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Township gets \$4.25M offer for complex

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Funding the \$13.1 million township hall project got a little easier Tuesday afternoon when Plymouth Township officials opened the bids for the sale of the property on which the current township complex sits.

When they were initially putting the new township hall project together, officials estimated the property, at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, would bring in some \$2.5-\$3

million. However, when the three bids were opened Tuesday, the highest came in at \$4.25 million.

The bid, by Capital Acquisitions & Development of Bloomfield Hills, was more than \$1 million higher than the next highest bid, a \$3.2 million offer from the original House of Pancakes, represented by Commercial Real Estate Services of Plymouth. A third bid, from Fairmount Properties of Southfield, came in at \$2.25 million.

"When we were estimating the sale of the property, we were intentionally

conservative, as we are with all our financials," said trustee Steve Mann, who was supervisor when the township hall project got started. "The (Capital) bid was quite a bit higher than expected. We're obviously pleased with the bids, and we look forward to closing on the property."

According to township Supervisor Richard Reaume, the anchor for the development would be a branch of Flagstar Bank. Two other retail buildings would also be added, on the east and north sides of the property. The

bank would go approximately where the clerk's office is now.

"The ideal thing was to keep a building on that corner, then build a sort of 'L' shaped strip center," Reaume said. "That way you don't see the commercial property adjoining. It's an attractive development from the township's point of view."

Representatives of Capital Acquisitions & Development couldn't be reached for comment.

Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill said the next step is for township offi-

cial to review the bids. The township board will then have to approve the sale. The next regularly scheduled board meeting is set for 7 p.m. Feb. 21, although Massengill said a special meeting is a possibility.

"I'll get more excited when everyone has signed on the dotted line," Massengill said. "A lot of things can happen before then, but if (board members) want to have a special meeting, I'll be all for that."

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Township pay among highest in county

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When the Plymouth Township board in December agreed to accept raises recommended by its own compensation commission, board members pointed out they were trying to make sure township salaries were comparable to surrounding communities.

A study done by the Council of Western Wayne shows leaders in both the township and city of Plymouth are paid largely on par with officials in comparable positions in cities and townships around Wayne County.

That was the goal of the compensation commission when it met to study potential raises, according to commission Chairman Roy Hart. Using issues such as medical and dental coverage, mileage, population, state-equalized value and millage rates, the commission tried to come up with what it thought was a fair salary.

"You come down to the point where they just aren't the same," Hart said. "There's no pattern with any other community that's exactly the same. You can get close, but then what? We came to the point where we said, 'Let's talk about us. What can we afford?'"

The study by the CWW, a consortium of 18 communities that meets monthly to discuss issues and legislation affecting its member communities, shows they can afford as much as anyone.

According to 2005 figures used in the CWW study, Plymouth Township paid its supervisor \$85,731 and its clerk and treasurer \$77,367. Plymouth Township's 2005 SEV was \$2.2 billion, with an operating budget of \$12.8 million and a population of 26,980.

Using 2005 salaries (before the raise doled out in December), only two of the comparable communities used by the compensation commis-

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Before demolishing their home on Harvey, Maria and Rob Martin donated the existing windows to Habitat for Humanity.

Project opens 'window' for donation

Homeowner offers building parts to Habitat for Humanity

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The house Robert Martin lives in on Harvey in Plymouth is coming down, but the windows are going to live on. Martin, a manufacturing representative for construction products, is tearing down the house to build one bigger and better to accommodate his growing family (he and wife Maria have a 10-week-old daughter, Paige).

But thanks to Martin's love of building materials, a wish to help others and his ability to surf the Web, one of the big beneficiaries of Martin's personal project will be the Habitat for Humanity resale store in Brighton, which sent volunteers to harvest the windows before Martin started his home makeover.

"They sell them like a thrift shop

would, and use the proceeds for the needy," Martin said. "It's a way to get my house done and still do something nice."

Martin bought the Harvey house in December 2004, and he and Maria moved in in May 2005. Martin soon decided to raze the house all the way down to the foundation, improve the foundation and "build a better house."

Martin said he would have loved to use the windows in the new house, but there were sizing issues. Rather than just toss them - "I felt bad about taking perfectly good building products and dumping them in a landfill," he said - he asked several builders he knew for ideas.

Searching online, Martin found a listing for the Habitat resale store in Brighton and decided to donate the windows to a worthwhile cause.

"Some people don't even know organizations like this exist," Maria Martin said of Habitat. "This will be a good two-way thing. (Habitat) is helping us with our project, and hopefully we're helping them."

There's no "hoping" about it, according to John Weh, a volunteer for Habitat.

"This is what keeps us going," Weh said of such donations. "The funds we get through donations like this support our ongoing projects. Building homes."

When the Martins finish their home makeover, they'll have what they wanted. A new home for their growing family in the town Maria said "we love."

"I'm building this house never to sell it," Martin said. "I'd like to live in it for 50 years."

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Passion, knowledge key to school service

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As next week's deadline nears for filing nominating petitions to run for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, current Vice President Judy Mardigian has a bit of advice for those planning to run for the two open seats in the May 2 election.

"The important thing is to have passion for the issues," Mardigian said. "To want to see students succeed, and the district do well financially."

"Know that you're going to learn a lot of new things," she added. "It's like taking on another vocation."

Current board members attest it's much more than attending regular meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, with many spending an additional 15 hours a week on school business.

"It helps to adequately budget your time, you will need it," Trustee Tom Wysocki said. "Some other things may have to be reduced or cut if you want to do an adequate job."

"For most people, it will take some time to learn about the dis-

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Plymouth-Canton's executive director of human resources, Ray Bihun (left), and trustees Barry Simescu and Carol Saunders listen to the state of the district's finances during a recent board meeting. Deadline for school board nominating petitions is Tuesday.

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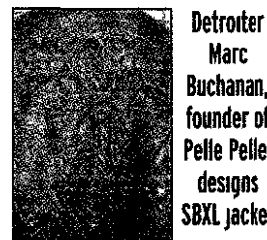
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Coming Sunday on the PINK Page



Detroit's Marc Buchanan, founder of Pelle Pelle, designs SBXL jacket

Ice fest on TV

The nationally televised *Good Morning America Weekend* will feature a segment about the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular during its broadcast Sunday

The show starts at 8 a.m. on WXYZ TV-7 in Detroit. Crews were out to the festival earlier this month to tape a segment about unique events going on in and around the city surrounding Sunday's Super Bowl

Basketball raffle

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club is raffling off two tickets for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Basketball tournament to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills

The tickets will be good for all games played March 17 and March 19 and are valued at \$360. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$10 each and only 250 tickets will be sold. The drawing takes place 8 a.m. March 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, you don't have to be present to win

Proceeds from the raffle benefit the programs of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. Projects planned include donating dictionaries to all third-graders in Plymouth-Canton schools, scholarship for a graduating senior and support for First Step, Angel Tree Prison Ministries and Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family programs

For more information, e-mail Deborah Torzy at dtorzy@hotmail.com or call (734) 453-9904

Valentine concert

The Plymouth Community Chorus presents 'In the Name of Love,' a Valentine Concert featuring a selection of popular love songs from famous artists such as Cole Porter, Andrew Lloyd Weber, Rogers and Hart

and the Righteous Brothers

A small ensemble directed by Michael Gross will perform for one concert only 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at the Village Theater on the northeast corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill in Canton

Tickets can be purchased via credit card by calling the Ticket Hot Line at (866) 924-4276 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. They can also be purchased by printing and mailing the order form available on the PCC Web site at Plycommunitychorus.org

Tickets are \$12 each. Seating is limited.

Blood drive

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts an American Red Cross blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20

Appointments can be made, but walk-ins are also welcome. For an appointment or more information, call Carolyn Liebau, (734) 455-5395

Pom clinic

The Plymouth Saberettes Pompon Kids Clinic will be held at West Middle School Cafeteria 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4. Cost is \$35, which includes clinic, pom T-shirt, snack and a short performance at 1 p.m. following the clinic

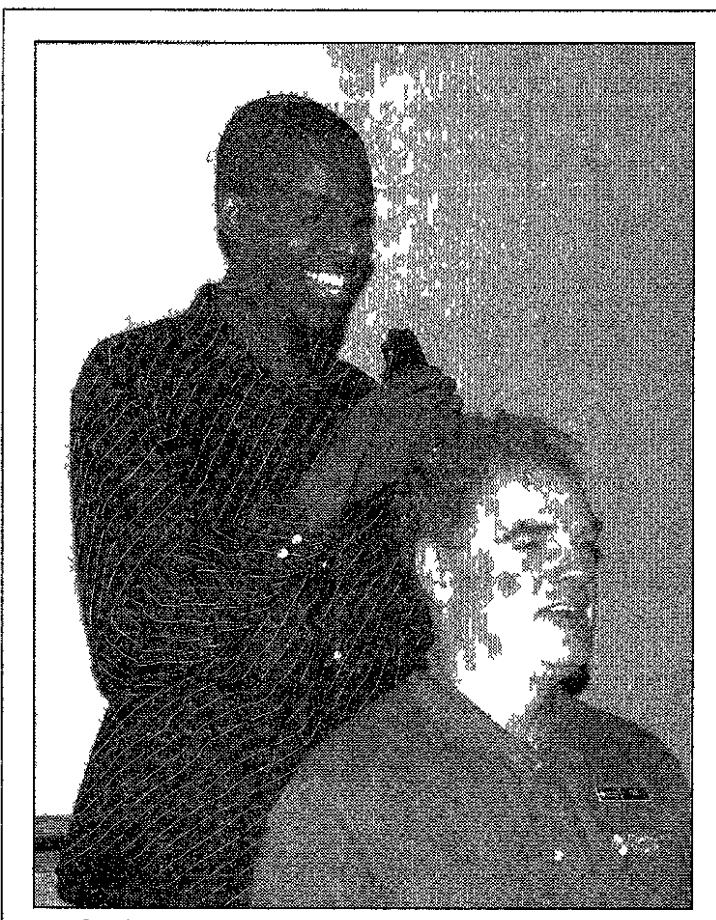
All participants will be invited to perform at the Saberette Variety Show Feb. 17-18

For additional information, contact Cheryl Zuzo at cpz3@comcast.net

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet for a Good Citizen Reception 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20, at the Plymouth District Library

Bob Zaetta will present the program, "The 24th Michigan in the Civil War." The Library is located at 223 S. Main in



Hair loss

Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton fulfilled his promise to get a haircut if the credit union met its goals for 2005. Members of the executive team also agreed to take 'pies in the face' all in the spirit of good fun. The haircut and pie-throwing event took place in January during the credit union's 2006 Kick Off Meeting for more than 150 employees. Lawton's hair was cut by Financial Services representative David Taylor, who works in the credit union's call center

downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-4764

Scholarship applications

Applications are now being taken for the James W. Franklin Scholarship, which provides a \$1,000 scholarship for graduates of Plymouth-Canton schools who participated in an organized swimming program during high school. Applications for the scholarship, sponsored by the James W. Franklin Scholarship Fund, are available on-line at jameswfranklin.com or in the high school counseling offices. Applications are due March 1.

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Rabbit event

The Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary will hold an adoption event noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Specialty Pet Supplies, 1449 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

The event is being held in recognition of Adopt-A-Rabbit Month and will include pet tarot

card readings and pet photographs, as well as magic and balloons by Christian the Clown

In addition, volunteers will be on hand to help answer questions related to rabbit care, health, temperament and adoption

Rabbits available for adoption may be viewed at petfinder.com and adoptions also can be made through an adoption coordinator at adoptions@rabbitsanctuary.org

Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary is a non-profit group that provides a safe haven for abandoned, abused and neglected domestic rabbits with the goal of rehabilitating them and adopting them to loving homes

For more information, check out the Great Lakes Rabbit Sanctuary Web site at www.rabbitsanctuary.org or call 1 (734) 461-1726

Art exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will feature, "Freedom," a juried exhibition of visual narratives on the subject of freedom through March 2

The show has been organized by the Arts League of Michigan and the Underground Railroad Experience at First Congregational Church in Detroit. On a two-year rotation touring throughout Michigan and surrounding states, this exhibit celebrates, commemorates and illustrates the struggle of diverse groups of people to find freedom

This collection of works includes numerous examples of artists expressing their representation of living free and the price tag that some paid to create or protect that opportunity for others. The exhibition is sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund. It is an especially appropriate exhibit for parents to view with school-age children

The PCAC is located at 774

N Sheldon Rd. in Plymouth. Their hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. - noon Saturday. For more information, call (734) 416-4278

Evening of Excellence

Groups showcasing the finest talent in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will perform at a fund-raiser supporting performing arts in the school district 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Musical entertainment will be provided by the P-CEP Wind Ensemble, Orchestra Strings, Chamber Choir and Madrigal Singers, a taste of the Dramatic Arts from the Park Players and the Second Stage Players, and a surprise performance or two. School superintendent Jim Ryan will emcee

Cost is \$50 for the performance only or \$100 for food and the private reception. Proceeds will support performing arts in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. To order tickets call (734) 416-2718

Wine-tasting event

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors hosts its annual Wine Tasting and Membership Mixer 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18

The event, which is one of the group's most popular opportunities to meet and mingle with other residents of Plymouth and its surrounding areas, takes place at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 Sheldon Road

The event is free and open to both existing and prospective members, attendees simply need to bring a bottle of their favorite wine

For more information on this event, or to learn more about Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors, contact Janet Keller at janetkeller@aol.com or call (734) 451-1840

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A physical therapist can help you determine which exercises are right for your body and your needs. Specializing in orthopedic and sports rehab we are dedicated to traditional patient centered care coupled with cutting edge physical therapy technology. For further information about today's column contact the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY at 455-8370. You'll find us conveniently located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth. New patients are welcome.

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Board doesn't reflect growing diversity

Minority candidates urged to step up, run for school seats

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As Plymouth Canton Schools continues to grow in size, the ethnic and cultural makeup of the student population is slowly changing.

It's no surprise that of the 19,292 students served by the district, nearly 80 percent are white. However, Asians, African Americans, Hispanics and other ethnic groups make up the remaining 20 percent and continue to grow.

In many communities, the makeup of governing boards is diverse, much like the communities they serve. However, the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education's complexion is the same: it's always been seven white members.

Plymouth-Canton is more African American, Latinos and other minorities, but the school board doesn't reflect that," said Virgil Humes of Plymouth, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Wayne.

Humes helped mediate racial problems in February 2001 concerning Martin Luther King Day. At that time, Humes noted the district needed to hire more minorities to reflect the makeup of the school community.

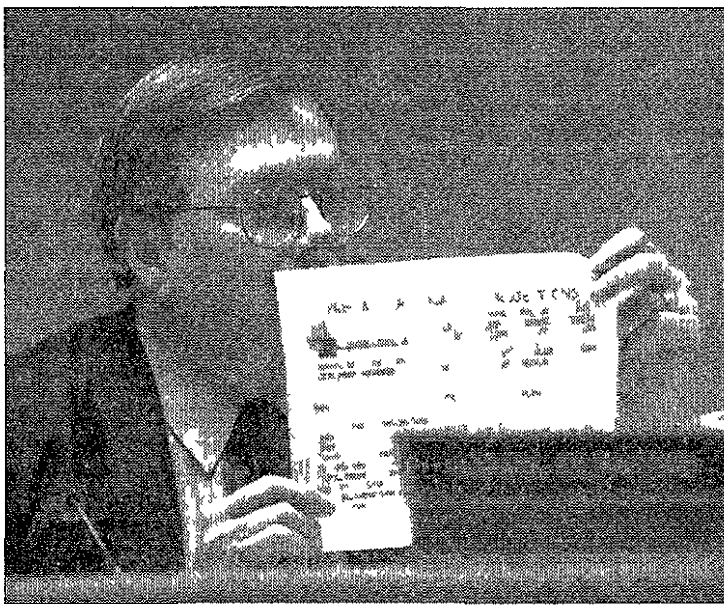
Shortly afterward, three African Americans were hired as principals to begin the 2002-03 school year — Cassandra Smith at Canton High School, Joyce Johnson at Central Middle School and Carolyn Washington at Hulsing Elementary.

"I think the administration should approach some of the leaders in our community and ask for potential candidates, Humes said. "It's still a good old-boys network, and it's hard to break into that club. But if they were invited in, the others would welcome them."

Only a handful of people generally run for a seat on the school board, and Humes said the onus shouldn't be completely borne by the administration.

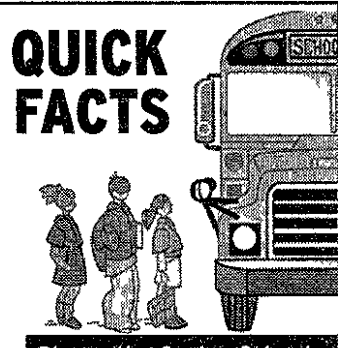
"They (minorities) need to step up and be involved in the process," Humes said. "But the reality is those school board members that are already there have great support mechanisms."

"There is very little of that with people of color," Humes



Board President Mark Slavens turns his attention to financial projections during a recent Plymouth Canton school board meeting.

By LL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Plymouth-Canton Schools

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district

- Number of students: 18,200
- Number of teachers: 1,000
- Number of schools: 3 high schools, 5 middle schools, 15 elementaries
- Annual budget: \$140 million
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added, "It would be good if someone would be courageous enough to step up."

Allie Suffety, an alternative education teacher who last year was a co-sponsor of the P C&P Diversity Council, said the more diverse the district gets the more impact representation on the school board, as well as administrative and teaching

levels will have on students. There would be some merit to students seeing themselves in those roles, positions of power, Suffety said. It allows a vision for students, to see that there is somebody like themselves they can believe in and look at what they can eventually be.

Current school board Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski, whose son is autistic, champions student issues relating to physical disabilities. He said he'd like to see the board more diverse.

"I think it would be a wonderful addition and change the dynamics of the board," Ham-Kucharski said. "The current board tries very hard to become versed in diversity but, obviously, we can't experience everything unless you are in that person's shoes."

Trustee Tom Wysocki said he'd like to see the Board of Education become more diverse. However, he said it's the same old problem of very few candidates seeking a seat on the board, whether they be white, African American or of any other ethnic group.

"It would be good to have some diversity but we haven't seen people step up to take that on," Wysocki said. "As a district, we're doing a fairly good job on diversity with things like training sessions for employees. It's just not reflected on the board."

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INTERESTED IN RUNNING?

Candidates wishing to run for a position on their local boards of education have two easy standards to meet before launching their campaigns. First, they must be a resident of the community they wish to represent and, second, they must be a registered voter. Prospective candidates can then either gather signatures — at least 40 but no more than 100 — or pay a \$100 filing fee.

The duty of the local board of education is to set the policies that govern operations in the district, oversee budgets and take action on student related matters. The local school board is also responsible for finding and hiring a district superintendent.

The intermediate (or regional) school district has the same mandates as the local school district except in two regards. The intermediate district is, by definition, of a larger scope and deals with all school districts within its borders. The local school district deals with policy as it affects students, whereas the intermediate school district — which has very few students if any — deals with policy as it affects the member districts within its borders.

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tract, the important impacts on our students and their learning, he added. It's difficult to know everything. But you learn to know the general direction and policy, and make decisions and actions based on those over-arching policies.

While it seems like a daunting task, Mardigian said new board members receive plenty of help.

Board members will mentor other board members and it gets much easier, she said.

The issues don't get easier, but your understanding of the educational arena does.

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski ran in 1998 and 2002 before finally winning a seat in 2003.

The first couple of times, I

lacked the understanding of the issues inside the district," Ham-Kucharski said. "I made sure I got more involved at the district level, and not so much on the building level, to understand how big and complex the district really is."

If you throw yourself into it and hit activities in the district to meet people, like PTO activities and other events, you can become effective, he added.

Ham-Kucharski said the position became more time-consuming than he originally thought, with every week a learning experience.

The first year was learning boardsmanship and the complexities from a district-wide perspective that you can't get unless you are there, he said. "You learn the nuances on how schools are run, state mandates and the pace of how fast or slow things change in a school district our size."

Bill Pratt of Plymouth

Township, who ran for the board in 2002 and lost, said not having the endorsement of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association and its 1,100 teachers hurt him. However, Pratt believes current candidates may have it easier since state law took the administering of the elections away from the school districts and to the trust of the municipal clerks, who send out many more absentee ballots.

"The union approval weighed too heavily because of the small turnout," Pratt said. "At least now, the election gets a wider distribution."

Nominating petitions with 40 signatures are due by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Plymouth Township clerk's office. In lieu of signatures, candidates can pay a \$100 filing fee to be put on the ballot.

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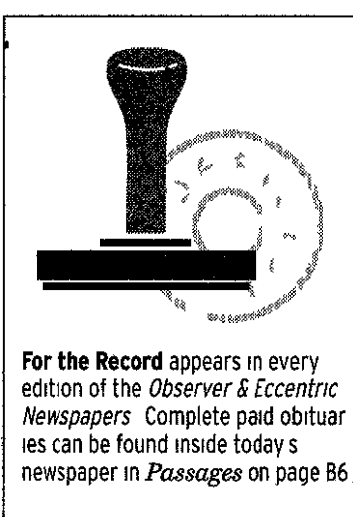
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SALARIES

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sion to set salaries for the supervisor, clerk and treasurer — Canton and West Bloomfield — pay more

Canton Township pays its supervisor \$116,900 while the clerk and treasurer earn \$92,199 each. Cantons SEV is \$4.2 billion, with an operating budget of \$70 million and a population of 84,844. West Bloomfield has an SEV of \$4.57 billion, an operating budget of more than \$33 million and a population of 65,252.

Among townships closer to Plymouths in terms of population, Plymouth Township pays the highest salaries to its elected officials, but Plymouth Township also has the highest SEV and the second-largest operating budget. Seven townships in the study have a population of 32,000 or lower, among them, none pay better than Plymouth Township. Van Buren Township, whose 27,562 population comes closest to Plymouths, pays its supervisor \$74,375 according to the CWW

study. The clerk and treasurer both earn \$67,264. Van Burens SEV (\$1.3 billion) is considerably lower than Plymouths, although its operating budget (\$11.7 million) is comparable.

The smallest community in the CWW study was Huron Township, population 15,992. Huron, with an SEV of just \$595 million and an operating budget of \$7.4 million, pays its supervisor \$53,228, while its treasurer and clerk earned \$42,583 in 2005.

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume points out raises handed out to elected officials are comparable to those given to township employees. He said officials have been diligent in cutting the budget, and argues competitive salaries are necessary to allow Plymouth Township to attract quality people.

"We continue to cut (the budget) in all areas, and in fact we're down five positions just since I took over," said Reaume, elected in 2004. "But we still have to compete in the labor pool."

Plymouth Township's trustees are in the middle of the pack in terms of salaries, earning \$11,000 in 2005. Six of the 12 communities use the compensation commission used as comparables pay more, led by the \$14,123 annual

WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY					
2005 SALARY SURVEY					
City	Population	Mayor or Supervisor	Clerk Salary	Treasurer Salary	Trustee Council Member Stipend
Canton Twp	84,884	\$116,290	\$92,199	\$92,199	\$11,473
Plymouth	8,691	\$500+ \$40/Meeting	\$63,648	\$55,341	\$40 Meeting
Plymouth Twp	26,980	\$85,731	\$77,367	\$77,367	\$11,000
Westland	82,782	\$93,179	\$84,455	\$84,454	\$12,150
Garden City	28,344	\$4,000	\$76,307	\$76,307	\$2,880
Livonia	94,804	\$94,800	\$67,100	\$59,450	\$15,200
Redford Twp	48,995	\$71,395	\$65,543	\$65,543	\$10,557
Farmington Hills	79,526	\$8,543	\$102,820	N/A	\$5,659

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Granholtm says 'boots on the ground' will beat DeVos money

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Michigan Gov Jennifer Granholtm admits it will be tough to combat — dollar-for-dollar — a gubernatorial campaign by expected Republican challenger Richard DeVos of Grand Rapids

However, Granholtm is banking on the allegiance of her supporters to get out the vote as she seeks re-election in November

"We won't be able to match them dollar-for-dollar on the air, but we have the boots on the ground to make sure we have people at the polls on election day," said Granholtm to cheers by supporters at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Livonia Sunday "I don't have billions of dollars, but we have more people than he does"

At that, nearly 75 people — who were personally invited — cheered and applauded Granholtm, who plans to use her "jobs for today and tomorrow" campaign to meet and mobilize supporters across the state

"Please tell people we have the most comprehensive economic plan of any state in the country, \$2 billion (21st Century Jobs Fund) to diversify our economy is very impor-

tant for our state," said Granholtm "We are the state that put the world on wheels, our niche should be alternative energy and fuel cells We should be the state that makes America independent of foreign oil"

Granholtm received more applause when she talked of growing jobs in the state, raising the minimum wage, a program to make health insurance available to a half-million people currently without health coverage and \$4,000 scholarships to college students

"It makes you feel like you can go to college," said 15-year-old Joe Kalinski of Livonia, who said he never thought he'd see the governor "We need to expand technologies and come up with new ideas I like the fact she recognized hydrogen fuel cells, and to bring automotive back to Michigan"

Granholtm has taken criticism from some for not moving Michigan forward But, Mary Jane Bevelheimer of Plymouth Township said it's not all Granholtm's fault

"She's had a tough road to hoe because they're (Republicans) working against her," said Bevelheimer, who worked as a volunteer in the governor's first election campaign "As a woman, I like her

politics, her emphasis on education and health care"

Martha Trafford of Canton Township volunteers for State Rep John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township However, the retired Livonia school teacher of 30 years said she's an independent, and will support the Democratic governor in her run for a second term

"I'm very pleased with what Gov Granholtm has done," said Trafford "I think she inherited a mess from the previous Republican governor, so she's had to make drastic cuts to maintain some semblance of a working economy in Michigan"

"She's tried to help the business community, brought jobs to Michigan and has made a commitment that she will find more funding sources for public schools," she said

As the longest-ever serving member of the Wayne County Board of Commissioners (28 years), Kay Beard of Westland said intimate meet-and-greet opportunities, like the one in Livonia Sunday, should become a staple of Granholtm's campaign

"She needs to communicate directly with the people, which is what she does best," said Beard "Let the people see and

hear her, and question her"

Maureen Miller Brosnan was a key member of Granholtm's executive team in her initial run for governor The Livonia resident, now a member of the State Transportation Commission, said she was having doubts about the future of Michigan, knowing the Ford Wixom assembly plant closing could just as easily been the Ford Livonia Transmission plant

"I went to the State of the State with a lot of fear about what Michigan's future was looking like," said Brosnan

But, I left a lot calmer, knowing we have somebody who knows what needs to be done, who has the energy, the ambition, the desire and the ideas to do it"

If Brosnan could give one bit of advice for the governor, it would be to be tougher on the Republican-dominated Legislature

"I know she has tried to compromise in many, many situations, but apparently compromise isn't working so well," said Brosnan "Maybe to advance her agenda, she needs to be more heavy-handed The future of Michigan is at stake"

Granholtm told her supporters she'd welcome the chance to debate DeVos



Gov Jennifer Granholtm greets supporters Sunday in Livonia

"I would do it in a heart-beat," said Granholtm with a smile "But, he won't take it Let's talk about the issues, but he has no plan, he can only criticize," added Granholtm "I worry he has hired some of the most notorious people from

the right, national people who have done the most negative advertising in the history of the United States "It's going to get ugly"

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OUR VIEWS

Ice fest needs some new ideas

Here's what it has come down to for the 24-year-old Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular. Some business owners have gone from gushing about the thousands of people drawn to downtown Plymouth to saying things like, "A three-day ice festival is better than none at all."

It's true this year's scaled-back version of the annual festival was still successful. There's no official visitor count, but it's probably still safe to say thousands came to witness the show. Mother Nature was no help, with temperatures creeping into the 40s most of the weekend, but the sculptures were still interesting and it was still fun to watch them being carved.

Unfortunately, there wasn't much else to do. The festival couldn't find a major sponsor for the annual Fantasyland, the dazzling display in The Gathering which generally catered to youngsters. A dwindling number of local businesses bought individual sculptures to be displayed outside their stores. That practice has been a consistent revenue stream for the festival in past years, but it's drying up.

The struggle organizers faced in raising money to back the festival and a marked decrease in crowd sizes suggest it's time to address ways to put the "spectacle" back in the spectacular.

The first thing we'd do, if we were running the festival, would be to place a call to Annette Horn, owner of Native West in downtown Plymouth and organizer of the Great Lakes Regional Chili Cookoff. The cookoff was a Plymouth staple until last year, when the city decided to increase the cost of providing security.

Horn took the cookoff to Saline, but that community failed to fulfill some of its promises, and Horn is once again looking for a new home. Attaching the chili cookoff to the ice festival could prove to be a solid relationship.

Northville just hosted a similar festival, its first "Fire and Ice" event last weekend, and early returns were promising. In Rochester, the Downtown Development Authority showcased its "Super City" status with a "Taste of Downtown," an art show and an ice sculpture/shopping festival during which local businesses extended their hours and hosted individual promotional events.

But even if the ice festival doesn't hook up with the chili cookoff, some changes should be made to make the ice spectacular more user-friendly. Horn suggested an ice fishing contest in the Kellogg Park fountain, or a skating rink in The Gathering. The cost of liability insurance could make the latter problematic, but perhaps a sponsor could be found to cover that expense.

Organizers will argue they need money to do those things, and that's obviously true. However, that shouldn't stop them from looking outside the box for solutions to revitalize one of Plymouth's most popular events.

Do homework before filing for school board

The filing deadline is fast approaching for school board candidates running for office May 2.

We hope they've done their homework.

Besides filing a nominating petition or \$100 fee with the county clerk's office by 4 p.m. Tuesday, candidates should also have an idea of what they're getting into.

It's more than being a warm body at a meeting twice a month.

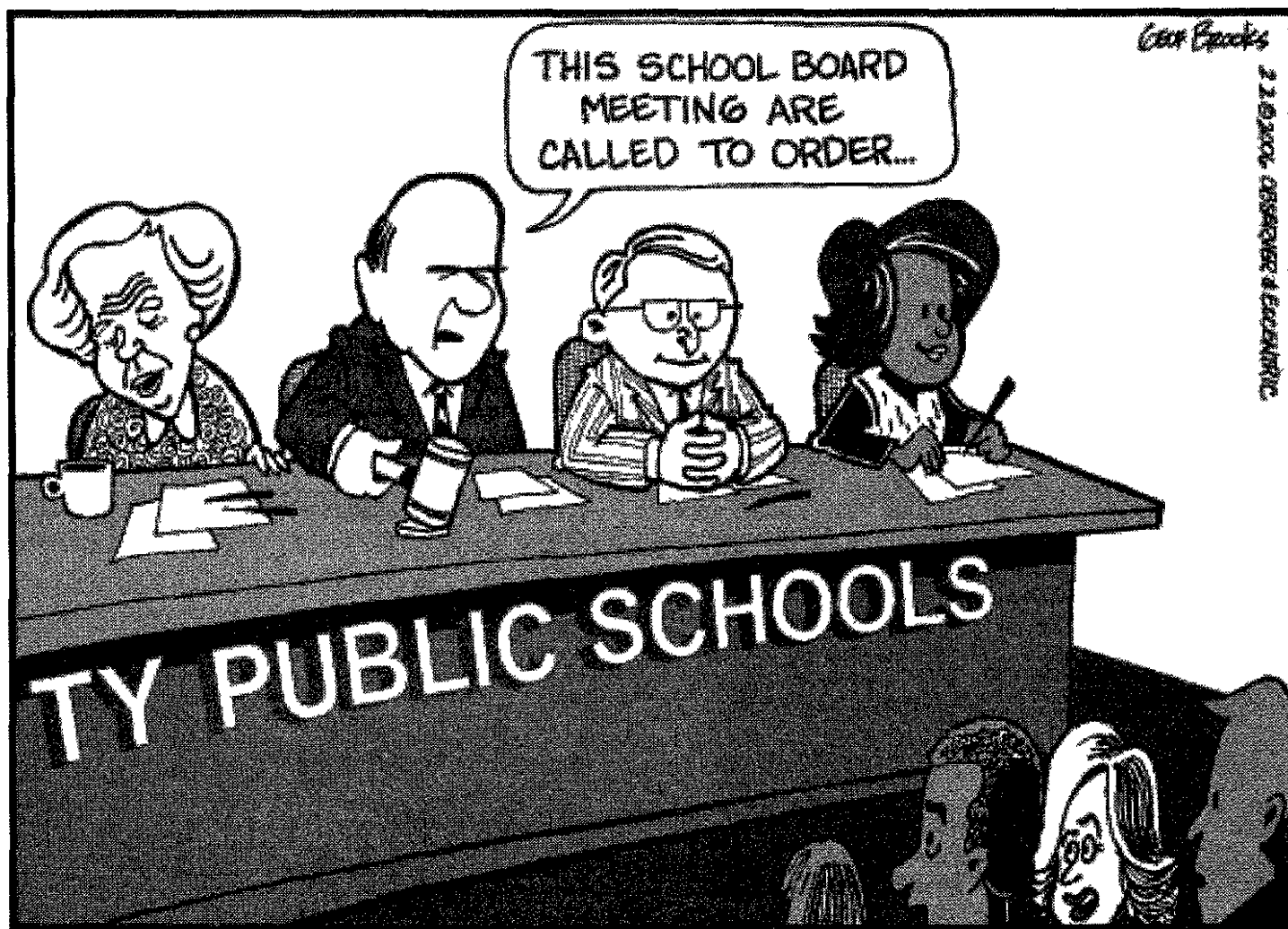
School board members, who often get paid nothing, spend countless hours preparing for the tough decisions they'll have to make at those meetings about budgets, personnel, curriculum and other matters. They study reams of information provided to them by administrators in board packets and conduct their own research by talking to parents, students and teachers, visiting schools and observing programs in action.

Many of them also take classes through the Michigan Association of School Boards, where they learn about complicated school financing laws, state and federal mandates like No Child Left Behind, contract negotiations and other issues that directly impact education.

After preparing and training for meetings, school board members are expected to set aside their personal interests and vote for the good of the entire district. This may mean alienating neighbors or acquaintances who expect support for their school or program. It also may mean becoming the target of personal attacks.

They want to help shape the education and future of the next generation.

It's a commendable job, but one that takes dedication, passion and a love for children. Don't bid on it lightly.



"That's it! I'm running for the school board."

LETTERS

Auto workers not alone

First let me say that my sympathies go out to all of the displaced Ford workers and their families. They will have a difficult time ahead of them. That said, I must say that I am amazed that suddenly Ford's employment issues have become an earth-shattering event.

I realize the auto industry is the mainstay of Michigan's economy. However, there are many of us who have been dealing with the trauma of this economy for several years now. My husband is about to be laid off for the third time in three years (three different jobs indirectly related to the auto industry). He does not get paid holidays or employer paid medical. We paid over \$10,000 in medical for each of the last four years, including medical coverage and prescriptions, topping \$12,500 for 2005 alone.

We are not alone. There are many families that have no option for any coverage, they must choose between food and housing or medical coverage. The Ford workers will have a lot of these issues, but I'm sure many executives will be blessed with severance packages and some sort of medical coverage for the next year or so.

The current "tragedy" with health care in our country is crippling individual families, small business owners, the Big Three and all the way up to big city government as evidenced by Detroit's budget crisis.

Someone somewhere in government needs to take the bull by the horns to deal with these issues. The cost for medical care these days is astronomical. Someone is making big bucks off of it, it is not the employers and it is certainly not the individual employees.

The economy is getting worse by the day and I for one believe health care costs are at the core of it.

Eileen Borg
Canton

Appalled by article

I was appalled to see the article on the American Clergy Leadership Conference and Rev. Kasbow in the *Observer* last week. What does a cultic church in Warren have to do with Livonia? It is no accident that Rev. Kasbow has no church in Livonia, even though he lives here. The American Clergy Leadership Conference is solely designed to give legitimacy to the heretical teachings of Sun Myung Moon and his Unification Church. You should give a more complete picture of the doctrine of this group than the short statement that they believe that "all religions will eventually unite." The Unification Church may be promoting "harmony among Christian denominations," but they are anything but Christian.

Hugh Trimble
Livonia

Character counts

Finally, character and achievement will count. M.L. King's notable speech supported and urged that skin color should not count when college placement was at stake. Many, most of us,

applauded and promised to work to that end, that character was important when considering young men and women for college seats, not color.

We thought on the day of King's speech that it was top of the hill. We think so today. However, M.L. King weaseled a bit, championing affirmative action, recognizing color as very important in selecting students for college matriculation.

Today, we can understand that ethnicity, gender, color, class and other bogus considerations should not and cannot trump character, nor achievement and promise.

The law of the land today guarantees that each person may attend college. That each student get to attend the first college of choice should be precluded. Any student denied admission to a chosen school may matriculate at any one of several universities with teachers as able as in the first, curricula to match those offered at the first chosen.

With college admission guaranteed, no one may be denied. A sheepskin from Michigan State, Wayne State or Eastern Michigan cannot be deemed an inferior accomplishment.

My degree work at Wayne State has served me well. I've not had a moment of regret or feeling of inadequacy having attended Wayne rather than Eastern or Western Michigan.

Put away the guns. We can all raise hay, march and give with the orations comes the day when any one of us is denied a college education. The election in November should be a blessing.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Middle class shrinking

Should you care that the Wixom plant is closing? I think you should. Should you care that the same family that brought us the usual Detroit Lions for most of my natural life on this planet gave us this news today? I think you should.

What happened is another classic example of the downsizing of the middle class in this country. We should have seen it, yet we did not. We watched that Fox-TV, no matter what substance altered our mind, yet this goes by as just another news story worthy of the demise of America's promise, America's middle class.

Mark Barringer
Farmington Hills

Apples to oranges?

Many people think that comparing George Bush and Adolf Hitler is like comparing apples to oranges. Let's explore the similarities, both men took power through the back door. George Bush lost the popular election by 500,000 votes and still became the president, this does not speak very well for democracy. Hitler and his brown shirts muscled their way into power, using a scapegoat, the Jews to his advantage. George Bush sold the American people on the idea that the Democrats tax and spend, which translates to too much welfare for the minorities. Both men stayed

close to the rich and powerful in order to consolidate their power. Hitler was known to use torture and now Bush has been linked to the same thing in the prison that Saddam Hussein used to torture his own people. Hitler invaded Europe with trumped up reasons, similarly, Bush invaded Iraq. Hitler had the secret police and Bush has a secret force used to spy at will on American citizens. Beware of these similarities, the Germans found out too late.

Robert Leaf
Farmington Hills

More room needed

The Michigan Board of Education has just approved the new high school graduation requirements, and to me they are a bit unnerving. Even though I am in the 12th grade, these requirements still concern me, as they will affect Michigan students for years to come.

The new requirements, 18 in all, include four years of math and English, three in science and social studies, two in foreign language, one year of physical education and one year of fine arts.

The requirements leave little room for one to be creative. As a student of French, German and Spanish, I have a passion for languages. Had this been in effect when I started high school, I would have been able to take only one language, thus being unable to pursue my own interests.

Students are limited when it comes to pursuing their own interests. Many a student enjoys taking an extra academic class. These new requirements will really limit students who already know what they want to pursue.

Some of the upcoming students will find the required courses too demanding. Not every student can handle four years of math, three years of science, two years of a foreign language and so on.

Each and every student is different, thus, each and every schedule should be different.

Molly Rowland
Bloomfield Township

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"It was a great boon to our business this month... January is historically the worst month because of winter, and people are broke because of Christmas. In those three days, we probably did about 45 percent of the entire month (in sales)."

- Steve Marulis, owner, Michigan Made & More, on the benefit to business of the Plymouth ice festival

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Granholm's speech outlined her strategy for re-election

Anybody who doubts the political smarts of Gov. Jennifer Granholm would do well to look carefully at the State of the State address she delivered last week.

Other politicians in her shoes might have approached this speech with dread, for the state of the state is not, by any measure, anything to brag about. The governor is saddled with a terrible economy, a formidable (and formidably well-financed) Republican opponent in Dick DeVos and a GOP-dominated Legislature that will do anything and everything it can to make her life difficult.

Yet Granholm responded with a speech that was both masterfully delivered and which showed a shrewd understanding of the probable electoral landscape come November.

As you listened to her speech, you could see her systematically clicking through a list of likely political targets, be they Democratic, independent or moderate Republican.

She had something for workers for small companies, for poor people without health insurance, workers scraping along on the minimum wage, college-bound kids and their parents, K-12 students and their families, and entrepreneurs and venture capital types.

She knows perfectly well that the Legislature is not about to approve any of her proposals, but politically, that won't hurt her a bit.

Wasn't it Harry Truman who laid out a similar set of challenges and won an upset victory for president in 1948 by campaigning against "a do-nothing Republican Congress?"

Let's consider Granholm's main proposals, and to whom they are likely to appeal.

■ She called for a new 401(k)-type savings retirement plan for employees of small businesses that don't offer pensions. Her idea was that the state should set up the apparatus for the program without kicking in any matching funds.

"People shouldn't be counting on Social Security for their retirement nest egg," state Treasurer Jay Rising told *The Detroit News*. "We know that 60 percent of firms with 25 employees or less offer no 401(k)."

