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Screening kicks off Penn fund campaign

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 150 people spent Sunday, Feb. 5, doing something that hasn't been done in the Penn Theatre in more than two years.

Watching a movie - its history, memories and possible demise - was geared to fire volunteers to participate in a three-phase \$1.5-\$2 million fund-raising campaign to refurbish the movie house built in 1941.

"The building is ours," said a jubilant Jennifer Philpot-Munson of Friends of the Penn. "It's a community coming together to preserve a piece of our past for the benefit of all the families, children and performing groups in town."

Plymouth resident and Plymouth Symphony Society president Don Soenen put together a group of investors to buy the theater from co-owners Chris Knight and Pat Tortora for \$1.2 million. Members of the newly formed corporation are expected to meet today to finalize their agreements before closing the deal.

It took less than a month for Soenen to partner with Plymouth community leaders willing to invest in \$100,000 increments. Each will give a \$20,000 down payment, and give the rest as \$6,000 yearly land contract payments, according to Soenen.

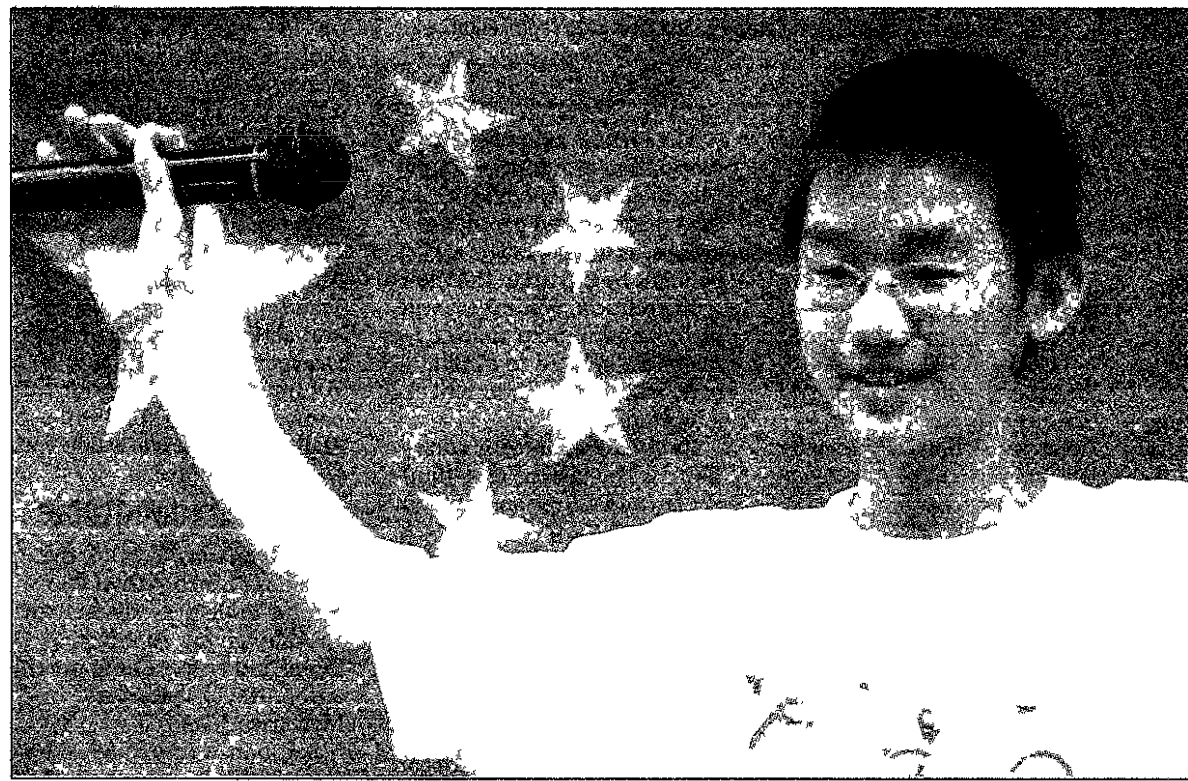
While to some that was the monumental task, Soenen said he thinks the hard part is just beginning.

"The difficult part, now, is raising the \$1-\$1.5 million to bring this place to a level we'd all like to see," said Soenen, who was also instrumental in raising \$12 million for the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Township. "Maybe it's not quite the Village Theater, but with the plans they have for this place, it will be very close, very competitive and at a fraction of the cost."

