout (1-3 p.m.) will give visitors a chance to try their skill at shooting a puck for charity. A championship professional carver exhibition also is scheduled.

A light show begins at dusk.

SUNDAY, JAN. 22

The College Team Competition is set for 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Major multi-block displays and individual competition works will be displayed. Another championship professional carver exhibit is scheduled. A light show begins at dusk.

OTHER ICE SHOWS

A week after Plymouth's festival is the first Fire & Ice Festival in downtown Northville. That event lasts one day Saturday Jan. 28, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

It's also a chili cookoff and there's a contest between the city versus the township for the best chili and salsa entries. A bowl of chili costs \$2 or you can pay \$1 for a sample.

There's also fire performers. Visit www.northville.org or call (248) 349-7640.

The following week is the Motown Winter Blast Ice show around Campus Martius and Greektown in Detroit. See the cover story in today's *Filter* for details.

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Crummy 'Pterodactyl' cast is just plain simple

One of the sure signs there is something seriously wrong with a movie is when you start rooting for the villain

This is especially apparent in *Pterodactyl*, yet another miserable



**Beyond
Bad**

Greg
Kowalski

excuse of a movie produced by Cable TV's Sci-Fi channel. It's also on video, as if you should care.

Pterodactyl starts out promisingly enough as a man is chopped in half by a swooping leathery prehistoric bird. This happens several times throughout the film, including a faintly memorable scene of a man who has his head neatly lopped off.

There is also a beautiful blonde bimbo who wears the most inappropriate clothing for pterodactyl hunting. I point this out because despite her presence, this movie still stinks.

In fact, when she gets hoisted up by one of the big birds, you will cheer. In fact, again, when any of the so-called good guys gets eaten, you will cheer. The problem is that they are all so stupid.

To quote a far better cheesy movie: They are stupid! Stupid! Stupid! Stupid!

Supposedly a clandestine American army force is lurking around Mt. Ararat in Turkey hunting down rebels. They collide with a group of American scientists who are tracking the pterodactyls, which somehow have survived from Jurassic times hidden away in the mountain.

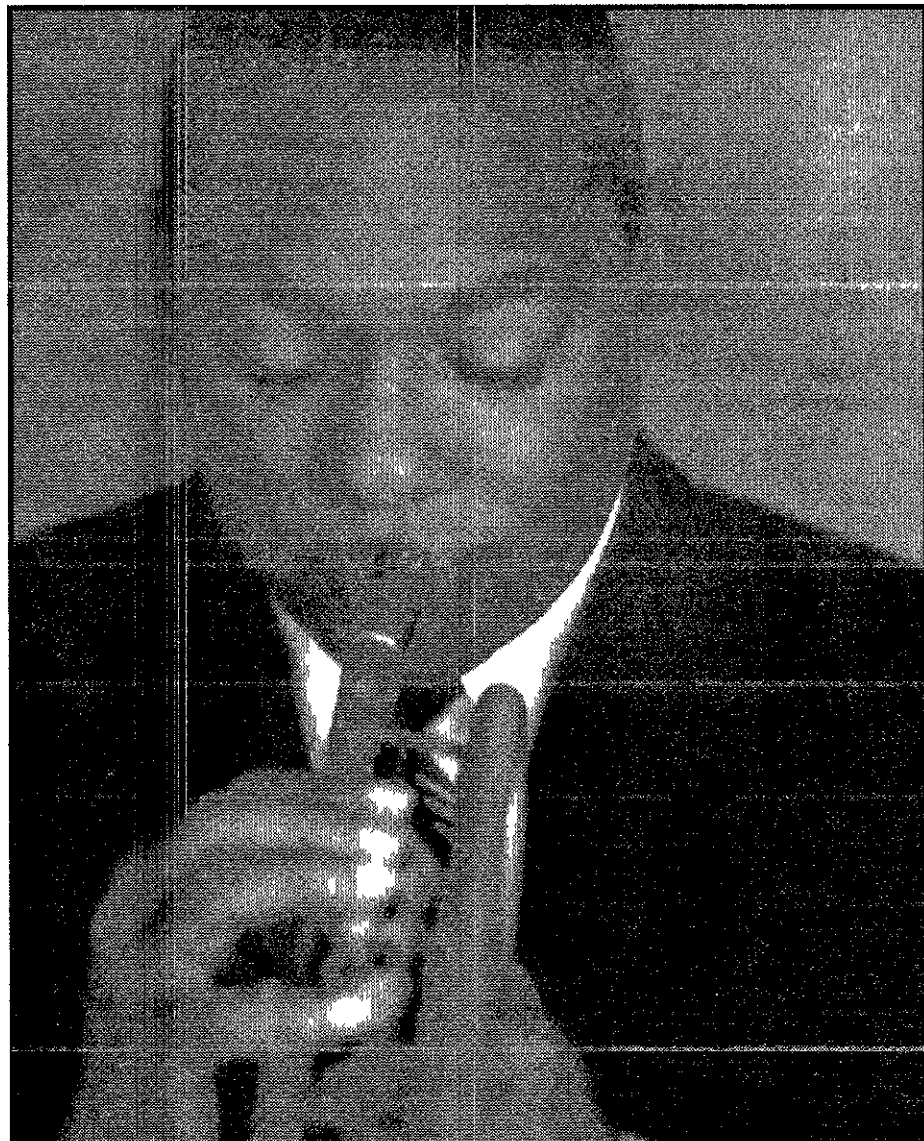
Perhaps they were carried there by Noah, who supposedly grounded his ark on the mountain after the big flood.

Anyway, the soldiers come to the rescue of the Americans when they are attacked by rebels. Pity the poor rebels who are first massacred by the soldiers then picked off, literally, by a flock of pterodactyls.

This leads to the inevitable showdown between humans and pterodactyls at their nest. All the birds are computer-generated and none too well. But the biggest weakness is the stupid script.

The troupe of scientists are among the dumbest ever assembled. They're

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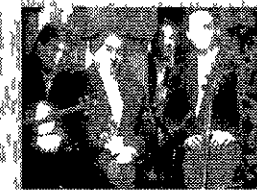
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Plenty of locals perform at Motown Winter Blast

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

For the lucky local bands chosen to show their Detroit and (international) stuff, there's no better venue right now than the Motown Winter Blast.

Performing throughout the weekend are popular acts, plus some best kept secrets waiting to emerge. Check it out. Surely there must be something you'll enjoy. So if you're going to be out in the cold, make sure it's to hear music you like.

If you miss them at Winter Blast, you can catch the bands at other Detroit places. For example, Makeeta Birdsong and Fabulous Soulshakers often play at MGM Casino.

Here's a description of the free shows.