Hard to see how conservative voters can argue against this. For years, Republicans have asserted that workers should take more individual responsibility for their own retirement.

■ The governor proposed creating a health insurance plan for the 550,000 working poor who have no health care coverage. That proposal will need approval from both the feds and the Legislature.

There was no clue as to what this would cost, or where the money would come from. But the half-million-plus Michigan folks affected certainly are not going to blame their governor for standing up for them — or reward the GOP for sneering at the idea.

■ Likewise, the low-wage workers who would stand to benefit by an increased minimum wage

Granholm proposed increasing the wage by nearly \$2 an hour to \$6.85, effective January 2007. And she pledged to lead a campaign to place the boost on the statewide ballot this fall. What a wonderful way to appeal to union voters to turn out strong in the middle of a tough campaign!

■ College-bound kids and their parents, both increasingly concerned about increases in tuition, will be pleased by Granholm's proposal to re-jigger the Merit Scholarship program to award a full \$4,000 to students who complete two years of college.

There's more than politics lurking behind this one. In comparison with other states, Michigan's labor force falls far behind in percentage of workers with college degrees, and four grand for kids who stuck it out for two years should be a pretty good incentive.

The prospect of a much tougher school curriculum — including four years of English and math, two of social studies and science and two years of a foreign language — might make kids in school nervous.

But most of them can't vote yet — and their parents, at least, are by now beginning to realize that merely getting a high school diploma without really knowing anything is hardly the route to a secure economic future for their children.

They'll look kindly on the governor's proposal (Even the Republicans are unlikely to stop this one.)

■ The rapidly growing health sciences sector in Michigan cannot but be enthused at her call for repealing current medieval state restrictions on stem cell research that could lead to cures for diseases like diabetes and Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

A fair number of companies that might locate in Michigan have said they won't come as long as the Legislature's head-in-the-sand attitude toward scientific research persists.

The overall picture is clear. If the major purpose of a politician's life and career is to get (re)elected, Granholm did a mighty fine job of preparing for political conflict coming this fall.

The only sad thing is that nowhere in her speech did she tackle the really fundamental issues facing Michigan and its urgent need to restructure our hemorrhaging economy. Those include the chronic structural state budget deficit, now at well over \$1 billion per year, and the archaic, arcane and business-unfriendly single business tax.

Worst of all may be the many cuts higher education has suffered in recent years, which have damaged the launch pad for creative innovation on which our economic future depends.

I know, I know. The governor knows perfectly well she won't get anywhere banging her head against a Legislature and a political system that is both unable and unwilling to deal with these issues. But sooner or later, somebody's got to. And as Moses could have told her, sometimes a leader just has to lead.

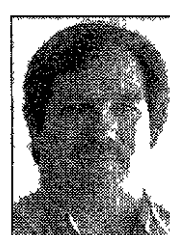
Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcn.net.

Raises might be well-deserved, but it's a bad time to take them

By the time you read this, I will almost certainly have been on the phone at least once with Plymouth Township officials, some of whom will have been seething about another story concerning the salaries of township officials.

They will have screamed and yelled that we're making such a big deal about how much money the township's electeds make, and they'll say things like, "How would you like it if your salary was put out there?"

Our salaries aren't that skewed, they'll argue, they aren't out of line and they aren't extravagant. And let me just say at the outset: They're right. To a point.



Brad Kadrich

The Board of Trustees last month let stand raises for elected officials recommended by the township's compensation commission. When we reported them at the time, we reported them as whole numbers, that is, the combined percentages for the two years covered by the recommendation: 5.16 percent for the supervisor, 8.16 percent for the clerk and treasurer and 3.6 percent for the four trustees.

That ruffled some feathers over there at township hall, because it apparently looked like the raises were bigger than they were. Apparently figuring readers couldn't divide 5.16 percent in half, officials thought we should have reported them year-by-year.

So, in order to soothe those battered feelings, we'll do that here.

■ Township Supervisor Richard Reaume gets a 2.6-percent hike this year, 2.5 percent next year (which is actually only 5.1 percent). In 2007, his salary will be \$90,159.

■ Township Treasurer Ron Edwards and Clerk Marilyn Massengill get 3.9 percent this year, 4.1 percent in 2007. Their salaries next year will be \$83,680.

■ Township trustees don't get a raise this year, but get 3.6 percent in 2007. That'll lift their salaries next year to \$11,400.

When we reported those raises a month ago, both Edwards and Reaume went a little batty, accusing us of skewing the numbers, pointing out that the increase (for Reaume it's less than a \$3,000 hike, for Massengill and Edwards a little more than \$3,000) is pretty small, comparatively speaking.

And maybe it is. To be fair, Edwards is a CPA and could almost certainly make more in private practice. But he's a dedicated public servant who (battiness aside) cares deeply about his community.

Comparable salaries for the work Massengill and Reaume do are harder to quantify, but we don't necessarily quibble with the money they make now, particularly Massengill, who has given her life to the township since she was about 6 years old. Salary structures in various communities

are obviously based on different criteria, and the method used to set them vary. In Canton, the supervisor, by a resolution passed in 2002, must be paid 5 percent better than the next highest-paid employee. In the city of Plymouth, employee raises are recommended by City Manager Paul Sincock and approved by the City Commission. Sincock's salary (\$92,768 in 2005) is approved by the commission, with no input from Sincock.

In Plymouth Township, the compensation commission meets in odd-numbered years and makes a recommendation to the full board. The board must, by ordinance, vote to reject the recommendations, or they immediately go into effect.

In fact, last month, Trustee Charles Curmi floated a motion to reject the raises that got voted down 4-2 (Trustee Steve Mann, the former supervisor who created the compensation commission, was absent). Only Curmi and Trustee Kay Arnold supported it.

Reaume argues, correctly, the township must be able to offer competitive salaries in order to remain competitive in the job market.

"We continue to cut (the budget) in all areas, and in fact we're down five positions just since I took over," Reaume said. "But we still have to compete in the labor pool."

He also argues, and this is where he loses us, that the raises the board voted themselves are "in line with what the board has given to both union and non-represented employees."

We aren't experts in the field of municipal salaries, and don't pretend to be. What we do know is this: Those 1,500 people who just lost their jobs at the Wixom Ford plant aren't getting 8-percent raises over two years (and before they scream, neither am I).

Some of those Ford employees, and others losing jobs in a struggling economy, live right here, and had to listen last summer as their elected officials told them how scarce money was and how police and fire services might have to be cut, thereby endangering the community, if a tax increase wasn't passed (it was, by a wide margin).

Curmi, who last month made the motion to reject the raises, obviously disagreed with them. In an area heavily dependent on a slumping auto market where companies are making cuts, Curmi said accepting the raises sends a poor message.

"Many people in this area are not getting raises and are losing their jobs," Curmi said. "We need to set a leadership example."

We don't disagree township officials are worth the salaries they make. But Curmi is right in this case, particularly in light of last summer's "pass a millage or we cut police and fire."

They missed a chance to say, "Hey, we're all in this together." On the other hand, at least the raise will offset the millage increase.

Brad Kadrich is community editor of the *Plymouth Observer*. His raise this year was just over 1 percent. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrich@hometownlife.com or by phone at (734) 459-2700.

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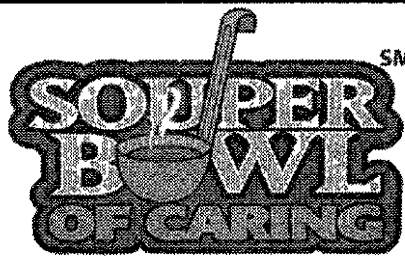
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Use your empty dishwasher or washing machine to ice down extra can and bottles of drinks. When the ice melts, the water just drains away.

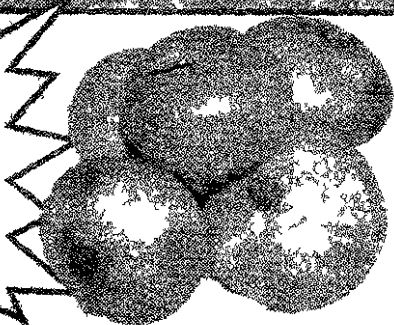
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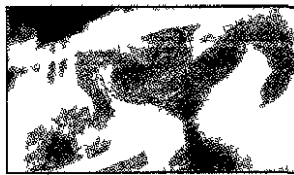
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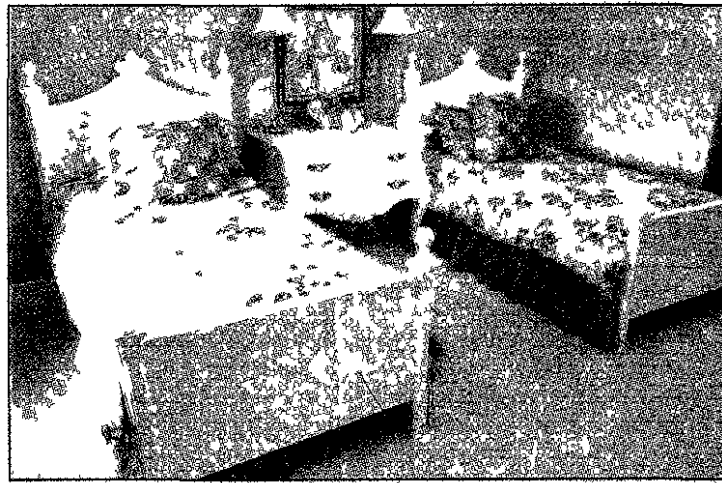
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Dressed to impress



This young woman's room is dressed in "sassy" green and raspberry colors.



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The Poncall home in Bloomfield Hills features such spectacular elements as soaring ceilings and large-scale furnishings. It will be the site of the Preview Party for this year's Snow Ball to benefit Variety - The Children's Charity.

Home offers spectacular setting for Snow Ball preview party

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Simply spectacular
The Poncall residence in Bloomfield Hills features clean lines, as well as details that embellish, and furnishings both large and small in size. It's a smooth combination that both invites and impresses.
Mike and Kay Poncall have lived in the newly constructed house since April. This month it will be the site of the Preview Party for this year's Snow Ball benefit for Variety - The Children's Charity (see related item).
"We fell in love with the setting more than anything," Kay said.
The setting is breathtaking, a wooded area that is often visited by herons. It seems far away from busy roads.
The interior is breathtaking as well, with such elements as ceilings 22 feet high and beautiful antiques throughout. Most of the colors are soft variations of tan.
Kay did the interior decorating herself, asking advice from designer friends Nancy McGowen of McGowen Associates at Chapman House in Rochester, Jeffrey King of Jeffrey King Interiors in Birmingham and Lucy Earl of Jones-Keena & Co. in



Kay and Mike Poncall stand in their foyer. They have lived in the newly constructed home since April.

PLEASE SEE PARTY, B4

VARIETY'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY SNOW BALL

■ **What:** A black-tie dinner, live auction of fantasy packages, and entertainment, presented by Variety - The Children's Charity. Proceeds benefit children with special needs in metropolitan Detroit.
■ **When:** 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 25.
■ **Where:** The Townsend Hotel Ballroom, 100 Townsend at Pierce, south of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road in Birmingham.
■ **Tickets:** \$300 Friend, \$400 Patron, \$500 Benefactor.
■ **Preview Party:** A preview party for patrons and benefactors will take place Thursday, Feb. 16, at the home of Michael and Kay Poncall in Bloomfield Hills.
■ **Information:** The Variety Office, 30161 Southfield Road, No. 301, Southfield 48076, phone (248) 258-5511.

Accents

Expo

The William D. Ford Career-Technical Center, 36455 Marquette in Westland, will host its annual Winter Open House-Technology Expo 6-8 30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

The public may attend. Admission is free.
Attendees will have the opportunity to see student projects and activities from all 23 technical programs, sample culinary arts prepared foods, meet program instructors and interact with college and industry representatives.
Displays of current high-efficient, state-of-the-art technology in home heating and cooling will be presented by various companies serving on the center's HVAC advisory board.
Counselors will be available to conduct tours and answer questions about enrollment. Door prizes will be awarded. Call the center at (734) 419-2100 for more information.

Dream kitchens

Dream Kitchens, an open house and lecture at Michigan Design Center in Troy, will take place 5-8 p.m. Thursday, March 16.
Visitors will be able to tour the MDC showrooms from 5-6 30 p.m. Complimentary 20-minute consultations with local design professionals will be available during the open house.
Renowned kitchen design expert Ellen Cheever, ASID, will share professional tips on creating a dream kitchen from 6:45-8 p.m.
Cost is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. The price includes the open house, light refreshments and one copy of the book *Great American Kitchens Collection*.
The book features dozens of award-winning kitchens from across the country along with information and insider advice on the hottest trends and newest innovations in kitchen technology.
MDC is at 1700 Stutz, north off Maple (15 Mile), between Coolidge and Crooks. Call (248) 649-4772 or visit michigan-design.com.

Time on their hands

SquidSoap, a liquid soap dispenser, teaches youngsters ages 3 to 12 a better way of washing their hands.
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The dispenser comes with a removable, soft rubber, orange squid that is a toy. Suggested retail price for one dispenser is \$3.49 to \$3.99. A package of four retails online for about \$14.99.
SquidSoap can be bought at select grocery stores and pharmacies and at www.squidsoap.com.
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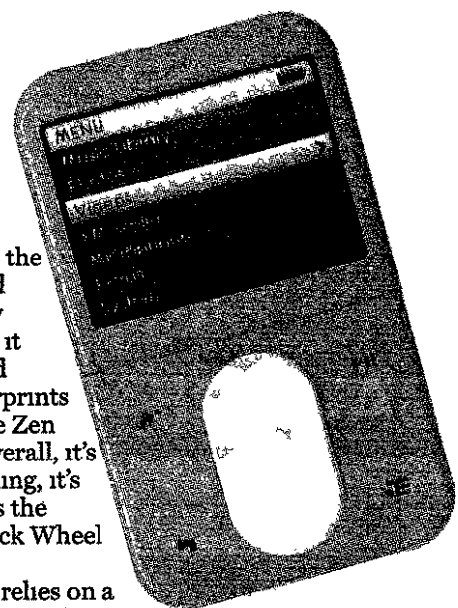
When shopping for an iPod, consider a Creative alternative

Pods are sexy, no doubt about it. But I'm not buying one, and here's why. An iPod won't play any of the music I've bought from online stores like Buy.com, Musicmatch and Napster.
That's because the majority of these stores distribute songs in a format called WMA, and iPods don't support WMA files.
Instead, they play only AAC

files, which come from only one source: Apple's iTunes store (Okay, iPods play MP3s, too, but few stores sell songs in that format).
Sorry, Apple, but I like to shop around. I also like newfangled music-subscription services like Napster To Go and Yahoo Music Unlimited, which let me download all the songs I want for a nominal monthly fee.
Currently, iTunes offers no such option.
That's one reason I'm so jazzed about the Creative Zen Vision M (creative.com), a WMA-friendly alternative to Apple's fifth-generation iPod (the one that plays

video). Though priced \$30 higher, the \$329 Zen offers a lot more features, including an FM radio tuner/recorder, a microphone for recording voice notes, and even an Outlook conduit for viewing your contacts, calendar and to-do list.
It also plays video just like the iPod, but with a much more colorful screen. Technically speaking, the Zen displays 262,000 colors to the iPod's 65,000. I wouldn't say videos look four times better on the Zen, but they're definitely better.
DESIGN
You can buy the Zen in black, white, blue, green or pink. The

black version looks the coolest (the colored models are actually kinda chintzy), but it scratches easily and shows lots of fingerprints.
Indeed, while the Zen looks pretty cool overall, it's no iPod. For one thing, it's thicker, and it lacks the iPod's awesome Click Wheel control.
Instead, the Zen relies on a kind of touchpad that will seem familiar to notebook PC users. You slide your finger up and down to scroll through menus and song



Creative's video-playing, photo-viewing, radio-tuning Zen Vision M isn't perfect, but it's a better iPod than the iPod.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B8

Tech Savvy
Rick Broida

You can evaluate life expectancy of home

If you're a conscientious consumer, you know how long milk lasts, how long bread lasts and even how long you can keep that frozen turkey. But do you know how long your roof or furnace will last?

Craig Lee of The HomeTeam Inspection Service of Northville has some advice for homeowners who are looking to start the New Year with a clean slate - or asphalt.

When we perform home inspections, we offer a detailed report on the condition of your major appliances and household systems at the time of inspection, said Lee.

And while we can't offer a guarantee on life of your home or its parts, an inspection does give you something to start with when determining your overall home maintenance plan for the next five to 10 years.

Taking good care of your home can end up paying dividends in the future with less household emergencies and more planned - and budgeted - renovations, Lee said.

"Life expectancy can vary greatly depending on the quality of materials used, the installation, how it's been maintained and even some environmental factors, but the National Association of Home Builders can give an accurate estimate to the average life cycles of these household items," Lee said.

One of the most important and fundamental parts to a home is the roof, which can last anywhere from 15 to 100 years according to the NAHB estimates.

An asphalt shingle roof can last anywhere from 15 to 30 years on average, depending on what kind of materials were used during installation and if the roof has sustained weather damage through excessive moisture or wind.

A slate roof can last much longer - even up to 100 years - but it may not suit the overall design of your home.

Maintaining your home's exterior can be done through painting wood shingles vinyl or aluminum siding or other weatherproofing treatments.

Waterproofing, which can be used on wood siding or decking, must be reapplied every one to five years, depending on the products used.

Vinyl siding can last up to 50 years with minimal maintenance.

If your home has wood shingles it may be time to consider replacing or treating the outside in order to prevent wood rot or unsightly chipping.

If you have a good working roof over your head, it may be time to concentrate on the inside, Lee said.

One major household item that you don't want to find yourself without is your water heater.

Whether you have a gas or electric water heater, it may last on average 11 to 14 years, depending on how it has been maintained and other factors.

Other major appliances - including dishwashers, refrigerators and electric ranges - can last from 10 to 20 years, the NAHB says.

"During an inspection, if we discover a possible problem with a water heater or furnace, or any other major appliance, we often recommend to the homeowner to bring in an appliance expert who can give you a solid evaluation and an estimate to fix or replace the questionable component," Lee said.

For more tips on life expectancy, or for tune-up suggestions and other maintenance guidelines, visit www.hometeaminspection.com or call Craig Lee at (734) 420-4611.

HOW MANY YEARS

HOME COMPONENTS WILL LAST

According to the National Home Builders Association, these numbers represent the maximum number of years you can reasonably expect various components of your home to last.

Life expectancy may vary greatly depending on quality of material, installation, maintenance, environmental factors and use.

Dishwasher: 10 years

Range (gas or electric): 17 to 19 years

Fiberglass or cast-iron bathtub: 10 to 15 years

Water heater (gas or electric): 11 to 14 years

Ceramic or laminated countertops: 10 to 15 years

Garage door opener: 10 years

Wall and trim paint: five to 10 years

Exterior paint: 10 years

Washer: 13 years

Dryer: 14 years

Refrigerator: 17 years

Carpet: 11 years

Asphalt shingle roof: 15 to 30 years

Aluminum siding: 20 to 50 years

Vinyl siding: 50 years

GARDEN CALENDAR

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday Feb. 6 at the Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

The topic will be flower arranging. Guests are welcome.

Della Haydon, an accredited flower show judge and past president of the Farmington Hills Flower Arrangers Guild, will show the basics of design as well as tips for more advanced arrangements.

Hardy Plant Society

The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday Feb. 6 at Congregational Church of Birmingham on Woodward at Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Beth Rowley of Four Seasons Garden Center will talk about Basics of Design. A former architect, Rowley decided five years ago to follow her loves of horticulture and design and work at Four Seasons.

Guest fee \$3. For information call (248) 589-2286.

The group's Web site is www.hardyplantsocietygreatlakes.org.

Hill & Dale

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday Feb. 9 at the Heritage Park Visitor's Center on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

Past president Jean Moran will give a presentation on Masterpiece Floral Designs on a Budget. The public may attend.

For more information contact Mar Scawly at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

Livonia Garden Club

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

Kathy Israel, certified master gardener and Michigan State University board member, will present a program about foliage plants that provide color, texture and interest for the garden landscape. Visitors are welcome.

Orchid Festival

English Gardens will host its fourth annual Orchid Festival featuring two weekends of free seminars, visits from growers and a display of more than 50 varieties of orchids.

The festival takes place at all six English Gardens stores during February, which is National Orchid Month.

Scheduled seminars include Introduction to Orchids (1 p.m.) and Orchid Repotting Techniques (3 p.m.) both Saturday Feb. 4, Advance Orchid Growing (1 p.m.) Sunday Feb. 5 and Sunday Feb. 12, Growing Beautiful Orchids (1 p.m.) and Orchid Repotting Demonstration (3 p.m.) both Saturday Feb. 11.

Orchid growers will discuss the different orchid varieties, orchid care and tips for re-blooming, as well as answer questions.

Among the featured speakers will be John Doherty of Zephyrus Orchids, Lawrence J. Ohlman III of Orchids by Ohlman and Don Garling from Michigan State University.

For more information about the English Gardens Orchid Festival, visit www.englishgardens.com or contact one of the English Gardens locations which include West Bloomfield 6370 Orchard Lake Road (248) 851-7506.

Royal Oak Troy 4901 Coolidge Highway (248) 280-9500 Dearborn Heights 22650 Ford at Outer Drive (313) 278-4433 and Ann Arbor 155 N. Maple at Jackson in the Maple Village Shopping Center (734) 332-7900.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens

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Reservations are strongly recommended for each event. Call (734) 647-7600 for reservations and more information.

■ **Plants of Passion: Forbidden Fruits** - a lecture by MBGNA curator David C. Michener is scheduled 1 p.m. Saturday Feb. 4. The talk will be followed by a walk in the Conservatory to see featured plants including the chocolate tree, camellias and gardenias. Docents will be on hand to answer questions. Cost is \$10 for the public, \$7 for MBGNA members. Seating limited to 100.

■ **Chocolate** - a lecture by Patrick Fields, AKA Doctor Chocolate, is scheduled 1 p.m. Sunday Feb. 19. Chocolate tasting will follow the talk. Cost is \$15 for the public, \$10 for MBGNA members. Seating limited to 100.

■ **Family Day at the Gardens** is scheduled 1:30 p.m. Sunday Feb. 26. Enjoy a scavenger hunt in the Conservatory, have a snack and listen to stories told by Jean Gordon and pot a chocolate mint plant (one per child) to take home. Cost per child is \$7 for the public, \$5 for MBGNA members.

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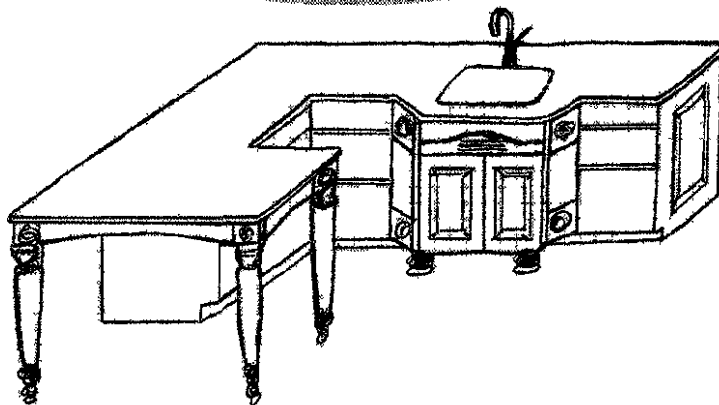
Every time it rains or when the snow melts, we have a puddle problem on the concrete walk that goes around our house. I've heard that there's a new kind of concrete that drains water. Is this true? If so, how does it work?

A: Yes, there is a type of concrete that actually allows water to flow through it into the ground. It is known as pervious concrete. It is only new to Michigan, pervious concrete has been used in the South and on the West Coast since the 1970s. Pervious concrete is a concrete

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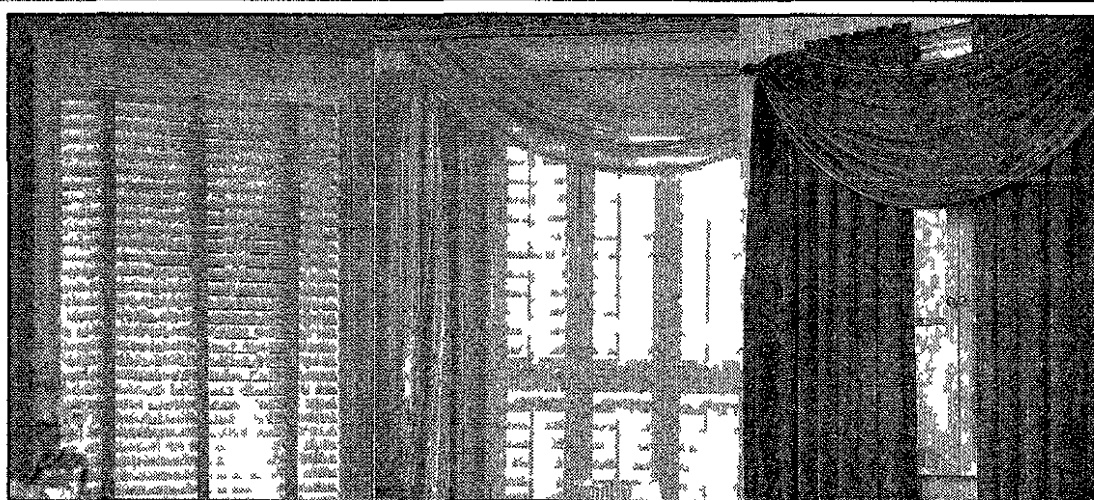


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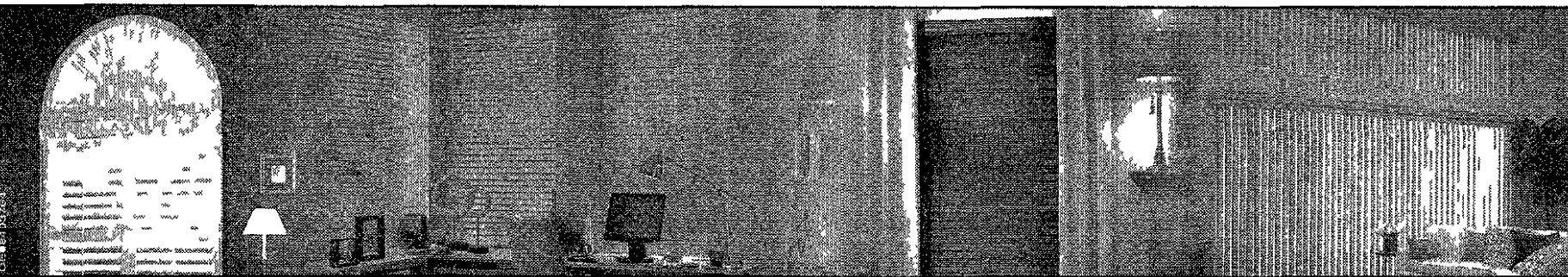


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Appliance repairs are harder today, but don't give up

You may be the type of person who seldom attempts to fix anything around the house. It's simply too much strain on your normal good nature and you get angry, frustrated and moody, only to call someone in to finish the job.

I understand you. As a matter of fact, I've converted a few million people like you to become excellent do-it-yourselfers. Many highly educated professionals have come up to me and thanked me for saving them money and bragged about their new-found sense of pride. They fixed an appliance and had never done so before.

Women have broken out in tears as they told me of their level of accomplishment in fixing an appliance. The problem with the tears is that I start crying as well.

A friend called me the other night to tell me his 1986 Maytag dishwasher wasn't washing dishes anymore and just made a humming noise when he turned it on. He called to ask me for confirmation on buying a new one.

I wouldn't do it, and I insisted that he fix this one. I told him that the belt was either broken or stretched and that all he had to do was replace this \$20 belt.

He argued that he couldn't do it, and I asked him if he could still drive a car. ("If you can put the ignition key into the slot, you surely can put a screwdriver into a screw.")

The next day he removed two screws that hold the lower kick panel on the front, reached under there and pulled out a broken belt. He bought a new one, slipped it onto the motor pulley, stretched it onto the pump pulley and fixed his own dishwasher.

It now works like brand new, and he tells me I saved him \$500. I hope he gets another 20 years out of that old dishwasher.

HARDER TO REPAIR

The above is a true story that shows the simplicity of repairs that were needed. The question now is, are major appliances still that easy to repair?

With the removal of warranties recently announced, what are you going to say when the service technician tells you it will cost you \$300 to fix your \$500 appliance? Try, "Holy smokes, I've got to fix this thing myself. It costs too much to get it done."

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It's as if there is a trick to even getting inside some of these products.

ASK FOR INFORMATION

As a do-it-yourselfer, you have to make friends with people in the appliance repair industry who are willing to give you the information necessary to help you save money.

These types of businesses aren't as plentiful as they once were. The industry has lost some 10,000 appliance repair companies in the past 15 years, but some are still around.

The homeowner in this country still has the ingenuity and presence of mind to figure out how things work.

Sometimes all it takes is an explanation of the mechanics of things.

I don't want you to give up because it looks impossible to remove the front panel on a washer or dryer. Trust me, it comes off.

The days of buying an appliance, using it and not worrying about it are over. The high cost of these products today and that they don't make them like they used to will cause all of us to take better care of them.

Use the simple, common sense maintenance instructions that are in the operating manual. Compare it to buying a used car with 200,000 miles on the odometer. Don't drive it hard, don't abuse your major home appliances. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to kabramczyk@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

HOME CALENDAR

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

Call (248) 541-0010. e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Lip Cord Workshop Monday Feb. 6 (fee is \$25). Simple Upholstered Ottoman Wednesdays Feb. 8 & 22 (\$60). Advanced Curtain Thursdays Feb. 9 to March 2 (\$80) and Beginner Pillow Mondays Feb. 13 & 27 (\$60).

In the Feb. 6 workshop learn how to join twisted lip cord flawlessly blending the ends together to make it look continuous. Your pillows will never be the same again once you learn this valuable technique.

In the curtain class learn how to make pleated draperies a classic ever popular window treatment. You'll make a custom window treatment for your home. Create a personalized look by changing the style and spacing of the pleats or choose the more informal tab top drape.

In the ottoman class learn simple upholstery techniques as you transform an old footstool, bench or table into a trendy ottoman. The first session will be demonstration and the tear down of your base. You'll rebuild, reupholster and trim your new piece in the remaining two sessions.

In the pillow class beginning sewers will learn the basics while making two decorative square or rectangular pillows using bias cut fabric covered cording and inserted trims. Learning how to use a rotary cutter cutting bias and using a zipper foot to cover cording will be included. Many of the

techniques taught will apply to future home decorating classes.

Family treasures
Shannon's Organizing Service will present Preserving Family Treasures 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb. 7 at Utica High School.

Contact professional organizer Shannon Burdick for registration information at (248) 854-7037 or shannon@SOSorganizing.com.

Whether you are a busy parent trying to keep up with things or an empty nester paring down on your belongings this class is for you.

People are torn between their sentiments and the stress of deciding what to do with such precious treasures as photos, children's art work and family heritage. The class will help you decide what to save and the best way to save your belongings.

Organizing family
Shannon's Organizing Service will present Organizing Your Busy Family 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 8 at Royal Oak Kimball High School.

Contact professional organizer Shannon Burdick for registration information at (248) 854-7037 or shannon@SOSorganizing.com.

The class will show you how to bring a sense of calm to your life by learning ways to balance your time spent on work and family.

Antiques show
The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology will host its ninth annual antiques show. Visions to Remember/Eyes on Antiques Saturday/Sunday Feb. 11/12 at the Eleanor and Edsel Ford House Activities Center 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. More than 25 dealers from around the country will display and sell fine furni-

ture quilts, Asian items, jewelry, crystal, silver and other pieces. Proceeds benefit the visually impaired and blind throughout southeast Michigan.

Friends of Vision DIO's volunteer group manages the show. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is \$8. A silent auction and door prizes will be featured.

Dumouchelle Art Galleries will provide verbal appraisals of small handcarried items for \$5 per item both days. A preview party will take place 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday Feb. 10. Tickets are \$75, \$100 and \$150. Reservations are required. The Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society will have adoptable dogs at the party.

For more information call (313) 824-4710 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or visit www.eyeson.org.

Make centerpieces
The Center for Lifelong Learning at Henry Ford Community College will offer a course on how to make corsages, centerpieces and bouquets Mondays Feb. 20 to March 20.

The class will take place at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center at 22586 Arbor Trail between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive.

Participants should bring a notebook, pen or pencil and wire cutters. All other supplies will be provided. The cost is \$179 for Dearborn School District residents, \$199 for non residents. To register or for more information call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

For more information about HFCC visit www.hfcc.edu. Participants will learn how to create handmade floral pieces using basic floral handling techniques, design principles and creative tips from internationally known floral educator and designer Robbin Yelverton.

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FROM PAGE B1

Birmingham Through Earl, the Poncalls obtained two small black leather chairs from the 1940s, and two small metal tables called the "man and woman" tables (each with a base in the shape of a human figure)

The chairs and tables are in the living room, which also has bigger pieces, including a baby grand piano, a giant round ottoman and a large mirror

In the adjacent foyer, with a dramatic curving staircase, are French antiques - a dresser from 1760 and an off-white love seat.

The cozy study contains Chinese antiques - a pair of chairs and a carved horse

LARGE SCALE

Spacious areas include the kitchen and great room

White marble tops the counters and island in the modern kitchen

Five Parsons chairs, rose in color, ring a round wooden table that was tinted to match the ebony-stained oak flooring that is here and throughout the house.

In the great room, a tall vertical painting that belonged to renowned designer Brian Kilian stands on the mantel and reaches toward the soaring ceiling. Giant andirons are in the fireplace

Shades of yellow and red are in the drapes, area rug, upholstery and pillows

The dining room features a large, colorful painting of woods that suggests the outside view, and chandeliers that were in the foyer of the Poncall home in France

CHILDREN'S ROOMS

The Poncalls' son and daughter have their own colorful bedrooms

The daughter's bedroom is in mouthwatering tones of raspberry and a shade called "sassy" green

These colors are also on the cushion in an alcove that is near a table with a child-size tea set, and on the handmade doll dresses in a frame

The son's room is dressed in blue and tan, with beadboard on half of the walls



The round table in the spacious kitchen was stained to match the ebony-colored flooring

Because he likes dogs, dogs are in the decor in the pattern on a window seat cushion, and in photos taken by Kay's brother in Paris that line the room. The room also contains two little arm-chairs

Mike Poncall's father was one of the original founders of Variety in Pittsburgh

"It was very important to him," Mike said

BENEFIT

Variety has 50 chapters and 15,000 members around the world

The Detroit chapter touches all of southeastern Michigan, and has more than 2,000 volunteers who raise money for local charities to help children with special needs



Two antique chairs stand in the study

The Snow Ball, now in its 10th year, includes a black-tie dinner, a live auction of fantasy packages, and entertainment. It has raised more than \$1.6 million for Variety over the last nine years

Bruce Kridler and Richard Gershenson, both of Birmingham, are co-chairs of the 2006 Snow Ball. "This is going to be an event unlike any we've had in the past 10 years," Kridler said

This year's event will feature small plates of a seven-course meal. Performers will interact with attendees. Entertainment will include the Simon Vitale Orchestra and Deborah's Stage Door Dancers

"It's going to be a great party, very fun," Kridler said. "There will be great entertainment through the evening"

Among the auction items are a stay at a private estate in Bermuda, a baseball trip to St. Louis with Hall of Fame shortstop Ozzie Smith, a New York package involving front row seats at *Late Night with David Letterman* and dinner at the Friars Club, and a stay at the Sonoma Inn with a tour of the Monticello vineyards

Rob T. Allen of Birmingham is creator, executive producer and director of the Snow Ball. mklemic@hometownlife.com | (248) 901-2569

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FEBRUARY

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month (Feb 15) the Thursday group 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month (Feb 2 and 16) in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church Plymouth and Hubbard Livonia The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series For information call (734) 261 1455

Bible study

Mark The Beginning of the Gospel (Chapters 1-8) begins 7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb 2 at St. Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Livonia The three units include a presentation by David Conrad director of faith for matron question/answer session and

discussion of Jesus and the first disciples (Feb 2 9 16 23) Jesus and the 12 (March 9 16 23 30) and Jesus and the mission of the 12 (April 20 27 and May 4 11) Chapters 8-16 will be studied later in the year To register call (734) 425 5950

Spaghetti dinner

3:30 p.m. Friday Feb 3 Riverside Park Church of God will be serving a spaghetti dinner to raise money for missionaries at 11771 Newburgh and Plymouth Livonia Minimum donation is \$3.50 per adult \$1.50 children 12 and under There will also be baked goods that can be purchased separately Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening Take out available Orders can be placed at (734) 464 0990

Gospel music

Evening of Inspiration brings the gospel to the biggest game on earth for one night in the Gospel Music Capital of the World the City of Detroit during Super Bowl XL With an evening of inspirational music soul stirring testimonies from NFL players and surprise guests the concert kicks off Super Bowl Weekend 7:45 p.m. Friday Feb 3 at Masonic Temple The event features Patti LaBelle The Winans Mary Mary The Clark Sisters and Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Choir There will be surprise guest appearances Tickets are \$45 \$75 and available at

Ticket Master locations in Detroit (248) 645 6566 or TicketMaster.com A non refundable service fee applies For information visit www.superbowlgo spelcelebration.com

Mixer card night

7 p.m. Friday Feb 3 in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Presented by Single Adult Ministries no card skills are required Free childcare Call (248) 374 5920

Orthodox music workshop

The Music Ministry of the Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit conducts a two part workshop on Communicating God's Word Through Song Gesture and Service Friday Saturday Feb 3-4 The Friday session is free Registration for Saturday is \$25 plus \$5 for lunch For information call (313) 274 1226 or send e-mail to damianj@juno.com

Toboggan fun

Junior high students will be going to The Fridge toboggan shoot at Waterford Oaks Park 3:30 p.m. Saturday Feb 4 leaves at 3 p.m. from the Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile Livonia Cost is \$12 Dress warm Call the church at (734) 464 6722

Family game night

6:30 p.m. Saturday Feb 4 at First United Methodist Church 6443 Merriman Garden City Cost is \$2 per

person \$5 per family Proceeds go towards Fall Family Retreat The church will have different games/cards to play or bring your games and teach someone else a new game For information call (734) 425 5653

Acoustic concert

Folk singer Terry Gonda performs 7 p.m. Saturday Feb 4 in the coffee house venue at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster Gonda recently released her first CD love lose repeat she has performed in England and the U.S. and was a finalist in the 2003 Susquehanna Music Festival song writer competition Admission \$10 Call (734) 421 1760

Marriage preparation

Samaritan Counseling Services regularly offers a special Saturday workshop for engaged couples as they prepare for marriage The next workshop will be 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday Feb 4 at First Presbyterian Church Ann Arbor The workshop encourages couples to address many aspects of marriage and teaches techniques for effective communication and conflict management For details and registration call (734) 677 0609

Gospel quartet

10:45 a.m. Sunday Feb 5 Riverside Park Church of God hosts a southern gospel quartet known as The

Journeyman at 11771 Newburgh and Plymouth Livonia This unique group comes from West Virginia and is being featured at churches throughout Michigan A love offering will be taken during service to support their ministry Call (734) 464 0990

Superbowl XL party

A safe sober family event 6 p.m. (dinner) Sunday Feb 5 game on the big screen TV at 7 p.m. at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster Bring a dish to share if you wish free ham sandwiches pop and chips If you aren't a fan there will be board games for adults and movies for children The community is invited For information call (734) 421 1760

Grief workshop

From grief to new hope begins 7:45 p.m. Monday Feb 6 continue for 8 Mondays in Room A105 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville No charge Pre register by calling (248) 374 5966

Lutheran course

For all Lutherans - old new and any one in between begins 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb 7 and continues weekly through March 28 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

Play and potluck

Presented by Wise Guys N Gals Senior Group a play by poet and author

James Dillet Freeman at noon Thursday Feb 9 at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster Have you ever wondered what the three most important things you have done in your lifetime are? In the play a king wonders and when he passes away in order to continue on he must find out Bring a dish to share if you can If you can't come anyway Features Wise Guys N Gals members Sharolyn White Chet Latka and Marilyn Wells For information call (734) 421 1760

Divorce workshop

Begins 7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb 9 and runs for 7 weeks until March 23 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Cost is \$30 for pre registration \$20 returning participants \$35 at door Cost includes the book Growing Through Divorce by Jim Smoke and a closing night dinner For information call (248) 374 5920

Valentines wanted

Trinity Episcopal Church is collecting valentines to be distributed to the residents of Willow Creek Assisted Living in Belleville Home made or store bought valentines can be signed with your first name and dropped off by Feb 10 at Trinity church 11575 Belleville Rd Belleville (734) 699 3361 For more information call Linda at (734) 484 5033