The plan is for Soenen's group to give a 10-year lease for the theater to the Friends of the Penn for \$1 a year, with additional five-year options, for such activities as movies, Plymouth Symphony performances, theater and dance groups and the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Phase 1 of the fund-raising drive aims to raise some \$500,000-\$750,000 to

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Zhe Fan Zheng wishes his Hulsing classmates a happy Chinese New Year. Jan. 29 was the first day of the 'Year of the Dog.'

Speaking the language

Diversity focus helps teach different cultures

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With gifts of Chinese spring rolls, almond chicken, chicken lo mein and other Asian staples - including, of course, fortune cookies - 12-year-old Zhe Fan Zheng introduced traditions of the Chinese New Year to his fifth-grade classmates at Hulsing Elementary.

Fan (pronounced Fahn), as he's known by classmates, described to his friends what it's like to celebrate New Year's in his hometown of Fuzhou, China, located on the southeastern coast between Hong Kong and Shanghai.

"We ate specially prepared dumplings and kids played with firecrackers," Fan told classmates. "In larger towns, lion dances and dragon dances were taking place."

"This New Year, starting on

Jan. 29, is the first day of the year of the dog," he added. "Happy New Year!"

Students and teachers gave Fan an ovation, not so much for what he said, but because the shy, Chinese-speaking classmate gave his speech in perfect English.

"It was a big accomplishment for him," said Janice Hill, a paraprofessional who helps Fan with his English. "We rehearsed for about 2 1/2 weeks. He gave me his information so we could put something together."

Fan enrolled at Hulsing in third grade, and still speaks limited English. Rod Jenkins of Canton Township has volunteered at Hulsing the past 11 years, helping students whose main language is something other than English.

PLEASE SEE CHINESE, A8



Andie Poplin, Wayne Byrum, Kelsey Riley, Kiara Schneider, Brooke Poole and Alexis Foley sample Chinese cuisine.

New faces coming

Eight candidates, but no incumbents, on school ballot

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

There will be two new members of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education come May 2.

Neither of the two incumbents, Joanne Lamar nor Carol Saunders, will be seeking re-election, leaving eight candidates to battle it out for the two, four-year seats on the board.

"We need a new face on the board to seek additional funding and enhance the curriculum," said 18-year-old Brandon Hynes of Canton Township, a 2005 graduate of Divine Child in Dearborn, and currently a freshman at Wayne State University. "We need to enhance and upgrade our curriculum so every single graduate is amply prepared to tackle higher education or the working world head-on."

Larry Martin of Plymouth Township said he's running because of concerns about the district's operating budget.

"We're facing a real funding crisis from the state, and will need to make some big changes in the next year or two to keep academics going as well as they are now," said Martin.

Mark Christenson of Plymouth Township said he's a candidate because, "My major concern is that young children should have an elementary school within walking distance to their home."

Steven Sneiderman of Canton said if elected, he wants future redistricting to deal with increases in enrollment is "sensitive to how they affect our children and families."

The other four candidates include Cheryl McKoy and John Nichols of Canton, and John Jackson and Dianne Gonzalez of Plymouth Township.

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Friday to reconsider and take their names off the ballot.

Lamar is running as a Democrat for the 20th State House seat. Saunders earlier said her decision would be based on family and health issues.

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Heart failure silences 'Voice of the Penn'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

For decades, when patrons called the Penn Theatre for movie times, the deep, drawn-out voice at the other end began with, "This is a recording for the Penn Theatre."

That distinctive articulation belonged to Lloyd Oliver of Plymouth, who began his career at the Penn as a part-time projectionist in 1958, before eventually operating the theater for several owners until retiring in 2001.

The voice of the Penn was silenced Tuesday when Oliver succumbed to congestive heart failure at the age of 77.

"He liked that people recognized him by his voice," William Oliver said of his father. "He loved movies, and he liked the people who came to the Penn."

Despite several ownership

changes, the one constant was Oliver.

"We inherited Lloyd with the theater," said former owner John Mazzei with a chuckle. "I remember when he was in the hospital and we put a different voice on the recording, we got a ton of phone calls asking 'Where is Lloyd?' And, he was the best popcorn maker. It was an old-fashioned kettle, and he knew when it was ready and how much oil to put in. And, he used real butter."