Chrysler Jeep Dodge R&B/Jazz Stage

Thursday, Feb 2

4:30 p.m. Bon Temps Roullé R&B with a catchy New Orleans vibe that will make you smile.

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6:30 p.m. Players Band Funk R&B/jazz with a groovy Midwest sound.

8:30 p.m. Fabulous Soul Shakers Rock n blues a popular soul shaking band that plays danceable tunes. www.the-soulshakers.com

10:30 p.m. Risque Popular Detroit R&B/jazz that can be heard regularly at Detroit casinos and Greektown nightclubs.

Friday, Feb 3

Noon Makeeta Birdsong Beautiful powerful and soulful R&B/jazz.



The wild girls of Broadzilla play pop punk with tons of energy.

2 p.m. Bruce Band High energy jazz smooth R&B

4 p.m. Brothers Groove Funk/rock/high energy/jazz a Detroit favorite and multi award winners. www.brothersgroove.com

6 p.m. Zamar Contemporary jazz with fusion funk and traditional jazz inspirational uplifting music. www.zamara.com

8 p.m. Diversity Energetic Groovy R&B/jazz catch them at a Detroit club if you miss them here.

10 p.m. Phase 5 Funky jazz/dance hall/world known.

12 a.m. Dal Bouey Velvety smooth voice high energy jazz vocalist. www.dalbouey.com

Saturday, Feb 4

Noon Roots Vibration Authentic Caribbean/reggae with members from the islands and Detroit. The sound is respected worldwide. <http://rootsvibration.tripod.com/>

2 p.m. Taylor Made Internationally known R&B/jazz band with a big sound based in New York. www.taylormadejazz.com

4 p.m. Thornetta Davis Detroit darling vocalist song writer/actress/award winning R&B recording artist whom every Detroit should see at least once. www.thornetta-davis.com

6 p.m. 1/4 to Midnight Smooth R&B jazz to warm up with your honey.

8 p.m. Randy Brock Emerging guitarist you'll hear his name more this year.

10 p.m. Persuasion Respected energetic jazz/R&B.

12 a.m. Bomb Squad Funk rock band from New York. Performed for Dick Clark and the 2003 American Music Awards. www.bombsquadonline.com

Sunday, Feb 5

10 a.m. Paris Music from the 1940s to present pleasantly ready for folks of all ages.

11:30 a.m. Intrigue Smooth pretty jazz Also Performing Serieux sounds from Motown. www.serieuxmusic.com

Fifth Third Bank Stage Lineup

Thursday, Feb. 2

4:30 p.m. Priscilla Price A diva of Blues & soul has performed for Queen Elizabeth and sang with Alberta Adams. www.priscillaprice.com

6:30 p.m. T.J. Kelly New country based in Oakland County. www.tjkellyband.com

8:30 p.m. The Project Lively party band.

10:30 p.m. Saoco Detroit's hot nine piece Latin band is a favorite for sexy salsa dancers at the Sky Bar in Royal Oak. www.saoco.com

Friday, Feb 3

Noon The Euphorians It's a great name and powerful blend of blues/jazz/soul/Motown/gospel and rock. Danceable. www.theeuphorians.com

2 p.m. Trinidad Tripoli Grammy Award winning steelband who once toured with Liberace. Fun Calypso/lively music. tripolisteelband.tripod.com

4 p.m. Blackman & Arnold World gypsy jazz band headed by guitarists Sean Blackman and John Arnold who also perform with an array of talented percussionists, drummers, bass players and exotic world instrument musicians. www.blackmanarnold.com

6 p.m. Hidden Agenda Detroit based Top 40/R&B band that plays at least 40 weekends each year. www.hiddenagenda.com

8 p.m. Bambuti featuring Efe International band African drum & dance.

10 p.m. David Myles New Brunswick singer/songwriter traditional folk and roots music. www.davidmyles.com

12 a.m. Midtown Underground Proud Detroit funk with a huge sound that often plays Fifth Avenue in Royal Oak. www.midtownunderground.com

Saturday, Feb 4

Noon Straight Ahead All female jazz band that celebrates Mother Earth. A lively band performing R&B ballads Latin to acid jazz.

2 p.m. Millish It's wild and fun featuring a bluegrass fiddler, jazz percussionist, Uilleann piper, wild jazz guitarist. They won an International Acoustic Music Award before their album was even released. www.milish.com

4 p.m. KGB w/Karen Canada's popular impressionist entertainer. See her as Tina Turner, Dolly Parton, Alanis Morissette, Barney Fife, Michael Bolton or Patsy Kline.

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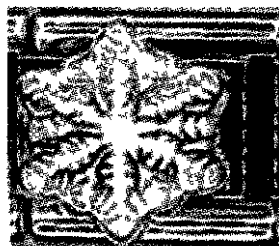
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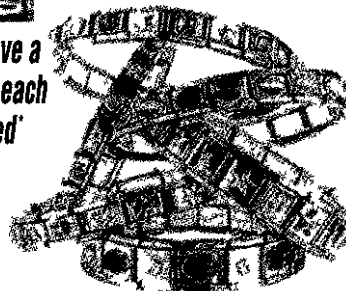
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- Snowmobile demonstrations 2-7 p.m. Saturday
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Location: Grand Circus at Woodward running South to Campus Martius Park

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- Sprint Stage features Motown recording artist KEM (to be announced) and evening performances

MOTOWN WINTER BLAST



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More than 30 seven-foot ice sculptures depicting NFL and SBXL logos will be on display in the General Motors Ice Garden

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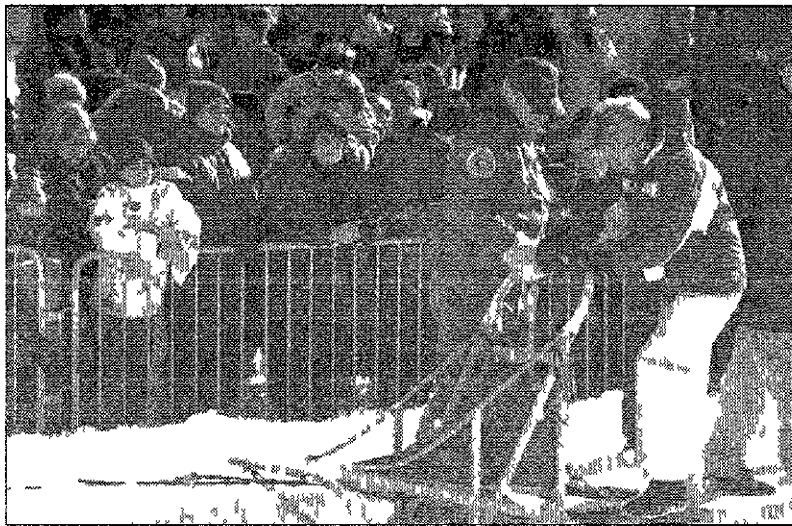


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Visitors can partake in dog sledding, snow shoeing and other outdoor winter activities

It's all about family fun at the Blast

From complimentary ice skating to the wildly popular 200-foot snow slide, there's plenty of active, winter fun for the whole family at the Motown Winter Blast in downtown Detroit.