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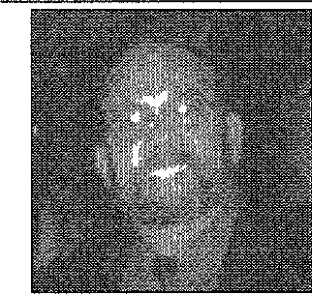
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Age 95 a retired solar astronomer of Annapolis and formerly of Falls Church Va and Clarkston, Mich died of heart disease Jan 25 at her home Born Nov 25 1910 and raised in Baltimore Miss Hedeman graduated from Eastern High School where she excelled in academics particularly math and science In 1931 she graduated from Goucher College and received a master of arts degree in mathematics from Duke University in 1936 She began her career as a math teacher at Eastern High School in Baltimore During World War II she was a member of the WAVES in the Naval Reserve She was a lieutenant senior grade meteorologist from 1942 to 1945 and was stationed in Seattle In 1948 Miss Hedeman obtained a master of science degree in astronomy from the University of Michigan and began a long career as a solar astronomer with the university's McMath-Hulbert Solar Observatory Along with her colleague Helen V Dodson she completed research which was frequently published and her work is still used today Among her many papers are Time Variations in Solar Activity Catalogue of Solar Particle Events 1955-1969 and Experimental Comprehensive Flare Indices for Certain Flares 1970-1974 A world traveler she attended conferences and gave talks at astronomy meetings all over the world She completed one entire around the world trip in 1973 and at age 86 took a trip through the Panama Canal While Miss Hedeman never married she was like a mother to her many nieces and nephews her family said In particular she always pushed her nieces to excel and made it a point to expose them to as many educational experiences as she could bringing them along on her world travels and doing what she could to further their educations they said An avid genealogist, she traveled to Germany to trace her parents' families and organized large family reunions where she would present her latest research Her work is still used today as her relatives continue to research their ancestry Surviving are her brother Dr John L Hedeman of Annapolis and many nieces nephews grand nieces and grand nephews She was the daughter of the late Emma Elizabeth Koppelman Hedeman and Walter Rider Hedeman and the sister of the late Norman and Walter Hedeman A memorial gathering will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Taylor Funeral Home 147 Duke of Gloucester St. Burial will be private In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Goucher College 1021 Dulany Valley Road Baltimore Maryland 21204 for scholarships On line condolences may be made at www.johnmtaylorfuneralhome.com

JANE L. RUTHENBERG

Age 85 of Birmingham January 31 2006 Wm Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak Jane and her husband William Ruthenberg were both long time teachers with Birmingham Public Schools Jane was teaching at Pierce School for years and then taught at the Pembroke Elementary School in Birmingham for many years retiring in 1986 Graduate of Eastern Michigan University degree in education and received her masters in education at University of Michigan One of Jane's pleasures was gardening and she was also an excellent seamstress Survived by her husband of 68 yrs William Ruthenberg Her daughter Linda Ruthenberg of Birmingham and one son Michael W of Bloomfield Hills Visitation is Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. Funeral Service will be held at the Wm R Hamilton Co 820 E Maple Birmingham Friday February 3 2006 10:00 a.m. Interment at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery will be private



ROBERT "BOB" WARREN

January 29 2006 Age 56 Beloved husband of Colleen for 32 years Loving father of Kimberly Megan Bedford (Aaron) Thomas and Lindsey Dear grandfather of Tucker Bedford Brother of Sue Hart (the late Bob) Linda Marks (Roger) and Lee Anne Treloar (Rob) Son in law of Mary Lou Milliken Brother in law of Kevin (Deb) Keith (Susan) Tim (Laura) and Terry (Kristin) Milliken Maureen Adams (Chuck) and Katie Fordon (John) Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 2600 Crooks Rd (btwn Maple & Big Beaver) Thursday 4:00-8:00pm and Friday 2:00-8:00pm Scripture service Friday 7:30pm Funeral Mass Saturday 11:00am at Holy Name Church 630 Harmon at Woodland Birmingham Visitation begins at church 10:30am Memorial tributes to The American Red Cross PO Box 37243 Washington DC 20013 or the American Heart Association 3816 Papsphere Circle Chicago IL 60674 View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

LAWRENCE STOCK

Age 74 of Ft Lauderdale, FL formerly of Farmington passed away January 14 2006 Mr Stock a retired educator taught at Ft Lauderdale High School for 40 years He traveled widely and used slides from these travels to teach his students He was an avid gardener and his favorite phrase was cultivate your garden meaning your mind He leaves two sons Mike and John of Ft Lauderdale two granddaughters brothers Jim of Michigan Vince of Hawaii and sisters Lorraine Christensen of Farmington and Mary Corby of Hawaii

RALPH JR WALLOT

Age 49 January 28 2006 of Waterford formerly of Livonia Father of Stephen and R J Son of Ursula Wallot Brother of Catherine Long (Lawrence) Christine Beyer (Daniel) Raymond (Tami) Charles (Debi) and Gayle Lenz Memorial visitation Saturday 12:00pm at the Harry J Will Funeral Home 34567 Michigan Ave Wayne

JAMES D "DON" MIX

Age 82 passed away January 28 2006 He was born on March 25 1923 in Bradford Arkansas to the late Juddie and Sybil (Reddit) Mix On December 25 1941 he married Violet Jones He was formerly of Canton and Westland prior to moving to South Lyon 11 years ago James is survived by his wife Violet Mix of Green Oak Twp three children Jerry (Sharon) Mix of WA Karen (Bob) Glenn of Westland Cindy (Sanford) Reed Norman of Bloomfield Hills three siblings Charles Mix Renard Mix Emmalee Markun six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren Funeral Service was held on Wednesday February 1 2006 at Phillips Funeral Home in South Lyon Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society 2010 Hogback Road Suite 6 Ann Arbor MI 48105

VIC V TOMEI

Age 57 of Plymouth died January 29 2006 He was born February 22 1948 in Villa S Angelo Italy He is survived by his wife Rosemary his children Eric Tomei Melissa (Alex) Shalhoub and Amanda Tomei his parents Domenico and Sestina Tomei his sister Bina Tomei his sister in law Patricia (Gordon) Dickey his nephews Scott (Emily) Dickey and Bradley Dickey and his great nephew Cass Dickey Funeral from St John Neumann Church 44800 Warren Road Canton Thursday 10:30am Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity or St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Detroit Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Howell Funeral Home

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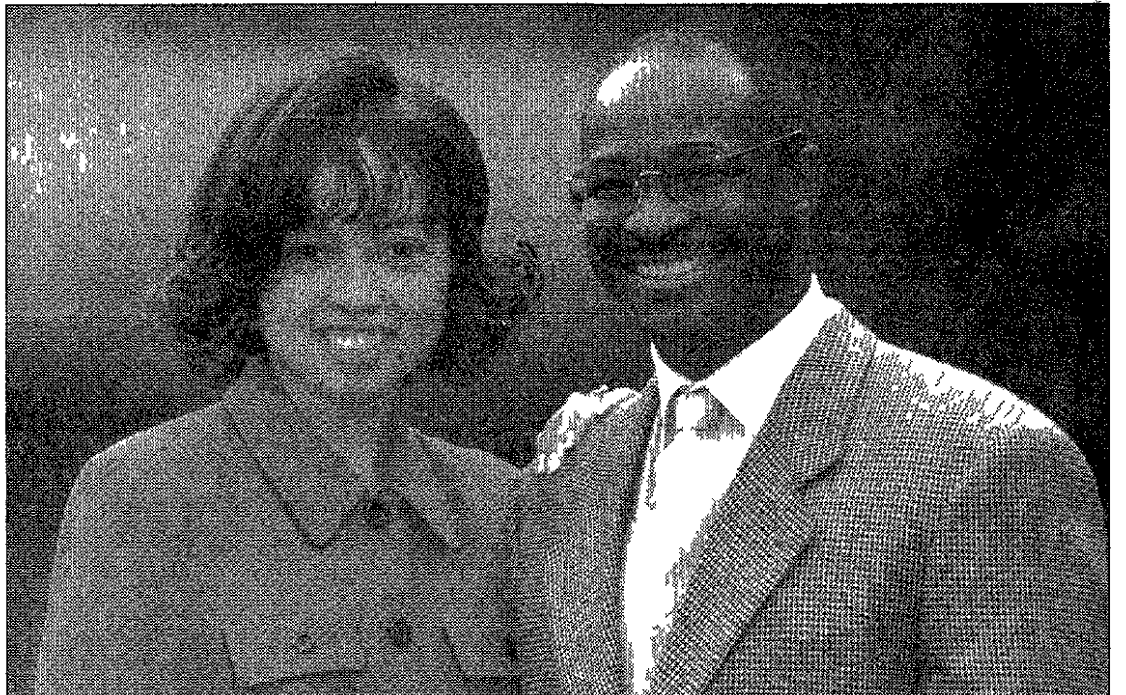
Age 89 of San Rafael California passed away peacefully at her home Saturday January 28 2006 Born in Toronto Canada she later moved to Detroit where she met her husband (predeceased) of 62 years Herman in 1977 they moved to Marin County CA where Herman established a rubber stamp business Survived by four sons David (Judy) Layne of San Rafael Irwin Layne (Jaye Preston) of La Paz Mexico Ron (Valerie) Layne of San Rafael and Joel (Carole) Layne of Livonia Michigan Ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren Sylvia will be missed by all A Graveside Memorial will be held on Thursday February 2 2006 @12:30 p.m. at Mount Tamalpais Cemetery 2500 Fifth Avenue San Rafael California In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice of Marin Foundation 17 East Sir Francis Drake Blvd Larkspur CA 94939

JOHN MICHAEL BREEN

Age 81 January 28 2006 Beloved husband of Lois Loving father of Michael (Gail) and John (Mary) Dear grandfather of Jasmine Proud Navy Veteran of WWII Scout Leader for 25 years World Medical Relief Volunteer for 20 years Funeral Service was held Wednesday February 1 2006 at Harry J Will Funeral Home Livonia



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Rev Leonard Cheeseborough and wife Adrienne

Ministers work together for good of community

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The Rev Debra Klein remains positive, yet disappointed, that clergy from only five of about 70 churches in Livonia turned out for an interfaith prayer service hosted by the city's ministerial



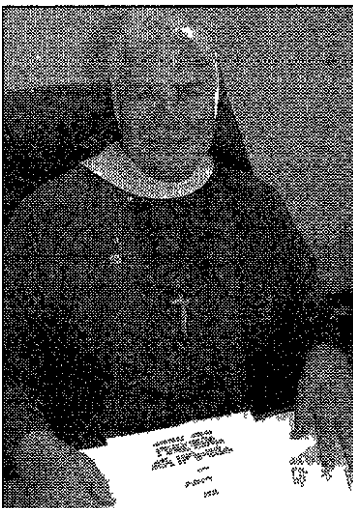
Rev. Debra Klein

organization at Madonna University on Jan 14 The Riverside Park Church of God pastor learned the value of cooperation as a member of the Greater Mornstown Ministerial Association in Tennessee By combining resources the churches and city helped those in need, spiritually and financially The Livonia Ministerial Organization (LMO) hopes to use a similar format for resolving issues within the community

We were working as one so no one would fall through the cracks as far as getting help That's what we're trying to do here, to offer something to benefit pastors in spiritual growth, churches communicating as a whole and bringing us together to worship under one God," said Klein who arrived in Livonia in June and now serves as LMO vice president

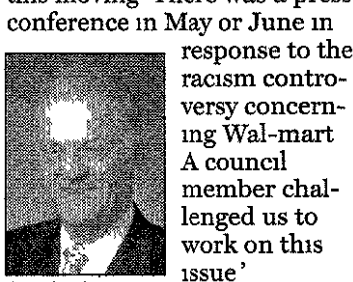
Klein fears a difference in doctrines is keeping ministers from joining the Livonia organization which was re-activated by the Rev Leonard Cheeseborough of Raindrop African Methodist Episcopal Church, nearly two years ago A similar organization existed in the 1970s and 1980s

Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz believes it's not doctrinal differences as much as busy schedules that prevent ministers from joining As vice president of Madonna University, her time is limited, but she feels by pooling resources everyone in the community benefits



Sister Nancy Marie Jamroz

"We do need an interfaith organization in Livonia to serve all walks of faith," said Jamroz, a member of the Roman Catholic church As ministers of God's family, God would want us to minister as one We're conscientious in getting this moving There was a press conference in May or June in



Engebretson

response to the racism controversy concerning Wal-Mart A council member challenged us to work on this issue' Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson wholeheartedly supports the organization that promotes sister and brotherhood Cheeseborough initially asked to meet with the mayor about forming the ministerial group

"When Rev Cheeseborough came in to my office interested in re-establishing the ministerial organization how grateful the city was that the clergy would partner with us," said Mayor Jack Engebretson who's attended nearly all of the ministerial meetings held every other month I believe the city has an interest in having that channel of communication

After receiving encouragement from his meeting with

Engebretson Cheeseborough began approaching church leaders More than 40 ministers gathered for that first luncheon Since then attendance at meetings has dwindled Undaunted, the organization has scheduled a series of speakers throughout 2006 including Bruce Wong who talks about leadership on March 9 Wong is president of Michigan Theological Seminar in Plymouth

Our mission is to come together and share knowledge of the ministry to uplift one another and be in a place of fellowship so that if some event occurs in Livonia area we can come together and not be strangers to one another, to share ideas and encourage one another in the ministry using the Bible to guide us in our beliefs and leaving out our own denominational Biblical doctrine which has divided the members," said Cheeseborough whose church presently holds services at 11 a.m. Sundays at Madonna University and on special occasions at Chinese Gospel Church

Rev Dennis Skiles "would like to like to see more participation not only of pastors but people in the religious life - youth leaders, secretaries, anyone who wants to come together with other people and pray," Skiles, of Unity Church of Livonia, regularly attends meetings of the Livonia group as well as the Dearborn Ministerial Association

The organizations are important because they allow a place where we can respect each other, the diverse ways we pray We need respect for each other The biggest problem in the world today is not respecting one another's faiths That creates a lot of turmoil

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Citrus: Great for eating - and cleaning

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Winter is when oranges, tangerines and grapefruits are harvested in Northern California.

The end result becomes glazed oranges, dried oranges, orange juice, orange soda, lemonade, grapefruit juice and more.

But best of all, we end up with a whole line of cleaning and deodorizing tools as a byproduct of good eats.

■ **Lemon oil** - Not lemon juice, lemon oil. Lemon oil is absolutely the very best glass cleaner we know of. If you have calcium buildup on your shower then you need lemon oil.

Simply use a piece of extra-fine steel wool dipped in lemon oil to clean a shower door that you currently can't see through because of the lime deposits.

Once the door is clean, then wipe the surface down with a fresh coat of lemon oil and future lime deposits won't have a chance.

By the way, we also use car wax to protect glass in the shower when lemon oil isn't available.

■ **Lemon juice** - Not lemon oil, lemon juice. Have a recipe that requires half a lemon and don't know what to do with the rest of the juice? Lemon juice is highly acidic and is a great cleaning agent.

Pure lemon juice is great for removing stains on many of the new solid surface countertops. Best of all it is nontoxic - and you can even drink it.

■ **Lemon rind (peel)** - Not lemon oil and not lemon juice. The peel is what we're talking about here.

Grab a lemon and rub the whole piece of fruit firmly between your hands. The warmth of your hands and the pressure you apply to the skin will extract lemon oil from its skin and your hands will smell wonderful.

That's why a lemon rind is so absolutely perfect as a deodorizer for your garbage disposal. In this case it wouldn't be a cleaner, but a deodorizer instead!

Drop the rind down the disposer and in no time the fragrance of lemon will permeate the air around your sink.

Before using the lemon rind we mix a cup of water and a cup

of vinegar (any kind) into an ice tray and make cubes. We mix the water in with the vinegar because the vinegar won't freeze on its own.

By the way, be sure to mark the ice tray so that the next batch of cold drinks doesn't end up with a surprise flavor.

Drop the cubes down the disposer and the ice will coagulate grease and oil and at the same time will act as an abrasive, instantly cleaning the grease and grime in your disposal.

We always follow this procedure with at least one half of a lemon rind (You can use an orange rind if you like).

■ **Orange** - Orange oil, orange juice and orange rinds can be used for the same purpose as lemons. However, be careful when shopping for citrus-based cleaners at the store.

Often companies will advertise their cleaner as "Lemon Cleaner" or "Orange Cleaner" when in fact the active cleaning ingredient isn't citric acid at all, but some other chemical instead.

This is important because citric acid is nontoxic and often its pleasant fragrance is used in

combination with very dangerous chemicals.

So, when you buy a product that says it is an orange or lemon cleaner, double-check to make sure what the active cleaning ingredient really is. It's better to be safe than sorry.

Tip: Bake orange or lemon rinds in your oven on low. Your home will smell sweet and fresh all day long. Sprinkle on a little cinnamon if you like to step things up a notch.

■ **Grapefruit** - Grapefruit also is a great cleaner. Cut one in half, dip the exposed fruit in a dish of salt and you have the best marble cleaner money can buy. Caution here: Don't leave the citric acid on the surface any longer than it takes to remove a stain. Flood with fresh water and towel dry immediately.

And don't use citric acid to clean marble when it isn't stained. If fresh, clear water will do the trick then that's all that should be used.

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 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Revisit winterization to lower heating bills

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

The expected surge in natural gas prices this winter will force owners of 55 million homes heated by natural gas to revisit home energy conservation measures.

Energy efficiency that was good enough in years past won't be adequate to offset hefty bumps in the cost of natural gas, not to mention steep hikes in heating oil. Owners will need to step up and make certain their homes are weather-worthy.

Less than 20 percent of homes built before 1980 are insulated to current standards according to the Department of Energy.

The DOE has updated recommended amounts of insulation, and millions of homes fall well short of new standards that reach as high as R-49 for attics. That's roughly 14 inches of insulation.

Gale Tedhams, insulation product manager for Owens Corning, says many homes built after 1980 don't have adequate insulation because local building codes aren't updated with the most recent DOE suggestions.

Owners of those homes may be in for an icy wake-up call, too. Attics draw attention because the open space is a big source of heat loss and is usually easy access for do-it-yourselfers.

Well-insulated attics should be cold. Warm air that drifts into thinly protected attics can melt snow atop roofs and the runoff can re-freeze to create roof-damaging ice dams. Icicles dangling from eaves are a sure sign that air inside the attic is too warm.

If your attic doesn't have at least 12 inches of insulation, Tedhams says it is OK to lay paperless rolls of insulation atop existing insulation including cellulose or vermiculite, both of which have a tendency to settle and compact over time. Attic insulation is key, but it's merely a good start for homeowners. Every nook and cranny left open to icy winter drafts is so much

heat lost.

Douglas Faulkner, acting assistant secretary of energy efficiency for the DOE, says he's surprised at how many homes aren't nearly as efficient as possible.

"Homeowners don't realize that by making a few inexpensive, home improvements they can save 30 percent or more on their home-heating costs," he said.

States, too, are getting into the conservation act. Michigan and New York, for example, have set up networks of contractors who use high-tech equipment to perform sophisticated in-home energy audits.

John Vacher, a sales associate for Home Depot, says drafts can be stifled in minutes with weather-stripping around windows and doors.

Expansion foam works well for pesky small openings that caulk won't fill, such as behind switch plates on exterior walls or "any small opening where a pipe or wire enters the house," said Vacher.

Another suggestion is to staple paper-faced insulation along exposed ceiling joists in unfinished basements or crawl spaces.

Cut insulation to stuff in open crevices at the juncture of basement walls and the ceiling. Pump expansion foam insulation in small 1/2-inch to 2-inch openings around the foundation.

Open curtains and blinds during sunlight hours to maximize warmth of the sun. Close these at night to further stop cold air. Keep window panes clean on the southern exposure of the house to allow every bit of toasty sunshine to enter the house.

On the Net: Homeowners can receive a free energy savers booklet prepared by the DOE and Owens Corning. Log on www.owenscorning.com for more information. Other Web sites for information on saving home energy:

■ www.aceee.org (American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy)
■ www.energystar.gov (U.S. Department of Energy)

BROIDA

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lists, then tap it to make a selection.

I don't love this control, but it works well enough, and the Zen's interface is just as easy to navigate as the iPod's.

MUSIC

In the music department, the Zen scores a slam-dunk victory over the iPod. As I mentioned earlier, it's compatible with loads of online stores and subscription services.

Plus, there's the FM tuner, arguably the iPod's most sorely lacked feature. The Zen can even record radio, though I wish it let you schedule recordings like you can with a VCR. If you want to catch, say, an NPR program for later listen-

The Zen Vision:M may not have the iPod's sex appeal or point-and-click video store, but it's definitely the better of the two players. It has more features, longer battery life, a superior screen, and much broader support for online music.

ing, you'll have to record it manually.

VIDEO

If you have a Media Center PC and/or a TiVo, you'll be glad to know you can copy recorded TV shows and movies to your Zen.

However, it can be a complicated process, and Creative

provides no instructions. Bad, Creative. Bad!

Apple makes on-the-go video much easier thanks to iTunes, which allows you to buy and download TV shows just as easily as you buy and download music. All it takes is a few clicks. Of course, you'll pay \$1.99 per episode for the privilege.

Shows recorded on a Media Center or TiVo cost nothing.

SOFTWARE

Speaking of iTunes, Apple's music manager may not be perfect - its interface is actually a bit on the confusing side - but it conveniently puts everything under one roof: music, videos, podcasts and all the rest.

The Zen, meanwhile, forces you to use four different utilities to accomplish various tasks. It's too bad Creative

can't put together a more integrated application.

BETTER THAN IPOD?

The Zen Vision M may not have the iPod's sex appeal or point-and-click video store, but it's definitely the better of the two players.

It has more features, longer battery life, a superior screen, and much broader support for online music.

To put it another way: You can have my Zen when you pry it out of my cold, dead fingers.

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Matt Prentice serves this Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail

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Ready, break!

Prentice caters
some super parties



BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Matt Prentice remembers one of his first meetings with someone on the staff of Dan Gilbert, the owner of the Washington Redskins

The staff person described a cool food concept used by a chef in Florida. She asked Prentice whether he could come up with a similar, creative concept - a mashed potato station

Prentice listened, then laughed

"I created that station a decade ago," Prentice told her. And then he informed her that the chef who created it in Florida learned about it from Prentice

So much for "drab" Michigan food

Prentice hopes Detroit can put its best culinary foot forward the next few days, as he and other local caterers are currently in the midst of a weekend soiree of catering events

A BLITZ OF PARTIES

Prentice will cater a party for Gilbert at Compuware headquarters Friday night. Tonight (Feb. 2) he's got the Hispanic scholarship fund dinner at Coach Insignia with special guest Lions quarterback Jeff Garcia

He'll be feeding 300 people on the ESPN staff on Saturday and Sunday Throw all that in with the expected bustle of the 11 restaurants and delis in the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, which includes Coach Insignia, the Flying Fish Tavern, Northern Lakes Seafood Company, Etouffee, Morels, An American Bistro, Shiraz, Milk and Honey, Thunder Bay Brewing Co., Del Unique and Plaza Del

All that activity comes on the heels of the Auto Show where he and his staff catered

a press conference for 2,000, lunch with 2,500, including Jaguar and Volvo officials, a party of 400 for Ford Motor Co., another party of 200 for Lincoln Mercury dealers and 200 Wall Street analysts, all the week of Jan. 9

"Auto Show is the busiest time of year for me," Prentice said. "It's even busier than the holidays. What makes it hard is the staff is fatigued from the holidays, and then we roll right into the Auto Show, and this year we're rolling right into the Super Bowl. Everyone's excited."

Catering is a lot different than running a restaurant in planning, Prentice said, but there also are fewer surprises in catering. "With the restaurants, sometimes you know what's coming, sometimes you don't."

Conversely, "the bar is definitely higher with catering," Prentice adds. Catering large wedding parties and significant events is a "Super Bowl" in and of itself in the culinary world, Prentice said

"It is an important - if not the most important - day in their life, and you can't afford to let 'em down."

Prentice created a Super Bowl menu that he recently served at his restaurant and that he offers at parties featuring lobster corn dogs and prawn cocktails. "We're trying to do things that people will talk about," Prentice said. The lobster corn dog was developed by former chef Joe Bachman, who recently left Prentice's restaurant group to return to the Philadelphia area, and chef Dave Hubbard of Coach Insignia.

Prentice said caterers should try to listen to the host and their likes and dislikes. "I want it to be an expression of the

Getting ready for the game

TURKEY CHILI

Chili is a perfect Super Bowl dish. At the same time, people tend to watch it after the holidays when diets are considered. This chili is flavorful yet low in calories and healthy. If you want some more calories, top it with sour cream, grated cheddar and your favorite salsa.

- 1 ounce vegetable oil
- 16 ounces cooked white beans
- 3 pounds ground turkey
- 2 cups diced onion
- 2 cups leeks (whites only) diced
- 2 cups celery diced
- 1 poblano pepper minced and seeds removed
- 6 large plum tomatoes seeded and diced
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 6 ounces tomato paste
- 1/4 cup parsley chopped
- 1/4 cup cilantro chopped
- 1 quart rich chicken stock or Campbell's Chicken Broth
- 1 quart water

Heat oil in heavy-gauge pot. Add ground turkey and cook thoroughly. Add onion and leeks and sauté until translucent.

Add remaining ingredients (except for cilantro, cooked beans and parsley) and bring to a simmer. Simmer for 1-1/2 hours, water will have evaporated. Then fold in cooked white beans, parsley and cilantro. Simmer for 5 more minutes, adjust seasonings and enjoy. Yields 1 gallon.

Recipe courtesy of Matt Prentice, owner and chef of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group

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Citrus glaze glistens on lobster corn dogs, nestled on Napa cabbage slaw

Long Flat features wines from top Aussie regions

With a new range of classic varietals, grown in some of the most respected Australian regions, Long Flat wines have been re-introduced to the United States

"Most Americans think of Australia as one huge vineyard," said Hugh Cuthbertson, Long Flat wine director, "but in the 150 years that Australians have been growing grapes and making wines, we have discovered some special places where wines show first-rate quality



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and real distinction"

The new Long Flat wines present an Australian wine tour that includes a taste-visit to the South Australia appellations of the Barossa Valley, Coonawarra,

Adelaide Hills and Eden Valley, as well as the Victoria appellation of Yarra Valley. Each appellation has earned accolades for the wine varietal represented

TASTING TOUR

In the Eden Valley, first planted in 1847, altitude is most important in determining climate. In the southern reaches of the Valley with altitudes of 1,600 feet or more, riesling is king. Cool climate at higher

altitude offers riesling correctly matched to topography. For this part of the taste tour, the 2004 Long Flat Eden Valley Riesling \$15 that captures citrus and lime aromas, is crisp and refreshing on the palate and delightful with fresh fish or crab

Just east of Adelaide are the hills of the same name that present a maze of valleys and slopes in a cool climate, ideal for growing sauvignon blanc, the most widely planted variety

along with chardonnay and pinot noir. Try the 2004 Long Flat Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc \$15, boasting lifted citrus and melon character, perfect with fresh oysters or spicy Asian cuisine

The Yarra Valley, northeast of Melbourne, Victoria, continues the wine appellation journey. It is also well-situated for growing cool climate varieties such as chardonnay. The 2004 Long

PLEASE SEE WINES, B10

Side dish

Tea drinkers note

The World Tea Expo, which calls itself the nation's premier marketplace for the tea industry, has scheduled the first tea auction ever to be held in the United States, according to the Associated Press.

The auction, featuring specialty teas from Nilgiri, India, is to take place on March 29, during this year's Expo at the Las Vegas Hilton March 27-29.

The tea auction, organized by the World Tea Expo, the Nilgiri Planters Association, and the Tea Board of India, will give buyers an opportunity to bid on 42 of the Nilgiri region's finest teas. The evening before the event there will be a special tasting of all the teas to be auctioned.

The World Tea Expo describes itself as the first trade show in North America dedicated solely to the tea industry, aiming to provide resources for the industry and spur its growth.

Organizers say they expect this year's show to be attended by about 200 companies from around the world and 3,000 buyers. Events that have been planned to inform, entertain and connect members of the industry include demonstrations on cooking with tea, Chinese and Japanese tea ceremonies, an Iced Tea Shake-Off competition, and 45 educational seminars.

Information and registration is available on the Web at <http://www.worldteaxpo.com>

More than mustard

Local restaurants, caterers and wineries and, yes, mustard and specialty food companies from around the world plan to present their best at the 13th Annual Napa Valley Mustard Festival, through April 1.

It's the season when the wild mustard is in bloom over the region's fields, vineyard gardens and hillsides, according to the Associated Press. Mustard (the condiment) shares center stage with a flowering mustard backdrop at what organizers call a marathon of food, wine and art events.

The Napa Valley Mustard Festival describes itself as a nonprofit community service organization. Information about tickets and a calendar of events is available by telephone from Summers-McCann, event producer, at (707) 938-1133; by e-mail from [info\(at\)mustardfestival.org](mailto:info(at)mustardfestival.org), and on the Web at <http://www.mustardfestival.org>.

Third printing

It looks like chefs and home cooks have taken a liking to *Charcuterie: The Craft of Salting, Smoking and Curing*.

Written by author Michael Ruhlman and chef Brian Polcyn and released in November, owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, *Charcuterie* has entered its third printing at Norton Publishing.

The book highlights charcuterie and smoking, salting and preserving of meats, fish, poultry and other foods.

Enjoy super recipes from HoneyBaked Ham

If you're pressed for time, you might want to consider purchasing a ham and using a few short cuts for this year's Super Bowl party

You can easily use HoneyBaked products to create unique and easy dishes with recipes like the Super Bowl Sandwich Loaf, Touchdown Turkey Pasta Salad and All-Star Ham Wraps

HoneyBaked offers several options to please any crowd. HoneyBaked sandwich trays include a variety of gourmet sandwiches, while the party platter includes signature meats and cheeses for guests to build their own sandwich creations

Don't forget fresh deli salads, and cook-
ie, brownie and cheesecake trays. With this many choices, you're sure to please every football fan

SUPER BOWL SANDWICH LOAF

- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons capers
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire
- 1/2 teaspoon balsamic or cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 2 cups chopped HoneyBaked Ham
- 2 hard boiled eggs finely diced
- 2 cups chopped HoneyBaked Turkey Breast
- 1 whole dill pickle finely diced
- 3 green onions finely diced
- 1/2 cup parsley chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pound loaf of French bread

In a small bowl combine mayonnaise, capers, mustard, Worcestershire, vinegar and thyme and set aside

In a larger bowl combine the ham, turkey breast, eggs, green onions, dill pickle and parsley. Add the caper mayonnaise mixture to the chopped meat mixture and blend thoroughly

Cut about 1 1/2 inches off each end of the loaf of bread

Using a serrated knife, hollow out the center of the loaf, pulling out the soft center and leaving 3/4 to a 1/2-inch shell. (Reserve for other uses)

Stand the loaf on end and stuff it with the meat filling, using a wooden spoon to pack it tightly

Place the ends back on the sandwich, wrap it in foil and refrigerate for at least four hours

To serve, simply slice it into 1- to 2-inch wedges. This is a sturdy sandwich that's best made several hours, or even a day ahead

TOUCHDOWN TURKEY PASTA SALAD

- 1 1/2 cups small pasta shells
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup white wine vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon crumbled sage
- 1/4 cup green bell pepper finely diced
- 1/4 cup pimento finely diced
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 3 celery ribs diced
- 2 cups HoneyBaked Turkey Breast diced
- 1 tablespoon capers
- 2 tablespoons scallion finely sliced
- 2 hard boiled eggs chopped

Boil the shells and salt according to package directions. Rinse with cold water and drain

Make a simple vinaigrette dressing, using olive oil, vinegar and sage. Season well with salt and pepper

Once pasta is drained mix together with green pepper, pimento and vinaigrette

Lime a pasta bowl or large serving plate with curly lettuce leaves and place pasta on lettuce forming a ring around the edge and a depression in the middle of the pasta

In a separate bowl mix together mayonnaise, mustard, celery, turkey breast and capers

Fill the indentation in the pasta with mixture and garnish with eggs and scallion. Serves 4

ALL-STAR HAM WRAPS

- 4 or more large flour tortillas
- 3 ounces softened cream cheese
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 12 tablespoons of milk
- 2-3 slices of HoneyBaked Ham
- Thinly sliced tomatoes
- Spinach or arugula leaves

Set aside tortillas to come to room temperature

In a small bowl, beat together cream cheese, horseradish, mustard, pepper and milk (to soften and blend)

Drizzle and spread the cheese mixture down the center of each tortilla, leaving about 2 inches at one end clear for rolling up burrito style

Next, evenly layer the ham, tomatoes and spinach (or arugula) leaves on top of the cheese, leaving about an inch from the edges and 2 inches from the bottom on each tortilla

Fold the unspread area of the tortilla up and then turn tortilla a quarter turn and roll up jelly-roll fashion

Wrap the base of each of these sandwiches with a napkin or half a paper towel, roll it around the base leaving enough towel left over that it can be folded up and around the end of the sandwich. Serves 4

Recipes courtesy of HoneyBaked Ham. Founded in 1957 by the late Harry J. Hoenselaar, The HoneyBaked Ham Company has over 300 stores in 38 states and is the nation's leading retailer of spiral sliced and glazed gourmet hams. For The HoneyBaked Ham Company store nearest you call 1 800 379 8899

WINES

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Flat Yarra Valley Chardonnay \$15 exudes baked apple with a nice oak presence and complex, layered flavors that are great with fettuccine carbonara, for which cream sauce and smoky bacon match perfectly with the wine

Just an hour's drive north of Adelaide, the most famous Australian wine region is the Barossa Valley. First planted in 1847, it is the Napa Valley of Australia. The center of the appellation is 50 miles from the Gulf of St. Vincent, which accounts for its continental climate, perfect for growing red wines, particularly shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. Here you'll find traditional bush vines (head pruned), dry farmed with low yields and concentrated flavors

Try the 2004 Long Flat Barossa Shiraz \$15, showing the signature of the Barossa Valley with ripe plums, dark chocolate, black pepper and spice. This sturdy red is best with roasted lamb shanks or aged, hard cheese, a wonderful winter combination

Situated midway between Melbourne and Adelaide, Coonawarra has unique soil composed of rusty red clay loam, known as 'terra rossa,' over a limestone ridge. This small appellation is only 12 miles long by two miles wide, but produces some of Australia's best cabernet sauvignon. Typical Coonawarra cabs cover a flavor spectrum from black currant and plum to red cherry without being tannic or astringent

The 2003 Long Flat Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon \$15 has aromas that include blackberry, cassis, and chocolate with a hint of mint

WINE PICKS

We divided our last CHARDONNAY taste-off into oaky and moderately oaky styles. Here are the winners.

Pick of the Pack: 2004 Sebastiani Sonoma County \$13 has a nice dollop of oak for this price.

Oaky Style
2003 Arnold Palmer \$15
2004 Robert Hall Paso Robles \$16 (butterscotch and toasty oak)
2003 Gallo of Sonoma Laguna Ranch \$24 (toasty oak)

2003 Thomas Fogarty Santa Cruz Mountains \$25

2003 Grgich Hills Napa Valley \$38

Moderately Oaky
2004 Chateau St. Jean Sonoma County \$14

2004 Rodney Strong Sonoma County \$15

2004 Valley of the Moon \$16

2004 Stuhmuller Alexander Valley \$23

2003 Cuvaision Carneros \$24

Wallet friendly
with tempered oak

2003 Concannon \$10

2003 Hogue Columbia Valley WA \$10

2004 Hess Select \$10

2004 Virgin \$10

2004 Cousino-Macul Antiguas Reservas \$10

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

Long-cooked meats, roast beef or lamb are a great accompaniment

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

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PRENTICE

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host, not mine,' Prentice said 'You try to figure that out by listening to the host You really want it to be a reflection of the host In the case of Dan Gilbert, (Gilbert's assistant) has described to me what he wants to accomplish He wants to show off and have people have a great time'

Gilbert's party will include a sweet table with chocolate footballs and other chocolate treats with the Redskin insignia on them You try to be a little whimsical with football,' Prentice said 'It's very serious food and a serious atmosphere, but they come to the Super Bowl to let go

'If you can do it in a serious way and have fun, they'll leave town and see that Detroit has a lot of good stuff and good food, and this is the right way, and a good way to get good press That's the way to do it.'

THROWING YOUR OWN

Prentice believes hosts should create special foods, following their own taste buds as a guide when entertaining at home for the Super Bowl

'The biggest single mistake is to go outside of their own taste and they perceive what people want,' Prentice said 'The people make the party and the entertainment makes the party Some people try to do too much or do too many courses'

Keep it short and sweet, he says 'For a Super Bowl with about 15-20 people, I'd put on a turkey and white bean chili with tortilla chips and great homemade salsas and have a nice warm bean dip with it,' Prentice said 'Do some simple seafood, like rock shrimp with spicy black beans' (See accompanying recipes for your own Super Bowl party)

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LOBSTER CORN DOGS WITH CITRUS GLAZE AND NAPA CABBAGE SLAW

Citrus glaze
6 ounces orange marmalade
3 ounces cider vinegar
2 ounces honey
2 teaspoons peeled and grated fresh ginger
1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
1/2 ounce whole grain mustard
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon fresh chopped cilantro

To make citrus glaze, bring marmalade, vinegar, honey and ginger to a boil in a thick-gauge saucepan Turn heat to a simmer and reduce mixture by one-third

Remove mixture from heat and cool slightly Stir in sesame oil, Dijon and whole grain mustard and cool completely

Add cilantro

Mixture is ready to serve Drizzle over fried corn dogs or serve on the side as a dipping sauce This sauce serves six

Batter

1 cup yellow corn meal
1/2 cup all purpose flour
2 ounces corn starch
17 ounces soda water

For the batter, mix dry ingredients in a large bowl Slowly whip in soda water Let rest 5 minutes before using

Slaw dressing

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 ounce sherry vinegar
1/2 teaspoon shallots minced
1/2 teaspoon fresh rosemary minced
1/2 teaspoon fresh thyme minced
1/4 teaspoon fresh milled black pepper
6 ounces walnut oil

To make the slaw dressing, combine first six ingredients

Add walnut oil in a thin stream while stirring contin-

uously Chill

Napa slaw

6 cups Napa cabbage (shredded)
1/2 cup red cabbage (shredded)

To make Napa slaw, remove outer leaves of Napa and red cabbage and shred remaining leaves Mix with slaw dressing Chill

Corn Dog Assembly

6 10 inch bamboo skewers
3 4 ounce lobster tails
Corn dog batter
Dressed Napa slaw

To assemble corn dogs, cut lobster tail lengthwise and remove meat from shell Thread the cut lobster meat through a 10-inch bamboo skewer

Dip lobster stick into corn dog batter then slowly place into a pre-heated 325° F deep fryer for 3 minutes or until golden brown

Lean fried corn dog on prepared Napa slaw and drizzle with citrus sauce

FRIED ROCK SHRIMP WITH SPICY BLACK BEANS AND RED PEPPER BEURRE BLANC

This recipe is, perhaps, Matt Prentice's favorite appetizer It is a bit of work but the beans can be made well ahead and held in the refrigerator

'Your guests will not be able to stay away from it as I find it to be addictive,' Prentice said 'While I adore this appetizer, the finest praise I have ever heard on it was from Chef Pete Peterson of Tapawingo who after tasting it smiled and then said 'perfect'

BLACK BEANS

4 ounces ginger puree
2 ounces minced garlic
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1 tablespoon ground coriander
3 ounces honey
2 ounces sesame oil
1 pound Michigan black beans
1 quart and 2 cups water

3 1/2 ounces balsamic vinegar
salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients except vinegar Simmer till the beans are tender

Add vinegar and season

SHRIMP

5 pounds fresh rock shrimp
1 pound toasted bread crumbs
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon white pepper
1 tablespoon paprika
1 teaspoon dried thyme
Vegetable oil as needed

Mix bread crumbs with salt, pepper, paprika and thyme Heat oil to 350° F Toss the rock shrimp with the bread crumbs and fry them approximately three minutes until they are done

To assemble, heat the beans, then place them on a large platter Top them with rock shrimp and top the shrimp with the Beurre Blanc sauce

Beurre Blanc Sauce

2 tablespoons minced shallots
1 cup Chardonnay
1 cup cider vinegar
2 cups heavy cream
1 1/2 pounds unsalted butter
1/2 cup roasted red pepper (chopped fine)
salt and pepper to taste

Combine shallots, wine, and vinegar in a stainless pot and bring to a boil Allow it to reduce to au sec (almost dry) Add cream and reduce until thick enough to coat the back of a spoon Cut butter into small pieces Reduce heat on cream mixture and add butter slowly a few pieces at a time while whisking briskly Continue this process until all butter is incorporated Add red pepper and season

Note This sauce must be held warm in a water bath until it is served

Recipes courtesy of Matt Prentice owner and chef of Matt Prentice Restaurant Group

TASTE CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk Taste editor Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 e mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax (734) 591 7279

Exquisite Daal Curries

Add healthful flavor to your meals with Beans Peas and Lentils (known as Daal in Indian cuisine) Learn how to make a rice and bean pilaf and explore how to cook crunchy lentil papadums Bring a dish cloth A material fee of \$13 is payable to instructor Class offered through Birmingham Community Education 6 30 9 30 p m Monday Feb 6 at Derby Middle School Room 114 1300 Derby Road Birmingham \$39 To register call (248) 203 3800 or on line at www.communityed.net

Healthy Cooking Classes

Enjoy vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson Learn how to prepare healthy delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get hands on experience preparing the recipes Each class is scheduled 6 9 p m in Garden City and includes discussions on the healthy benefits of ingredients Upcoming classes include a two week series Feb 15 and 22 fee \$60 (\$30 each class) Healthy Pizza Cooking Class on March 15 (\$30) and Mid Eastern Cooking Class on March 22 (\$30) Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com Visit the Web site or call (734) 261 2856 for more information

Breads of India

Students will learn to make flat bread lay ered bread and stuffed bread then prepare a curry and cucumber yogurt salad to accompany our breads A material fee of \$13 is payable at class Bring a cup measure wide bowl and two dish towels Class offered 6 30 9 30 p m Thursday Feb 16 through Birmingham Community Education Derby Middle School Room 114 1300 Derby Road Birmingham \$39 To register call (248) 203 3800 or on line at www.communityed.net

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

Nutrition and Cooking Seminar

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

Cookbooks will be available for purchase A vegetarian meal will conclude the day's activities Suggested donation is \$10 per person To register call Dr Arthur Weaver at (248) 349 5683 or Helen and Floyd Morris at (313) 531 2179

Schoolcraft classes

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

Here are some of the classes

Cooking 101

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

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Savory lentils and chicken sausage are a quick fix

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This lentil-chicken sausage combination is a comforting, savory dish of the kind that suggests slow cooking but, happily, demands only 30 minutes of the cook's time. Don't be surprised that the smart recipe comes from a chef designated a "fast expert."