Bonnie and Earl Smith of Plymouth owned the Penn from 1982-99, eventually turning over day-to-day operations to Lloyd Oliver.

"We trusted Lloyd with everything and anything," said Bonnie Smith. "He loved that theater with all his heart."

Ellen Elliott, the executive director of Friends of the Penn, the

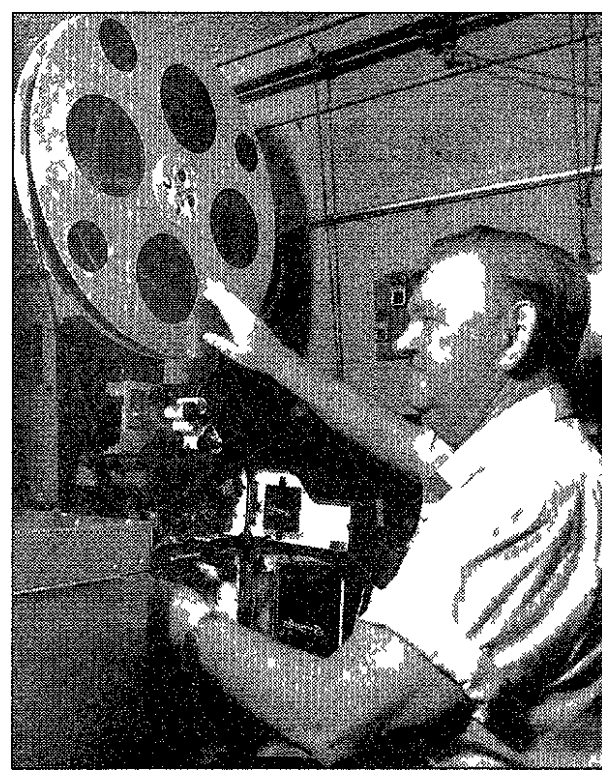
preservationist group raising money to refurbish the 64-year-old theater, remembers as a young girl calling the Penn for show times.

"People imitated his very distinctive voice," remembered Elliott. "Mr. Oliver's passing gives us a renewed sense of purpose to getting the theater re-opened in honor of him."

Oliver was ill for several years, suffering from Parkinson's disease, and on Friday had emergency surgery to repair three ruptured discs in his neck. Oliver's body will be donated to researchers at the University of Michigan, which conducts extensive research on Parkinson's.

"He didn't want a funeral," said William Oliver. "He always said people should just remember the good times about somebody."

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Jerry Oliver's career at the Penn Theatre began when he took a job as a part-time projectionist in 1958. Oliver died Tuesday.

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Coming Sunday
on the **PINK** Page

The Red Dress Tour

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.

Open houses

Cross Bridge Academy, a school for the development of children along the autistic spectrum and those with significant language and sensory processing disorders, hosts an open house 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1, at Compass Cafe in downtown Plymouth. The academy, which opens a second classroom for the 2006-07 school year, incorpo-

rates the successful Association Method, Sensory Integration Therapy and Social Pragmatic language lessons all geared to the individual needs of the child. The program is academically oriented with a focus on reading and writing. For more information or to attend the open house, e-mail director Katie Kramer at katie.aces@comcast.net or call (734) 649-1044.

New Morning School hosts its annual open house 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19. The event includes a discussion about the history and philosophy of the school followed by a question-and-answer session with the teachers and staff. At 2 p.m. the annual Student Museum will begin for community and family viewing with refreshments being served. The school is located at 14501 Haggerty Road between Schoolcraft and Five Mile in Plymouth Township. For more information about the school and to reserve space at the discussion meeting, call (734) 420-3331.

Arts ensemble

The second annual Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble takes place at Canton High School 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11. It is a juried show featuring local art and handmade crafts. Music will be provided throughout the day performed



Bowling for books

Some 98 girls and 32 adults from Canton Charter Academy and Eriksson and Fiegel Elementary schools took part in a community service event at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth. The project collected more than 100 books, which were then donated to First Step. Among the girls who took part were Courtney Sieloff, Brownie Troop 638 at Eriksson, Katie Pruden, Junior Troop 676 at Eriksson, Amanda Sockow, Junior Troop 1387 at Canton Charter Academy, and Andrea Cholico, Brownie Troop 1105 at Fiegel Elementary. Also pictured are Ronda Stothers (left), service unit manager of Canton E, and First Step representative Lois Stewart (right).

by PCEP students, and food will be available for purchase, including a bake sale. Admission is \$2, with all proceeds benefiting the Plymouth-Canton music program.