Hey you can even roast marshmallows inside the Chrysler Jeep Dodge Taste of Detroit tent. Sure to appeal to the little ones is the dog sledding/petting area with about 60 Alaskan Malamutes, Siberian Husky and Alaska Husky dogs to cozy up with.

The Meijer Kids' Stage area is a key spot for families where live children's entertainment is set to run every hour (see schedule of performers below).

In addition, The Parade Company is offering numerous hands-on arts and crafts activities for kids inside a nearby warm and cozy DTE Energy Comfort Zone. Planned activities, which are priced \$5 per participant, include picture frame decoration, tie-dyeing, drawing and art lessons.

Here's the performance lineup for the Meijer Kids' Stage:

■ **Thursday, Feb 2**
4 p.m., Spoonman

5 p.m., Vikki Gasko
6 p.m., Smudge Fundaes
7 p.m., Spoonman

■ **Friday, Feb 3**
11 a.m., Ben Spitzer
Noon, Smudge Fundaes
1 p.m., Ben Spitzer
2 p.m., Gordon Russ
3 p.m., Rosco
4 p.m., Smudge Fundaes
5 p.m., Gordon Russ
6 p.m., Ben Spitzer
7 p.m., Smudge Fundaes

■ **Saturday, Feb 4**
11 a.m., Gordon Russ
Noon, Smudge Fundaes
1 p.m., Gordon Russ
2 p.m., Vikki Gasko
3 p.m., Smudge Fundaes
4 p.m., Rosco
5 p.m., Gordon Russ
6 p.m., Vikki Gasko
7 p.m., Ben Spitzer
■ **Sunday, Feb 5**
10 a.m., Bosco
11 a.m., Ben Spitzer
Noon, Vikki Gasko

By Nicole Stafford

"What's love got to do with it?"

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Christian Borden, chef at Atlas Global Bistro in Detroit, adds a glass of wine to a table featuring Tanglewood Farms pan roasted chicken supreme stuffed with a cilantro pepper paste in a fresh coconut crêpe

Motown Winter Blast

Best bets for good eats

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Due to Super Bowl XL Motown Winter Blast Feb 2-5 will be better than ever this year.

Hip and fun winter sports, including a 200 foot snow slide and dog sledding races will be centrally located in downtown Detroit, where there'll also be cool outdoor concerts, ice sculptures, a Greektown street party, and of course, skating at The Rink at Campus Martius Park, that last winter attracted over 50,000 skaters.

HUNGRY YET?

Such winter fun will make you not just hungry but down right ravenous. Consider this your guide to eating out during the festival.

If you like outdoor food tents, 22 of them will be located outside HARD

ROCK CAFE (which should attract lovers of this venue from around the world) and the Compuware World Headquarters. Participating in Taste of Detroit will be some well known eateries such as Sweet Georgia Brown, Small Plates, Andiamo, Agave, American Masala, La Shish, Foxtown Grille and The Palm from Troy. Yet, you may prefer to get a table and sit to chow down. For the most part, my suggestions are family-friendly and within easy walking distance of Motown Winter Blast fun.

B,L&D

Two of my favorite downtown Detroit spots serve breakfast, lunch and dinner (B,L&D). ATLAS GLOBAL BISTRO does what it claims — brings the world to your plate.

For a hearty breakfast, try Crabmeat Benedict, two poached

eggs placed atop fresh lump crab meat on a toasted English muffin, then finished with Hollandaise sauce. Chorizo con Huevos is a traditional Mexican breakfast made with three scrambled eggs mixed with chorizo (spicy Mexican sausage). It's garnished with a side of salsa pico de gallo, black beans and warmed flour tortillas.

At lunch, opt for Citterio Shaved Rosemary Ham and melted Swiss with basil pesto, on double cut bread or Open-Faced Catfish Po Boy with lettuce, tomato and apple endive slaw on griddled brioche with jalapeno hush puppies and citrus tartar.

Motown Shank is bound to be on the dinner menu for Motown Winter Blast. Colorado lamb shank is braised and served in rosemary-thyme pan gravy with roasted carrots, leeks, and parsnips, on mashed potato cauliflower gratin.

DETROIT BREAKFAST HOUSE & GRILL has generous breakfast offerings. Merchant's Row Breakfast, one of the omelets or a frittata, such as The Greektown are tasty Salads, sandwiches, pastas and southern hospitality favorites, such as fried chicken,



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WHERE TO EAT IN DETROIT DURING MOTOWN

WINTER BLAST

- Atlas Global Bistro** 3111 Woodward Ave at Charlotte (313) 831 2241
- Detroit Breakfast House & Grill** 1241 Woodward Ave between State and Grand River (313) 961 1115
- Grand City Grille** on the first floor of Detroit's Fisher Building located at the corner of West Grand Boulevard and Second Avenue in Detroit's New Center area (313) 556 9993
- Hard Rock Café** 45 Monroe St (313) 964 7625
- Hockeytown Café** 2301 Woodward Ave (313) 965 9500
- Lola's** 1427 Randolph St in Harmonie Park (313) 952 0483
- Rowland Café** 500 Griswold (313) 961 9478
- The Washington Grille** 1020 Washington Blvd (313) 963 8808
- Small Plates** 1521 Broadway (313) 963 0497
- Vicente's Cuban Cuisine** 1250 Library one block east of Woodward at Grand River Ave (313) 962 8800

The new **ROWLAND CAFÉ** inside the art-deco Guardian Building offers interesting lunch items and Italian coffees

Opened last September in Harmonie Park, **LOLA'S** has a creative lunch and dinner menu for a family outing with pre-teens or older kids who appreciate a little history Detroit inspired desserts use Faygo soda to flavor a variety of sorbets along with Detroit-based Awrey's, Sanders, Vernor's and Stroh's ice cream products incorporated into other sweet endings

Detroit's newest eatery **GRAND CITY GRILLE** opens tomorrow Located in the Fisher Building in Detroit's New Center area, it offers casual lunch options such as salads and sandwiches

At dinner, inventive main dishes mark it as a combo of upscale steakhouse and gourmet bistro

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants food wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* Contact her by e mail at focusonwine@aol.com

Funk Brothers perform at Taste of the NFL

The Funk Brothers will perform live at the 15th annual Taste of the NFL on Saturday, Feb 4, at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi



The unsung heroes of the Motown label, the Funk Brothers have played on more No 1 records than the Beatles, Beach Boys, Rolling Stones and Elvis combined

Led by a trio of original members, Eddie Willis on guitar, Bob Babbitt on bass and Uriel Jones on drums, the Funk Brothers performance starts at 9 45 p m Better known for their sound than group name, they defined the Motown sound of the 1960s, playing on such songs as *Stop in the Name of Love I Heard it through the Grapevine, Ain't Too Proud To Beg My Guy The Way You Do The Things You Do, Dancing In The Street, Heatwave, How Sweet It Is To Be Loved By You, Baby Love* and more

"We couldn't ask for a better fit for this year in Detroit," said Wayne Kostroski, Taste of the NFL founder and executive director

"Having the Funk Brothers on board provides us the perfect opportunity to pay tribute to the Motown sound right where it began Their talent and sound will be the perfect entertainment for our Party With A Purpose

Taste of the NFL is an annual event of fine cuisine and entertainment featuring a top chef and player representative

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 "The greatest soul group of the early 70s —Vocal Group Hall of Fame
 Sat Jan 21 8pm
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 Fri Jan 27 8pm
 Sponsored by **WJMB**

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 Sat Jan 28 2 & 8pm
 Sponsored by **WJMB**

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 —*Fort Worth Star Telegram*
 Fri Feb 3 8pm
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ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts

Camille Claudel and Rodin: Fateful Encounter through Feb. 5 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Timed tickets include general museum admission and exhibit audio tour \$8-\$14 (877) 342-8494 or visit www.dia.org

Screenprints

The Art of Screenprinting at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$3-\$6 (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org

Dutch Prints

Newly opened exhibit featuring recent additions to University of Michigan Museum of Art collection through March 26 525 S. State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763-UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

ART GALLERIES

Plymouth Community Arts Council

The Expressive Woodcut an exhibit showing the evolution of a woodcut to a print by Shaq Kalaj through Jan. 28 Regular hours 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday 774 N. Sheldon Rd. Plymouth 734 416 4278

Cass Cafe

3 The Hard Way a mixed media exhibit on by Taurus Burns John Harkins and Harlan Lovestone through March 4 4620 Cass Ave. Detroit (313) 831 1400

Lemberg Gallery

Recent Works on Paper Judy Pfaff until Jan. 21 at 23241 Woodward Ferndale (248) 591-6623 or www.lemberrgall.com

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show Paintings ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus at Woodland Hall Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

HMFRRNSHINGS an exhibit of studio furniture and experimental architecture by students staff and alumni of the College for Creative Studies through Feb. 9 Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit 6600 W. Maple West Bloomfield call (248) 432 5448 or visit www.jccdet.org

Hill Gallery

Mark di Suvero's art through Jan. 31 407 W. Brown St. Birmingham (248) 540 9288

Print Gallery

Reel Romance movie poster exhibit includes *Shakespeare in Love* *Bridges of Madison County* *Like Water for Chocolate* *The Age of Innocence* and others 29173 Northwestern Hwy (Franklin Plaza at 12 Mile) Southfield (248) 356 5454 www.EverythingArt.com

ART ETC.

Artrageous 2006

A benefit for the Fanciful Arts Foundation with artist market fashion shows auction wine tasting food and live entertainment Feb. 25 American Center Building Southfield \$100-\$125 call (248) 584 4150

CLASSICAL

Plymouth Symphony

Fourth concert of 60th anniversary season for Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is Beethoven & Friends 8 p.m. Saturday Feb. 11



at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church located on corner of North Territorial and Bech roads in Plymouth tickets are \$17 for adults \$15 for seniors free for students up to 12th grade for all subscription concerts call (734) 451 2112 or visit www.plymouthsymphony.org

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220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

220 E. Merrill Birmingham (248) 645 2150 Extensive drink menu live music dancing Eclectic and American Nouveau cuisine

Belmont Bar

10215 Joseph Campau Hamtramck (313) 871 1966 *Mademoiselle Mondays* \$10 for martinis and manicure Therapeutic massage \$1 minute Punk nights Tuesdays Live rock Wednesdays DJs and local bands on week ends Call as schedule changes

Blind Pig

Long time hip music spot 208 S. First St. Ann Arbor (734) 996 8555 www.blindpigmusic.com

Blue Martini

Live music 8-11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and Saturdays and Sundays 201 Hamilton between Woodward and Old Woodward one block north of Maple (248) 258 3005

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the Bosco 22930 Woodward Ave. Ferndale Download music into your MP3 Player take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs No cover For more information visit www.thebosco.com or call (248) 541 8818 21 and over only

Club Bart

22726 Woodward Ferndale (248) 548 8746 21 and over only

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl he Invisibles Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays Hip hop 18 and over 299 E. Woodbridge Detroit (313) 235 2233

Crazy Moe's Cafe

2 N. Saginaw St. Pontiac (248) 322 5550 Food dancing music

Danny's Irish Pub

Laid back small friendly 2824 Woodward Ave. Ferndale (248) 546 8331

Dino's Lounge

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Sundays Hip laid back friendly Woodward Avenue just south of N. Mele Road in Ferndale (248) 591 5100

Elysium

Lounge dance and happy hour 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays Fridays Nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. (313) 962 2244 625 Shelby Detroit www.elysiumlounge.com

Emerald Theatre

Concert House dancing 32 N. Walnut Mount Clemens (586) 913 1920

Jam at The Gem

The series returns to the Gem Theatre patio Every Thursday 5-8 p.m. Guests can enjoy summer drink specials appetizers and entrees from the Century Grille For more information call (313) 963 9800 or visit online at www.gemtheatre.com

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Leland City Club

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Rainbow Room

6640 E. Eight Mile Rd. Detroit Gay friendly Laid back atmosphere Dancing (313) 891 1020

X/S

High energy dance club 500 Woodward northeast corner at John R. Detroit

Sky Club

Tango salsa and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m. Located above Sangria's Restaurant 401 S. Lafayette Royal Oak (248) 543 1964

Via Nove

Bands performing during Ferndale Metro Blues Festival Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones Friday Jan. 27 Sunny Girl & The Detroit Automatix Saturday Jan. 28 Maggies 8 a.m. Wednesday Feb. 1 Jo Serrapere Thursday Feb. 2 Sunny Girl & The Detroit Automatix Saturday Feb. 4 special menu of our course New Orleans style meal \$35 per person call (248) 336 9936 or visit www.vianoverestaurant.com or www.ferndalebluesfestival.com for information on blues festival