The chef is Annie Wayte, who supervises fashion designer Nicole Farhi's restaurants in London and New York City.

LENTILS WITH CHICKEN SAUSAGE

- 1 cup French green lentils (7 ounces)
- 4 cups chicken stock or low sodium broth
- 1 carrot cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 celery rib cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 small onion quartered plus 1 large onion cut through the root end into eight wedges
- 1 garlic clove
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 4 thyme sprigs
- 1 cup baby spinach leaves coarsely chopped

- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 4 precooked chicken sausages (3/4 pound)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

In a medium heavy soup pot, combine the lentils with the chicken stock. Cover and bring to a boil.

In a food processor, pulse the carrot, celery, quartered onion and the garlic until finely chopped. In a large skillet, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add the

vegetables and the thyme and cook over moderately high heat until softened 3 minutes, scrape into the lentils. Cover and cook over moderate heat until the lentils are tender, 20 minutes. Stir in the spinach, season with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of oil in the skillet.

Add the onion wedges and sausages and cook over moderate heat, turning occasionally, until the onions are softened, 8

to 10 minutes. Add the balsamic vinegar and cook for 1 minute.

Thickly slice the sausages. Stir the sausages, onions and any accumulated juices into the lentils. Discard the thyme sprigs. Spoon the lentils and sausages into bowls and serve.

Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving: 494 cal, 24 g total fat (4.8 g saturated), 39 g carbohydrate, 9 g fiber

Wine suggestion: a berry-inflected merlot

DINNER CALENDAR

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

Romantic Moonlight Sleigh Ride

Fifteen minute sleigh ride dinner. Friday Feb 10, Saturday Feb 11 and Valentine's Day Tuesday Feb 14. Dinner specials: bread salad soup or steak potato and more \$39.95 per adult and \$15 per child. Reservations required. Historic White Horse Inn, Oak and High Street in Metamora (810) 678-2150.

www.historicwhitehorseinn.com

Century Grill

The Ultimate Valentine's Day Girls Night Out. Chocolate Buffet with Menopause The Musical on Valentine's Day Feb 14 at 333 Madison in Detroit. Tickets are \$75 and include dinner, a chocolate buffet for dessert, ticket to the show, all non-alcoholic beverages, tax and gratuity. Reservations are available now for all Century Grill dinner packages by calling (313) 963-9800.

Zenada Chocolate Lounge

Special Valentine's Day menu with prix fixe menu \$30 per person for dinner, dessert prix fixe menu is \$12 per person with chocolate fondue, chocolate truffles and hot chocolate with chili pepper. Feb 10-11 and 14. 414 S. Main, Ann Arbor (734) 994-7042.

Valentine's Day Beer Dinner

Try fire roasted jalapeno and turkey sausage, gulf shrimp, artichoke and leek stew, roasted apricot pork loin and molten chocolate lava cake, a different brew for each of the four different courses. 6:30 p.m. Thursday Feb 14. \$29.95 per person. Thunder Bay Brewing Co., Great Lakes Crossing 175 and Baldwin roads (248) 454-8486.

Eurasian Grill

Olive oil and balsamic vinegar wine tasting dinner, four course dinner by executive chef Michael Fung, tasting of olive oils and balsamic vinegars with Atvise Balarrin of Trattoria Laguna in Venice, Italy. Dawn Bause author of Romantic Italian Recipes and their Complementary Wines book signing. portion of proceeds benefits Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation. Detroit \$85 per person. 4771 Haggerty Road, just north of Pontiac Trail in West Bloomfield (248) 624-6109.

Fox & Hounds

Two Valentine's Day shows (Feb 19). Broadway Classics appetizers, champagne, prime rib dinner, beer and wine, dessert, second act of musical, melodies precedes dinner. 39560 Woodward (just south of Long Lake Road) (248) 644-4800.

Bake these chili fries for crispy flavors

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

It sounded daunting, but ended up being an easy challenge.

I wanted chili-seasoned french fries that were as crispy and flavorful as those gorgeous deep-fried wedges you find at carnivals - all golden and fatty - but healthy enough that I wouldn't feel pangs of guilt feeding them to my toddler.

Parker long has eaten everything we do, and sometimes a bit more (last night he grabbed a scrap of raw red onion from the cutting board and promptly ate the whole thing). So if I was to make fries, they would have to be baby-friendly.

That meant the fries couldn't actually be so. And that was fine by me. The reality for home cooks is that deep frying is too much hassle and mess to be a frequent option.

OVEN CHILI FRIES

- 4 large russet potatoes
- 4 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 475°F

Cut each potato in half lengthwise, then cut each half into about six long wedges. Alternatively, cut each potato into thin rounds. A mandoline (a hand-operated device that evenly slices vegetables) also can be used to cut uniform wedges or rounds.

Transfer the cut potatoes to a large zip lock plastic bag. Add the oil, cumin and chili powder. Seal the bag and shake to evenly coat the potatoes. Transfer the potatoes to a baking sheet and arrange in a single layer.

Bake for 50 minutes, or until the fries are crisp. For more even cooking, use a spatula to flip the fries after 25 minutes. Season with salt and pepper. Serve hot (and with gobs of ketchup).

Makes 4 servings



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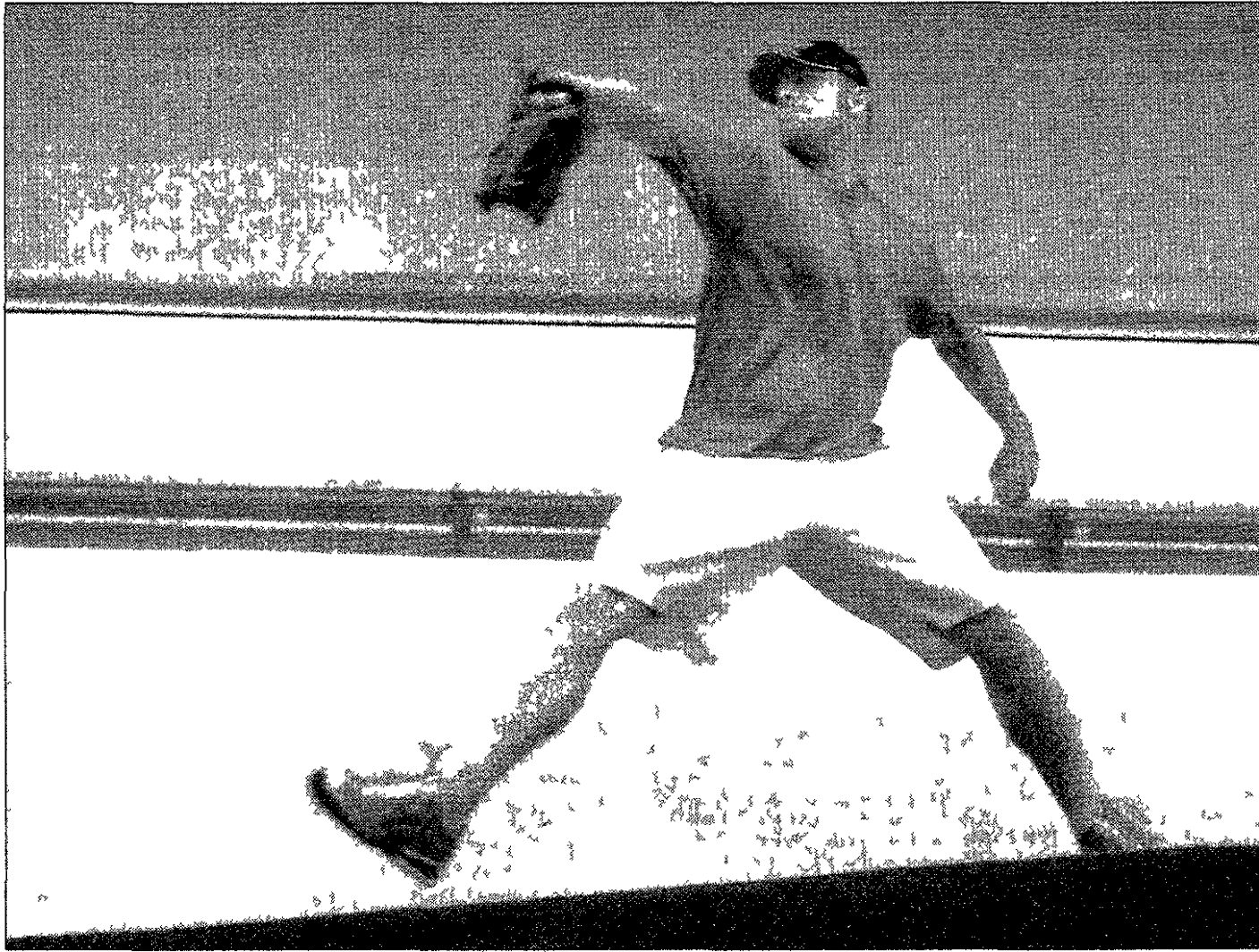
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Detroit Tigers pitcher Nate Robertson delivers a pitch to Dennie Taft during a pre-spring training workout session at Velocity Sports Center in Canton. Robertson, a Canton resident, has been working out at Velocity Sports and at High Velocity since the beginning of November.

Spring Training 'North'

Professional pitchers use Canton facilities to stay in shape

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

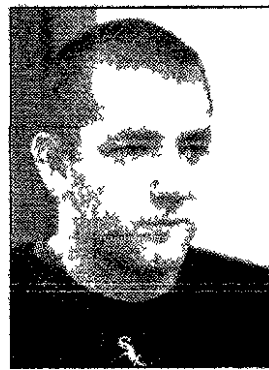
The temperature was a Florida-like 70 degrees, there wasn't a cloud in sight and the sweat dripping from Nate Robertson, Charlie Haeger and Anthony Tomey early Monday morning was spring-training quality.

The three professional baseball pitchers weren't in Lakeland, Fla., the spring home of the Detroit Tigers. They were enduring one of their off-season training workouts inside

Canton's High Velocity Sports and Velocity Sports Performance facilities, which — except for palm trees and freshly squeezed orange juice — offer the trio all the comforts (and agony) of regular spring training.

"Working out like we do up here makes the spring training workouts we'll be going through in a couple of weeks a lot easier, especially the endurance part," said Haeger, 22, a knuckleball-throwing member of the Chicago White Sox's 40-man

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Charlie Haeger
Chicago White Sox pitcher

'Working out like we do up here makes the spring training workouts we'll be going through in a couple of weeks a lot easier, especially the endurance part.'

Inability to find hoop dooms 'Cats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you cross paths with the snake that continues to bite Plymouth's basketball team, keep your distance.

The thing must be huge by now. The snake-bit Wildcats dropped another frustrating game Tuesday night, 44-38, to visiting Walled Lake Western. The loss dropped Plymouth to 4-8 overall and 2-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Warriors improved to 7-5 and 2-4, respectively.

The Wildcats muscled on several shots within a four-foot radius of the

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basket, which coach Tom Van Wagoner said has been a recurring theme this season.

"Tonight is the way our whole season has gone so far," Van Wagoner said. "We're getting the shots we want, we're just not cashing in. We've been missing easy shots all season, which is why we're only shooting 33 percent as a team."

"We've been running contact layup drills in practice to improve the kids' concentration, but it didn't work tonight."

The Warriors could relate with being snake-bit after losing their previous three games by a total of five points.

"For the first time this season, I had a few butterflies before the game tonight because this was such a must-win situation for us," said Western coach Darrin Kennings. "I wasn't happy with our rebounding in the first half, but the kids got better position in the second half. I thought Denard Branch played more aggressively tonight, which was key for us."

Branch, who is averaging 23.0 a game this season, scored a game-high 22 for the winners. The Warriors' next-highest producer was Brandon Ballard, who netted five. Senior forward Josh Le Duc had a huge game for the Wildcats, compiling 15 points and 12 rebounds. He also added a monster dunk with 43 seconds left that cut Plymouth's deficit to 42-38. Sophomore center Jake Hager added eight points for Plymouth.

Sidelines

Wisniewski recalled

Canton native James Wisniewski was recalled by the Chicago Blackhawks Tuesday from the American Hockey League's Norfolk Admirals. Wisniewski appeared in 44 games for the Admirals, scoring five goals while adding 21 assists. The 21-year-old defenseman was the Blackhawks' fifth-round pick (156th overall) in the 2002 NHL Entry Draft. Wisniewski was the 18th Plymouth Whalers alum to make an NHL roster.

Grid All-Stars

A pair of local football players and one coach were honored by being selected to participate in the 26th Annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game set for July 22 at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing. Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

The head coach of the East squad will be Canton's Tim Baechler, who guided the Chiefs to the Division 1 final game in November. Among the players Baechler will be coaching are Canton offensive lineman Ryan Jonik and Salem quarterback/defensive back Kevin Bradley.

Lacrosse meeting

A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Canton High School cafeteria for all parents of prospective Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse players. It is important that all parents attend the meeting as registration packets will be distributed at that time. Contact Phyllis Ikegami at (734) 420-2293.

Saberette show

The Plymouth Saberette pompon squad is presenting the Saberette Variety Show on at 7 p.m. Feb. 17-18 in the Salem High School Logan Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door.

For tickets, see a Saberette or contact Mary Schulz at trix1971@hotmail.com or Judy Bono at judy_b21@yahoo.com.

3-on-3 hoop

Northville Parks & Recreation is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament Saturday, March 25, and Sunday, March 26, at the Hillside Recreation Center in Northville. The team fee is \$85, which includes T-shirts and awards to the first-place teams.

The tourney will be divided into four age brackets for both girls and boys: 8-10, 11-13, 14-15 and 16-17. Registration forms can be picked up at the rec department office at 700 W. Baseline Road in Northville.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School.

For more information, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026; or at pcmymers@hotmail.com.

Pats outlast CC, Canton to defend Observerland crown

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When you've got the target on your back, the best way to keep from getting hit is to stay far ahead of the bullets.

That's exactly what defending champion Livonia Franklin did Saturday at the annual Observerland wrestling tournament.

The Patriots, who won their first Observerland title a year ago, sent 10 wrestlers to the semifinals Saturday at Churchill High School, built an insurmountable 35-point lead before the finals even started, and coasted to their second straight championship.

Franklin had eight wrestlers in the finals and out-distanced Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, 240-5-225. They finished with one champion and seven silver-medalists.

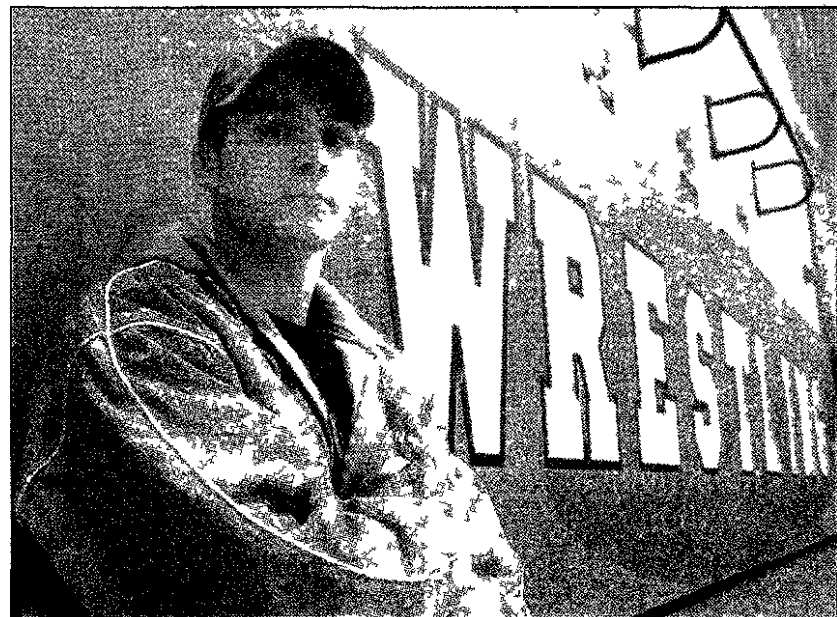
"Going in, I told our guys if everyone wrestled to their seed, we'd win," Franklin coach Dave Chiola said. "They went a little above the target we set for them, and that helped us do it. Up until the finals, that was the best we've wrestled in two years."

For the second straight year, senior Mike Warren was Franklin's only individual champion, capturing the 125-pound title with an exciting 10-9 victory over Cory Mervyn of Salem. Warren was named lower-weight Most Valuable Wrestler.

Warren won the title with a reversal in the final 10 seconds of a match he said was one of his toughest.

"Truthfully, it was one of the hardest matches I've ever wrestled," said Warren, who lifted his record to 30-8. "It feels

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton wrestler Konrad Konsitzke has been a leader both on and off the mat for the Chiefs over the past four seasons. The senior is now 30-3 this year following his 3-0 effort at Saturday's Observerland Invitational.

Hard-working Konsitzke finds wrestling 'pin'nacle'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Konrad Konsitzke's knowledge of wrestling techniques and strategy was virtually nonexistent on the November day in 2002 when he strolled into the Canton High School wrestling room for the first time.

"I had some friends who were wrestling and I thought it might help me for football, so I decided to give it a shot," remembered Konsitzke, a freshman at the time

"I had never wrestled before that first day of practice, but I was ready to learn."

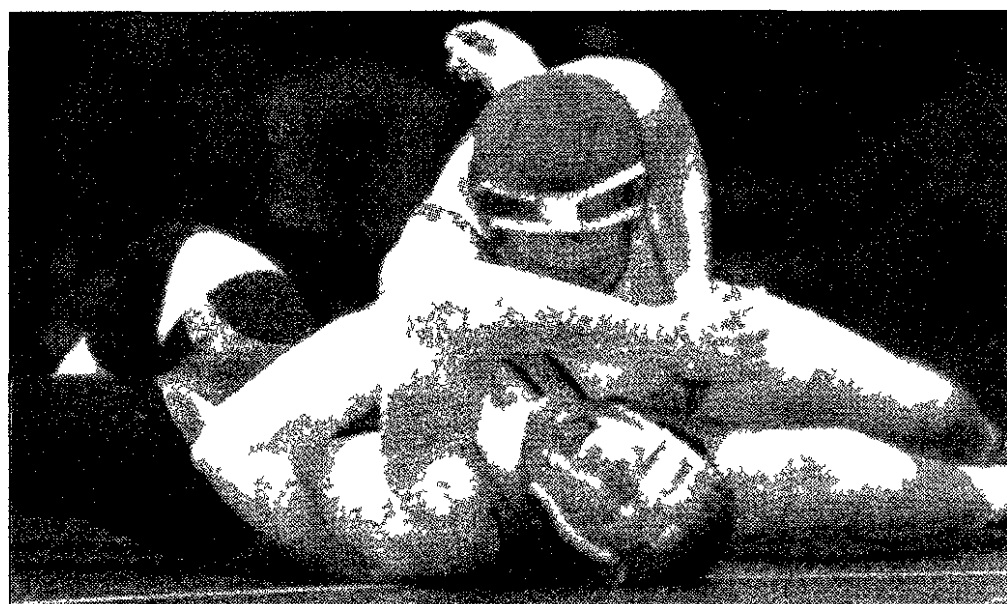
Learn, he did.

Over three years and 100-plus victories later, Konsitzke finds himself among the elite 140-pound grapplers in Division 1. Last year, he compiled a spectacular 44-9 record and missed a trip to the D1 state

meet by just a few points.

The Canton senior's mat success is notable because he has served

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Canton's Corey Phillips works on a pin against Livonia Franklin's Josh Billiau in the championship match of the 130-pound weight class at Saturday's Observerland Invitational. The Chiefs finished third behind Franklin and Novi Catholic Central.

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great Franklin got silver medals from Jon Roos (at 119 pounds), Josh Billiau (130), James Jones (135), Nate Turco (152), Blake Karkoska (171), Chris Van Camp (189) and Greg Schuyler (215) By contrast, Catholic Central sent five wrestlers to the finals, and all five came away champions Anthony Cosme beat Roos 9-6 at 119, Andrew Nadhir beat Jones 22-7 at 135, Sean Dong pinned Ali Youssef of Plymouth in 2 24 at 145, Matt Farmer edged VanCamp 2-0 at 189, John Kinville beat

Schuyler 8-3 at 215 But the Shamrocks, who beat Franklin in a dual meet a week earlier, trailed by 35 points before the finals started and couldn't make up the ground "I thought we'd come in and win it," Shamrock coach Mike Rodriguez said "But (Chiola) had his kids juiced up for it, and that's great It makes it more interesting Our kids made a strong finish" Canton put four wrestlers in the finals — including champions Corey Phillips (130) and Konrad Konsitzke (140) — and finished a distant third with 176 points John Glenn, despite having no wrestlers advance to the finals, finished fourth with

138 5 points You never want to be satisfied with third place, Canton assistant head coach Mike Pantaleo said We had a lot of kids who wrestled well We're still growing as a team, and our kids are still learning A few things didn't go our way (Saturday) so we just have to work harder and get better" Only two other teams had multiple champions Livonia Stevenson's Adam Kokenakes won at 152 pounds, while Cody Rize beat Franklin's Karkoska 6-4 in a controversial overtime decision on which Rize was awarded a takedown at the final buzzer Redford Umon's heavy-weight Matt Shileikis, voted

one of three upper-weight Most Valuable Wrestlers, and Ken Nelson (103) were titlists Coach Russ Swinson was pleased for his wrestlers, but said he wasn't surprised by Franklin's victory I know Catholic Central beat them in the dual meet last week, but I still thought they were the team to beat," Swinson said "I thought it would be closer" North Farmington's Anthony Victor coasted to a 13-0 decision over Livonia Churchill's Josh Kelly in the 160-pound final Churchill's Alex Fowler edged Canton's Ryan Schnettler, 4-3, for the 112-pound crown bkdrich@hometownlife.com | (734) 459 2700

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as one of the catalysts for the school's stunning wrestling reversal, which has seen Canton evolve from a Western Lakes Activities Association also-ran to one of the conference's most consistent and feared teams Last spring, with Konsitzke playing a major role, Canton earned the school's first Division 1 district title when it knocked off the state's No 1-ranked team, Livonia Churchill, in a district semifinal showdown "During my freshman year, I was wrestling on the junior varsity at 130, but our varsity guy at 140 got hurt, so I moved into that spot," Konsitzke said "I was horrible (he went 4-14), but the experience helped me a ton I was wrestling against a lot of older, more experienced guys, so I learned a lot that year"

RECORD REVERSAL

It wasn't long before the hard-working, intensely competitive Konsitzke grew into one of the team's leaders — both on the mats and off This year, the Chiefs' captain has been instrumental in his team's 22-4 start, building a record of 30-3, which includes a 3-0 mark at Saturday's Observerland Invitational, at which he captured the 140-pound crown "Konrad is, without a doubt, the emotional leader of this team," said Canton coach Casey Randolph, who took over the head-coaching duties during Konsitzke's freshman season "He gives 100 percent all the time and his teammates feed off Konrad's intensity and drive The other kids on the team work hard to try to raise themselves to his level

"Konrad has all the tools — the skill, the work ethic and the dedication — to be a phenomenal collegiate wrestler" Randolph said "He's one of those kids who thrives off being the underdog," Randolph said "In one of our first meets this year, at Jackson Parma Western, Konrad was seeded third at 140, which upset him a little bit He ended up taking first place in convincing fashion, beating the top-seeded kid 2-0 in solid, no-mistake fashion That match epitomized Konrad — the underdog who ends up finishing first" Konsitzke said his wrestling experiences have helped make him a better all-around athlete and person "I have a lot more perseverance now and I'm mentally tougher because of the wrestling camps I've attended and because of coach Randolph's practices," Konsitzke said

FROM BENCH TO STAR

Konsitzke experienced a series of extremes during his senior football season with the Chiefs After serving as a second-string defensive back during the Chiefs' first four games, following an injury to a starter, he was inserted into the starting line-up as a line-backer during Canton's Week 5 game against Northville Konsitzke's gummy, all-out play earned him a permanent starting berth that he carried all the way through Canton's Division 1 championship game loss to Rockford "It was an awesome experience for me, especially because I started out the year as a backup," he said "I was down a little bit at the beginning of the season because I wasn't starting, but then I figured, hey, this is the last time I'll ever be playing football, so I'm going to have fun no matter what happens

"I think the highlight of the season for me was beating Dakota in the semifinal game No one expected us to beat them When the game ended, it took a few minutes for it to sink in that we were actually going to the finals"

FAMILY BACKING

Konsitzke said he has been fortunate throughout his athletic career to have the backing of his family, including his parents, Konrad and Bridgette "My grandma and grandpa Konsitzke have also been huge supporters," he said "They live in Brighton, but they have attended just about every wrestling match and football game I've played in since I was a little kid"

Next to athletics, Konsitzke's favorite hobbies include hunting and fishing In fact, one of his most-prized possessions is his camouflage hunting hat that he had specially embroidered with a "Canton Wrestling" patch "Hunting is a family affair for us," Konsitzke said "We have some land up in Emmett in the 'Thumb' and just about every Sunday during hunting season everybody in my family except my mom goes up there to hunt It's my Zen It's a little slice of heaven where I can get away from everything"

Konsitzke may not have time to make his weekly trek to Emmett during the weekend of March 9-11 That's the weekend of the individual wrestling state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills Less than four years after picking up a sport he knew little about, that may be the weekend he hunts down and pins a Division 1 state champion

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15th annual OBSERVERLAND INVITATIONAL WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 28 at Churchill TEAM STANDINGS 1 Livonia Franklin 240 5 points 2 Novi-Detroit Catholic Central 225 3 Canton 176 4 Westland John Glenn 138 5 Livonia Stevenson, 134 6 Plymouth, 111 7 Salem 109 8 Redford Union 100 9 Livonia Churchill, 93 10 Lutheran Westland 79 11 North Farmington 46, 12 Wayne Memorial 42 13 Livonia Clarenceville 34 14 Farmington 26 15 Garden City 23 16 Farmington Hills Harrison 1 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 275 pounds Matt Shileikis (RU) pinned Donnie Laramie (Canton) 2 21 3rd place Kyle Brown (LF) p Shaun Bailey (P) 1 41 5th Jim Morasso (CC) decisioned Kevin Hanka (WJG) 1-0

103: Ken Nelson (RU) dec Jamie Preiss (WM) 6 5 3rd Mike Haar (Canton) dec Tommy Myshock (LS), 4 3 5th Namic Kerimov (Farm) p Barrett Schwarzlose (CC) 4 02 112: Alex Fowler (LC) dec Ryan Schnettler (Canton) 4 3 3rd, Nieko Ianni (CC) p Steve D Annunzio (P) 2 32 5th James Benitez (LF) dec Seth Wald (NF), 8-4 119: Antonio Cosme (CC) dec Jon Roos (LF) 9 6 3rd Nick Steiger (Salem) dec Tim Hecksel (LC) 11 4 5th Brandon Nikula (WJG) dec Sam Santilli (Canton), 3-1 125: Mike Warren (LF) dec Cory Mervyn (Salem) 10 9, 3rd, Jon Reale (LS) dec Jared Stephens (WJG) 3-0 5th Greg Roberts (LC) dec over Steve Ludke (GC) 12 5 130: Corey Phillips (Canton) p Josh Billiau (LF) 1 53 3rd: Steve Korpus (P)

won by major dec over Dan McCahill (WJG) 14 5 5th Dwan Burris (RU) p J P Gaffke (LC) 5 07 135 Andrew Nadhir (CC) won by technical fall over James Jones (LF) 22 7 3rd Rowdy Glasgow (WJG) p Robert Bytner (LW) 2 22 5th Matt Stott (Salem) p Raz Markosian (LS) 2 23 140 Konrad Konsitzke (Canton) dec Jake Bennett (Salem) 15 12 3rd Robert Price (CC) dec Jacob White (Cville) 6 5 5th Jim Wood (WJG) p Austin Phillips (LF) 0 50 145 Sean Dong (CC) p Ali Youssef (P) 2 24 3rd Dennis Tullio (LF) dec Edward Manier (WJG) 5 0 5th Ziad Kharrbush (LS) p Dennis Villarreal (Farm) 1 33 152 Adam Kokenakes (LS) dec Nate Turco (LF), 8 5 3rd Ryan Brown (CC) dec Stephen Kemp (LW) 6 4 5th David Wood (WJG) won by major dec over Jon

Hagar (P) 11 3 160 Anthony Victor (NF) won by major dec over Josh Kelly (LC) 13 0 3rd Marwan Faraj (Canton) dec Billy McNally (LS) 4 2 5th Andrew Hein (WJG) dec Stefan Gatt (CC) 6 1 (overtime) 171 Cody Rize (LS) dec Blake Karkoska (LF) 6 4 (OT) 3rd Brent Robbins (Cville) dec Mike Carrier (CC) 9-3, 5th Stedman Frye (WM) dec Vince Darofli (P) 8 3 189 Matt Farmer (CC) dec Chris VanCamp (LF) 2 0 3rd: Alex Amberg (Canton) dec Jacob Tuomi Galindez (LW), 9 4 5th Joey Kowtko (WJG) dec Dan Inson (LS) 6 5 215 John Kinville (CC) dec Greg Schuyler (LF) 8 3 3rd Alex Smith (Salem) won by injury default over Shamir Garcia (WJG) 5th, Odell Johnson (RU) dec James Refenes (LW) 6 4 s

Rocks' net crew spikes Northern

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Another match, another sweep for the Salem volleyball team The Rocks continued their successful run through the Western Lakes Activities Association Monday night with a 25-15, 25-16, 25-19 triumph over Walled Lake Northern in a match played in the Salem gymnasium The win lifted Salem's record to 26-3 overall and 5-0 in the WLAA "We played great defense and our libero, Nikki Mersch, had a

great match," said Salem coach Amanda Suder Mersch was her usually steady self from the back row, recording a team-high 20 digs Also contributing to the one-sided victory were Teresa Coppelli (20 kills, 11 digs and two blocks), Lauren Price (12 kills and 12 digs), Lauren Kurtz (eight kills and two blocks) and Jansan Falcuson (34 assists) Katrina Cope also had a stellar night, notching six blocks WILDCATS FALL Livonia Stevenson remained perfect (5-0) in the WLAA with

an impressive road victory at Plymouth Monday night Despite playing without their No 1 setter, the Spartans prevailed 25-22, 25-14 and 25-11 to improve to 22-4 3 The host Wildcats slipped to 25-7 overall and 2-3 in the conference Plymouth was playing at full strength for the first time close to two weeks thanks to the return of its top front-row player, Jeanne Moise However, the Wildcats failed to yell, according to coach Kelly McCausland "Our chemistry was off and nobody stepped up," said McCausland "At times, it looked

like the girls had never played together before There was no consistency and we didn't keep our intensity level up' PCA VICTORIOUS The Eagles enjoyed a successful homecoming match Friday night against Ypsilanti Calvary Christian, winning 25-16, 25-10 and 25-15 A trio of players shined for the Eagles Kelsie Tietjen (18 kills and 12 digs), Brooke Harris (15 digs, 20 assists and 11 service points) and Bre Ruark (20 digs, four kills, nine assists and 11 service points)

THE WEEK AHEAD

- BOYS BASKETBALL Friday, Feb 3 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 7 p m Westland John Glenn at Canton 7 p m Salem at W L Western 7 p m BOYS SWIMMING Thursday, Feb 2 Plymouth at W L Western 7 p m Wayne Memorial at Canton 7 p m Salem at Westland John Glenn 7 p m BOYS WRESTLING Thursday, Feb 2 Plymouth at Canton 6 p m Salem at Livonia Churchill 6 30 p m Saturday, Feb 4 Plymouth at Memphis Invitational 9 a m Canton at Battle Creek Invitational 10 a m GIRLS GYMNASTICS Thursday, Feb 2 Salem at W L Consolidated 7 p m Saturday, Feb 2 Canton Varsity Invitational at Plymouth High School 10 a m ICE HOCKEY Thursday, Feb 2 Canton at Redford Unified at Redford Ice Arena 7 15 p m Friday, Feb 3 Salem at Canton at Arctic Edge Arena 8 p m Saturday, Feb 4 Plymouth at W L Central at Lakeland Ice Arena 1 20 p m University Liggett at PCS Penguins at Arctic Edge Arena 8 30 p m GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Thursday, Feb 2 Zoe Christian at PCA 7 p m Saturday, Feb 4 Canton at A Pioneer Invite 8 a m Salem at Schoolcraft Varsity Invite TBD MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb 4 Madonna at Indiana Tech 3 p m Schoolcraft at Oakland CC 3 p m WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday, Feb 4 Indiana Tech at Madonna 1 p m Schoolcraft at Oakland CC 1 p m ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Feb 3 Whalers at Kingston 7 30 p m Saturday, Feb 4 Whalers at Belleville 7 15 p m Sunday, Feb 5 Whalers at Ottawa 2 p m



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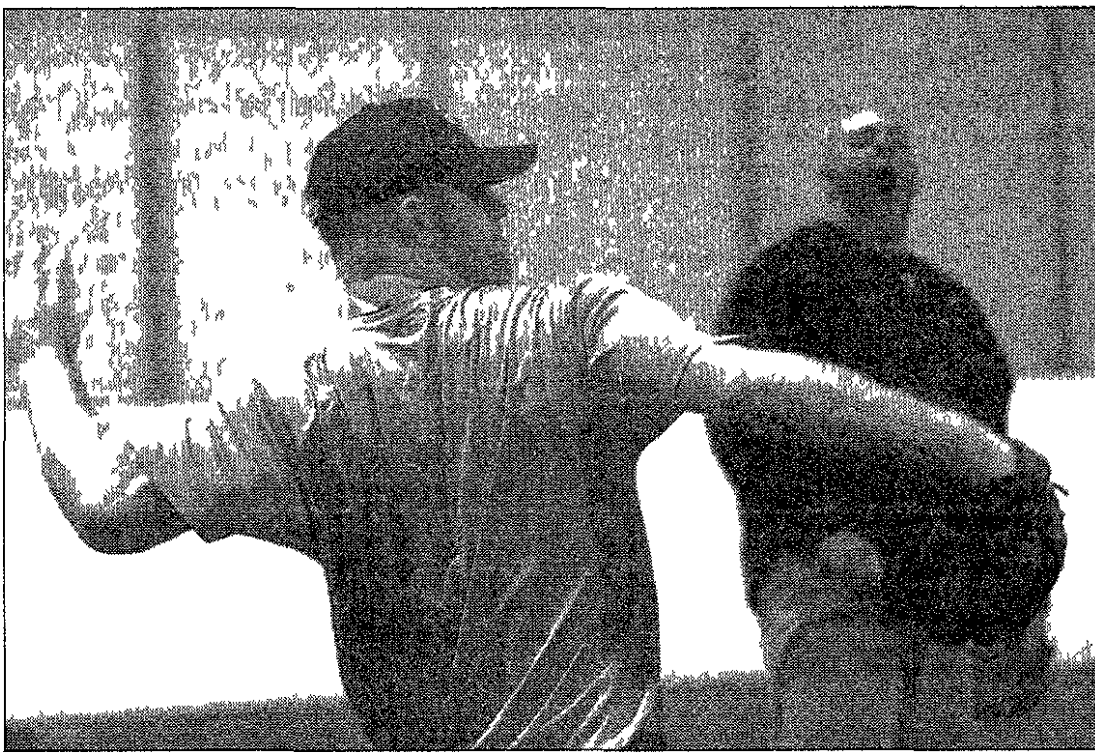
roster and former flame-thrower at Redford Catholic Central. "This is an outstanding set-up for us. We have everything we need to get in shape."

WEEKDAY RITUAL

Since early November, Robertson, a Canton resident, and Tomey, who resides in Novi, have been meeting every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. sharp at High Velocity (Haeger, a Plymouth resident, joined them about a month ago). They play long toss on one of the facility's spacious indoor soccer fields for about 15 minutes to loosen up their arms before heading across the street to Velocity Sports Performance.

The three-month-old facility located on the second floor of the Arctic Edge Ice Arena provides them with everything from a portable pitching mound to a mountain of free weights.

Most importantly, it offers



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Anthony Tomey (background) lets out a yawn as he watches Detroit Tiger pitcher Nate Robertson unleash a long toss through to Charlie Haeger early Monday morning at High Velocity Sports. The three professional pitchers workout regularly at High Velocity and the Velocity Sports Center during the off season.

them former Detroit Tigers strength-and-conditioning coach Dennie Taft, who has served as the center's per-

formance director since it opened in early November. Taft guides the pitchers through their daily workout

regimens, which sometimes last up to four hours. "Dennie pushes us hard and we push each other," said

Tomey, 24, an ironman relief pitcher who helped lead the West Michigan Whitecaps to a Class A title in 2005.

"Working out by yourself can get kind of boring, so it's nice to be able to work with a couple of guys you can relate to."

This facility is unbelievable," said Tomey, as he prepared to throw from a dimensionally perfect pitcher's mound. "It has everything we need. I'm in phenomenal shape right now thanks to these workouts, and spring training doesn't even start for two more weeks."

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Robertson, 28, has lived in Canton since 2003 when he was acquired by the Tigers in a trade with the Florida Marlins.

The hard-throwing left-handed starting pitcher is the lone Tiger to make suburban Detroit his year-round home.

"I love Canton and this entire area," said Robertson, as he worked on a series of shoulder-stretching exercises with Detroit Tigers assistant athletic trainer Steve Carter. "I've always been a rural kind

of guy, so when my wife and I moved here, we bought a house just off Beck Road. When we moved in, there was nothing but fields behind us. Well, the fields are filled with houses now, but we still love it here."

Robertson said his off-season workout routine has changed since he broke into the major leagues four years ago.

"My workouts haven't intensified, but they have definitely evolved," Robertson said. "Instead of just strengthening my arm and shoulder, I work on everything now, all the core muscles."

"It's not just weights, either. There are a lot of things athletes can use now to get stronger, including medicine balls."

"In the clubhouse in Anaheim, they have pictures on the walls of Babe Ruth working out with a medicine ball. It just shows you how things have come full circle with the workouts."

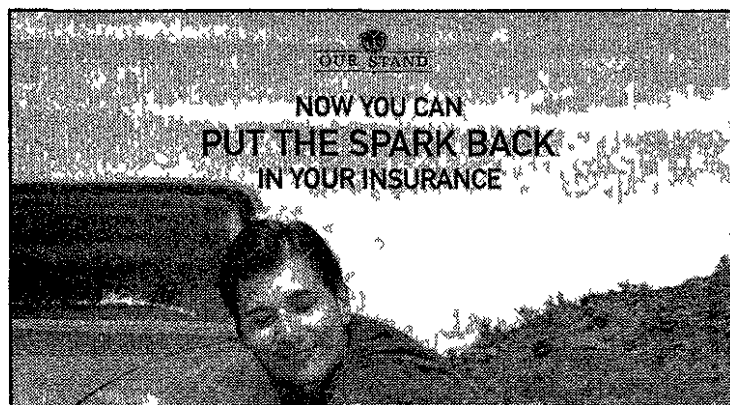
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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- Preparation of Bid Documents
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- Preparation of Final Measure Plans

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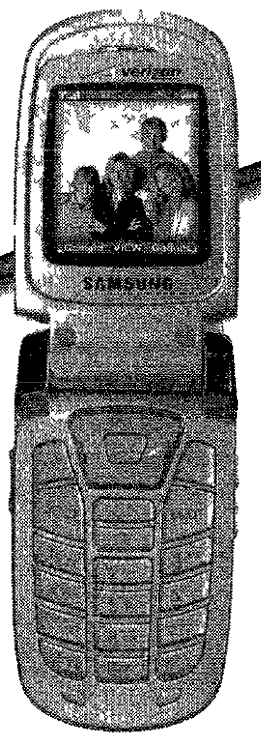
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19 49ers 38 Dolphins 16 Joe Montana's three TDs Who thought it would be the only Super Bowl appearance of Dan Marino?