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 nonprofit 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.

Frog listeners

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for the ninth-annual Rouge River Watershed

Frog and Toad Survey, and one of the training seminars is coming to Plymouth.

Volunteers need no prior experience but must attend one two-hour training workshop and learn eight breeding calls from a CD that is provided. All materials are provided. Surveys are conducted independently on damp, warm evenings, several times a month beginning in March and ending in July.

This is a simple presence/absence survey in which participants identify what species are calling. Survey locations must be within the Rouge River Watershed in wetlands.

Organizers say the survey is a fun opportunity to spend time with family and friends outdoors learning about local wildlife. Families, students, seniors, etc. are encouraged to sign up. Pre-registration for workshops is required by e-mailing picordinator@therouge.org or calling (313) 792-9621.

The Plymouth training session takes place 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, March 11 at the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting room, 42350 Ann Arbor Road (at Lilley). Training sessions are also available in Ypsilanti, Livonia, Dearborn and Southfield. Volunteers should provide full name, address, phone and e-mail and which workshop you would like to attend.

Civil War roundtable

On Thursday, Feb. 16, the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table presents Martin Brosnan giving an informational and entertaining presentation titled "Histories Mysteries".

Brosnan, a retired educator and administrator, is a member of the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table and the Michigan Regimental Round Table. He is a well-known lecturer for the Detroit Historical Department and a contributor to Smithsonian Magazine.

He is also known for his tours of historic Detroit areas such as Elmwood Cemetery.

His areas of expertise include Detroit history, First Ladies, the death of Abraham Lincoln and, of course, the Civil War.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth. The public is invited. Admission is free. For more information call (734) 459-7324.

Presidential visit

Sandy Germany of Alabama, the national president of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, makes a stop in metro Detroit Feb. 21-23.

Germany, who will stay in Plymouth during her visit, will be met at the airport by National Big Ten Chairman Edna Kivimmi, Department of Michigan President Linda Burton of Northville and other department officers and chairmen.

While in the area, Germany will visit VFW posts in Center Line, Hamburg, Fenton and Dearborn Heights.

Booklet signing

Award-winning poet Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin holds a book signing 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Book Cellar & Cafe in downtown Plymouth, across from Starbucks on Ann Arbor Trail.

Vatcher-Martin's book has more than 50 Haiku that give readers an opportunity to reflect on their meaning, and enjoy the simplicity of the poem's structure. She'll have some other poetry gifts for sale, as well.

She is profiled on TheDetroit.com's literary section for January 2006. Her award-winning poem "Woman Reclining," which received The Award of Distinction in Literary Arts through Artists Among Us in November, is showcased on this site.

Vatcher-Martin's poetry, writing, and photographs have appeared in many publications in metro Detroit and nationally. She can be reached at e-mail at Peroinc5@comcast.net or by phone at (734) 397-1626.

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Pattie Bingham found her way through the grief process at New Hope Center for Grief support. She's now the center's new outreach and special events coordinator.

Getting 'Hope' from grief

Center gives newest staffer chance for new life

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville makes its living providing grieving families with a place to make it through the grief process after losing a loved one. The center, run by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, depends a lot on volunteers to help run the various support groups, and many of them come to New Hope the same way. Seeking something, anything, to help them through the process.

Pattie Bingham is no different. Bingham, a Farmington Hills resident who left a corporate job for a publishing company when her husband, Ralph, was diagnosed with cancer in 2001, found her way to New Hope after Ralph lost his battle three years later.

After struggling to find the right group, Bingham made her way to a New Hope-sponsored workshop at Ward Presbyterian Church.

"When I walked in, I just knew it was the right place," said Bingham, New Hope's new outreach and special events coordinator. Something just clicked. It was the way they handled the workshops. They had a broad overview, then you could break down and discuss things with your peers.

"Most of the facilitators had been where we were, she added. "What better way to learn? It was very encouraging." Encouraging was something Bingham needed at that point in her life. Doctors diagnosed Ralph's cancer in 2001 and gave him six months to live.

Not wanting to waste any of it, Pattie quit her job and spent every minute of the next three years with her husband, doing the things he wanted to do, traveling to places he wanted to see.