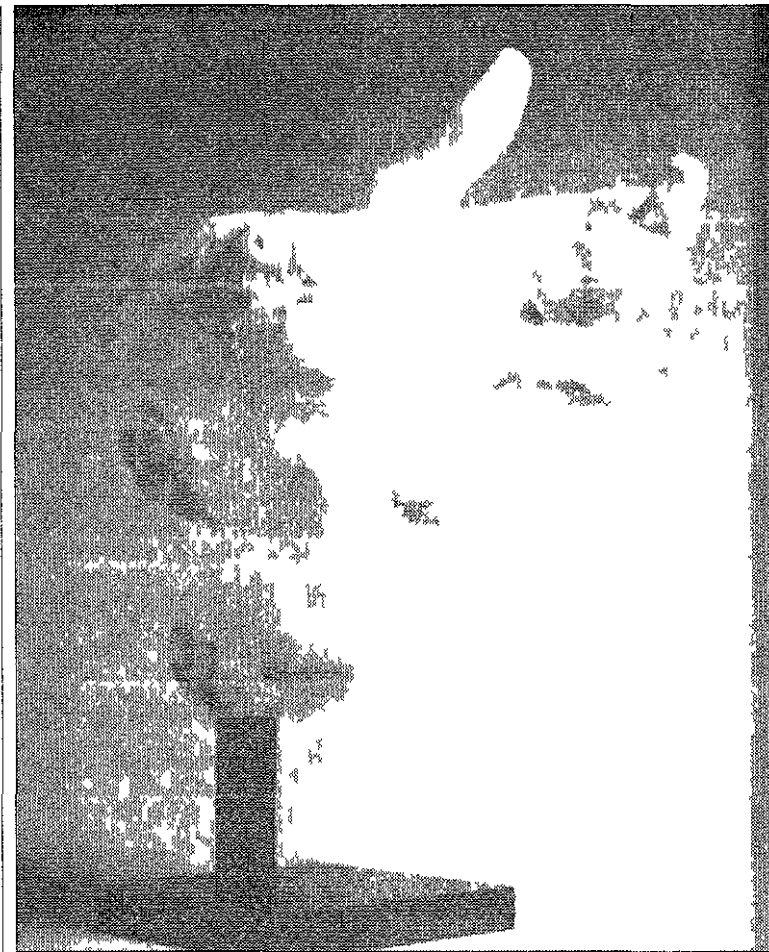


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COMEDY

Second City

Mainstage show *sn Pod We Trust* running Wednesday Sunday 4705 Grand River Ave. Nov. (248) 348 4448

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up 269 East Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscscomedy.com

FAMILY

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *A Journey to Our Future* is now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John R. Detroit \$6-\$7 call (313) 577 8400 or visit www.detsciencenter.org

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oak and County Presenting Chuck Mosak and the Paint Creek Jazz Sextet 4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month Snell's Pizzeria 2501 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph Southfield \$8 cover Call (248) 478 072

Jazz at Wharton Center

The MSU Professors of Jazz features Keith Mahogany 8:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 23 at Pasert Theatre andנגד Jensen Wednesday March 22 at Stoddard and T

Lounge (57) 432 2000 or 1 800 WHARTON or visit www.whartoncenter.com

Jazz and dinner

Kind of Blue Tuesdays at Loas Home Park's moving on Tuesdays Led by the Gerald Edwards Quartet the shows he talented arrangers to play one by one with the ensemble Jam sessions 8-9 p.m. every Tuesday located at 1427 Randolph Street in Detroit's Hammon Park Foundation event space or for more information please call (313) 962 0483

Jazz Benefit

Local *Barbara Ware* and friends the Cliff Morera Trio Sax Man George Benson and trumpeter Johnny Tude 3-6 p.m. Sunday Feb. 26 at Radisson (Kingsley) Hotel in Bloomfield Hills Master of ceremonies for Franco Hueipekins Performances benefit Women's Survival Center of Oakland County and the child care center Maggies Rising Stars Advance tickets \$50 checks payable to Women's Survival Center can be sent to Ch. St. na Lovgren at Women's Survival Center 4309 Woodward Avenue Suite 02 Bloomfield Hills Michigan 48302

Whitney

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www.RadioIndiePop.com features a different indie band each month. This month it's Animal Collective. Listening to the music is free and there's no advertising.

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624 Brush in Bricktown Detroit (313) 962-7067 21 & over Doors open \$10 p.m. Cover \$5 8 p.m. Thursday Jan 19 Rock City Showcase hosted by Cowboy Messiah with Greater Alexander Paul's Big Radio Friday Jan 20 Rootstand Saturday Jan 21 Ugly Radio Rebellion A Frank Zappa tribute band

Trinity House

Northwest corner of I-75 and 6 Mile Road 38840 W. S. x Mile Livonia Reservations recommended for this 87 seat concert house Shows 8 p.m. and \$10 cover unless noted. No alcohol no smoking Friday Jan 20 Milish Cali (734) 464-6302 to reserve tickets or e-mail info@trinthyouse.org Leave your name number date of the event and the number of tickets www.trinityhouse.org

Mathmandu Chullo

Woodwind instrumentalist Ralph Kozarski 7:30-10 p.m. Friday Jan 20 at 411 South Washington Royal Oak call (248) 546-7286 for reservations Kozarski will be featuring music from his latest CD *In Search of an Oasis* his third New Age/Jazz CD

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum

Current exhibits include *Behind the Scenes 50 Years of Disneyland* 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily \$10-\$14 20900 Oakwood Blvd. west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre For more information call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfgm.org

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is *It's a Nano World* Permanent exhibits include planetarium nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills general admission is \$5-\$7 planetarium \$1-\$3 (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu

Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History

Gridiron to Greatness African Americans in Professional Football through March 26 315 East Warren Avenue Detroit \$5-\$8 members and children under 3 free (313) 494-5800 or www.maah.detroit.org

Detroit Science Center

Premiere of *Magnificent Desolat* on *Walking on the Moon* narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time* \$6 shows run indefinitely Museum hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday 5020 John R Detroit \$6-\$7 (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroit-science.org

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NFL-SANCTIONED EVENTS

15th Annual NFL Experience

An interactive football theme park with games displays and entertainment 4-10 p.m. Feb 1-5 Cobo Center Detroit \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under 12 call (866) TIX-4NFL (849-4635) or visit www.ticketmaster.com or www.superbowl.com

Taste of the NFL

A top chef representing each of the 32 NFL teams with an alumnus or current NFL player serving up a signature dish Saturday Feb 4 Rock Financial Showplace Novi \$400-600 corporate tables are \$6,000 call (952) 835-7621 or visit www.tasteofthenfl.com