20 Bears 46 Patriots 10 Who could forget the Patriots leading in this game? It was 23-3 at the half but the lasting memory is that of Willam (The Refrigerator) Perry's 1 yard touchdown while Walter Payton did not score

21 Giants 39 Broncos 20 Took a picture with Darryl Strawberry and Dexter Manley before the game My friend and I walked around the top of the Rose Bowl since we had no seat just an entry pass

22 Redskins 42 Broncos 10 Trailing 10 zip after the first quarter Doug Williams throws four scores in the second quarter it was 35-10 at the half

23 49ers 20 Bengals 16 A great game Cincy takes the lead with just over three minutes left Joe Montana marches the Niners down the field and hits John Taylor for the winning score with 34 seconds left

24 49ers 55 Broncos 10 All I remember is Montana threw 25 touchdowns and I won 200 bucks on the game

25 Giants 20 Bills 19 How could Scott Norwood miss?

26 Redskins 37 Bills 24 Mark Rypien won a Super Bowl Mark Rypien won a Super Bowl

27 Cowboys 52 Bills 17 Troy Aikman with four touchdowns Jim Kelly getting hurt

28 Cowboys 30 Bills 13 I remember two things about this one Buffalo actually led at the half and how weird was it to say Eddie Murray Super Bowl champion

29 49ers 49 Chargers 26 Steve Young's six touchdowns do I need to say anything else?

30 Cowboys 27 Steelers 17 Neil O'Donnell throwing the ball right to Larry Brown not once but twice

31 Packers 35 Patriots 21 Desmond Howard going nuts and Reggie White's three sacks while watching the game on a huge screen at the Windsor Casino

32 Broncos 31 Packers 24 Pack were 14 point favorites John Elway got the monkey off his back Terrell Davis scores a late TD

33 Broncos 34 Falcons 19 A ho hum game but Elway wins MVP to finish career on top Eugene Robinson arrested for soliciting a hooker the night before the game gets burned on an 80 yard bomb to Rod Smith

34 Rams 23 Titans 16 Great game Kurt Warner to Issac Bruce gives the Rams a late lead Steve McNair drives Tennessee down the field hits Kevin Dyson with a slant pattern but he is

tackled at the 1 by Mike Jones as time expires

35 Ravens 34 Giants 7 Trent Dilfer vs Kerry Collins Wow! Ravens defense was amazing Dilfer wins a Super Bowl

36 Patriots 20 Rams 17 Tom Brady drives team for winning score Adam Vinatieri's field goal as time expires Seeing U2 perform with the wall of names was moving

37 Buccaneers 48 Raiders 21 Could not figure out how Dexter Jackson with two interceptions could get MVP over Dwight Smith who also had two picks but both of his were for scores

38 Patriots 32 Panthers 29 Where did this classic come from 37 points in the fourth quarter? Brady again the MVP sets up Vinatieri's winning field goal

39 Patriots 24 Eagles 21 I shook hands with George Bush and Bill Clinton before the game Sitting in stands with my three best friends from Philadelphia I rooted for the Eagles but it was not the same having been gone 19 years

40 Steelers 23 Seahawks 17 Drink several bloody marys Charlie Batch replaces the injured Ben Roethlisberger and leads Steelers to last second touchdown drive Jerome Bettis plows in for the winning score Now wouldn't that be a memory for the ages? Listen to Mike Stone 3-6 p.m. weekdays on the *Stoney and Wojo Show* on WDFN AM (1130) Sports Radio



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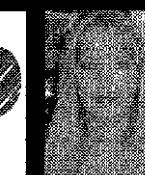


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BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Wayne Memorial guard Justin Collop was a proverbial thorn in the side of the Canton basketball team during the first quarter of Tuesday night's Western Lakes Activities Association contest, pumping in 10 points

But it was the Chiefs who came out smelling like a rose as they contained Collop over the final three quarters and survived the Zebras' upset bid, 48-36. Surging Canton is now 9-3 overall and 5-1 in the WLAA.

"We played solid defense in the second half and we made Collop work for everything he got," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "He's a heck of a player, but we shut him down pretty good in the second half. I thought Andy Larsen gave us good energy off the bench, with 10 points and nine rebounds."

Junior forward Ryan Wadmann led the winners with 18 points and seven rebounds. Steve Paye added 11 points and six boards, Rob Eppler contributed seven points and Andre Bridges chipped in with six rebounds and four assists.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 68, SALEM 62. The Spartans outscored the Rocks 22-13 over the final eight minutes to secure the important WLAA Lakes Division victory.

With the loss, Salem slipped to 3-9 overall and 3-3 in the WLAA. The Spartans improved to 7-5 and 4-2 with their first

road victory of the season.

Tony Lenardon and Luke Knochel both twined 19 points for the winners, who also got 12 points from Ben Schroeder. Knochel was locked in from beyond the arc, hitting five three-pointers.

Senior forward Billy Leddy led an incredibly balanced Salem attack with 14 points and seven rebounds. Also playing well for the Rocks were Grant Stone (12 points), Brian Baumgart (12) and Joe Halewicz (11).

"Brian Baumgart did a nice job tonight of catching the ball and posting up," said Salem coach Bob Brodie.

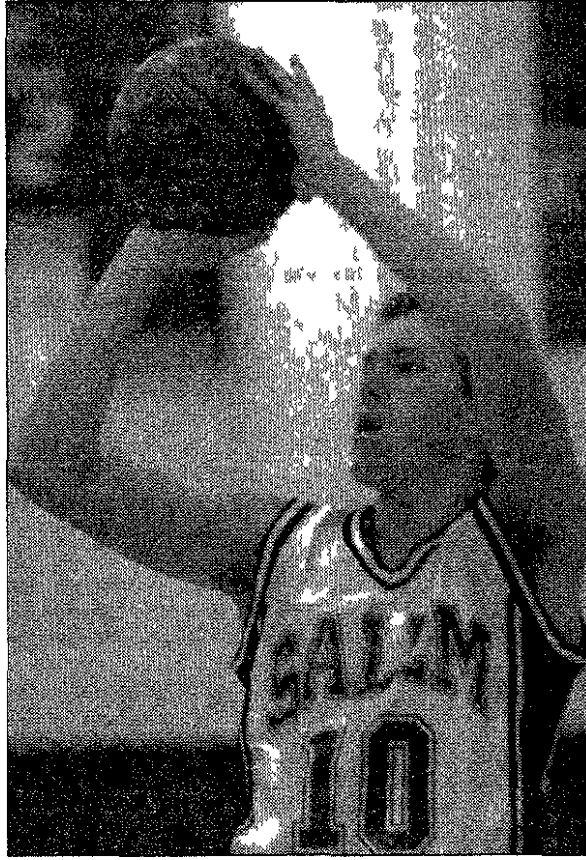
The visiting Spartans led 16-14 after one quarter before Salem rebounded to grab a narrow 34-33 halftime lead. Salem carried a 49-46 advantage into the final quarter.

"It was pretty even most of the game," Brodie said. "They had a hot shooting hand, especially in the fourth quarter when they made three threes. Plus, they hit their free throws down the stretch."

"We had some scoring opportunities in the fourth quarter, but the ball just wouldn't go down."

Both teams made 11-of-16 free throws. The Spartans played without top rebounder Andy Madeleine, who was out with bronchitis.

"We scrapped one out, but we couldn't rebound the ball at all," Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said. "It was like pulling teeth, but we showed some poise down the stretch and hit some big shots. We also got a couple of big rebounds from Chris Mulcahy."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Billy Leddy netted a team-high 14 points in the Rocks' 68-62 loss to Livonia Stevenson Tuesday night. Leddy also yanked down seven rebounds.

Govans lead PCA to wins

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's Govan brothers — Justin and Devyn — left a lasting impression on Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference basketball game Tuesday night.

Led by freshman Justin Govan's 11 points and 17 rebounds and Devyn Govan's eight points and seven boards, the Eagles edged Bethesda, 38-33, to improve their record to 7-5.

"Justin had a huge game," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "He got all of his points in the second and third quarters, then I let our seniors lead us down the stretch. Justin hit 5-of-6 free throws, too, which was big."

PCA broke an 8-8 first-quarter tie by outscoring the Eagles 15-6 in the second stanza to secure a 23-14 halfting advantage. Host Bethesda cut their deficit to two with 90 seconds left, but PCA hung on for the win.

"Bethesda has a really good team, so we were happy to get out of there with a win," said Taylor.

Other players who played well for the winners were Trevor Zinn (seven points), Ryan Barber (eight rebounds) and Matt Saagman (six rebounds, three assists and six points).

PCA, which hit 7-of-12 free throws, will travel to state-ranked Allen Park Inter-City Baptist on Friday to tangle with the Chargers.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA FEBRUARY 9, 2006

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9 2006 AT 7 00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

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

Acceptance of Agenda

- Gregg Elstro of Mongolian Opp Co 642 E Nine Mile Road, Ferndale, MI 48220 for commercial property located at 42089 Ford Road, south side of Ford Road between Lilley and Haggerty Roads appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102 35 (1) a, c, wall sign variance Zone C 3 Parcel 053 99 0012 008 (Building) (TABLED FROM JANUARY 12, 2006 MEETING)
- Tim Hader of Schonsheck Inc, 51331 W Pontiac Trail Wixom, MI 48393 representing US Storage Depot, 1400 E Michigan Avenue Saline, MI 48176, for commercial property located at 41984 Ford Road north side of Ford Road between Haggerty and Lilley Roads appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102 35 (1), a wall sign variance Zone C 3 Parcel 044 99 0009 701 (Building) (TABLED FROM DECEMBER 8, 2005 MEETING)
- City Sign Co of Baymont Inn & Suite, 41211 Ford Road Canton, MI 48187 representing Dualite Sign Co of La Quinta Corporation, 909 Hidden Ridge, Suite 600, Irving, TX 75038 for commercial property located at 41211 Ford Road appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102 Article II Section 102 35 (4) a b d ground sign variance Zone C 4 Parcel 050 99 0009 004 (Building) (TABLED FROM JANUARY 12, 2006 MEETING)
- Theodore R Johnson of TJ Design Strategies, Ltd 2311 W 22nd Street, Suite 208 Oak Brook IL 60523 representing Costco Wholesale of Costco Wholesale, 999 Lake Drive Issaquah WA 98027 for vacant industrial property located south side of Michigan between Beck and Belleville Roads, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II Section 102 35, (1) a wall sign variance Zone C 3 Parcels 132 99 0003 701 132 99 0003 702 (Building)

Approval of the January 12, 2006 Minutes

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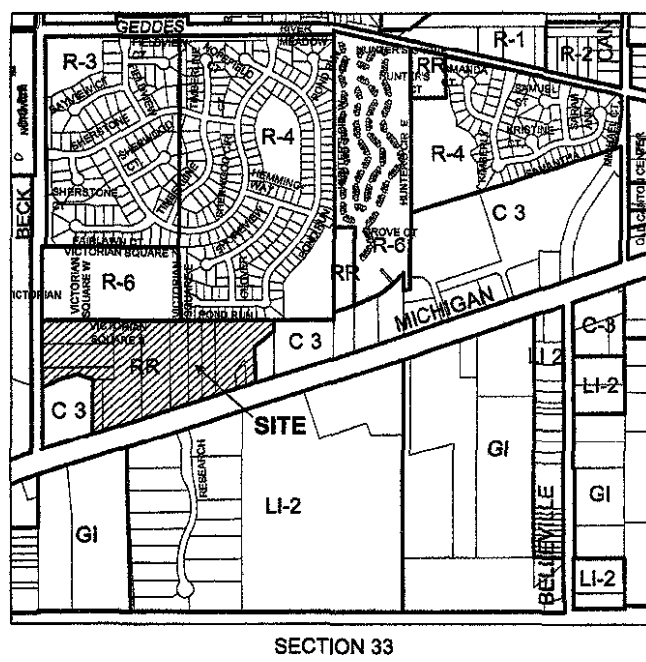
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday February 6 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7 00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

SCHAFER DEVELOPMENT REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 131 99 0001 000 131 99 0002 000 131 99 0003 000 131 99 0005 000 (PART OF) 131 99 0006 000 131 99 0007 000 131 99 0012 000 131 99 0013 000 131 99 0014 000 AND 131 99 0015 000 FROM RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO C 3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL Property is located north of Michigan and east of Beck Road



SECTION 33

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday February 3, 2006. In order to be included in the materials submitted for review:

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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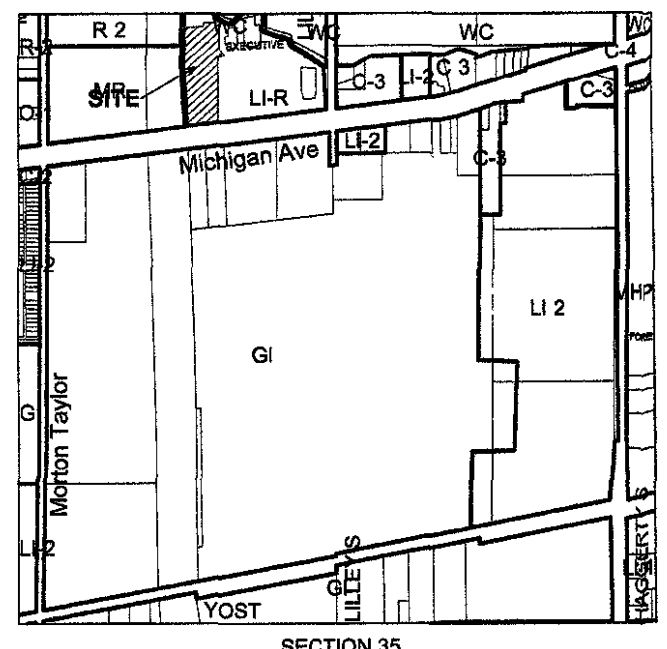
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SINGH EXECUTIVE PARK REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 138 02 0004 000 AND PART OF THE REMAINING COMMON AREA FOR SINGH EXECUTIVE PARK CONDOMINIUMS FROM LI-R, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH DISTRICT TO C 3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Lilley Road



SECTION 35

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Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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Plymouth icers sailing since holiday break

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Apparently, it took a break to fix the Plymouth hockey team

A holiday break
No team in the area has skated much better than the Wildcats since the beginning of January as they have reeled off a 6-1-1 streak, including Friday night's 3-0 whitewashing of Western Lakes Activities Association rival Northville Plymouth improved to 9-4-3 overall with the win and 3-3-2 in the WLAA.

The shutout was junior goalie Justin Desilets' second consecutive

"The kids are coming together nicely," said first-year Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois "They're doing things on the ice I wasn't sure I'd be seeing this season. It took a while for the team to adjust to the new system we put in, but it's working now. Hopefully, we can keep playing like this."

Mark Olivier put the Wildcats in front with what proved to be the game-winner when he scored off assists from Ryan Stamm and Mike Manner at the 7:40 mark of the opening period Stamm made it 2-0 five minutes into the second period off assists from Adam Lazorka and Mike Barile, and Chuck Webb added an empty-netter with 1:00 left in the contest

G.P. SOUTH 1, PCS PENGUINS 0: All Morawski's even-strength goal with 6:30 left in the second quarter lifted the Blue Devils to a thrilling victory over Plymouth-Canton-Salem Tuesday night in a game played at the Arctic Edge Arena in Canton. The setback was the first of the season for PCS, which dropped to 14-1-1 overall and 11-1-0 in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League. South improved to 12-1 in the league.

Carolyn Sweeney registered the win between the pipes for South, stopping 17 shots. PCS netminder Kristie Kowalski recorded 28 saves.

"We had some good scoring chances, but their goalie did a good job of keeping the puck out of the net," said Penguins coach Lori Callahan. "The puck just didn't bounce our way tonight and we didn't play as well as we've played in the past."

"Even though we lost, the girls were very positive after the game. They know we have six games left to work on our game and improve. We'll watch the video tomorrow and see where we need to get better."

Callahan praised the play of Kowalski and Adrienne Cercone, who she said, "played hard and pushed the puck up the ice the entire game."

PCS 8, WALLED LAKE 0: On Saturday, the Penguins struck for three goals in the first period and five more in the second to overwhelm the Wild in a game played at the Suburban Ice Arena. Kristie Kowalski notched the shutout in goal for the winners.

Offensively, PCS was paced by Stephanie Murray (three goals), Kelsey Nikkila (three assists), Ashley LeBlanc (two assists, one goal), Lisa Ealy (two assists), Keely Kowalski (two goals) and Kristen Schwan (two goals).

FRANKLIN 6, CANTON 3: The power-play turned out to be a charm Jan. 25 as Livonia Franklin skated to a 6-3 Western Lakes Activities Association boys hockey victory over host Canton at the Arctic Edge.

Franklin trailed 2-1 after one period, but scored on all five power-play opportunities, including three goals in the second period to take a 4-2 lead. "We came out really slow the first period, we were outplayed and outshot," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "The second period with played with a lot of heart and outshot them 13-7."

Bryan Kozlowski led Franklin with two goals and one assist, while Steve Stahl, D.J. Tracy and Alex Chisholm contributed a goal and one assist apiece.

Anthony Farthing had the other goal for the Patriots, now 6-6-3 overall and 2-1-1 in the Western Division of the WLAA.

Steve South finished with two assists, while Justen Mitchell, Brandon Pump, Derek Cripe and Sean Nisum added one each.

Brad Barath led Canton (3-11-2, 1-4-1) with a pair of goals, while Jesse Pletsch had the other. Kevin Tollison collected two assists, while J.P. LaFontaine and Brett Giacomino added one

each. Franklin goaltender Austin Mesler made 30 saves, while Canton's Kevin Swanberg had 22.

"Our penalty killing and power-play were perfect," Jobbitt said. "That's what won the game - special teams along with good goaltending from Austin."

STEVENSON 9, SALEM 0: Mike Jahn's first career hat trick propelled WLAA leader Livonia Stevenson (17-1-1, 6-0) to the Lakes Division triumph Jan. 25 over the Rocks at Edgar Arena.

Stevenson scored three goals in each period en route to the victory.

"Our goal was to play hard from the start of the game until the finish," Stevenson coach Mike Humtitz said. "We wanted to play the game at our pace. I thought for the most part we accomplished that goal."

Shawn Anderson added two goals and one assist in the victory, while Marcus and Michael Voran each contributed a goal and three assists. Ryan Zucal added a goal and assist.

Corey Matson tallied the Spartans' other goal, while Michael Gibbons recorded his first career points with a pair of assists.

Other assists went to Jason Mifsud and Sean Lerg.

Stevenson netminder Jeff Pashnick had to make only three saves to record the shutout. Salem goalie Ralph Asperwall made 25 saves for the Rocks.

STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (February 20th 2006) Tate & Co Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be for cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA 6729 CANTON CENTER RD CANTON MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM

Lawrence Sharp B27	10x10	Misc Household goods
Jance Davenport B33	10x15	Misc Household goods
Daniel A Fowler B56	10x15	Misc Household goods
Larry McCullough D134	5x10	Rubber totes, misc
Alan Ray Brown D153	10x20	Misc Household goods
Terral Hurd E176	10x20	Misc Household goods
William Staten or	10x20	Couch Asian hutch
William H Staten H281		coffee table
Hester Barksdale I316	10x15	Misc Household goods

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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 16th 2006 for the following:

GASOLINE AND DIESEL FUEL 2006

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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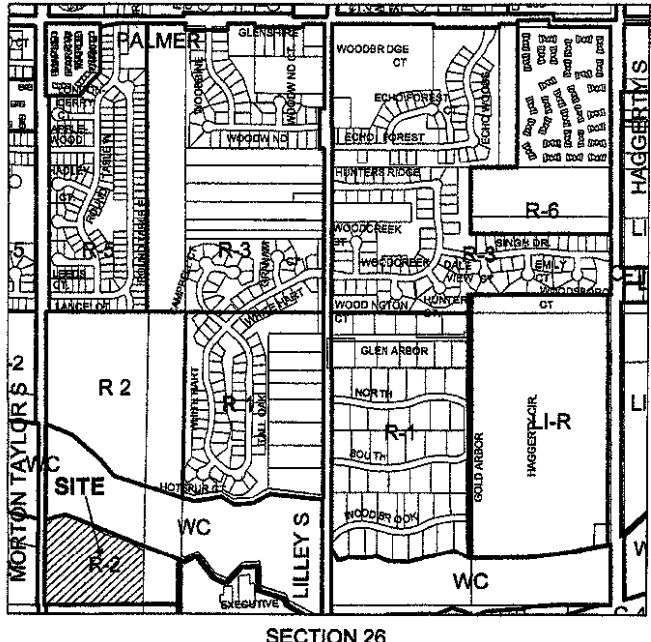
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J.C. LLC REZONING: CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 103 99 0001 003 FROM R 2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO MR, MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located north of Michigan and east of Morton Taylor Road.



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Vic Gustafson Chairman

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- January 24, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday January 24 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, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo, McLaughlin. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Santomaro, 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 Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of January 3, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of January 10 2006.** 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 24, 2006

General Fund	101	\$ 624,292.89
Fire Fund	206	88,287.39
Police Fund	207	141,339.82
Summit Operating	208	27,429.75
Cable TV Fund	230	1,856.71
E 911 Utility	261	24,161.52
Auto Forfeiture (w/wa)	267	1,702.03
Federal Grants Fund	274	3,668.22
Auto Theft Grant	289	15,413.71
Downtown Dev Authority	294	20,140.00
Cap Proj Road Paving	403	14,844.46
Golf Fund	584	9,220.45
Water & Sewer Fund	592	736,219.37
Construction Escrows	702	121.80
Post Employ Benefits	736	40,832.01
Saltz Road Paving	803	692.50

Total All Funds 1,755,222.63

PUBLIC HEARING- PUBLIC HEARING FOR LEXINGTON SQUARE I & II SUBDIVISION REQUEST TO CREATE STREET LIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT. (CLERK)

Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to open the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. to consider the petition of two (2) streetlights in the Lexington Square I & II Subdivisions. Motion carried by all members present. David Ebbe, 233 Princeton Street, President of the Homeowners Association for Lexington Square Subdivision along with the majority of the Board from the Homeowners Association attended in support of the Special Assessment District. Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to close the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. to consider the petition of two (2) streetlights in the Lexington Square I & II Subdivisions. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to approve the 2006 Lexington Square I & II Subdivisions street lighting Special Assessment authorize the construction and maintenance of two (2) 100 Watt Sodium Vapor Ornamental Streetlights, Lunar Optic Grandville Leaf Luminaire (black with gold ribs and bands) mounted on two (2) twelve (12) foot main street fiberglass posts on cement foundations, black finish installed at the following locations: northeast corner of Yale Street at Cherry Hill Road and also on the north side of Dartmouth Street at Sheldon Road and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR, Item 1. REQUEST FOR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2006 - WATER BILLING DIVISION. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve purchase orders to Matrix Printing Systems, Inc in the amount of \$9,000 for the printing of water bills and envelopes to Lasertec, Inc in the amount of \$6,500 for the printing and processing of water bills the US Postal Service in the amount of \$30,000 for water bill postage for 2005 and City Services Inc in the amount of \$8,000 for radio reading of water meters (Water Billing Division budget accounts #592 560 729 0000 Postage #592 560 818 0000 Contracted Services and #592 560 900 0000 Printing & Publishing accounts) Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS FOR CANTON LEISURE SERVICES EVENTS. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the placement of signs for Leisure Services events in accordance with the Canton Township Sign ordinance. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to re-appoint Bob Paciocco to the Building Board of Appeals (Term expiring December 31 2010). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR THE PLYMOUTH/CANTON MUSIC BOOSTERS' SPRING ARTS & CRAFTS ENSEMBLE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs (approximately 78 signs at major intersections on March 5 or 6 and will be removed by March 13) for the Plymouth Canton Music Boosters Spring Arts & Crafts Ensemble to be held at Canton High School on Saturday March 11, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR 2006 BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2006 Public Works and Fleet Maintenance blanket purchase orders as required under the Township Purchasing Policy. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. APPROVE ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT (PSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter resolved that the Canton Board of Trustees does hereby resolve that 1 The Township of Canton requests an annual permit to temporarily close certain County Local Roads for a block party or similar activity 2 The Township of Canton shall indemnify save harmless and defend Wayne County the Wayne County Department of Public Services its officials agents, and employees against any and all claims suits and judgments of every name and description arising out of the temporary road closures authorized by this permit. Such responsibility of the Township shall not be construed as a liability for damage caused by or resulting from the sole negligence of the County its agents or its employees 3 The Township of Canton designates and authorizes Terry G Bennett Clerk to sign this permit on its behalf. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION OF BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2006. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the blanket purchase orders for the Department of Public Safety. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. TRANSFER ALL STOCK IN 2005 CLASS "C" ON-PREMISE LICENSED BUSINESS WITH DANCE PERMIT, LOCATED AT**

43845 FORD ROAD, CANTON, MI 48187, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, BY DROPPING RUSSEL D JOHNSON, DECEASED AS STOCKHOLDER THROUGH TRANSFER OF 90,000 SHARES OF STOCK TO THE RUSSEL D JOHNSON TRUST, JOHN F. JOHNSON, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE (CLERK)

Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request from The Nail Inc to transfer all stock in 2005 Class "C" On Premise Liquor Licensed business with dance permit, located at 43845 Ford Road, Canton MI 48187 Canton Township, Michigan 48187 Wayne County by dropping Russel D Johnson Deceased as Stockholder through transfer of 90,000 shares of stock to the Russel D Johnson Trust John F Johnson Successor Trustee. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND INSTALLATION OF A SIGN FOR THE SUPER BOWL XL NFL CHARITIES BOWLING CLASSIC. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of a sign for the Super Bowl XL NFL Charities Bowling Classic to be held at the Canton Super Bowl located at 45100 Ford Road on February 3 and 4 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER J.C. DEVELOPMENT REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of J.C. Development. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Rezoning Request of J.C. Development.** WHEREAS, the petitioner has requested approximately 25.12 acres located on the north side of Michigan Avenue between Morton Taylor and Sheldon Roads be rezoned from O 1, Office District to C 3 Regional Commercial District. WHEREAS, the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and WHEREAS the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request, NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to rezone property identified by property tax EDP Nos 133 99 0004 000 133 99 0006 000, and 133 99-0007 000 from O 1 Office District to C 3 Regional Commercial District. **Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR WARREN WOODS PRIVATE DRIVE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for site plan for Warren Woods Private Drive. Motion carried by all members present. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Warren Woods Private Drive.** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Ziyad Anbari, has requested site plan approval for Warren Woods Private Drive to be located on Warren Road between Beck and Ridge Roads, identified as tax EDP # 019 99 0021 004, and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Ziyad Anbari to approve the site plan for the proposed Warren Woods Private Drive subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 3. PURCHASE NEW PHONE SYSTEM AT THE CANTON SPORTS CENTER AND PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB. (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to authorize phone system upgrades for Canton Sports Center, in the amount of \$14,370 from Capital Outlay Equipment account #101 755 977 0000 and Pheasant Run Golf Club, in the amount of \$9,302 from Capital Outlay Buildings account #584 756 976 0000 to Allied Communications 17600 Northland Park Ct Southfield, MI 48075 for a total amount of \$23,672. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. CONSIDER WAIVING BID/QUOTE PROCEDURE AND AUTHORIZE REBUILDING OF APPARATUS PUMP ON FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIT #88-E4 AS AN EMERGENCY REPAIR. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive receipt of bids and authorize R&R Fire Truck Repair to perform necessary emergency pump repairs to Fire Department apparatus #88 E4 at a cost of \$8,385.00. The Fleet Supervisor will generate a Purchase Order for the total amount of \$8,385.00 from the 592 000 110 1500 account and complete a repair order back charging the Public Safety Fire Department 206 336 982 0000 account. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. CONSIDER AWARDED THE CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL PROGRAM TO HYDRO DESIGNS INCORPORATED. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to award the Cross Connection Program to Hydro Designs Inc in the amount of \$34,848.00 (Cross Connection Control Services, account number 592 441 809 0000) per year. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to award the Cross Connection Program to Hydro Designs Inc in the amount of \$34,848.00 annually for a three (3) year contract term and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF RICOH AFICIO COPY/FAX/SCANNER. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a RICOH Aficio 3035SPF with stapler finisher fax compatibility, scanning and extended paper supply in the amount of \$7443 through a State of Michigan bid package from IKON Office Solutions Great Lakes District PO 802558 Chicago IL Police and Fire Capital Outlay accounts 207 301 977 0000 and 206 336 977 0000. Further I move to approve the maintenance agreement for this purchase for an amount of \$1350 accounts 207 301 818 0000 and 206 336 810 000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. WAIVE THE BIDDING PROCESS AND PURCHASE (27 X 26 TASER ELECTRO-MUSCULAR DISRUPTION (EMD) UNITS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to waive the bidding due to a sole manufacturer and approve the purchase of twenty (27) Tasers and corresponding accessories through Michigan Taser Distributor 32938 Stone St Livonia, MI 48154 from an amount of \$26,996.47. Police Capital Outlay 207 301 977 0000 Item #10. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated there will be a Study Session on the Rental Inspection Program on Tuesday January 31 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Administration Building First Floor, Board Room 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to adjourn at 7:33 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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Salem gymnasts edge Brighton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's gymnastics team was 'beam'ing following its hard-earned 141.35-141.03 victory over Brighton Monday night. The win, which came on the heels of Saturday's third-place showing at the Salem Invitational, propelled the Rocks' record to 2-2.

"We were excellent on the beam again tonight," said Salem coach Dana Driscoll. "We only had two falls in five meets, which is excellent."

The Rocks were paced by freshman Katie Koetting, who registered a 36.15 all-around which was good enough for second overall behind Brighton's Nicole Drouillard's 36.55. Sarah Bugosh (35.25) and Brittany Young (35.15) also turned in strong all-around totals for the winners.

"The more success Katie gets, the more she is blooming into a leadership role," said Driscoll. "She's always been good, but she's getting better and better with every meet."

Driscoll also praised the efforts of Young, who won the uneven bars with a 9.2, and Autumn Collins, who tied for first with Young on the beam with a 9.1.

SALEM 141.35 BRIGHTON 141.03 Monday at Plymouth H.S.

ALL-AROUND: 1 Nicole Drouillard (B) 36.55, 2 Katie Koetting (S) 36.15, 3 Lauren DiLullo (B) 35.70, 4 Sarah Bugosh (S) 35.25, 5 Brittany Young (S) 35.15, 6 Rachael Page (B) 34.625
VAULT: 1 Nicole Drouillard (B) 9.4, 2 Katie Koetting (S) 9.1, 3 Lauren DiLullo (B) 9.0, 4 Sarah Bugosh (S) 8.8, 5 (tie) Rachael

Page (B) and Autumn Collins (S) 8.6
UNEVEN BARS: 1 Brittany Young (S) 9.2, 2 Alexis Johnson (B) 9.15, 3 Katie Koetting (S) 8.8, 4 Nicole Drouillard (B) 8.75, 5 Sarah Bugosh (S) 8.65, 6 Rachael Page (B) 8.5
BALANCE BEAM: 1 (tie) Brittany Young (S) and Autumn Collins (S) 9.1, 3 Lauren DiLullo (B) 9.0, 4 Katie Koetting (S) 8.8, 5 Nicole Drouillard (B) 8.7, 6 Sarah Bugosh (S) 8.6
FLOOR EXERCISE: 1 Nicole Drouillard (B) 9.7, 2 Katie Koetting (S) 9.45, 3 Rachael Page (B) 9.325, 4 Sarah Bugosh (S) 9.2, 5 Katerina Kariotis (S) 8.7, 6 (tie) Autumn Collins (S) and Brittany Young (S) 8.65

CHIEFS WIN

Canton upended Hartland, 141.15-138.10, Tuesday night to improve its record to 6-1 overall and 5-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Alyssa Kelley (the Chiefs' No. 1 gymnast) was out with a sore back, but overall, it was one of our best performances of the year," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "We started on the bars, which isn't easy. We brought three girls up to the A team tonight and they all did a nice job."

"Several of the girls tried new routines tonight and performed well, and Kara Ahern successfully completed her first Tsuk vault. Overall, Kate Staley was our most consistent performer."

Andrea Houdek turned in a season-best score in the all-around, ringing up 32.30 points.

On Saturday, the Chiefs will host the annual Canton Invitational, which will bring together 17 of the top teams in the state. The meet is set to begin at 10 a.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

CANTON 141.15 HARTLAND 138.10

Tuesday at Hartland H.S.

(following are Canton gymnasts' places and scores)
ALL-AROUND: 1 Kate Staley 35.90, 2 Kara Ahern 35.75, 3 Jessie Murray 34.85, 4 Kaitlyn Burns 34.65, 5 Andrea Houdek 32.30
VAULT: 1 Kate Staley 8.9, 3 Kaitlyn Burns 8.8, 4 Kara Ahern 8.5, 5 Jessie Murray 8.4
UNEVEN BARS: 1 Kate Staley 9.1, 2 Jessie Murray 8.95, 4 Kara Ahern 8.7
BALANCE BEAM: 2 Kara Ahern 9.3, 3 Kate Staley 9.0, 4 Kaitlyn Burns 8.8, 5 (tie) Andrea Houdek and Jessie Murray 8.7
FLOOR EXERCISE: 2 Kara Ahern 9.25, 3 Kaitlyn Burns 9.05, 4 Kate Staley 8.9, 5 Jessie Murray 8.8

ROCKS 3RD

Salem turned in a stellar effort at Saturday's Salem Invitational, finishing third in the talent-laden 15-team field. Farmington won the meet with 147.375 points, followed by Brighton (142.700), Salem (141.950), Northville-Nov (139.525) and Saline (133.075).

Salem received a strong performance from freshman Katie Koetting, who compiled a 36.375 all-around score. Sarah Bugosh also shined for the Rocks, netting an impressive 35.575 all-around.

Other Rock standouts included Autumn Collins (9.10 vault and 9.00 floor) and Brittany Young (9.125 beam).

PLYMOUTH SLIPS

Plymouth's young but improving gymnastics team lost to Trenton Monday night due to a lack of healthy gymnasts. The Wildcats were missing several competitors due to illness or injury. Performing well for the Wildcats were



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Brittany Young, pictured above in a meet earlier this year, was instrumental in the Rocks' victory over Brighton Monday night.

Patricia Burns (7.2 on the vault), Kate Hale (third on the floor exercise), Jordan Brodehl (third on the vault with an 8.35) and Courtney Pickard (fourth on the vault with an 8.10). The Wildcats are now 1-5 on the season.

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Allen Elementary School Gym Flooring Replacement**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2006, and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE, Gym Floor Replacement Bid, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. 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
THOMAS WYSOCKI, 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:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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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 16th, 2006 for the following:

INFLATABLE ATTRACTIONS

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 the Remodeling of Miller Elementary School**. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335, (248) 427-8400, FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield Construction Association of Michigan, Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills Daily Construction Reports, Plan Room, Detroit Builders Exchange, Grand Rapids Construction News Service, Grandville and Reed Construction Data, Novi, MI.

Bid Division descriptions include: 103 Selective Demolition / 105 Interior Concrete Flatwork / 106 Masonry / 107 Steel / 108 Carpentry/General Trades / 109 Roofing/Sheetmetal / 112 Caulking & Firesafing / 113 Hollow Metal/Wood Doors/Finish Hardware / 114 Aluminum Windows/Storefront Entrances Glass & Glazing / 115 Metal Studs Drywall IFS / 116 Hard Tile / 117 Acoustical Treatments / 118 Carpet & VCT Flooring / 120 Painting / 121 Visual Display Boards / 122 Signage / 124 Wood Flooring / 125 Toilet Partitions / 128 Pre-Manufactured Casework / 130 Window Treatments / 139 Cross Corridor Fire Doors / 140 Plumbing / 142 HVAC / 143 Electrical / 160 Pre-Pricing of Vertical Unit Ventilators (for reference only).

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at the Main Office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith located at 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid financial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2006, where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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Tips to make living easier

Consider these tips from Easter Seals and Century 21 Real Estate LLC a handful of ideas for homeowners to create accessible barrier free and beautiful spaces

■ **Going in going out** For maximum maneuverability skip the stairs Entrances should be made of flat even surfaces that gradually slope toward doors Consider wide entrance doors that open into a home boast lever style handles and provide enough space for a wheelchair

■ **Cool kitchen concepts** Lower cabinet shelving and countertop heights a few inches Allow for knee room beneath base cabinets for individuals in wheelchairs to better access the sink countertops or other appliances Research different appliances and brands before you buy many offer accessible styles at affordable prices Look for side by side refrigerators or oven ranges dish washers and microwaves with voice operated or easy to reach controls

■ **Bath basics** Walk in curb less and door less entry showers are a beautiful and stylish choice for today's master baths but they're also a great choice for accessibility Install non slip and flat surface flooring grab bars removable shower heads to adjust for various heights and faucet controls set low and away from shower heads to safely adjust water temperatures

■ **Wide open spaces** Open floor plans are a sure bet for easy access and modern living Keep doorways (32-36 inches clear width) and hallways (42-60 inches) wide Consider one story buildings or multi level homes with main level accessible entrance bathroom and bedroom And allow for five foot square clear areas in most rooms - the amount of space required for most wheelchair uses to make a 360 degree turn

■ **Fast fix** Lower or raise the height (48-54 inches) of doorbells peepholes mailboxes electrical controls and outlets telephones thermostats windows racks shelves mirrors and cabinets to meet the needs of wheelchair users Replace round knob fixtures/hardware with lever or handle styles Rearrange furniture or remove base cabinets to provide maneuvering room and knee space under countertops Buy a reach stick to access items on higher shelves or in kitchen pantries

■ **Safety first** Lighting is a big consideration for people with low vision make use of large windows over head lighting and several electrical outlets in each room to pave a clear path Visual devices can be attached to doorbells telephones and fire alarms to alert people with hearing disabilities Look into remote control options for appliances switches and outlets

■ **More access** These are just a few possible accessible adaptations Visit www.easterseals.com/easyaccess for guidance and resources

Homes accommodate needs of disabled people

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Karen Mitchell has seen improvement in home building as it relates to handicapped people

"They have improved quite a bit," said Mitchell, manager of the Physical Therapy Clinic at Oakwood Healthcare Center in Canton. Doorways are generally wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs, she finds, although some toilet locations are still problematic.

Housing for disabled people has been an issue for years, highlighted by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, which took effect in 1992. Mitchell finds that standard features in new homes are in compliance. Countertop height in kitchens is a factor for those in wheelchairs, she added.

Patients who've had surgery such as a knee replacement are assessed when they leave the hospital. Some may have difficulty with climbing stairs and require a short-term hospital bed



on the first floor

"We certainly don't want them to injure themselves," she said. A seat is often placed to allow safe bathing or showering.

"They call them throw rugs for a reason," said Mitchell, a physical therapist with a master's degree in that field. It's important to remove obstacles such as electrical cords which could

cause tripping. Older people who get up to use the bathroom at night need a clear, well-lit path.

Mitchell's pleased builders have improved their role in handicapped compliance, and sees a need for people to become educated. That's our job as therapists to educate them on how to be safe at home.

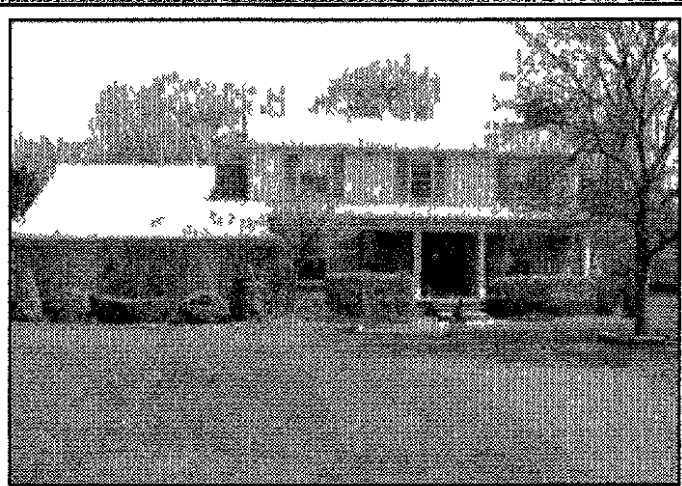
Westland resident Lucy Pastuszka, 65, had a stroke 22 years ago and lives independently in an apartment. She uses a wheelchair "so I can get around better. My bathroom is for handicapped. I have bars in my bathroom for my shower."

She uses her walker a little, but it's hard on her back. Pastuszka finds when she's out on the town it's easier now to get around.

It's better now. Now they have things for handicapped people. She finds more room in restaurants for her wheelchair.

Pastuszka, who doesn't drive, can get into bed on her own. She cleans her apartment with some assistance and handles her medication. Everything is OK, she said.