"We'd gone to the Mayo Clinic and thought it was getting better, but it came back," Pattie said.

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"Those three years were wonderful times, the best times we spent together. It was what he wanted to do, so you have to do it."

Ralph succumbed in May 2004. Pattie was left grieving, looking for help. Shortly after her husband's death, Pattie learned of a New Hope workshop at Ward, but it was too soon. She wouldn't make it to a grief workshop until September 2004.

"I was sitting home grieving, scrolling public service TV and happened to see the ad for New Hope's summer workshop," Pattie said. "I couldn't make that one, and I probably wasn't ready anyway."

By September she was ready, and going to the workshop led her to volunteer to facilitate other groups, do office and clerical work, and "whatever they needed," she said.

When former outreach coordinator Sandy Prebenda, also of Plymouth, announced she was leaving, Bingham was ready to step in.

"She really felt connected to New Hope," said Cathy Clough, the center's executive director. "Sometimes when people come through New Hope and stick around and volunteer, it becomes a part of them. They've gained so much and

they can see what it can do.

"They want to do anything they can to help other people who are in the spot they were in when they were going through their grief," Clough added. "I saw a lot of that in Pattie. I saw compassion."

If she was looking for a fresh start, Bingham certainly had choices after her husband passed away. Her eldest daughter, Jennifer Bingham, lives in Indianapolis. Her youngest daughter, Samantha Holloway, lives in Phoenix. Son Cliff, the middle child, lives in Ferndale.

But Bingham decided to stick around, and she found her heart - in part because of New Hope - gravitating toward Northville.

It's funny how God works, Bingham said. "I could have gone to Phoenix or to Florida, but when I look back I think, 'Why would I want to go there to get old?' That's why they tell you not to do anything like that the first year."

"Things happen for a reason. My heart has always been geared toward Northville. I just love it."

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Talent show gives students their own chance to shine

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When a lull came in last weekend's "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars" talent show put on by Building Bridges Therapy Center in Plymouth, director Stephanie Naberhaus asked for volunteers to help fill it.

With little hesitation, 8-year-old Eric Kim stepped up. Wearing sunglasses and giving instructions to the audience - "No laughing, and you have to cheer," he told them - at Geneva Presbyterian Church, Eric performed a hip-hop song that had the audience roaring and left his mother both nervous and proud.

"It's incredible, because he's 8 years old, and he only started speaking at the age of 5," said Maureen Kim, Eric's mother and, with husband John, owners of Compass Cafe in downtown Plymouth. He feels so good that he can do that. Everyone knew how difficult it was for him to do, and they went along with it and made his day."

The annual talent show is put on by Building Bridges to feature all the talents of the clinic's special-needs students. Some 25 kids took part in the show, dancing, singing, telling jokes, or modeling in the fashion show to entertain a thrilled audience of parents, family members and friends.

The show has always been, and was again, an opportunity for the students to shine.

"This show is very important to the kids, and also to the families," Naberhaus said. "A lot of them have been with the clinic for many years, and the talent show has become an annual thing they really look forward to."

"The parents and the kids, for a lot of them, this is the only time these kids ever get to perform on stage. They don't get to have recitals or play sports like other kids do, so this is very big for them."

Building Bridges got a lot of help from local businesses: Joanne's Dance Extension of



Students at Building Bridges Therapy Center took the stage at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Canton for the seventh annual Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars talent show.



Dawn Tomaszycy was all smiles with her son, Ryan, after the Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars talent show.

vided the talent show T-shirts, Gap Kids at Twelve Oaks Mall provided the clothes for the fashion show, and Vanessa's Flowers donated flowers for the girls and their parents.

It's a level of business involvement Naberhaus said is critical to the success of the show.

"It would be a little more bare-bones," she acknowledged. "We could do it without (businesses) if we had to, but they add those little special touches."

According to Maureen Kim, the talent show is a place where parents who don't always get to see their children succeed at things can see them shine, if only for a couple of hours.

"For them to have a talent show where they shine is just delightful," Kim said. "For a parent, it breaks your heart. So many times throughout a day, you see your child failing, not being a typical kid. For one day, you get to see him being a typical kid. The whole crowd cheers, and it's wonderful for them."

Canton provided help with the dancers, giving hours and hours of volunteer effort to working with the kids to do the show.