NFL Alumni Bocce Ball Tournament

Inaugural tournament 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday Feb 3 Palazzo di Bocce 4291 Lapeer Road Orion \$6,000 per team of four (952) 443-3979 or www.nflalumni.org

4th Annual NFL Alumni Super Bowl Home Tour

VIP Super Bowl guest tour of some of the finest homes in the Detroit area with luncheon finale at The Somerset Collection 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Feb 4 in Birmingham and The Somerset Collection Troy \$300 (952) 443-3979 or www.nflalumni.org

7th Annual Super Bowl Gospel Celebration

An evening of inspirational music and soul stirring testimonies from NFL players with performers Patti LaBelle The Winans Mary Mary The Clark Sisters and Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Choir at 7:45 p.m. Friday Feb 3 Mason Temple Detroit \$45-\$75 call (248) 645-6566 or visit www.ticketmaster.com For more information visit www.superbowlgospelcelebration.com

Players Gala

With live music special guest DJ's interactive activities 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday Feb 5 Elysium Lounge Detroit \$150 (404) 885-6670

2006 Sports Career Expo Series

"Why Not XL At Your Game?" hosted by Robert Porcher 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday Feb 2 Cass Technical High School Detroit free (770) 323-8280 or www.whynotsports.org

SUPER BOWL HOST

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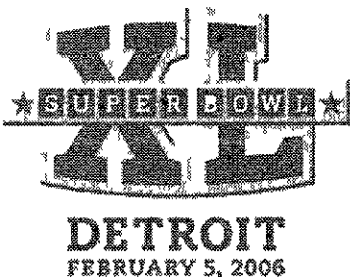
A Detroit Saute

Opening ceremonies for Super Bowl XL Monday Jan 30 with emcee ABC/ESPN broadcaster Mike Tirico performances by Motor City entertainers tribute to automakers recognition of 40 moments defining Detroit sports hometown sports legends and NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue 6 p.m. with 9 p.m. show Fox Theatre \$125-\$150 (313) 262-2006 or www.sbx.org

Motor City Touchdown Super Party

Friday Jan 27 Executive Terminal Hangar at Detroit City Airport 1201 Conner just north

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or www.thechildrenscenter.com

SUPER CITY FARMINGTON

Ultimate tailgate party

40 Super Years of Football & Rock & Roll with food dancing Texas Hold Em poker tournament and more 6:30 p.m. Friday Feb 3 Farmington Hills Manor 23666 Orchard Lake Farmington Hills \$1,000 per table of 10 or \$100 per ticket (248) 474-3440

Family football festival

Farmington Family Football Festival features games and activities for the family food showings of *Friday Night Lights* and *The Longest Yard* at Farmington Civic Theater noon Saturday Feb 4 Shawwassee Park and downtown Farmington free (248) 474-3440

SUPER CITY FERDALE

Fifth Annual Ferndale Metro Blues Festival

City wide blues festival with forty concerts over nine days Jan 27-Feb 9 downtown Ferndale most concerts are free but admission and concert times vary by venue (248) 545-1435 www.FerndaleBluesFestival.org or www.aidsprevention.org

SUPER CITY ROCHESTER

Super City Taste of Downtown

Downtown Rochester's eateries offer sampler menus and live music 6-9 p.m. Thursday Jan 26 Rochester visit DowntownRochesterMI.com or call (248) 656-0060

Super City Art Downtown

Tour of galleries exhibits home decor studios and more 6-9 p.m. Friday Jan 27 visit DowntownRochesterMI.com or call (248) 656-0060

Super City Ice Sculpture Show & Shopping Spectacular

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Super City Pass

A chance to win one of 12 Super City prize packages featuring gift certificates from Downtown Rochester merchants Simply have your pass stickered by any Downtown Rochester merchant on two out of three days Jan 26-28 visit DowntownRochesterMI.com or call (248) 656-0060

SUPER CITY TROY

Troy Supper Bowl

Family event with football films NFL player and alumni appearances including Dexter Bussey and Greg Landry live entertainment auctions skills contests kid zone and tailgate style cuisine 7-10 p.m. Jan 29 Somerset Collect on North adults \$75 kids \$25 (248) 641-0031

SUPER CITY WINDSOR

Celebrating 40 Years of Football

Exhibit of 40 years of classic NFL photography and memorabilia from the Pro Football Hall of Fame Wednesday Feb 1 time TBA Art Gallery of Windsor 401 Riverside Drive West Windsor Ontario \$25 (519) 977-0013 Ext 129

of Gratiot live entertainment including Detroit's own Virgin Records recording artist Dwele and KGB Motown Band plus food stations silent auction 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. admission \$100-200 Call (313) 571-2800 ext 1149 or visit www.warrenconner.org

Motown Winter Blast

A 14 block festival of wintertime activities live entertainment food and shopping Feb 2-5 in and around Campus Martius Park Computware building and Woodward Avenue between Grand Circus and Congress Detroit free visit www.motownwinterblast.com or call (313) 963-8418

Red Wings vs St. Louis Blues

7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday Feb 1 Joe Louis Arena prices vary (248) 645-6666 or www.detroitredwings.com

Detroit Pistons vs Minnesota Timberwolves

7:30-10:30 p.m. Wednesday Feb 1 Palace of Auburn Hills \$10-90 (248) 377-0100 or www.nba.com/pistons

SUPER CITY ANN ARBOR

Pigskins on Parade

Exhibit of giant artist decorated footballs throughout the downtown Ann Arbor continues through June (734) 995-7281 or www.pigskinonparade.com

Dan Dierdorf speaks

At Washtenaw Economic Club luncheon Feb 1 11:30 a.m. Ypsilanti Marriott 1275 S. Huron Ypsilanti (734) 480-1636 or EconClubWC@aol.com \$45 and \$60

U of M ice carving team

Exhibition featuring on-site carving on sidewalks throughout downtown Ann Arbor on Main Liberty Washington and Fourth streets 6-10 p.m. Thursday Feb 2 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday Feb 3 (734) 668-7112 ext 32

Michigan stadium tours

Behind the scenes tour of the largest collegiate football stadium in the country noon to 2 p.m. Feb 4 Michigan Stadium State and Main Ann Arbor free (734) 647-2583

Super Bowl pre game brunch & shuttle

At Weber's Inn 3050 Jackson Road Ann Arbor 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb 5 \$12 Shuttle to the Super Bowl leaves from Weber's and includes a boxed lunch for shuttle prices or brunch information call (734) 665-3636

SUPER BOWL IN DEARBORN

Groove Detroit Art in Motion

Fund raiser for The Children's Center hosted by Bill Ford and Roge Penske with strolling buffet open bar live entertainment 7-10:30 p.m. Saturday Feb 4 Ford Conference & Event Center Dearborn \$450 (313) 262-1112

or www.agw.ca

PARTIES

Tommy Lee's Super Bowl XL Party

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'Super' show

There's more than one 'Bowl' in town, courtesy of DIA

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
 STAFF WRITER

Even the Detroit Institute of Arts has plans to participate in the Super Bowl frenzy



No, Rodins *The Thinker* won't be donning an oversized NFL jersey in a display of team spirit. And, no, the DIA isn't installing a temporary collection of sports-themed works at Ford Field.