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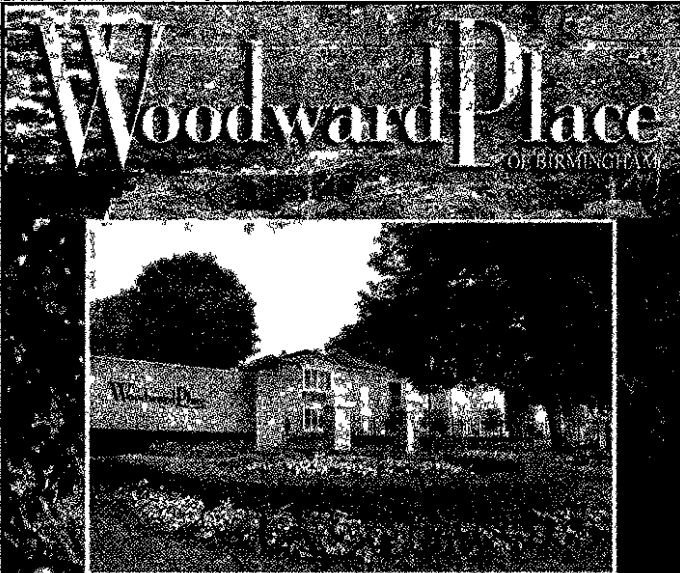
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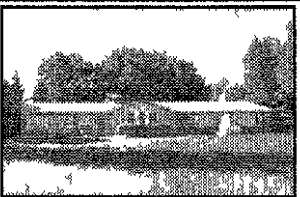
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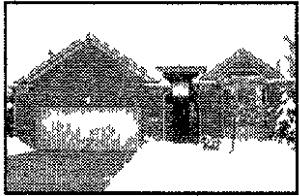
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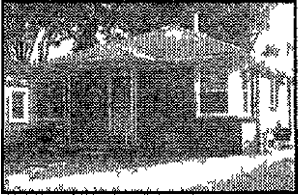
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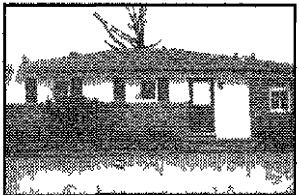
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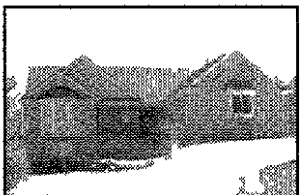
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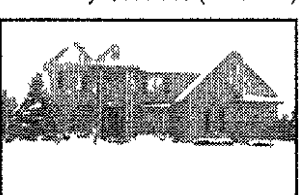
UNMATCHABLE YARD 375 ft deep! Charming Livonia bungalow offering a huge lot 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths Major updating completed furnace air windows plumbing and water heater Great finished basement and a 2 car garage \$160 000 (P 630 FI)



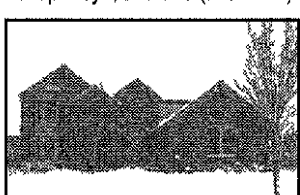
ENTERTAIN FOR ALL SEASONS In this open and airy colonial Huge kitchen w/pantry recessed lighting overlooks family room w/fireplace 1st floor den & laundry Backyard designed for family fun Tennis/pool/clubhouse too \$284 900 (274GU)



LIKE TO ENTERTAIN? This attractive brick ranch offers a formal dining room fin basement offering a rec room w/ pool table a study and a ton of updates sprinkler system fenced yard and appliances \$184 900 (C 750HA)



A TRUE MASTERPIECE Start your year off right in one of kind home w/2 stry fyr w/ hwd flrs & exec chef kt Spac FR w/gas fp keep you warm this winter Mstr ste w/ fashion BA Prof fin bsmt w/BA high clngs off & rec rm 3 car side entry gar all backing to protected wds \$499 900 (C 849HA)



PUT THIS ON YOUR LIST Pulte Belmont should be on list Prem elev 2 st fyr w/hwd flrs dual staircases 9 ceilings Spac kit w/walk in pantry Private den w/formal LR/DR Spac fr w/nat fp Lux Mstr ste w/fp & deluxe BA 2nd fr Indry & 3 car garage \$459 900 (P 362LE)



LOVELY COLONIAL Huge sunken family room formal living & dining spacious kitchen/breakfast room overlooking the back yard with new pool & extensive decking for leisure Side entry garage sprinklers and a large corner lot \$314 900 (P 995MC)



SUNNY, CLEAN AND COZY Better hurry for this well priced 3 bedroom condo with Plymouth Canton schools Full basement 2.5 baths hardwood floors and an attached 2 car garage Spacious floor plan w/1500 sq feet! \$205 900 (C 165MO)



THE STAR ATTRACTION Fantastic golf course community home w/abundance of enviable ftrs Gorg formal LR & DR priv den w/French drs FR w/fp & dream kit Mstr ste w/gas fp cath clng & his/her wics Fin bsmt w/home theater & brck pvr patio over golf course \$419 900 (C 671MO)



DREAMS DO COME TRUE! 3 bedrooms 2 baths new roof and windows Updated kitchen with new flooring partially finished basement 2 car garage brick & vinyl exterior appliances and 1100 sq ft for only \$139 400 (C 355OL)



PERFECT FOR FIRST TIMERS Walking distance to EMU with a huge 67x263 lot! New roof windows siding gutters and water heater Glass block basement w/high ceilings new garage door opener Endless possibilities Call for more information \$136 000 (C 226PH)



LOCATION! CONDITION! Priced! All 3 are perfect and you even get a park like setting in a cul de sac! Beautifully maintained 2 story with a fabulous kitchen finished basement 1st floor laundry and lots of updates Must see! \$219 999 (C 245TE)



40 ACRE COUNTRY ESTATE Just imagine a unique architectural design with over 5000 sq feet 3 bedrooms 3 full baths 3 fireplaces in ground pool spa and steam rooms a huge pole barn and more Dramatic details Multiple splits available \$1 375 000 (C 708TE)



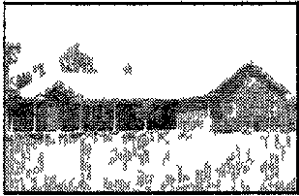
HAVE IT ALL! Great lot! Great neighborhood! Great priced! Plenty of updates including Anderson w/dows siding roof and carpet Finished basement w/playroom & office Huge rear yard w/deck & shed \$214 999 (C 807YO)



HURRY! Charming 3 bedroom ranch w/remodeled kitchen in 05 Part finished bsmt w/extra storage space and dry bar Hardwood floors throughout some under carpet 2nd garage in back for extra storage space \$159 900 (C 906CH)



CLEAN, AFFORDABLE CONDO First floor condo in Redford with a courtyard view and private entry One bedroom common basement laundry room & storage Perfect for first time buyer Community pool for summer enjoyment \$44 000 (C 301FI)



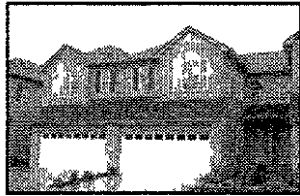
A NATURAL BEAUTY Custom ranch on 5 acres in Canton Features include 9 ceilings egress windows euro style island kitchen w/granite ceramic floors side entry garage and an out of this world master WOW! \$449 000 (C 250MO)



FANTASTIC CAPE COD! 4 bd 2.5 ba cape cod in great sub Extra large Kit updated carpet custom blinds & central vacuum Gorgeous 1st floor mstr w/jacuzzi fantastic 4 season room lavish landscaping & a brick paver patio List goes on & on A must see! \$359 000 (C 955SO)



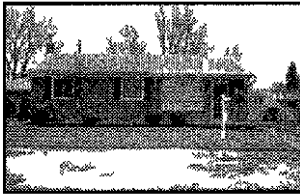
COZY & CLEAN All brick ranch w/bsmt & 1 car garage Well maintained w/many quality upgrades 2/possible 3 bds 1 bath great quiet neighborhood 21 ft pool w/deck & patio Priced low to sell fast Dont wait \$129 900 (C 333WA)



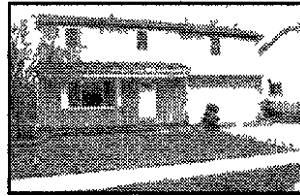
EYE CATCHING FEATURES In this newly constructed condo offering a ceramic foyer 1st floor laundry hardwood and autumn maple kitchen dual toned paint master with garden tub treated deck & more \$209 900 (C 472GL)



EXCEPTIONALLY PRETTY Sharp contemporary on a private acre in exclusive Pilgrim Hills 5 bedrooms 2 baths huge island kitchen expansive tiered deck 2.5 car garage and loads of updates An absolute must see \$369 900 (C 872TH)



BRAND NEW Best describes totally redone home! All brick 3 bd 1 BA ranch w/2.5 car det gar nice fenced yard Updates inc new storm drs hwd firing new BA molding kit appls fixtures lots of cabs newer wndws furn hwh gar door & more \$174 900 (P 208AL)



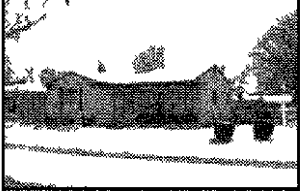
BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED Spac fir plan w/4 bd 2.5 BAs in Canton sub Brick w/updated vinyl siding & trim updt'd vinyl wndws furn & rf Add cust mstr ste w/sitting rm FR w/fp & drwall leading to lg patio in fncd yrd & updt'd kit cabs w/ generous cntr space Call today! \$239 900 (P 677AP)



CHARMING COLONIAL Located in desirable Westland sub This home features 3 bd 1.5 ba partially fin extended bsmt some updated vinyl wndws updated A/C FR w/fp & covered patio off kitchen Quiet neighborhood Call today for more info \$204 900 (C 470BE)



A HOME FOR ALL SEASONS Pride & precedent is evident in this 3 bd Bungalow updated Kitchen doorwall to 2 tiered Deck well maintained large lot 2 car Garage newer windows carpet & flooring Super clean! \$129 900 (P 110BR)



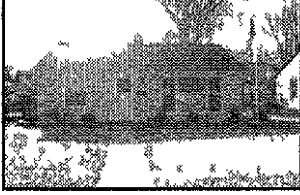
GREAT STARTER Great location for this 3 bd 2 bath ranch Offering hwd Floors newer roof updated bath updated plumbing & electrical Nicely updated & ready to move in to Close to everything \$159 900 (P 885CH)



EVERYTHING DONE Completely updated Redford home featuring 3 bd super yard deck & garage w/workshop Too many updates & stylish touches to list them all Must see to appreciate \$129 900 (P 664GA)



STARTER HOME Updated 2 bd ranch that features new Kitchen cabinets tops & sink The Bathroom has a new tub vanity & sink Freshly painted w/new carpet throughout Dont wait too long! \$79 900 (C 104GE)



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WALK TO TOWN Just a short walk to downtown Plymouth from this 5 bd 2.5 bath colonial Well maintained with many updates inc roof furnace vinyl windows & carpet Great value for Plymouth Dont wait to long \$264 900 (P 641GL)



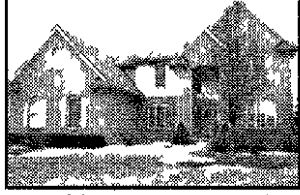
YOUR PRIVATE RETREAT AWAITS! Amazing 3 bd Livonia ranch offers everything from great curb appeal to open fir plan! Many extras incl 2 full BA newer wndws crpt fr appls fpl driveway & more! Over a acre! Close to everything you have to see it! \$254 900 (P 100HI)



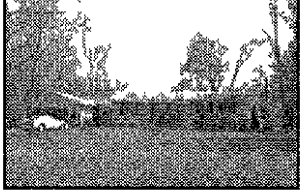
WALK TO DOWNTOWN Outstanding Plymouth nghtbrhd! Custom built w/many updates including furnace air hwh Kitchen appliances & roof Hardwood floors 3 full baths large Family Room w/fp & an impressive master bedroom \$539 000 (P 411LI)



UPDATED RANCH Check it out! Nicely updated ranch in Hazel Park w/convenient access to freeways Open fir plan & newer vinyl windows create a spacious atmosphere Updates include tear off roof siding kitchen bath AC ceiling fans & exterior doors \$119 900 (P 48MA)



IMPRESSIVE COLONIAL Cust detailing & upgrades to brick col estate size lot over cmmns area 2 stry entry w/hwd frm DR butler's pantry 2 story Family Room w/fp gour kit w/cherry cabs mstr w/cath clng fp & 2 WICs Lg wrap around deck w/mature Indscpng \$510 000 (P 118ME)



COUNTRY IN THE CITY Sprawling ranch on 1+ acre lot Lovely Living Room w/fp 4 bds 1.5 baths newer carpeting hwd floors large enclosed porch new roof in 05 & a 1 yr Home Warranty for the lucky buyer What more could you ask for? \$189 000 (P 365MO)



QUAINT PLYMOUTH TUDOR Historic brick Tudor in Plymouth overlooking Hines Park Fin bsmt coved ceilings arched drways French drs w/leaded glass oak flrs fpl & a backyard makes you feel like you re in the country An absolute must see! \$234 900 (P 369NO)



WELL MAINTAINED Open floor plan for this ranch condo in Canton 2 bd good closet space butlers pantry full basement & more Clubhouse & pool Take a look and you'll be sold! \$135 000 (P 068NO)



MODEL PERFECT! Close to town ranch w/full basement & attached Garage Beautiful updated Kitchen & bath hwd floors natural firl large closets & more Quiet neighborhood w/ mature trees & custom built homes \$239 900 (P 750PR)



COMFORT AND VALUE Spacious 4 bd colonial updated t/o New Kitchen furnace flooring windows electrical plumbing siding and more All appliances stay Great scenery just move in and enjoy! \$120 000 (P 151RO)



LIKE BRAND NEW! A great little house completely renovated All appls stay new Garage & great location near a park Seller will consider lease w/option to purchase Call today \$104 000 (C 712RU)



SUPER SIZE LOT This 2002 built home features 4 bd 3.5 baths a Master Suite w/bath & WIC formal Dining Room island Kitchen Family Room w/fp & a finished basement w/full bath All of this on a 150x200 lot A must see! \$344 900 (C 577SA)



OVERSIZED LOT Super Sized 3 bd Plymouth ranch Large 100x141 lot Spacious LR w/ fireplace additional fpl in FR large deck area w/new retractable awning vinyl wndws & partially finished basement Numerous updates Immediate Occupancy! \$250 000 (P 590SH)



UNBEATABLE PRICE Immaculate townhouse features vaulted ceiling attached garage daylight basement 2nd floor laundry all appliances stay 2 bd 2.5 baths & basement is plumbed for additional bath Much more to see call today! \$159 999 (P 878SU)



MAGNIFICENT COLONIAL Immaculate condition best describes home in Ply Boasts a remodeled kit w/granite cherry cabs & stainless steel appl Hwd floors in LR & DR professionally finished bsmt custom Deck w/ screened Gazebo & a hot tub This one is a must see! \$407 000 (C 085WO)

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Leases signed

Liberty Property Trust, which owns and manages nearly four million square feet of office and industrial space in Michigan, announced recently that it has signed three leases in Troy for 24,800 square feet.

Vitalus Inc., a tenant of Liberty for more than three years, has signed a new long-term lease expanding its operation from 2,000 square feet to 12,000 square feet at 1301 Rankin Drive, Troy. The Web-based company at www.equinox-products.com, uses the warehouse for product inventory, packaging and shipping and the office for administrative functions. The space will continue to allow the distributor of nutritional supplements, air and water filtration, as well as other health and environmentally safe products, the room it needs to accommodate for future growth.

Design & Construction Expo

The Construction Association of Michigan and the Metro Detroit chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute will co-sponsor the 22nd edition of the Design Expo. The event takes place at 8 a.m. with the second annual VIP Reception and Show Preview and the official opening ceremony at 11 a.m. Feb. 8 and 9 at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi. A dinner reception will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 8. Tickets are available for the expo at CAM headquarters. For reservations for the dinner program, call (248) 435-5555.

Free Construction Education Classes

Alberici University, a construction education program for minority and women-owned businesses offered by the Great Lakes Region of Alberici Constructors, has launched at the company's regional headquarters, 13040 Merriman, Livonia. Classes will last approximately two hours and light refreshments will be served.

Curriculum for the program is designed to give students skills they can use immediately in estimating, bidding and performing construction-related techniques. In addition to women and minority professionals, the course is open to any small construction business owner who wants to enhance his or her knowledge of contracts, bids, job cost accounting, estimating and labor.

For more information or to register for the classes, contact Ednette Mixon at (734) 261-2611, Ext. 7017. A full schedule of class topics is listed on the

Alberici Web site, www.alberici.com

Homebuyer Seminar

Flagstar Bank Home Lending is offering a free First Time Homebuyer Seminar from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at Flagstar Bank Corporate Headquarters Auditorium, 5151 Corporate Drive (just off Long Lake, west of Crooks), Troy. Seating is limited. To reserve a space, call Michelle Ulman, (248) 723-6432, Ext. 247.

How To Receive More Rent

Come Learn from Nick Sidoti (Dr. CashFlow) How You Can Receive More Rent Each Month from Government Agencies. He will also tell you how to rent to college students, veterans, government agencies and others. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9 at Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main, Clawson. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742 (www.REIAofOakland.org).

Education Seminars

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following:

■ 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, Builder's License Preparation Course, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Fees are \$200 per class for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, Effective Business Management Seminar on "Integrated Marketing," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, Certified Graduate Remodeler seminar on "Estimating," at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Fees \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, "You've Got Mail WOW the Dot Com Customer" at the

Michigan Design Center in Troy. Registration fees are \$45 for Sales & Marketing Council members, \$65 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, "Making Work Flow Evaluating Technology to Integrate with Today's Best Practices" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, "Brick Selection What Will Work Best for Your Homes?" at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Feb. 21, "Planning & Scheduling" at BIA Headquarters. Arrangements were handled by Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145 for Remodelers Council members, BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, "So You Found the Land Now What?" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for nonmembers and guests. Registration, (248) 862-1033.

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes:

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 6, 8, 13, 15, "How To Build Your Own Home," Henry Ford Community College-Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, \$189 for residents plus \$30 for two course textbooks and \$208 nonresident plus \$30 for two course textbooks. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Feb. 2, Henry Ford Community College (313) 317-1500.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 6, 8, 13, 15, "Michigan State Builder's License Examination," The Community School, 30415

Shiawassee, Farmington, \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 2, Farmington Community Education (248) 489-3333.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 7, 9, 14, 16, "Michigan State Builder's License Examination," Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, \$201 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required no later than Friday, Feb. 3, Livonia Community Education (734) 744-2602.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 13, 15, 20, 21, "Michigan State Builder's License Examination," Wayne-Westland Community Education, at Tinkham Center, 450 Venoy, Westland, \$190 plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 9, Wayne-Westland Community Education (734) 419-2426.

■ 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Feb. 14 & 16, Basement Remodeling, Novi Middle School, 49000 11 Mile Rd. at Wixom Road, Novi, \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Feb. 10, Novi Community Education Novi Community Education.

■ 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Feb. 28 & March 2, 7, 9 "How To Build Your Own Home," Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills. The cost is \$190 plus \$30 for two textbooks. Pre-registration is required by Friday, Feb. 24, Birmingham Community Education (248) 203-3800.

■ 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Feb. 27 & March 1, Basement Remodeling, Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. The cost is \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, Feb. 23, Bloomfield Hills Community Education (248) 433-0885.

■ 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, Feb. 21, 23, 28 & March 2, Henry Ford Community College, "Michigan State Builder's License Examination," Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, \$189 for residents plus \$20 for course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for nonresidents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration is required no later than Friday, Feb. 17, Henry Ford Community College, (313) 317-1500.

Realtors explore smart growth

Because of their commitment to the communities they serve, Realtors play an important role in smart growth and community revitalization efforts, leaders from the National Association of Realtors recently explained at the Fifth Annual New Partners for Smart Growth conference being held Jan. 26-28 in Denver.

"Realtors don't just sell homes - we sell communities and neighborhoods," said NAR Vice President and Liaison to Government Affairs Henry Ray Jr. "Thousands of Realtors around the country partner with community leaders every day to revitalize neighborhoods. Realtors care deeply about improving communities through smart growth initiatives. Growth patterns, economic development and quality-of-life issues are crucial to the success of communities."

Realtors from Ash Grove, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn., as well as Realtor association executives from Baltimore and York, Pa., spoke about their work on local community revitalization projects and homeownership initiatives at a morning conference session that was moderated by Joe Molinaro, NAR's manager of smart growth programs. Several members of NAR's Smart Growth Advisory Group also attended the conference, which NAR is sponsoring.

"This conference ensures that Realtors continue to be part of the national dialogue about smart growth. It also helps establishing Realtors as leaders in the community development field," Ray said.

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Westland Open Saturday listing for a large property with many features.

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By Owner listing for a great starter home in Garden City.

By Owner listing for a brick ranch in Farmington Hills.

Just Listed! Spacious Home listing for a property near downtown.

Home Buyer Seminar advertisement for Tuesday, February 7, 2006.

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By Owner listing for immediate occupancy in a 3 bedroom property.

By Owner listing for a desirable Burton Hollow II property.

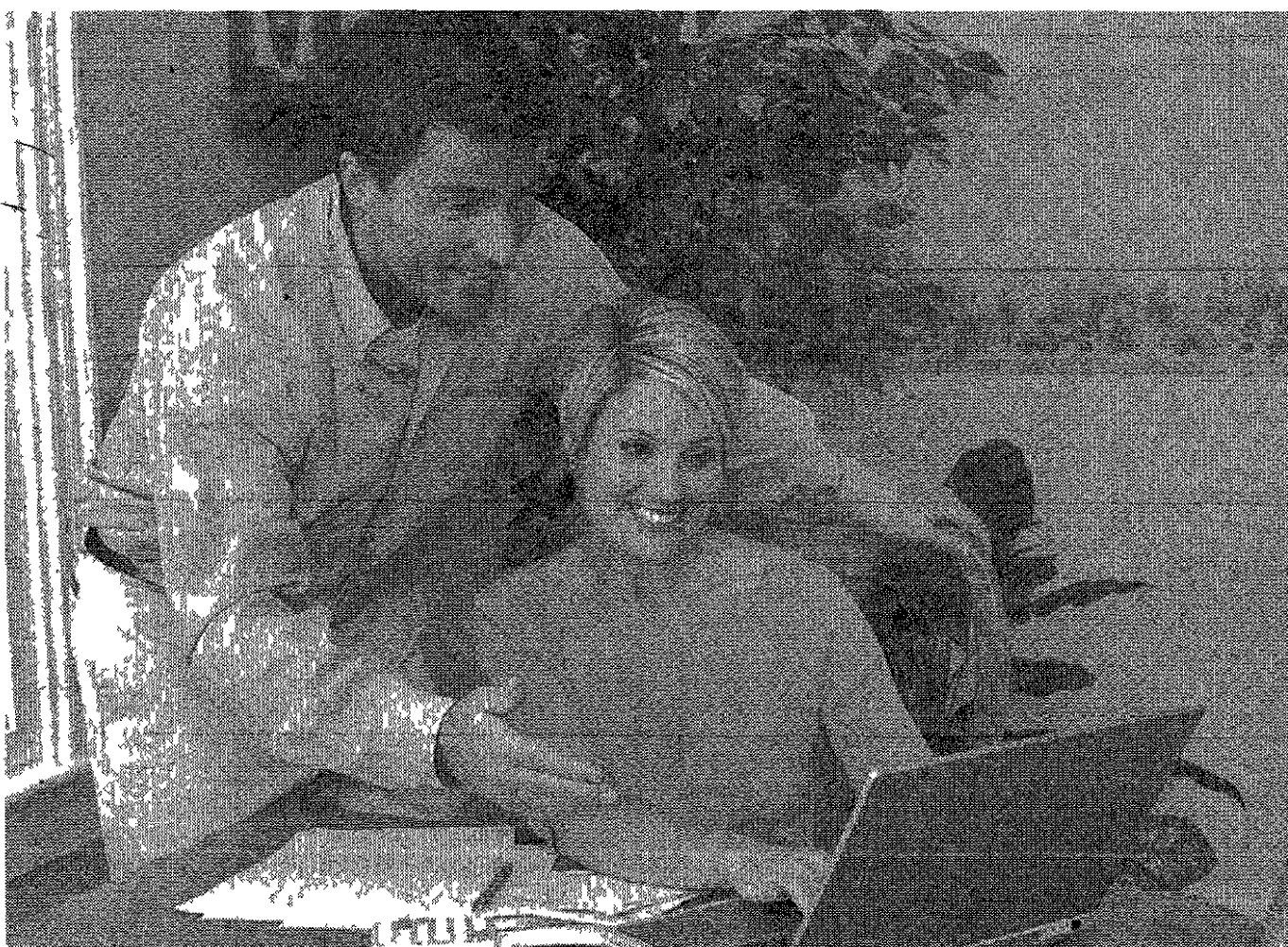
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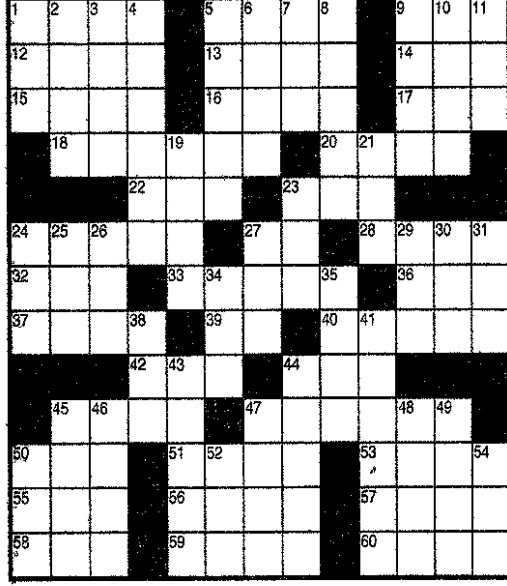
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An Independent Living Senior Community

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<p>GARDEN CITY Open Saturday 14 348 LEONA N CHERRY HILL W MERRIMAN to this recently remodeled brick ranch w/ new updated elec replacement w/ new windows in bsmt beautiful kitchen & fresh painted Walk to Garden City park (E68LEO) 734 455 5600 \$145,500</p>	<p>GARDEN CITY Custom Brick Ranch Spacious 3 bdrm 2.5 bath home w/ waiting for you personal touch Open fl plan GR w/ rplc sky ghts & oob wa to Fo da rm Fo ma DR FR FFL 2 ca att gar part in bsmt sprinke system & a appls stay (E30BRO) 734 455 5600 \$244,900</p>	<p>CANTON Gorgeous Condo Overlooking Park Shows like a model Built in 2002 offering 2 bedrooms 2 baths an att ga vaulted ceiling great m balcony hardwood floors open kitchen w/ island & appls d n m many upgrades CA & att ga age w sto age (E66CON) 734 455 5600 \$214,900</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE River Runs Through It! P am um 2BR 2.5BA end unit w den & ga age backs woods! w Best location n small comp ex Walk to downtown & near C de ml Spacious & open floor plan deco atted to pe fact on Bu t n 2002 th s One looks brand new (E99RIV) 248 349 5600 \$249,900</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE Must See in Maple Hills! Spacious tudor style colonia 4BR formal LR & DR plus FR w f p c MBR su te w/WIC & private BA w/separate shower kt w bu t n appliances & breakfast area FFL hrdwd foyer p vate rear yard w/deck & poo more! (E16CAM) 248-349-5600 \$340,000</p>
<p>WIXOM Perfection Plus In this spacious 4 bdrm 2.5 bath colonial built in 2002 offering 3 car att ga full bsmt w d o o s bay window n d n ng in fam m w th custom frc c & sprinklers Move ght into the aundry (E71POT) 734 455 5600 \$354,000</p>	<p>NOVI Spacious Condo This great 2 bdrm 2 bath unit overlooking pond w/ great wet areas Great rm w ca head a ce n gas frc c master bd m v p vate bath & etted up A apps 2 ca att gar & n unit aundry (E09CAR) 734 455 5600 \$239,900</p>	<p>DETROIT Ready To Move Into Beautiful 3 bdrm 2 bath brick ranch overlooking a park Large fenced backya d lovely fam m w th replace finished bsmt w th full bath New apt oof & painted (E35WES) 734 455 5600 \$129,000</p>	<p>NOVI Wonderful 4 Bedroom Ranch This show home has been recently updated with a newer kitchen w/ windows oof & furnace too! Backs to woods near a lake 2.5BA 2.6 car att ga & a ge bonus room as we Gu ck occupancy & a yea wa any (E54CHA) 248 349 5600 \$330,000</p>	<p>DEARBORN Mr Clean Lives Here! Wonderful brick bungalow w/ 1.5 car gar Walking distance to Oakwood Hospital Newer kitchen Pergo floors White cab nets Stunning bay window Newer roof Furn/AC Newer ca pett appliances w/ side fridge Th s one s A+ (E12VEN) 248-349-5600 \$144,900</p>
<p>PLYMOUTH Downtown Plymouth Condo 5 bdrm low rise w/ 2.5 bath am n q uat c o x F ash p m ce am ck kitchen & entry natura f rlc ccthdra maste v wak n closet Ncey f n space n owe eve New ndows att ga private deck & apps stay (E18ANN) 734 455 5600 \$194,500</p>	<p>WHITE LAKE Nice White Lake Ranch 1987 built ranch New w oof f ash p m mtd master bdrm w recrt access n full bath 2 ca gar part in bsmt & CA Road ecanly paved Nce s zed ya d (E64JUL) 734 455 5600 \$195,000</p>	<p>GROSSE ILE Brick Stately Manor 5 bdrm 3.5 bath att side entry gar P a w n do s gas f rlc lg park like yard Open kit w Coran counters & sand h dwd frc c ceramic baths fam m dan office bra y d n r m & finished basement w bath (E41MER) 734 455 5600 \$494,900</p>	<p>WESTLAND Cape Cod Dream Home Delightful home w a kitchen of you d d am s 2 Br 3 BA w 1st floor master Ga age s3 ca s z w arge ork ea Gas f p c n LR Partly finished basement w ed 100 He dwood floors n FR LR & DR One of a kind Move n cond ton (E37GRA) 248 349 5600 \$269,900</p>	<p>BROWNSTOWN Beauty From Door To Deck Brick 1.5 story colonial new in 2005 Open island kitchen GR W/ fl p c FFL 3BR 3BA 2 car attached garage C/A sprinklers & deck Beautiful qu at setting Shopping and restaurants w th n walk ng distance Must see! (E74WES) 248 349 5600 \$188,500</p>
<p>INKSTER Why Rent? Very cute 2 bdrm brick ranch sitting on an oversized lot 2 ca ga age updated furnace CA oof & eec pane Th s s a must see (E03SUN) 734 455 5600 \$94,500</p>	<p>DETROIT Lovely Home This 3 bdrm bungalow offers new v ndows steel entry oof s oak cab nets n kitchen basement & a home warranty s included Th s home re ady for you (E35LON) 734 455 5600 \$64,000</p>	<p>GARDEN CITY Wow With 2 Baths Detached Condo great p ice super sharp mstr site + 2 vaulted ceilings FF br ck & vny 2 c att ga bsmt f p c CA bldr pays trans tax (E27BIR) 734 455 5600 \$187,000</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE Well Maintained Colonial 4BR 2.5BA family home close to town & schools Newer w th kitchen deck furn and windows Finished LL w full bath 2 ca att ga age p vate backya d off s d ng g ass door A must see (E27JEF) 248 349 5600 \$259,700</p>	<p>LIVONIA Colonial 4BR 1.5BA formal LR Beamed cathedral ceiling n FR & wood bu n ng system n natural fireplace Replacement door wall & many of the windows Huge kitchen/nook area open to FR Updated half BA 2 car attached garage & deck (E22EDG) 248-349-5600 \$219,900</p>
<p>CANTON 1 & 1/2 Story Ranch Home 3 bdrm 1 bath remodeled home Newer kitchen cabinets counter s appliances Newer wood am n frc s & a pe f U Updated tu bath Newer oo 104 s c gar n f p c 2nd fl loft Home war anty (E00BEC) 248 620 7200 \$229,900</p>	<p>VAN BUREN Updated Brick Ranch 3 bdrm 2 bath w h part n bsm fenced ya d back ng o open pa k ke area Updated kit w Pe co newe bathroom sink g ass b w ndows e c o o ea wa sue oo s & n Stop he ca (E34JAC) 734 455 5600 \$159,900</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH Private Treed Interior Lot n Ridge wood H s Full front porch h dwd fl s n LR DR kt & b kt new 03 v Coan counter & sink che y cab s to ml DR w newe wide so bay yrdow Fair m w r p c 2 stu deck bsmt & 2.5 c att ga (E86WOO) 734-455 5600 \$349,500</p>	<p>FARMINGTON HILLS Custom Cape Cod Awesome 4BR 2.2BA home GR w natu al & soaring ceiling s and kitchen w app ances formal DR b heated 3 season oom o m s e sue y of f bsm co oom & guest oom G eat backyard & 2 car att garage (E64STE) 248 349 5600 \$389,500</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE Springwater Condo This s a 10+ upgrades inc: Coran counters T99 (Includ ng all 2.5 baths) hardwood floors intercom alarm sound system 1 e oyer & baths maple kitchen cabinets Appliances sta TV n ca attached C/A MBR w/WIC & MB A model home (E725PR) 248-349-5600 \$279,000</p>
<p>DETROIT A New Beginning Cute 2 bdrm ranch ready to move nto Newe oof v ny w ndows opt & pa nt Also no udes vacant of next doo You wont be sor y (E31WIN) 734 455 5600 \$43,900</p>	<p>DEARBORN Charming Brick Ranch Poppa ocat on close to Fo d Moto Co Hosp ta f eeways & shopping offers 3 bdm 2 baths lin bsmt ga 2 1 e ed deck & pat o Newe oof w ndows & tu nace + a l apps stay (E65SNO) 734 455 5600 \$154,900</p>	<p>CANTON Gorgeous Colonial Mnt cond t on home w updated kitchen h d v d f o o s neutra ca pntng & custom b nids Newer door wal to deck & pave s v ny epacement w ndows Family oom w th natural f replace Two car garage & ext a deep basement (E94RED) 248 349 5600 \$212,900</p>	<p>GARDEN CITY Tree Lined Streets! Sets the tone for this great 3BR ranch home La ge LR w Anderson bay w ndow Replaced w oak cab doors pul out B l dishwasher & stove ic Cozy FR W/Anderson d wa end ng to the pat c 30+ plus tu nace C A & col ng (E37BRO) 248 349 5600 \$134,900</p>	<p>WARREN Enjoy Condo Living! Why rent when you can own this clean & neutral 1BR 1.5BA townhouse conven ently located near GM Tech Center & War an City hall Low monthly fee including gas & water All app ances including gorgeous complex Qu ck occupancy (E32KAR) 248-349-5600 \$84,900</p>
<p>TAYLOR This Is The One! Spacious 3 bdrm 5 bath brick ranch w/ 2 ca ga Flor da rm updated entry doors & 6 panel nte o doo s ty w ndows & oof Updat ng n kitchen & van tes n both baths (E43MON) 734 455 5600 \$111,986</p>	<p>WESTLAND All Brick Ranch Updated T O n th s cha n ng 3 bdrm 1.5 bath home Offe ng ove s zed 2 car ga w b ck front f n shed bsmt w c own mo d ng Ncey landscaped yard A rea must see (E41MAC) 734 455 5600 \$169,000</p>	<p>LIVONIA Location Location Location A brick ranch w bsmt Hdwd f throughout Lg bedrooms w double closets Updated K t cupboards counter s sink f l ghts Ande son doo wal from Bkfast oom to deck & lg ye d Bath edone Newer w ndows Nce sub (E12FAI) 248 349 5600 \$199,900</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE Waterfront Beauty! Spr ng H Lake Estate F nest value n Stonewate P am um lot Cus om lighting neut a Jacoz amazing Lake vew Lovely h dwood floors MBR w s t ng oom glamou Bath w etted tub Custom landscap ng deck & pavers Investment of a L fcture Must see (E13CLA) 248 349 5600 \$739,900</p>	<p>LATHRUP VILLAGE Spacious Colonial 3BR 1.5BA 2 story at a great price! Newer carpeting n both LR & FR Huge master w th double closets Two car attached garage Basement One year home warranty & quick occupancy (E10LIN) 248-349-5600 \$179,900</p>
<p>WEST BLOOMFIELD Private Wooded Setting To enjoy the contemp a y 2 story foyer h dwd f n foyer kt fam rm & powe rm Kt has g ante s and bay w ndow ove looks deck and woods Mst sta has f p c & 2 W C s n walk out w th fu lba & bath (E37MIS) 734 455 5600 \$499,900</p>	<p>REDFORD Spic & Span Bungalow Updated 3 bdrm home w room to cam on an ext a g lot Feshy nated & ca pated newe bath & updated w ndows oof HWH eec nte or & exte io doo s 1 yea home wa ranty (E51NOR) 734 455 5600 \$105,900</p>	<p>TAYLOR Three Bedroom Brick Ranch Th s home has many new upgrades front & s de entry doors w ndows front porch kitchen frc recently nated T O lnter or ndown flans n all bed ooms Two car ga age newe concr ete sold hrdwd T O Renta or vntment Tu n key (E90ZIE) 248 349 5600 \$122,900</p>	<p>ALLEN PARK Not Your Standard Ranch 3BR brick ranch w un cu open f o o g an shack ba ceramic kitchen & recently remodeled bath Newer windows oof fu nace & A/C En by the cozy 4 season oom Relax n a bubb e bath n your Jacuzzi w Wa m cozy & peacefu (E22BEC) 248 349 5600 \$159,900</p>	<p>WESTLAND Home Sweet Home! Lovely 4 bedroom ranch on almost half acre Updates n ude a ge oak kitchen ceramic bath beautiful doornail to deck spacios lv ng room full basement newer furnace s de s de refrigerator & C/A (E94MEL) 248-349-5600 \$169,900</p>
<p>VAN BUREN An Enchanted Life Move right into th s elegant 4 bdrm co on a w 3 ca att gar w th att c f n bsmt 2 story foyer d n m w bay w ndow h dwd f s n kt DR & foyer Clak kt w sand lst f aundry Luxu oom stle w vaulted ce ng & ms bat (E36ANN) 734 455 5600 \$298,900</p>	<p>DEARBORN HEIGHTS Great Home 3 bdrm 2 bath brick bungalow offers a fu bsmt w th open a out Updated mape kitchen newe CA w ndows oof & fu n hardwood & ce am d f s copper plumbing & updated elec (E20RIV) 734 455 5600 \$124,500</p>	<p>CANTON End Unit Condo Open floor plan w th h gh ceilings & ats of lght G eat oom w bsmt w/fr & office Lots of updates n baths kitchen fu nace A/C HWH & mo e Newer app ances Included Deck & fenced ya d (E31COP) 248 349 5600 \$189,800</p>	<p>LIVONIA Beautiful Brick Cape Cod 4BR 2BA 2 sto y home w th ats of updates Newe roof w ndows ca pntng & HWH Freepace n both FR & LR Spacious DR Huge court y lot w th many gardens Two car attached ga age One year home war anty (E56WHI) 248 349 5600 \$199,800</p>	<p>REDFORD Exceptional Brick Home 3BR 3BA ranch w library or 4th BR & car garage Finished bsmt w/part of kitchen Hardwood floors Eat n kitchen Newer wood burner for energy saving Large fenced yard on ce sac Newer deck Large rooms Yard is fu ly fenced (E61BRA) 248-349-5600 \$179,900</p>
<p>PLYMOUTH Desirable Location! Love y 4 bdm 2.5 bath co on a w prefa ed 100 plan offe s 2 way f plc n Lv rm & fam m DDrwa to 3 seasons n count y kitchen updated w white cab nets 2 c att ga & f n bsmt (E40ROB) 734 455 5600 \$299,500</p>	<p>REDFORD Charming & Clean 3 bdrm bungalow s t ng on a double ot offe s newe oof some w ndows & et nished h dwd f s Huge fenced yard w th deck and a ga Part n bsmt and a l appliances stay (E26KEE) 734 455 5600 \$111,800</p>	<p>LIVONIA Why Wait? Turn key ranch Homey 3BR 2BA w bsmt & garage Super f n bsmt w/fr & office Lots of updates n baths kitchen fu nace A/C HWH & mo e Newer app ances Included Deck & fenced ya d (E86ORG) 248 349 5600 \$169,900</p>	<p>CLINTON TOWNSHIP Contemporary Home Dramat c pr s ng fun arch testu e La ge GR w frc c 1 b kt w c ass FFL MBR ste w ove s zed BA 2 pe son soak tub sep g ass stove & mo e Prof n bsmt w office & tons of sto age 3BR 3.5BA ts A must see (E20DUN) 248 349 5600 \$324,000</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE Condo Living At Its Best Met culous 3BR 3.1BA condo n desirable Country Club V age Th s home boasts a 1st floor master suite open floor plan oversized loft It s one of the only 8 W/O s n community A f n shed and ready for your hol day entertaining FFL (E54OAK) 248 349-5600 \$349,900</p>

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CANTON 734-326-2000
NOT A COOKIE CUTTER VERSION OF EVERY OTHER! 2 Front doors stamped concrete patio lush landscaping hardwood floors 2 story Great Room w/bridge 2 sided FP 4 BR 3.5 BA part fin bsmt Lush Master w/jetted Tub (25163287) \$479 900



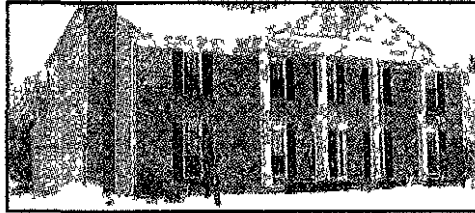
PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
HANDSOME & WELL CARED FOR HOME! Extras Premium elevation upgraded cabs high ceilings cozy FP luscious master suite w/separate tub & shower daylight bsmt 3 car garage & more! (25180942) \$464 900



FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
Huge 4 BR ranch on 1.5 acres Totally renovated up & down & stem to stern 4 BR FR LR new white kitchen DR 3 car garage & more (25178532) \$384 900



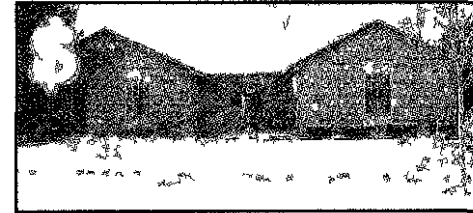
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
UNIQUE! 2 homes in-1 Approx 3200 sq ft on 2 acres 6 bedrooms 2.5 baths 3 fireplaces and much more (25165367) \$374 900



FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
Impressive 4BR 2.5 bath brick Colonial with peaked roof gentle lines & artfully elegant accents Large eat-in kitchen w/upgrades Over \$100 000 in updates over the last 5 yrs (25174102) \$374 900



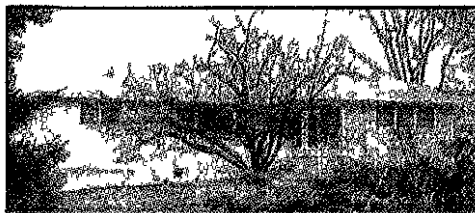
CANTON 734-326-2000
HARD TO FIND! It isn't often that a 4 bedroom Cape Cod in Glengary becomes available Great Room w/ Gas FP for cold Michigan winters & 2 tiered Deck for Summer D/R & Library (25171376) \$359 900



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
WONDERFULLY MAINTAINED RANCH! Open floor plan w/neutral decor spacious kit GR w/FP & vaulted ceiling fin bsmt w/FR craft room & walk in Cedar closet 349-6200 (25132853) \$358 900



CANTON 734-455-7000
SPACIOUS COLONIAL! 4BR 2.5BA extensive hardwood and recessed lighting Neutral decor with newer FR carpet Huge deck overlooking open area Close to park (26000578) \$354 500



HARTLAND 248-437-3800
Custom Built Ranch On Approx. 6 Acres! Gorgeous home with open floor plan hardwood floors large kitchen and partially finished basement Pole barn has cement floor and electric Super view of woods (25180642) \$349 900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
WONDERFUL HOME! Nicely updated & in desirable Nottingham woods sub New roof updated kitchen & baths Andersen windows brick walkway & Livonia Stevenson High School area 349 6200 (25148476) \$309 900



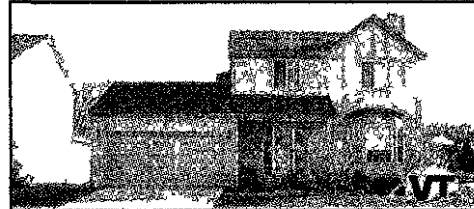
CANTON 734-455-7000
GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY! Open airy floor plan w/neutral decor Full unfin bsmt 2 car att garage deck off the back corner unit gas FP in the GR large fashion BA in the Mstr Suite etc etc (25152639) \$289 900



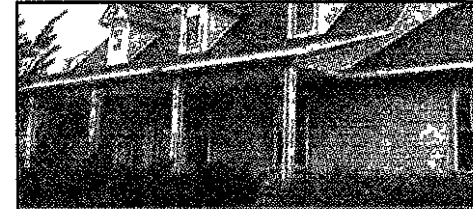
WESTLAND 248-851-1900
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths Livonia schools 1st floor laundry hdwd new carpet Open floor plan high ceiling dual staircase Deep bsmt Mrs Clean lives here totally move-in condition (25150977) \$289 000



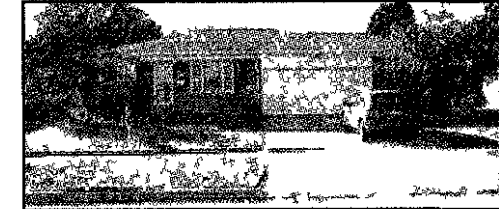
CANTON 734-455-7000
ATTRACTIVE 4BR N. CANTON COLONIAL Step up to one of North Canton's finest 4BR Colonials with family room basement 2 car garage and includes all appliances (25171867) \$237 900



CANTON 734-591-9200
Stylish Newer Colonial! Sizable family room with gas fireplace & recessed lighting Open flowing kitchen large dining room with doorwall to deck and wooded view wide open basement (26005791) \$234 900



BELLEVILLE 734-326-2000
NEED TOY SPACE? Look here! Newer built Cape Cod on large lot 3 car garage w/ heat & water Full basement 2.5 baths C/A 3 season room & RV hookup (26006051) \$224 900



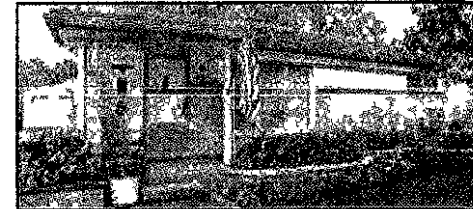
DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Spotless 3BR brick ranch with 3 car attached garage Home features family room w/FP roof 05 vinyl wndcws hot water 05 recessed lighting hardwood floors updated kit deck lg lot & much more (25151693) \$219 900



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
SPACIOUS COLONIAL IN OLD ORCHARDS SUB! 3BR 1.5BA Easy access to I 275 & downtown Plymouth New roof White bay cabs Corian sink Cozy FR w/FP bookshelves on sides of brick hearth Double doors into Master (25171535) \$219 900



PINCKNEY 734-326-2000
Extraordinary Fabulous! 3 or 4 Bedroom Contemporary large eat in kitchen 1st floor laundry 2 baths Awesome finished basement 2 fireplaces wet bar deck & clean clean! (25141502) \$209 900



FARMINGTON 248-851-1900
DESIRABLE RANCH! Desirable Bel Air Hills Sub Remodeled 2005 Beautiful new kitchen cabs New carpet ref in hardwood floors Newer roof windows HWH garage blinds Brick paver driveway Mint condition! (25142292) \$190 000



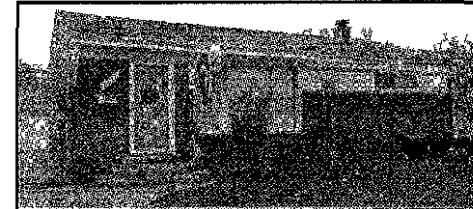
WAYNE 734-326-2000
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Gorgeous wooded ravine lot Full brick exterior cove ceilings fireplace formal dining room finished basement C/A & much more (25127524) PC 220612 \$189 900



TAYLOR 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING! Cozy 3 bedroom 1.5 bath Colonial with a newer open kitchen Natural fireplace in family room Some new windows & doorwall Beautifully finished basement 349-6200 (25179416) \$187 500



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
CHARMING & COMFORTABLE HOME! 3 BR 1.5 BA cove ceilings & hardwood floors under carpet Partial finished bsmt Updates incl roof furnace A/C & windows Newer washer & dryer remain 349 6200 (25167969) \$179 900



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
Remodeled Brick Ranch! Nice kitchen LR master finished basement fenced yard patio 2 car garage Livonia Schools 349-6200 (25166356) \$164 900



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
A neat 3BR brick ranch Newer windows furn, air roof 2 car garage 3 yrs neutral decor fin basement Livonia schools Enclosed back porch & gas fireplace in basement Very well kept (25164844) \$164 900



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
BROWNSTONE CONDO! Hardwood entry & kitchen 9 ft ceilings 2 BR 2.1 BA 1 car attached garage Bsmt w/daylight windows Last Avalon style Immediate Occupancy All appliances stay 349 6200 (25145749) \$159 900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
BUILD EQUITY QUICKLY in this 3 bedroom 1 bath Garden City aluminum Bungalow w/full basement central air & 2.5 car garage Home priced for needed updating and elbow grease (26009097) \$119 900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 248-348-6430
MUST GET INSIDE TO BELIEVE! Remodeled in 2003 New windows furnace entrance doors Hardwood floors all neutral colors Ready to move in Perfect for first time buyer 349 6200 (25180586) \$111 800



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Attractive 1.5 story Bungalow in North West Redford Updates incl New furnace & C/A windows roof (tear off) hardwood floors new carpet & paint Beautiful back yard w/patio & it is fenced All appl stay (26004415) \$105 000

CANTON 734-455 7000
SELL THE SNOWBLOWER & LAWNMOWER! 4 BR 2.5 BA Colon at Detached Condo Low assoc fee Formal LR & DR 1st floor laundry FR w/fireplace Master suite w/full bath separate shower & jet tub (25128177) \$284 900

HAZEL PARK 248-348-6430
GEM! 3 bedroom ranch on a double lot Everything updated Move in ready and under \$90 000 349-6200 (25162338) \$89 900

LIVONIA 734-591 9200
Cute Bungalow With n walking distance of schools & park Newer windows beautiful hardwood floors t/o fenced yard Seller offering \$2000 toward buyers closing cost 349 6200 (26003905) \$149 000

PONTIAC 248 348 6430
CHARMING BRICK RANCH ON PEACEFUL STREET! Enjoy the warmth of plaster walls & cove ceilings n beautiful shades of beige Hardwood floors t/o Newer ceramic floor n lot Full bsmt for storage 349-6200 (25125884) \$134 900

CANTON 734-455 7000
IT'S ALL BEEN DONE FOR YOU! Popular Sunflower Large 4 BR Colonial 2.5 BA den Fr bsmt and fantastc 18x36 pool \$27 000 recently invested for your p assurance (25153611) \$284 900

LIVONIA 248 348-6430
QUALITY BUILT COLONIAL ON A 1/2 ACRE LOT Clean well maintained covered ce lings bay window in DR Updated kit roof windows all appliances 3 BR 1.5 BA Bsmt & garage Dont miss this one! 349 6200 (25168927) \$224 900

LIVONIA 734 591 9200
All brick bungalow w th 1487 sq ft 2 full BA newer roof electric HWH & more 2.5 car garage w 220 heat built in a r lines & a 2nd story for finishing or storage (25149222) \$144 900

REDFORD 734 591 9200
Master w/ full bath HUGE Florida room Tread lot great value! (25154185) \$174 900

CANTON 734-455 7000
CHECK THIS ONE OUT 3BR Condo w th master on the 1st floor Hardwood floor n entry way hallway and kitchen 2.5 BA full bsmt and loft Ready to go Hurry! (26006604) \$217 000

LIVONIA 734-455 7000
WELCOME HOME Move n! Updates thruout Large kit w/cor counters 2.5 car attached gar Part fin basement Mstr BR/BA Walls de w ndows roof on house and garage new n 2001 (25128638) \$204 500

MILAN 248 348-6430
BLOCKS FROM DOWNTOWN MILAN New pargo flooring in formal DR & kt Updated BA w/oak cab newer roof Andersen windows crou t breakers drywall & lighting Immed occup Hurry 349 6200 (25088663) \$138 000

REDFORD 734 591 9200
Location: quality value & charm You'll love ths brick 3 BR ranch Clean lastfully decorated Updates incl Kit elec copper plumb fin bsmt w/FP Landscaped yard w/sprinkler system 2 car garage (26001489) \$149 900

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You didn't need much time to realize that your environment is choking from mediocrity. Procedures and practices are outdated, lack of thoughtfulness and insight pervades every decision. What can you do?

If you're working in an environment that's conducting business as usual, one that reinforces the status quo, that may be all right if the company is on the rise. However, if the environment is stagnant, failing to innovate or innovating without conducting the necessary research or diligence, it's slumping.

Are you confronting the mediocre or the average? Kevin Berchermann, president and CEO of Triangle Performance L.L.C., in Houston, cautions against using a word like "average" incorrectly. "I would use satisfactory rather than 'average,'" he says. He sees lack of initiative as a sign of mediocrity. A "satisfactory" person "does those things required of his job and may involve creative thinking." But one clear indication of the mediocre is failure to think or innovate.

"It really is commonplace today to reward mediocrity," Berchermann continues. "Our systems of compensation, communications, motivation and even leadership techniques all provide the

environment for less-than-stellar performers to feel quite good about themselves" — even if their performance pales by comparison with other companies.

However, Bill Wiersma of Wiersma and Associates in the San Francisco Bay area, disagrees, stating, "People know intuitively when they have high or mediocre expectations." He attributes mediocrity to "cultural norms, expectations or the lack of them."

'TOUGH ENVIRONMENT'
Les McKeown, president and CEO of EVNA Inc., in Marblehead, Mass., maintains that "mediocrity is the function of a lifecycle of an organization when it begins to slide to bureaucracy. It thrives in a stage in an organization's lifecycle I call 'treadmill.' It happens for very specific reasons to do with the tension between the need for process and the need for entrepreneurial flair and creativity." Wiersma would agree, pointing out that mediocrity may not suffice an entire organization. If it does yours, it may be all the more difficult to reverse.

McKeown likens this situation to returning to roots rather than pulling out weeds. Those roots are the entrepreneurial spirit. Don't be dissuaded or disheartened because of the full plate staring at you. Welcome the chance to lead. As John Maxwell writes in "The 360-Degree Leader" (Nelson Business, \$24.99), "Leadership is a choice you make, not a place you sit. Anyone can choose to

become a leader wherever he is. Making others want to work with you is a fine first step in what Wiersma calls this "tough environment."

Begin by fine-tuning your own "disposition," in Maxwell's wording. The author suggests dispensing with a series of myths about "the top." Together, they advise you against postponing learning to lead, developing followers, gaining control and working toward your potential.

Then, develop tactics to reverse the condition of mediocrity that is very clear to you but may (or may not) be to others.

— "Realize that improvement efforts must be purposeful, well-thought and probably slower than you would hope" (Berchermann)

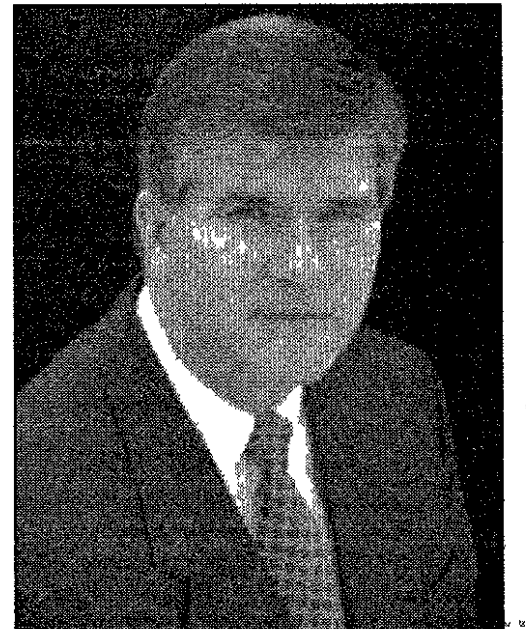
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— Develop a system to reward people around you for changed behaviors, which reawakens and reinforces the entrepreneurial spirit (McKeown)

— Infuse entrepreneurial thinking by encouraging others to achieve stated results, but don't tell them how (Berchermann)

Berchermann further concedes, "No one



Bill Wiersma of Wiersma and Associates in the San Francisco Bay area attributes mediocrity to "cultural norms, expectations, or the lack of them."

likes mediocrity, but doing something about it tends to be painful." Are these efforts worth the trouble? McKeown points out that "an individual can make a substantial difference." Wiersma states, "When leadership sees new ideas and energy, it gives them hope and can help them break the cycle." Berchermann urges you to "focus on those things you can personally influence, and take action. Your example alone will certainly make a dent in that culture of mediocrity."

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The 2006 Jeep Commander

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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, cosssets like a cocoon, and drives like a dream. But that doesn't mean the company should escape without a wrist 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-campus 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.

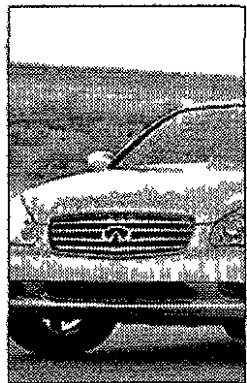
But the most impressive thing about Commander is the sense of spaciousness that it creates. The raised roof permits stadium seating in which each row is higher than the one in front of it. Second- and third-row passengers have enhanced forward visibility. A nifty pair of skylights overhead the second 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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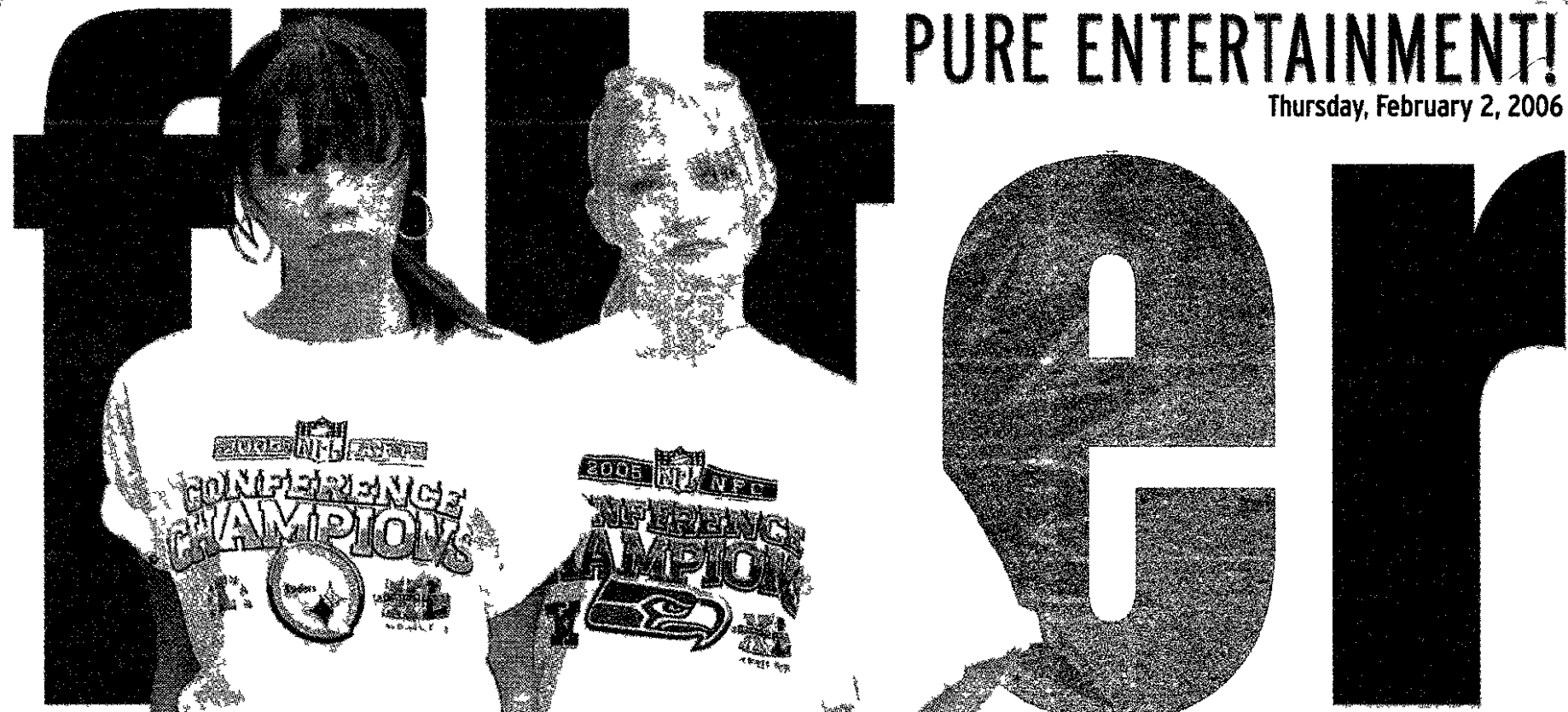
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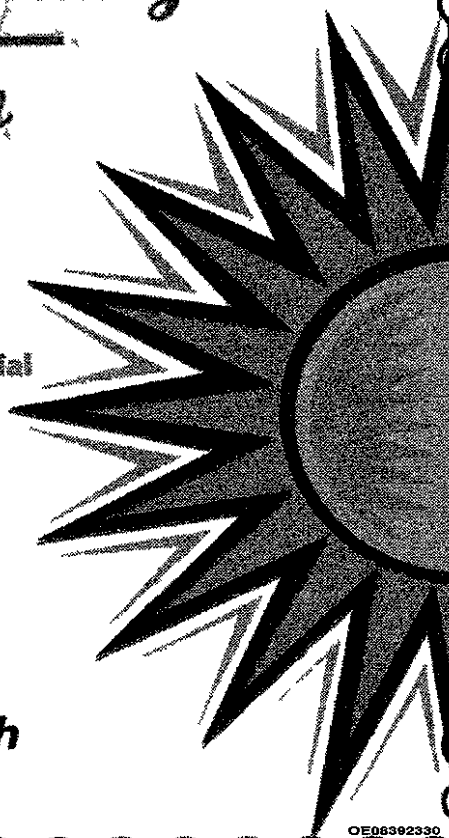
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So in an effort to keep you up to date on Super Bowl goings-on, from who's performing at NFL-sanctioned events to media parties to celebrity sightings, welcome to "Everything but the Game"

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Hip-hop star Snoop Dogg and rock band 3 Doors Down will headline Bud Bowl 2006. The concerts will be held at "Club 1620" at Tiger Stadium, a special climate controlled environment created for Bud Bowl 2006.

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Friday and 3 Doors Down will perform Saturday. Adult consumers 21 and older must have an invitation to attend these concerts, which can be obtained through Budweiser promotions in area bars, clubs and restaurants and through radio station giveaways. There will be no invitations/tickets available at the door of Club 1620.

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THE BIG GAME

PARTY WITH SNOOP, TOMMY LEE, OR EMINEM

BY LANA MINI
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Snoop Dogg headlines the *Penthouse* Party Saturday, Feb. 4.

Tommy Lee hosts a gig at Bleu. Eminem's Shady Records has booked a party at the State Theatre. Diddy also hosts a gig. Kid Rock is performing at the Joe and escorting funny man Jimmy Kimmel around Detroit to show him (and his viewers) how hard we rock.

Officials at *Sports Illustrated* say that Madonna, The Stones or Prince might perform at its big Emerald Theatre bash in Mount Clemens.

Is your head spinning?

Then there's the Motown Winter Blast, free with ice slides, skating and musicians like KEM, Smash Mouth and Kenny Wayne Shepherd.

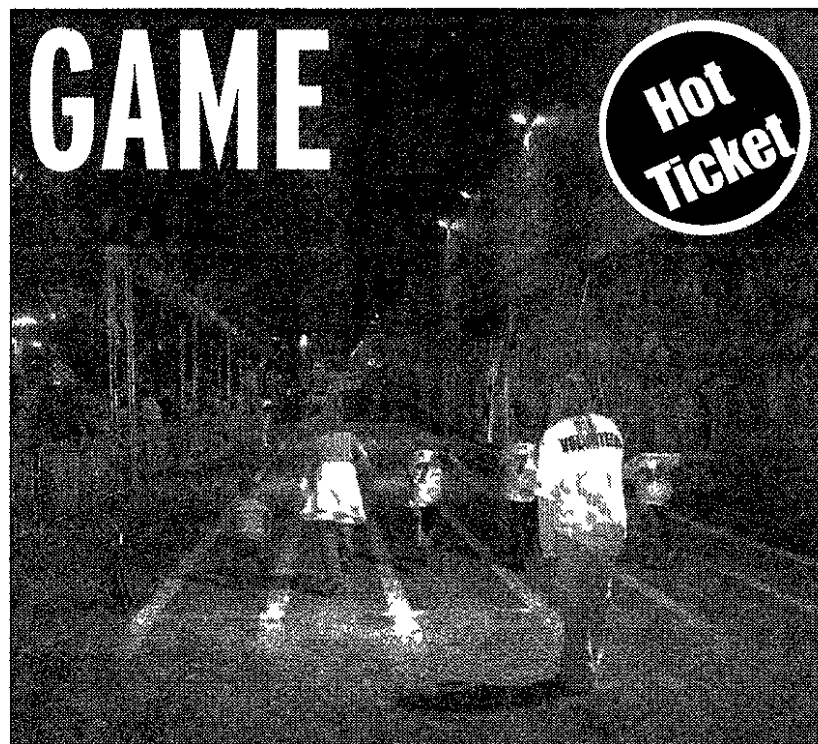
And megastar Nelly is a guest at The Platinum Party with Murphy Lee, Ali and Gipp on Feb. 4 at the Detroit Opera House. America's Next Top Model winner, Eva Pigford, will co-host the event. That will be big, too. Everyone wants to host the Detroit party, making the competition for decadence fierce.

"I want to generate a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the people of Detroit," said Derrick Coleman, of Beyond The Arc Entertainment. "People all over the world are coming here to party, and I want to make sure that Detroiters have the opportunity to be a part of one of the most memorable parties in Super Bowl history. We're inviting folks from out of town, too, and we welcome them to party Detroit style."

The Opera House will be transformed into a chic nightclub in the city, making it possible for hundreds of guests to dance, mingle and profile with a host of local, national and international celebrities who have been mailed personal invitations. The entire Detroit Opera House will be used for this massive Super Party. Tickets are available at the DOH box office, all Ticketmaster locations, or call (248) 645-6666. General admission is \$175, VIP tickets are \$350 and slightly higher the day of the event.

And don't forget gospel night. Patti LaBelle performs at the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at the Masonic Temple.

LaBelle will share the stage with the hottest artists in gospel music - The Winans, Mary Mary, The Clark Sisters and Hezekiah Walker and the Love



Fans can participate in the NFL Experience through Sunday at the Cobo Center.

Fellowship Choir. In its seventh year, the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration evolved from NFL players suggesting an event during Super Bowl Weekend that highlighted spiritual music. The event attracts thousands.

In the past, NFL greats Antwaan Randle El, Cris Carter, Curtis Martin, Kurt Warner, Troy Vincent, Deion Sanders, Lavar Arrington and others have given their time to the event. Players share their testimonies and inspirational messages with the audience.

For more information, visit www.superbowlgospelcelebration.com. Tickets are \$45 to \$75 and available at Ticketmaster locations in Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666 or visit Ticketmaster.com.

And there's more.

■ Saturday, Feb. 4: Snoop Dogg & Penthouse at The Vault, 151 W. Fort St., downtown Detroit. For more information, call (866) 666-6222. www.thevaultdetroit.com.

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Friday, Feb. 3: Black Bottom Collective, 6 p.m., Kenny Wayne Shepherd, 7:30 p.m., Clint Black, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4: TBA, 6 p.m., Kindred The Family Soul, 7:30 p.m., KEM, 9:30 p.m. For more information on the Motown Winter Blast, visit www.motownwinterblast.com or call (313) 963-8418.

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

You may not get a taste of the Super Bowl with tickets for Sunday's game, but you can still taste some of the finest dishes from restaurants in NFL cities on Saturday.

Or you can give your children (or family and friends) a chance to literally experience the NFL.

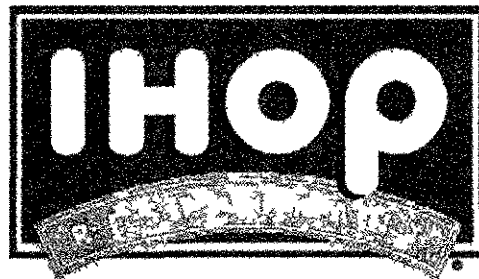
Taste of the NFL is scheduled 7-9:30 p.m. for the food, and 9:45-11:30 p.m. for entertainment, featuring the Funk Brothers. The annual event of fine cuisine and entertainment features a top chef and player representative from each NFL team. (Detroit will be represented by James Hunter, former Detroit Lion, and Brian Polcyn, chef and owner of Five Lakes Grill and instructor at Schoolcraft College, who will be creating lobster and foie gras sausage on braised creamy leeks.)

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SUPER CITIES — ANN ARBOR

Thursday, Feb. 2. Beer and Cheese Dinner, Arbor Brewing Company, 114 E Washington, Ann Arbor, 7 p.m., \$40, (734) 213-1393. Also the Soulstice band performs at Weber's Habitat Ultralounge, seven-piece high-energy dance band featuring sax, trumpet and trombone, 9 p.m. Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson Road, (734) 769-2500. Free, 21 and over. The University of Michigan Ice Carving Team's ice sculptures on display, Main Street area. Visit Web site www.annarbor.gov.

Friday, Feb. 3. Saline Fiddlers 12th Annual Winter Hometown Concert featuring Sam Bush, 7:30 p.m., Saline High School, 1300 Campus Parkway, Saline, (866) 257-5333. The Soulstice band performs at Weber's Habitat Ultralounge. The Super Blues Cruise has free transportation between all of Ann Arbor's most popular blues, jazz and rock hotspots. Buses run 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. throughout the downtown. That '80s Beach Party at Weber's Inn features martini bars, chaise lounges and VIP Room, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., 21 and over, (734) 769-2500.

Saturday, Feb. 4. Brewery Tour and Beer Tasting, noon to 4 p.m., Arbor Brewing Company, (734) 213-1393. Reservations required. Also Chinese New Year's Lion's Dance & New Year's activities, Main Street and guided tours of Michigan Stadium. Weber's hosts the Newsmakers Band.

Sunday, Feb. 5: Super Bowl Pregame Sunday Brunch, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Weber's Inn, (734) 665-3636, Adults \$12. Final Victory Party at Weber's Habitat Ultralounge. Hours are after the game until 2 a.m. Free.

Visit Web site www.annarbor.gov

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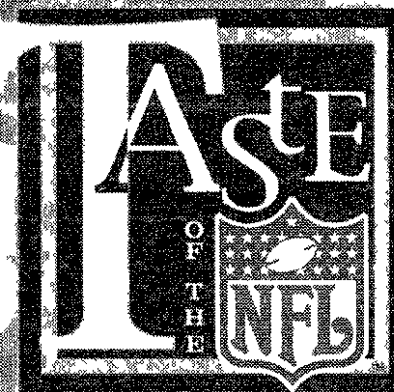
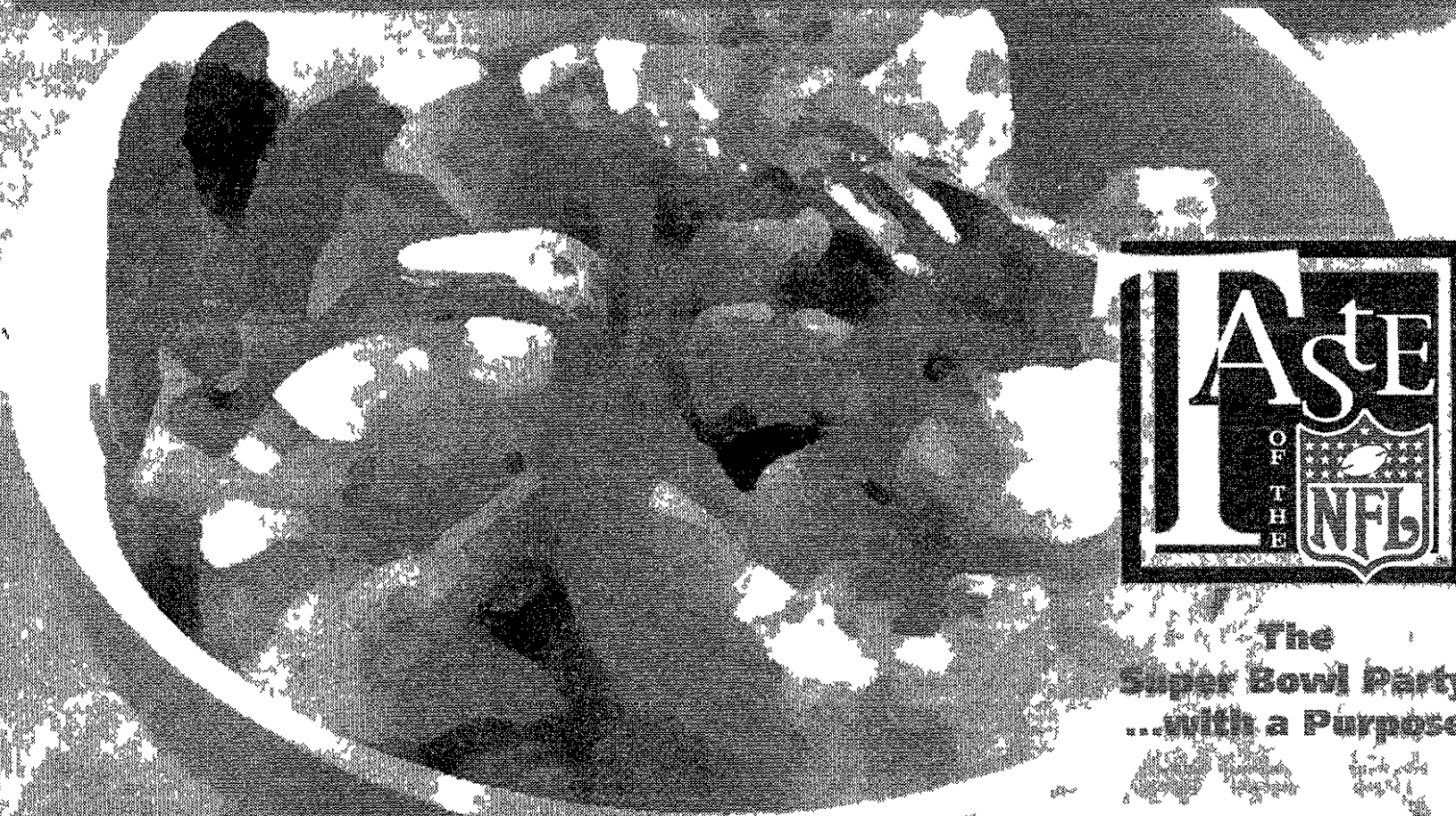
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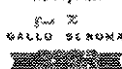
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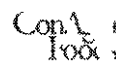
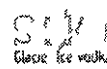
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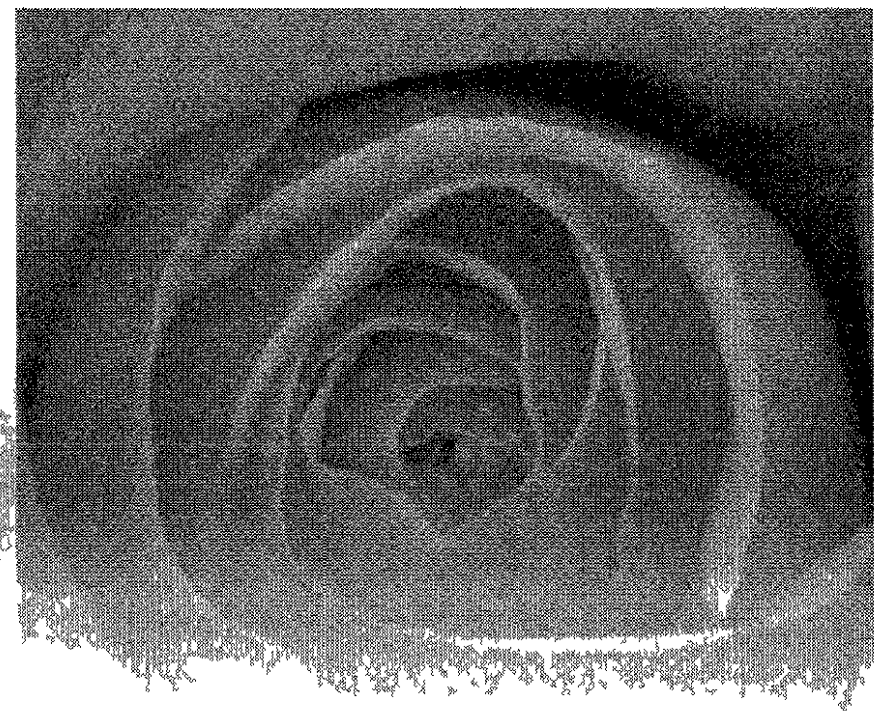
NFL Super Bowl XL Cheer Leading Spirit Clinic at the NFL Experience

More than 1,000 girls grades 5-12 from local schools were invited to participate in the Super Bowl Cheerleading Spirit Clinic on Friday, Feb 3 from 4:30 p m to 6:30 p m at the America Online Presents the NFL Experience at Cobo Center NFL coaches teach cheer skills and dance techniques Positive women role models will speak to the participants about the importance of staying in school, living drug-free, and striving to attain goals

SUPER BOWL XL NFL CHARITY BOWLING

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Hollywood" Henderson, Billy White Shoes Johnson, O J Anderson, Larry Little, Brad Van Pelt, Chuck Foreman, Tom Mack and Garo Yepremian are participating in the charity event to benefit the NFL's Youth Education Town in Detroit The YET center, which will be run by Big Brothers, Big Sisters, is a \$1 million educational and recreational center the league is building on the far west side of Detroit in conjunction with Super Bowl XL



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BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

There is no turning back now. With Detroit entertaining the world with its own version of the annual Roman-numeraled event just 72 hours away, there is no time to stray away and alienate yourself from the talk that will surround water coolers for days to come.

Thus, a crash course to help make Super Bowl Sunday flow a little smoother is on the way.

First, the participants that day will be the Pittsburgh Steelers, champions of the American Football Conference, and the Seattle Seahawks, champions of the National Football Conference. The respective conference champions combined to win five games (Pittsburgh 3, Seattle 2) over the past three weeks of the playoffs, earning the right to compete in Super Bowl XL and lay claim to the National Football League's coveted Vince Lombardi Championship Trophy.

But in order to achieve that goal, one team will have to score more points than the other.

And here's how to do that: The game is divided into four

15-minute quarters with teams alternating possession of the football. The 11-player side with possession is said to be on offense and trying to advance the football, while the other is on defense and trying to defend and get the football back. The offensive side must continue to advance the football at least 10 yards in four consecutive plays (called downs) by either running or throwing. If successful the offense maintains possession by receiving a new set of downs (four plays) and continuing on until reaching the end of the playing field (called the end zone) to score a touchdown and register six points.

If the journey falls short, the offense may elect to try kicking a field goal and receiving three points.

The quarterback is the key player in the offensive strategy and has the option of either handing the ball off to his running back or throwing it upfield to a receiver.

But his task isn't a simple one as 11 players on the defensive side are constantly giving pursuit in attempting to gain possession of the football and score points themselves.

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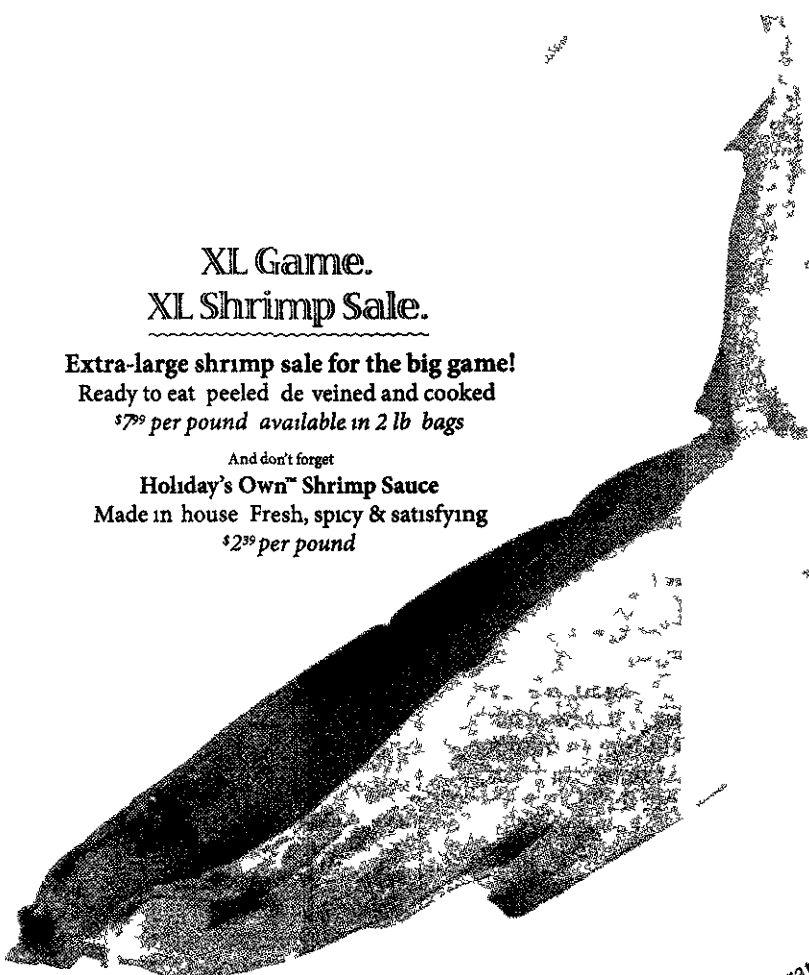
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SPORTS BARS, PUBS AND OTHER DRINKING SPOTS WHERE YOU CAN WATCH THE GAME

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Grab a beer, for sure. Grab a seat, if you can.

Metro Detroit's bar scene is sure to be hopping come game time.

The bad news: Sports-watching hot spots are sure to be packed. The good news: Metropolitan Detroit, being the sports-loving town it is, has more than a few sports bars from which to choose. Truth is, every bar in the country — from pubs to martini lounges to sports bars — will likely be busy.

So, if you're planning on doing Super Bowl XL with the bar crowd and a beer, give it some thought, plan ahead and do it up right. It's not every day the Super Bowl comes to town.