The thing that really made it go off so well was the girls at Joanne's," Naberhaus said. "They just worked with our kids for weeks and weeks, and the kids did an amazing job. Most of the credit goes to them, because they're the ones who did most of the work."

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DEATHS

B
Maurice Clinton Beers
 Beers 92 died

C
Paul D. Carter
 Carter 96 of Dearborn died Jan 27

Charles E. Childs
 Childs 87 of Plymouth died Feb 2

K
Helene G. Kvet
 Kvet 88 died Feb 6

L
Katy Lee Howell Lett
 Lett 80 of Birmingham died Feb 6

M
William "Mike" McNeil
 McNeil 54 of Romulus died Jan 30

P
Laura Anne Polakowski

Polakowski 42 of Franklin died Feb 5

R
William E. Ramsay
 Ramsay 54 died Feb 5

S
Dolores R. "Laurie" Seregny
 Seregny 78 formerly of Bloomfield Hills died Feb 5

W
Jerome William Webb Sr.
 Webb died Feb 3

Z
Gary F. Zatorski
 Zatorski 65 died

Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in *Passages* on page C10

Police seek help in rash of B&Es

Plymouth Township police are looking for help in solving a series of breaking-and-entering incidents taking place in the township's industrial park over the last month.

The latest one occurred at a business near M-14 and Sheldon, during which police say a conference call computer was stolen.

According to Detective Sgt. Dennis Wilson, the 'point of entry is either a front door being pried open or a rock being thrown through a window.'

The B&Es have occurred at all times of the day and night, primarily over weekends,

Wilson said "Laptop computers and televisions have been the targets of the thefts."

Anyone with information on any of the break-ins can call Wilson, (734) 354-3241

Fire runs

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following incidents during the period Jan. Feb 1-7

■ Tuesday, Feb 7 — Commercial rescue run on Concept, residential rescue runs on Leighwood, on Harding and on Arthur, rescue run on Liberty, mutual-aid-given run on Six Mile

■ Monday, Feb 6 — Residential rescue runs on Inbrook, on Wilcox and on Main, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Trail

■ Sunday, Feb 5 — Rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue run on Northville Road

■ Saturday, Feb 4 — Vehicle accident on westbound M-14 under the CSX overpass, resi-



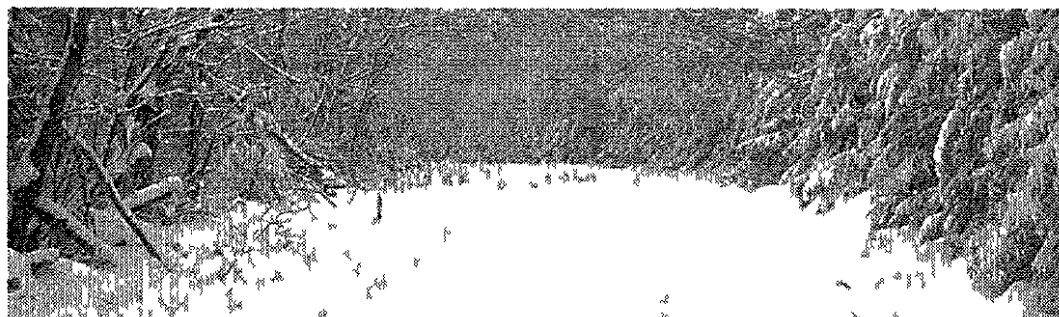
Plymouth Township police are hoping for help identifying the two men filmed at a township business broken into late last month

dential rescue runs on Brookline, on Haggerty, on Northville Road, on Irvin, on Wilcox, on Newporte, on Maple and on Auburn

■ Friday, Feb 3 — Vehicle accidents on Ann Arbor Road west of Ridge, at Wilcox and Village Court and on northbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road (with wash-down), residential rescue runs on Woodgrove, on Schoolcraft, on Ann Arbor Trail and on Academy

■ Thursday, Feb 2 — Residential rescue runs on Deer Creek Run, on Norton and on Burger, wash-downs on southbound I-275 north of 5 Mile and on northbound I-275 north of Joy, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road

■ Wednesday, Feb 1 — Residential rescue runs on Newporte, on Haggerty, on rear and on Canton Center, industrial rescue runs on Sheldon



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Author turns home tales into humorous book

Whatever you do have fun with it that's how I've always lived my existence

— Julie Fairfield Felicelli
author *It's My Turn Now, Where Was I?*

BY MAUREEN JOHNSTON
NORTHVILLE RECORD STAFF WRITER

The anti-brag Christmas letter Julie Fairfield Felicelli began sending years ago earned her an audience

Instead of a happy account of her family's annual triumphs, she shared the down and dirty. Her following grew as people read her drill commentary at the homes of friends and family and asked if they could be added to her card list

"My children do not receive the Nobel Prize, they can barely sort laundry, she said with her trademark wit. Who am I kidding?"