Instead, curators took a playful approach and assembled an exhibit of "bowls"

The Super Bowls Show: Still Life Prints, Drawing, Photographs and Vessels, opens Jan. 25 and continues through April 30 at the DIA.

"To host a Super Bowl is quite an event for any city, and you want to participate with the fun, if you can," said Nancy Sojka, curator of graphic arts and co-curator of the show. "It was tremendous fun. It's one of the most creative projects I've had to undertake."

The multi-media exhibition consists of approximately 100 works on paper and

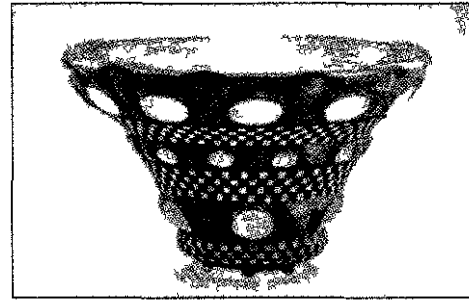


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The Detroit Institute of Arts gets in the game with *The Super Bowls Show: Still-Life Prints, Drawing, Photographs and Vessels* opening Jan. 25 at the Detroit museum.

20 bowls – all from the DIA's own collection. Artists represented in *Super Bowls* include Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Dale Chihuly, Pablo Picasso, James McNeill Whistler and Diego Rivera.

Most of the works are from the 19th- and early 20th-century and either European or American, said Sojka, who scoured the museum's collection in search of a diversity of bowl-themed works.

Ultimately, she decided her sole

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Friday, Feb 5

Company of Strangers Based in Detroit they play grass Celtic country folk rock and four part harmonies Americana music www.companyofstrangers.com
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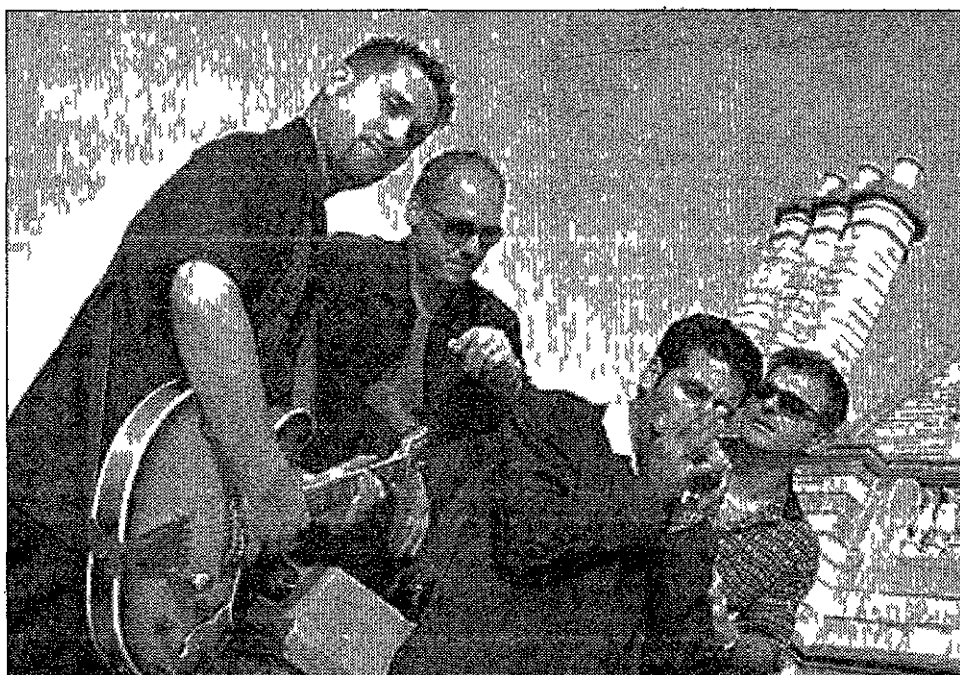
Stage Lineup

Monday, Feb 2

Radiocraft Female fronted indie band Think of Pat Benatar with raw rock energy www.radiocraft.com
The Hard Lessons Pure rock n roll hear them on These guys and gals rock www.thehardlessons.com
Broadzilla These glam Detroit women play hip but unabashed pop punk and they're fun to watch www.broadzillanet.com
The Muggs The three piece band with members from the Immortal Winos of Soul and the Detroit Underground Band they're blues rock www.themuggs.com
Mystery Train Featuring Jim McCarty The band needed a few years ago as the House band for Royal Oak's Sphinx Smoke Blues/rock www.geocities.com/sunset/p/street/2818
Bump - This band is growing fast in Detroit Rock n roll inspired by garage rock with hip hop and rap rock riffs fuses the sounds the city is known for www.bumpove.com

Tuesday, Feb 3

Bloom Five piece Detroit rock band that is pure African Jazz influences plus inspiration from Jimi Hendrix Stevie Wonder Bob Dylan and Coldplay www.bloommusic.com
Alright Tokyo Alternative up and coming energetic rock band
Kung Fu Diesel Rock with a blend of Americana/rockabilly and high soaring guitars who have performed alongside Ted Nugent www.kungfudiesel.com
Greenstreet Roots rock band based in Troy and guitar Internet band that mixes rock with R&B that's described as in-between the Black Crowes and Maroon 5 www.greenstreetband.com
Ray Street Park Hard rock/heavy metal that's all about the energy of the Motor City www.raystreetpark.com
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8 p.m. Lucas Pure rock known for its live shows
9:30 p.m. The Howling Diablos Dirty funk blues also known for its legendary performances Award winning Detroit band www.howlingdiablos.com
11:30 p.m. Brothers From Another Planet From San Diego the band mixes heavy metal with R&B hip hop jazz funk and heavy tones Hard rocking with grace www.myspace.com/brosfap