Here's a couple of strategies to consider, a comprehensive list of sports bars and other drinking spots. We've also included our staff picks on the best places to watch Super Bowl XL.

POPULAR AND HAPPENING

If you're determined to watch the

game inside one of the area's hottest sports bars, arrive early. Again, arrive early. And have a backup plan because you just might not get inside your bar of choice. Remember, these bars would be packed on game day, even if the Super Bowl wasn't taking place in Detroit.

Most patrons will arrive about 4 p.m., said Kim Rose, general manager of Spectadium, one of the area's most popular sports bars.

"They'll be room for the local people," Rose said, adding one qualification: The Troy bar has taken reservations for several bus loads of Pittsburgh Steelers fans. The bar's capacity is about 300. Reservations have been taken for about 150.

Sports bars considered to be the area's most popular include Buffalo Wild Wings with numerous locations, The Post in Detroit, Scorekeepers Sports Bar & Grill in Ann Arbor, Mr. B's in Royal Oak, Nemos in Detroit, and Marge's Bar in Grosse Pointe Park.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Hey, are you thinking you'll maybe

drive downtown and hang out at a bar close to all the action? Sounds like a novel idea. The truth is lots of locals have the same plan in mind. Of course, it is a great idea — a sure way to experience the Super Bowl vibe.

Sure to be a party, party, party is Hockeytown, right across the street from Ford Field. In addition to the ideal location, there's a slew of activities planned, including an outdoor tailgate party. Just remember that, with so much going for it, Hockeytown might be packed to capacity, forcing you to head elsewhere (good choices are The Town Pump and Centaur, both behind the Fox Theatre). The point is we highly recommend heading to the Detroit and partaking in the Super Bowl XL atmosphere, provided you have a backup plan and set aside enough time for travel and parking.

For a similar experience sans the transportation issues, check out Royal Oak. The downtown always draws a big crowd when Detroit teams are playing. With so many

STAFF PICKS FOR GAME VIEWING

■ **Coach's Corner** Seven Mile and Farmington Livonia. Great TVs and great grilled salmon on Friday nights. It's run by former Madonna University head baseball coach Mike George. *Livonia Observer* sports editor Brad Emons.

■ **Sports Venue Bar & Grill** 6327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Remodeled about two years ago. TVs everywhere. Food, pool tables, nice atmosphere. — *Garden City Observer* reporter Leanne Rogers.

■ **Doc's** Seven Mile east of I-275 Livonia. Doc's has good food, lots and lots of TVs and numerous beers on tap (I think it's 40). *Livonia Observer* editor Dave Varga.

■ **Christie's Sports Bar** M-24 and Clarkston Lake Orion. **RJs Pub** Trienken and Rochester. Rochester Hills and **Hamlin Pub** in Rochester Hills. Lake Orion and Macomb Township. — *North Oakland Eccentric* sports editor Dan Stickrad.

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BARS

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bars within walking distance and a history of rowdy sports-watching, Super Bowl XL will likely be no different

AVOID THE KEY LOCATIONS

Why not party in your own hometown? You know all the venues, the big ones, the little ones, the places where the overflow might not hinder game day fun You may even know a bartender who can clue you in on the best time to arrive

Another strategy Find a good hole-in-the-wall bar Sometimes the crowd and spirit of a small, out-of-the-way bar makes for the most

fun light the kind of bar that you don't associate with sports but where there are plenty of TV screens This is my personal recommendation, if you're looking for a sure bet, convenience and a good time When the Pistons were in the playoffs this summer, my friends and I headed to Cinq, a basement lounge bar, in downtown Royal Oak to call out "DEE-TROIT BASKET-BALL" It was just like being in a sports bar - lots of raucous cheering, loads of fan camaraderie, good beer and a great big screen view The only difference no sports decor, no wait to get inside, we got a table and didn't feel like sardines all night

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linebackers, corners and safeties - can gain possession by either recovering a fumble, getting an interception, or not yielding 10 yards

There is another area where teams can score points - special teams That is the

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Super Bowl XL best eats, views and brews

BY ELEANOR HEALD
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You don't have tickets for Super Bowl XL to watch the game in-person. What's the next best thing? To be with other football fans and at the same time get some good eats and brews.

Assuming that you don't want to just stand outside the gates of Ford Field in downtown Detroit, here are my suggestions to lose the left-out feeling and become part of the action in the 'burbs.

SPORTS MINDED

Overall size and 40 TVs make SPECTADIUM in Troy one of the best places to view the Super Bowl. Tiered seating offers the feel of action central, discussing plays with seat mates and munching snacks and wetting them down. But you better get there early to snag this premium seating without obstructed views. If you need to excuse yourself during the big game, no problem, there are TVs in the restrooms

And if you're not excited about The Rolling Stones halftime entertainment, play pool.

Also arrive early to snag one of the 170-person stadium-style seats at THE PISTONS HOOP CITY GRILLE in Southfield. If you fail at this, there's good viewing from other seats up to a 465-person maximum capacity, including seating at the 94-foot long bar (the same length as a basketball court). American fare including burgers, sandwiches and pasta dishes should keep you satisfied throughout the big game. If you have trouble deciding what to order from this big menu, just order 'by

the quarter' since that's how the list is divided. And should the game go to overtime, they've got that covered, too.

Along with the Pistons, you can bet the Red Wings will be watching SBXL. I don't know that you'll catch any of them at CHELI'S CHILI BAR in Dearborn, owned by Red Wings defenseman Chris Chelios, but who knows? The bar, off to the side of the restaurant dining room, has flat screen TVs around the perimeter, so great view-



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The Buffalo Platter at Kickers includes Buffalo Wings, Buffalo Chicken Strips and Buffalo Jumbo Shrimp

ing while scoffing down chili and munchables is possible from any seat. More viewing options are available in the dining room proper where large screen TVs are mounted on every wall. Arrive as a football fan and leave promising yourself you'll come back to watch the Red Wings.

About as traditional as a sports bar can get, SCOREKEEPERS SPORTS BAR & GRILL sits in the middle of downtown Ann Arbor and attracts a University of Michigan crowd. The 30 TVs will be tuned to ABC

as sports fans munch on pub grub including sandwiches, chicken and deep-fried stuff but the best bet is the half-pound Angus Burger. If you're over 30, you may not feel comfortable here - but then, they say you're as young as you feel.

Season after season, 14 TV screens at KICKERS in Livonia have featured big game action from the Pistons, Red Wings, Tigers, Lions to March Madness. The All American Grill serves just about anything sports fans like to eat from Buffalo-style

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NEIGHBORHOOD FEEL

The karaoke stage will be dark at **MULDOON'S** in Rochester Hills on Super Bowl Sunday. That's when this neighborhood tavern, with a welcoming attitude to those who travel to pack the parking lot, will use its 5-foot projected wall TV for the big game. Burgers are good here and four domestic taps keep inexpensive beer a comin'. Not fancy but a lively crowd of regulars, so become one.

Another neighborhood tavern on the other side of town is **DOYLE'S** in Plymouth, where the bar forms a friendly rectangle in the center of a single room. Seven large TVs offer a good view from any spot. It's a good place to play bar stool quarterback because the regulars at Doyle's are not short on their opinions. Start with one of the many appetizers and move on to

whatever sounds good on the menu but the Certified Angus burgers are tops at this local watering hole

CHICKEN WINGS

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10 SPOTS TO VIEW SBXL AND GET GOOD EATS

- Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar** 205 S State St Ann Arbor (734) 997 9143 41980 Ford Road Canton (734) 844 9464 6677 N Wayne Westland (734) 641 4000 770 N Lapeer Road Lake Orion (248) 814 8000 44375 Twelve Mile Road Novi (248) 344 4019
- Champ's Pub** 140 E Grand River Brighton (810) 227 4443
- Cheli's Chili Bar** 21918 Michigan Ave Dearborn (313) 274 9700
- Doyle's Tavern** 860 Fralick Plymouth (734) 207 9656
- Kickers** 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 5500
- Muldoon's** 3982 W Auburn Road Rochester Hills (248) 852 2707
- Pistons Hoop City Grille** 25333 W 12 Mile Road (in Star Theater complex) Southfield (248) 357 4667
- Scorekeepers Sports Bar & Grill** 310 Maynard St Ann Arbor (734) 995 0100
- Sean O'Callaghan's**, 821 Penniman Ave Plymouth (734) 459 6666
- Spectadium** 2511 Livernois Road Troy (248) 362 4030

Birmingham hosts Restaurant Week

Styled after the popular restaurant weeks in New York City, Birmingham will host its first-ever Restaurant Week Feb 6-10. Participating restaurants will offer patrons a three-course lunch for \$15, and a three-course dinner for \$25 (excluding beverage and gratuity). Bill Roberts of Roberts Restaurants offered the following sneak menu preview for his participating Streetside Seafood restaurant. Lunch (\$15) includes Streetside Coleslaw, Pan Sauteed Atlantic Salmon over pasta and vegetables with an olive oil and fresh herb sauce, ending with Vanilla Ice Cream topped with Sanders Hot Fudge and a cookie garnish. Dinner (\$25) begins and ends the same as lunch but there are two main course choices: Vegetable-crusted Whitefish with wild rice or Grilled Atlantic Salmon with broccoli and potato mash.



- Alban's 35064 Woodward Ave (248) 258 5555
- Big Rock Chop House 245 S Eton St (248) 647 7774
- Buca Di Beppo 250 N Old Woodward Ave (248) 540 9463
- City Cellar Wine Bar & Grill 201 Hamilton Row (248) 642 2489
- Dick O Dows 160 W Maple (248) 642 1135
- Elie's Mediterranean Cuisine 263 Pierce St (248) 647 2420
- Forte 201 S Old Woodward (248) 594 7300
- The Loose Leaf 172 N Old Woodward Ave (248) 283 0260
- Midtown Cafe 139 S Old Woodward Ave (248) 642 1133
- Mitchell's Seafood 117 Willits St (248) 646 3663
- Pampas Brazilian Grille 260 N Old Woodward (248) 646 2158
- Peabody's 34965 Woodward Ave (248) 644 5222
- The Rugby Grille in The Townsend Hotel 100 Townsend St (248) 642 5999
- Salvatore Scallopini 505 N Old Woodward (248) 644 8977
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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 Screenprint 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

Cass Cafe

3 The Hard Way a mixed media exhibition by Taurus Burns John Harkins and Harlan Lovestone through March 4 4620 Cass Ave Detroit (313) 831 1400

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

HMFRRNSHNGS 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

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

Studio 427

Jeff Spade artist who paints large canvases using acrylics exhibit and opening night 5 9 p m Feb 3 jazz musician and singer Paul VornHagen performs at Studio 427 a Regina Abraham art gallery at 122 W Main (248) 449 6501 for details

Farmington Community Library

The Heart of a Woman watercolors and drawings by Barbara Eko Murphy presented during American Heart Association's women's heart month in February now to March 2 Farmington Community Library 23500 Liberty Farmington (248) 553 0300

Madonna University

Jean Paul Abou Dib's collection *Melancholia and the Human Psyche* through Feb 15 second floor of university's main building at Schoolcraft and Levan roads in Livonia (248) 875 7332

Flatlanders Art Galleries

Four solo exhibitions drawings of Mille Gulbeck prints of Marc Folk drawings of Niki Havekost and paintings of Dan Stewart exhibited through March 12 (517) 486 4591

ART ETC.

Artrageous 2006

A benefit for the Flanclub 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 Beck 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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Club Bart

22726 Woodward Ferndale (248) 548 8746 21 and over only

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible 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

Live bands on weekends football specials on Sundays Hip laid back friendly Woodward Avenue just south of Nine Mile Road in Ferndale (248) 591 DINO

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) 963 980 or visit online at www.gemtheatre.com

John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern

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Leland City Club

Avant garde Located in the Ramada Hotel building 400 Bagley Street in downtown Detroit Open til 4 a m Access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada www.lelandcityclub.com

Harpo's

7 30 p m Friday Feb 3 Sworn Enemy and God Forbid at Harpo's 14238 Harper Detroit (313) 438 6066 Tickets \$15 6 p m doors open on Friday Feb 10 DevilDriver and In Flames

Rainbow Room

6640 E Eight Mile Rd Detroit Gay friendly Laid back atmosphere Dancing (313) 891 1020

X/S

High energy dance club 1500 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

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COMEDY

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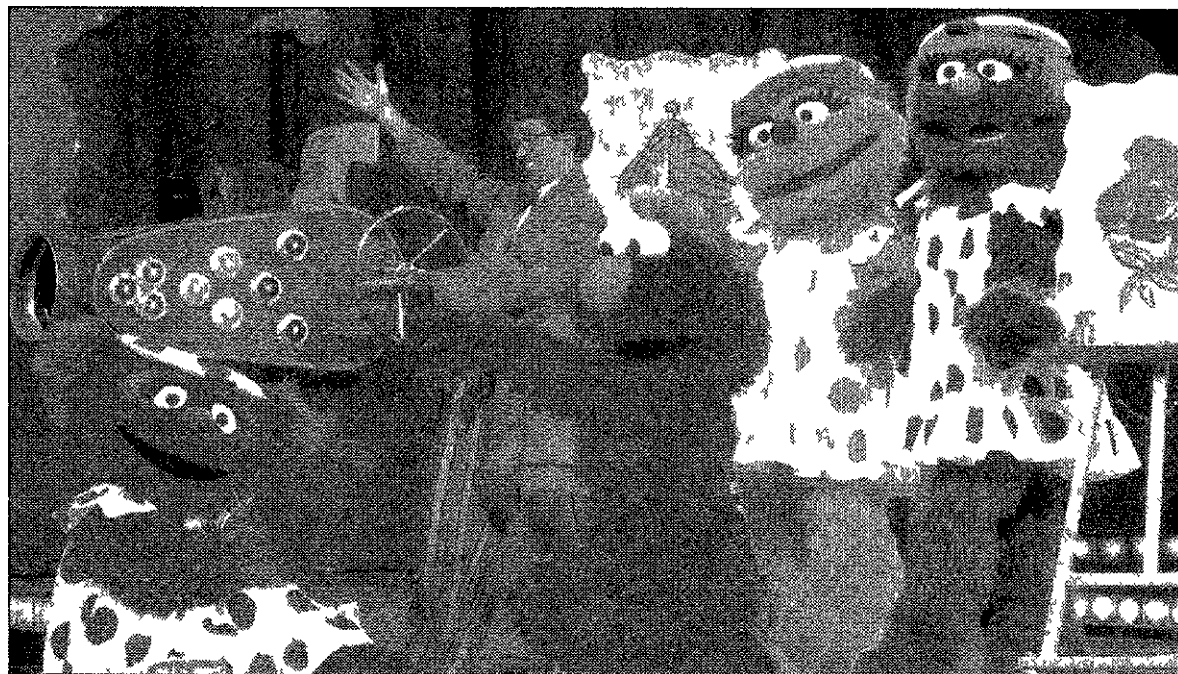
Mainstage show is *In iPod We Trust* running Wednesday Sunday 42705 Grand River Ave Novi (248) 348 4448

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.joeyscomey.com



ON STAGE

Sesame Street Live's *Elmo's Coloring Book* comes to the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Feb 10-26 for 30 matinee and evening performances

Tickets \$12-\$22, limited premium seats for \$30 Call (313) 471-6611 Tickets may be purchased at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box office, Hockeytown Authentics in Troy and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Marshall Field's

Details Information online visit www.sesamestreetlive.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.detroitsciencecenter.org

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 1 4 p m first and third Saturday of every month Shield's Pizza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph) Southfield \$8 cover Call (248) 478 0172

Jazz at Wharton Center

The MSU Professors of Jazz features Kevin Mahogany 8 30 p m Thursday Feb 23 at Pasent Theatre and Ingrid Jensen Wednesday March 22 at Stoddard Grand Tier Lounge (517) 432 2000 or 1 800 WHARTON or visit www.whartoncenter.com

Jazz and dinner

Kind of Blue Tuesdays at Lola's Harmonie Park

Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet the shows help talented local musicians to play one by one with the core group Jam sessions begin at 9 p m every Tuesday Located at 1427 Randolph Street in Detroit's Harmonie Park For dinner reservations or for more information please call (313) 962 0483

Jazz Benefit

Vocalist Barbara Ware and friends the Cliff Moner trio Sax Man George Benson and trumpeter Johnny Trudell 3 6 p m Sunday Feb 26 at Radisson (Kingsley) Hotel in Bloomfield Hills Master of ceremonies is Fox 2 anchor Huel Perkins Performances benefit Women's Survival Center of Oakland County and the child care center Maggie's Rising Stars Advance tickets \$50 checks payable to Women's Survival Center can be sent to Christina Lovgren at Women's Survival Center 43097 Woodward Avenue Suite 102 Bloomfield Hills Michigan 48302

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MORE MUSIC

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Livonia 8 p.m. Saturday Feb. 4. Doors open at
7 p.m. and admission is \$10

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8 p.m. Friday Feb. 10 Hill Auditorium 825
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Bowl Lanes 45100 Ford Road in Canton (734)
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Temple Detroit \$45 \$75 call (248) 645
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gospelcelebration.com

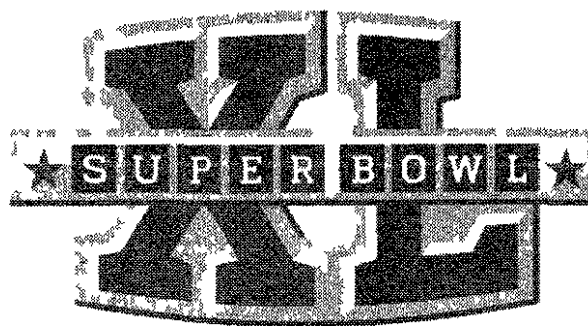
Players Gala

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Feb. 5 Elysium Lounge Detroit \$150
(404) 885
6670

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Why Not XL At Your Game? hosted by
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DETROIT

FEBRUARY 5, 2006

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Pigskins on Parade

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U of M ice carving team

Exhibition featuring on site carving on
sidewalks throughout downtown
downtown Ann Arbor's Main Liberty
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Thursday Feb. 2 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday
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Shop for sports memorabilia Feb. 3
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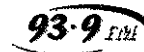


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The unsung heroes of the Motown label, the Funk Brothers have played on more No. 1 records than the Beatles, Beach

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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*, *Isn't She Proud to Beg*, *My Guy*, *The Way You Do the Things You Do*, *Dancing in the Street* and many others.

Tickets to Taste of the NFL

and copies of the 2006 Restaurant Guide, featuring recipes of the dishes served, can be purchased by calling (952) 835-7621.

Individual tickets are available for \$400, early-entry VIP tickets are \$600, and corporate tables with VIP amenities are \$6,000. The restaurant guide is available for \$19.95.

For more information on Taste of the NFL, visit the Web site at www.tasteofthenfl.com

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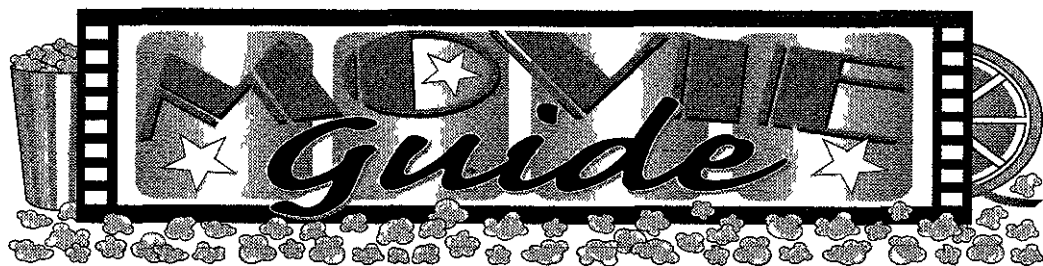
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The Robinson Committee organizes the exhibitions held in the BBAC's Robinson Gallery. The exhibit includes a mix of two and three dimensional work from the committee members' own personal collections, reflecting a broad variety of artists and styles.

The annual BBAC Student Show is juried by Kristie Everett Zamora, director, Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture and Film. Prior to her work with arts and cultural organizations, Zamora was curator at the Flint Institute of Art.

The exhibit recognizes the dedication and talent of BBAC adult students. Students range from those "just discovering their artistic interest and talent" to well-known artists perfecting their skills

or learning new skills in a specific medium. BBAC instructors are some of the most highly-trained in the region.

Opening receptions for both exhibits is 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb 3. The BBAC is located at 1516 S Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. Call, 248-644-0866 or visit www.bbartcenter.org

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All week the Hard Rock Cafe Detroit has been hosting shows leading to the big game.

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The name coincides with Hard Rock's "best damn" slogan of its menu, memorabilia, entertainment and rock 'n' roll atmosphere.

'Best Damn' hosts include Chris Rose, John Salley, Rodney Peete and Rob Dibble, appearing at the cafe. Taping is 2:30-4:30 p.m.

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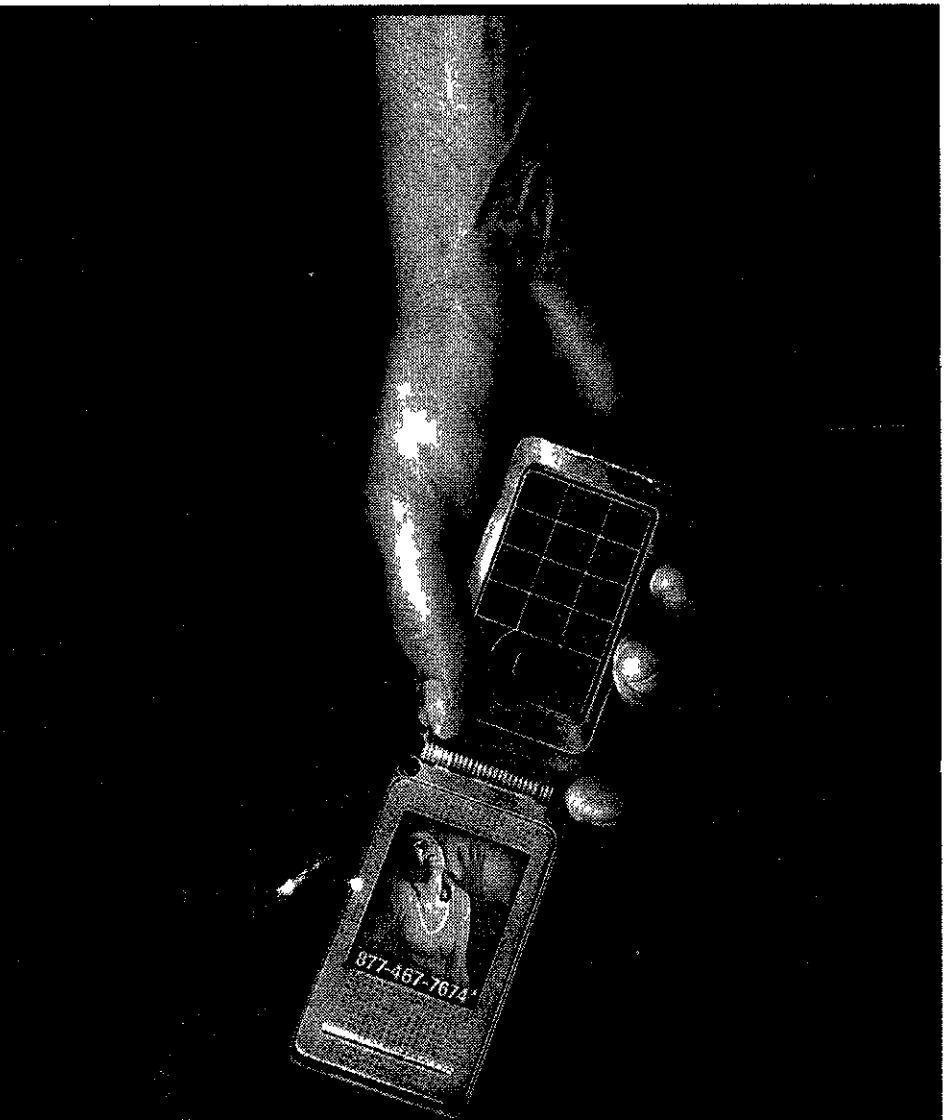


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GETTING THERE

Getting around downtown Detroit will be a whole new experience this weekend.

Seriously, anybody driving into the city has a lot to contend with: street closures, numerous private parties, a bevy of out-of-town guests and NFL and Super Bowl related events.

So plan, plan, plan and reserve extra time. Take a shuttle if you can and walk or utilize the People Mover to get around. The People Mover has extended hours - until 3 a.m. through Feb. 5 (service will begin 7 a.m. week days and 9 a.m. this weekend).

Here is additional information about shuttle service, parking and more.

SUNDAY SHUTTLE FOR NON-GAME VISITORS

- Special shuttle service from parking lots located west of Lodge Freeway off the Howard Street exit.
- Encouraged for Motown Winter Blast and NFL Experience visitors.
- Parking is available in lots bordered by Porter to the north, Lafayette to the south, Seventh to the west and Sixth to the east.
- Drop off and pick up at the transportation hub at Fort and Cass.
- Fees: parking \$10, shuttle \$1 per way per person, free for children under 44 inches.
- Schedule: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., departing every 15 minutes.

DETROIT MUNICIPAL PARKING

- Cobo Hall Garage: 475 Washington Boulevard, entrance at Washington and Jefferson, cars subject to screening at westbound Jefferson between Griswold and Washington, normal time to pass through security is approximately 20 seconds per car.
- Millennium Garage: 432 W. Congress Street, entrance between Washington and First.
- Ford Underground Garage: 30 E. Jefferson Avenue, entrance at Woodward.
- Greektown Garage: 660 Macomb Street, entrance on Macomb or Monroe between St. Antoine & I-75.
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STREET CLOSURES & MORE INFORMATION

- The Michigan Department of Transportation (daily maps of street closures): www.michigan.gov/mdot
- Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau (800) DETROIT (338 7648) or www.visitdetroit.com
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- Northland Center: free parking, Greenfield between Eight and Nine Mile roads, Southfield.
- Detroit Zoo: \$10 parking fee, I-696 at Woodward Avenue, Royal Oak.
- Fairlane Town Center: free parking, Southfield Freeway between Hubbard Drive and Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.
- Macomb Mall: free parking, Gratiot between 13 and 14 Mile roads, Roseville.
- Detroit City Airport: free parking, Connor and Gratiot, Detroit.

■ Dropoff and return shuttle locations are Fort and Cass, a few blocks from the NFL Experience (at Cobo Center) and People Mover stop and Motown Winter Blast (Fort/Griswold entrance). Please note that the Wayne State University shuttle will drop off and pick up only at Woodward and Henry near Ford Field on game day.

HOURS

Thursday Feb. 2: 3 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Friday Feb. 3 to Sunday Feb. 5: 10 a.m. to 3 a.m.
Wayne State University shuttle departs every 15 minutes, all other shuttles depart every 20 minutes.

■ Park And Ride shuttles will make limited additional stops along shuttle routes in Detroit.

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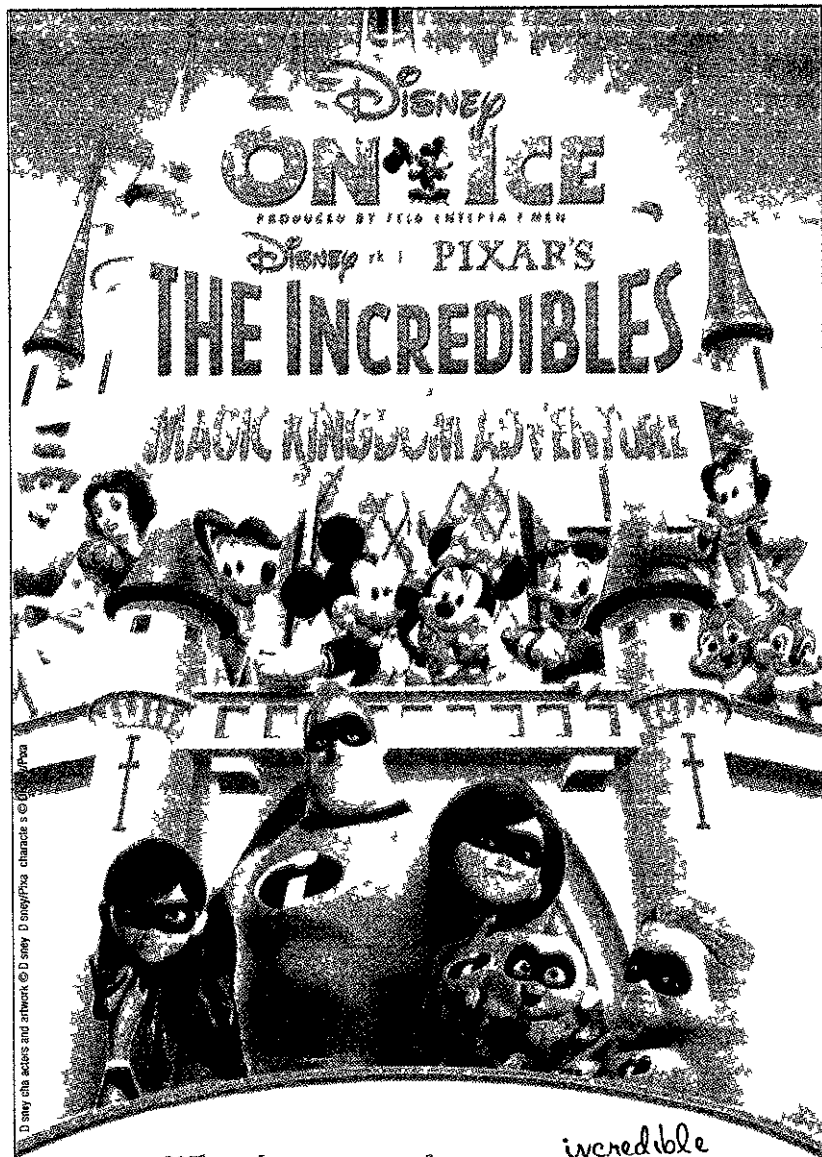
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PARKING FACTS

- Street parking through Feb. 5: None is allowed in the Central Business District, bounded by M-10 (the Lodge) to the west, I-375 to the east, I-75 to the north and Detroit River to the south.
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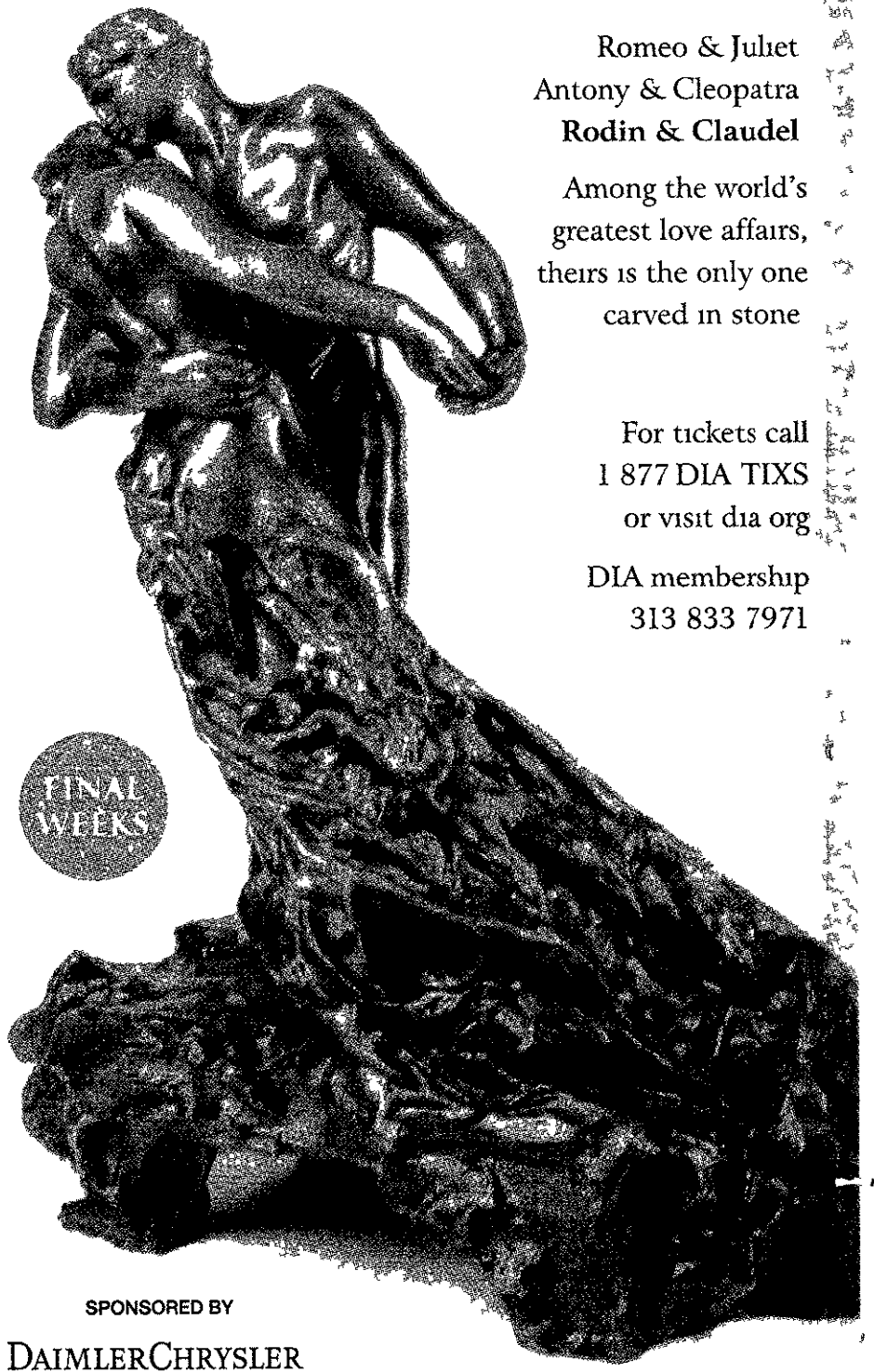
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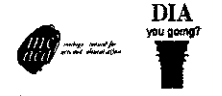
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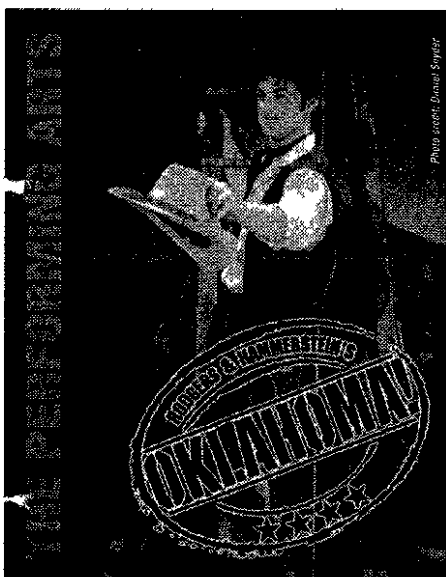


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'FUZION' HOSTS

In celebration of February, African-American History month, *Fuzion* magazine hosts "A Day of African-American History" luncheon at the Charles H Wright Museum of African-American History for all-star little league football teams from Detroit's Police Athletic League and West Coast kids sponsored by Snoop Dogg. The luncheon for both teams is 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3.

Confirmed keynote speakers Dan Varner, CEO of Think Detroit PAL, Detroit Lion Kevin Jones, former Lion and NFL Hall of Famer Barry Sanders (who is a part of the *Gridiron to Greatness Exhibition* — *African Americans in Professional Football* at the museum) and Snoop Bowl founder, Calvin Broadus — a.k.a. Snoop Dogg.

The two teams play at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Silverdome. Proceeds go to the Snoop Bowl Foundation and Think Detroit PAL.

The museum will provide these young athletes who range from 7-9 years of age

with a formal tour of the museum and educational and entertaining activities. This will also include a press conference introducing the teams to the city of Detroit as well as the initiatives of the "Snoop Bowl."

For details, visit www.Fuzion-mag.com

WATCH THE BIG SCREEN

OK, so this next item isn't concert-oriented, rather it is about the game itself. Emagine Novi movie theater will be showing the biggest football game of the year on one of the largest format big screens in town.

The show starts at 5 p.m. on game day. Tickets are free, but seating is limited. The theater will begin issuing tickets Friday, Feb. 3.

Also, special concession tailgate packages will be available for purchase. Emagine's 86,000-square-foot facility features stadium seating, wall-to-wall screens and digital sound.

The Emagine Novi is located 44425 W 12 Mile Road in Novi. For more information, visit www.emagine-entertainment.com or call (248) 468-2990.

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REVIEW

I had the pleasure of meeting the members of The Gossip, a Washington-based dance-punk trio, last year in Lansing. I bonded with lead singer Beth Ditto, as she ate the greasiest cheeseburger I've ever seen, and discussed our roles as high school yearbook editors. What does this have to do with the band's latest full-length release on *Kill Rock Stars*? Nothing. I just wanted to mention that the leader of a cool band and yours truly both wrote captions about homecoming floats.

Standing in the Way of Control hit record stores Jan. 24 and features a funkier, dancier sound for The Gossip. Known for their raw live sets that show case Arkansas-born Ditto's powerful vocals, their third record has a more professional, grown-up sound for the trio.

Fans shouldn't be too surprised by the dance-infused songs this time around. The Gossip have worked with Le Tigre in the past and even recorded a special 12-inch single with them last year.

The opening song, *Fire With Fire*, sets the tone for the album, balancing the new funkier aspect with harder guitars and drums that the band has perfected for this album. The title track is by far the best example of the dance-and-funk feel this time around, with *Your Mangled Heart* coming in second. On the title

song, Brace's rhythm guitar and syncopated drum beats from Hannah (making her Gossip debut) produce a sound you might have heard in New York's infamous CBGB's in the early '80s. *Jealous Girls* is reminiscent of more "traditional" Gossip songs, with faster drums and guitars. And while the entire album provides songs for Ditto (whose voice has never sounded better), *Coal to Diamonds* is the album's slow song" and lets Ditto work magic with the microphone and her stellar vocal chords.

And in keeping with stories that really don't have too much to do with reviews, The Gossip recorded the album at Bear Creek Studios in Seattle, Wash., the same place where Lionel Richie recorded the ground-breaking (note sarcasm) *Dancing on the Ceiling* some 20 years ago. Now how's that for pointless?

Check out The Gossip at www.killrockstars.com

TOO MUCH SUPER BOWL?

If you're like me, you're on Super Bowl overload by now. Lucky for you, the Lager House (1254 Michigan Ave, Detroit) is looking out for you. Here's the rundown:

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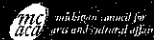
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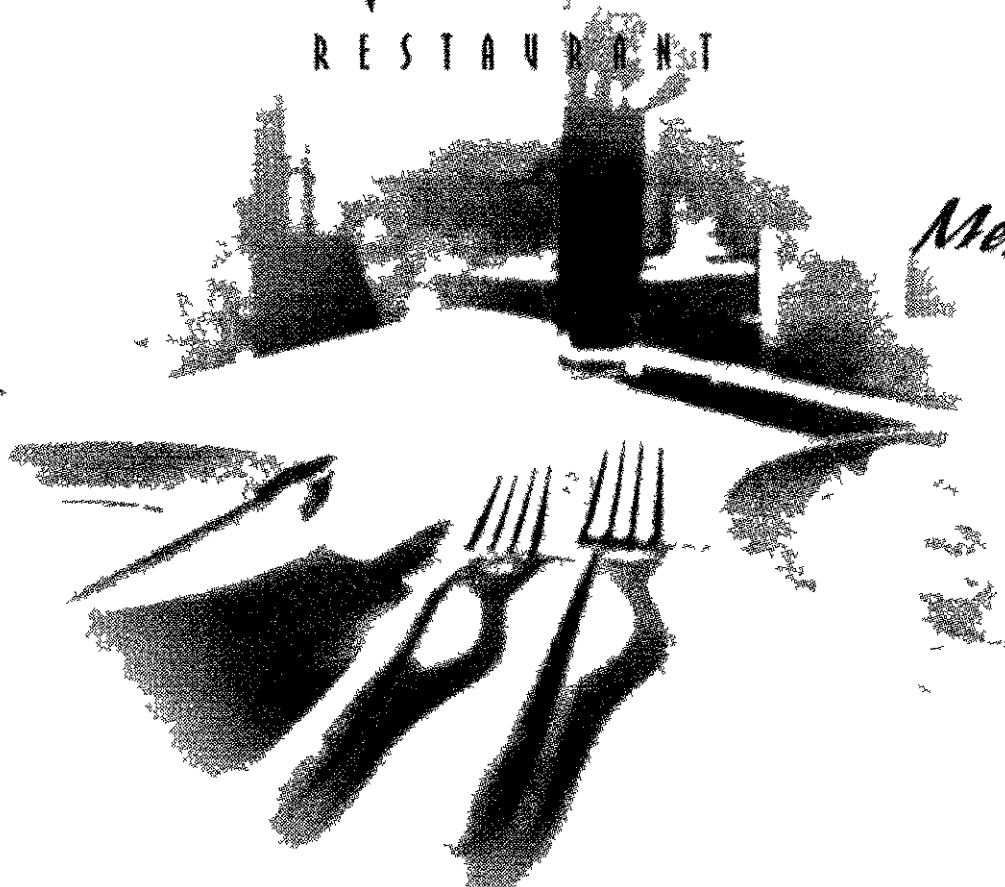
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