Saturday, Feb 4

Noon Penumbrae Rock pop and folk from the Detroit area an acoustic based rock quintet www.penumbrae.net
1:15 p.m. Quixotic Rock/funk/experimental with influences ranging from Rage Against the Machine to Primus and Pink Floyd http://www.myspace.com/quixotic
2:30 p.m. Calling Marvin Hear the song *Lonely Bird* on WCSX Guitar driven funky rock www.callingmarvin.com
3:45 p.m. Motor City Allstars Great rock n roll bred in the great Motor City
5 p.m. The Orbitsuns Fronted by Vinnie Dombroski drummer Jimmy Paluzzi of Sponge (plus talented musicians Sir Tim Duvalier on six string baritone and lap steel guitar plus bass player John Dunn) modern rock with influence from Johnny Cash Hank Williams and Elvis www.theorbituns.com
6:15 p.m. Rev RightTime At least nine members to this funk/soul/wild rock band they're tornados on stage www.revrighttime.com
7:45 p.m. Black Merda They call themselves the first black rock band These African American rockers wrote performed and recorded their own music during the late 1960s and early 1970s blending funk rock psycbe funk Funk folk and more www.blackmerda.com
9:30 p.m. Twistin Tarantulas If a young punk mature rockabilly or elderly swing or jump and jive fan or some

where in the middle this longtime wild Detroit band will grab your attention www.twistin.tarantulas.com
11:30 p.m. Downtown Brown Detroit band mixes punk/funk and metal A blend between Dead Kennedys and the Chili Peppers www.staticrecords.com

Sunday, February 5

10 a.m. Tim Diaz Band Rock band and its Web site is still under construction www.timdiaz.com
11:30 a.m. Stewart Francke From the Funk Brothers he's played with Chuck Berry His song *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang* was a hit www.stewartfrancke.com
 Also performing Benny and the Jets Good ol' rock n roll www.bennyandthejets.com

SUPER BOWLS

What: *The Super Bowls Show Still Life Prints Drawing Photographs and Vessels* an exhibition of bowls and related images from the museum's collection
When: Opens Jan 25 and continues through April 30 Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Where: Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Avenue Detroit
Tickets: Recommended admission \$6 per adult and \$3 per child call (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

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selection criterion was whether the work depicted a vessel of some kind
 So while there are many bowls real and depicted, several vases and a martini glass appear in the exhibit's images, as well
 One section is devoted to floral still life, while another showcases images of kitchens
 "Just about anything goes in this show," said Sojka. "We tried not to be too heavy-handed, and just allow people to enjoy the images for what they are"

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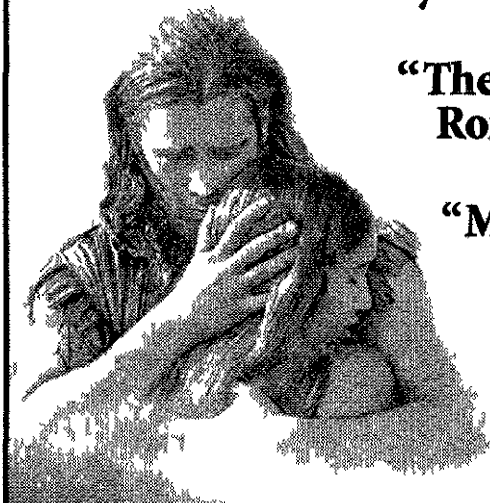
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Parties, celeb sightings and all things Super Bowl

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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No tickets for game day? Join the crowd

The Super Bowl is coming to town, and all we Michiganders can do is delude ourselves into believing that somehow, in some way, through some friend, we're getting tickets

Forget about it! But don't brood about it, either

If there's anything I've learned about the Super Bowl in the past several months, it's that the football game itself, though obviously the center of attention, is just a small part of the action when the championship event lands in your backyard

So in an effort to keep you up-to-date on Super Bowl goings-ons, from who's performing at NFL-sanctioned events to media parties to celebrity sightings, welcome to Everything but the Game, a

report on all things Super Bowl - aside from the game itself

CELEBRITY PARTIES

There's a slew of parties in the works, and these soirees offer up opportunities to catch a glimpse of your favorite celebrity or sports figure

Sean Puffy Combs' Feb. 3 gig at Elysium Lounge in Detroit is a non-private party with lots of potential and a surprisingly low ticket price

With Sean Puffy Combs, a lot of the celebs and athletes are automatically coming, said Sean Davis, co-owner of Elysium Lounge. His business partner is Ivid Bahoura. Tickets are \$200, and VIP admission is priced \$400. The following night, Saturday, Feb. 4, Davis is planning the Super Star Studded Event.

It's basically a surprise celebrity night, he said, adding he absolutely cannot confirm any celebrity appearances as of yet.

The possibilities are endless, but rumor has it Paris and Nikki Hilton are among the celebrities that will be looking for a cool place to party Saturday night. That's because rumor also has it, the heiress sisters are hosting a party Friday night at Bleu Room Experience in downtown Detroit. It's being called Tommy Lee's Super Bowl XL Party. Doors open at 8 p.m. and it

Tickets are going for \$150, but, remember, there's always a VIP room and you



never know who will and won't show. On the other hand, stars are all about the red carpet. So celeb sightings might be had sans the cost of admission. Tickets for the Diddy party and other Elysium Lounge events are available at www.ticketmaster.com or call (248) 645-6666. Elysium Lounge located at 625 Shelby, call (313) 962-2244.

Another party with celebrity written all over it is Tommy Lee's Feb. 4 gig at Bleu Room Experience in downtown Detroit. It's being called Tommy Lee's Super Bowl XL Party. Doors open at 8 p.m. and it

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■ Confirmed guests at the 8th
Annual Players Gala, an NFL-
sanctioned event slated Sunday,
Feb 5 at the Elysium Lounge,
are Regina King and Alyssa
Milano Stevie Wonder is an

invited guest, but no word on
whether he plans to show

Past Gala guests include
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Baltimore Ravens cornerback
Deion Sanders, Kid Rock and
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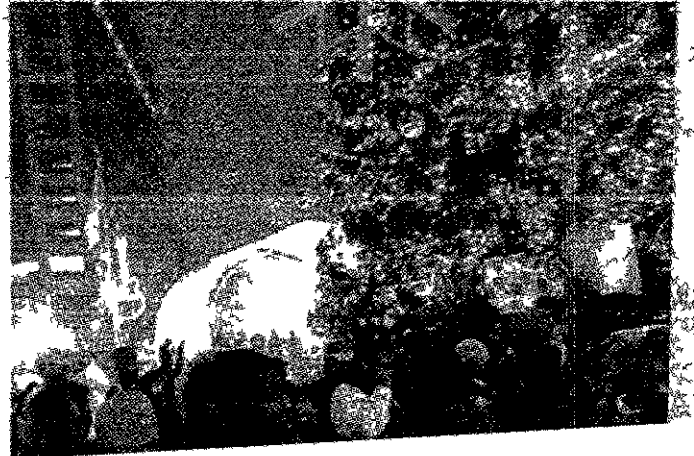
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