"That's when I'd get those notes back, 'Why don't you write a book?'"

When she finally put pen to paper last summer, she drafted from memory 50 vignettes which her publisher narrowed to 31 for the first book, "It's My Turn Now, Where Was I?"

Felicelli's wry humor about her kids, husband and womanhood recently leapt from verbal monologue to hot off-the-press, poking fun at the everyday

WRY INSPIRATION

So Erma Bombeck lives on in Northville

The mother of seven, grand mother of four, wife, friend, and suburban housewife, is the self-deprecating image of the late syndicated columnist

Felicelli, 56, said she happily kept the pact she made early on with Joe, her husband of 35 years, to handle the household and children. Though she loved her role as stay-at-home, she has equal respect for moms who work

"Who cares," she said with her characteristic bluntness. "It's whatever works for your family"

She said her spontaneity and candid nature complement the husband she likened to idiosyncratic television character, Adrian Monk. The teacher she married is today a vice president of an international after market supplier, meaning he travels frequently

It's water off Felicelli's back. Her dedication to taking life as it comes is a recurring theme in her book.

"Erma Bombeck was like my goddess in those days," she said. "She had a wonderful sarcasm to her wit. You can laugh or you can cry, whine and complain"

"You cannot change what's going to happen, but you can change how you react to it"

FUN PHILOSOPHY

Felicelli's sense of humor and willingness to poke fun at herself are found throughout the 191-page book. Chapters mysteriously titled, "Nightmare, Duck Day" and "The Affair," tell of pantyhose mutiny, a wild bird a neighbor wrestled with and the seductive voice of her husband's car navigation system

The author said her children read the chapter titled, "Honeymoon Hotel" with oh-gross suspense of learning about their parents' wedding night. Felicelli bested them with an account of her flannel-clad husband reaching for her overnight bag so they could count the loot in their wedding gift envelopes

"It's an expression to me, Felicelli said. "If people find something to laugh at, it's a joy for me"

"Whatever you do, have fun with it, that's how I've always lived my existence"

Cartoons by artist David Messing add a humorous touch to Felicelli's musings. She remarked wryly she had to thank him for drawing underwear so pretty and legs so shapely to accompany her "Nightmare" tale

The author said she received an e-mail from a 77-year-old man who said he never laughed so hard about pantyhose

"There's stuff for everyone in there," she said

NATURAL AUDIENCE

The Felicelli home in The Oaks off Seven Mile Road is their eighth residence. The author joked she could distribute the first printing of her



Author Julie Felicelli has included her seven children in most of her vignettes of motherhood. Pictured here are Felicelli's kids Jenny, Joe, Emily, Mark, Ann, Julie, and Daniel



Julie Fairfield Felicelli recently published a humorous book on her experiences as a wife, mother of seven and pantyhose user

book via her children and former neighbors in Indianapolis, Chicago, Georgia and California

"It's like a family fun thing she said. They're all taking part of it. Mom, I sold six today." They're beyond embarrassment of tales shared, she said

Friends tell Felicelli they pick a chapter to read for a chuckle before going to bed at night

Her publicist, Marian Nelson, said the book will have a wide appeal

"I believe the audience is going to be people who need a laugh, want a laugh," Nelson said. "Every time it comes back, it's, 'This is one funny lady'"

Pat Finnegan, co-owner of Pear-aphernalia with Lori Stempfen, is hosting Felicelli's book signing Saturday

She's been such an entertaining customer, Finnegan said. "We tell her, 'You don't have to buy anything, you can just come in to entertain us'"

Customers shopping in the store, overhearing Felicelli's commentary, always end up cracking up with her, Finnegan said

IT'S MY TURN

Finally, with six of her children grown and gone, Felicelli gave into her dream of authoring a book. But she still shoulders the duties of dog walking, baby-sitting and volunteering at school

"I've always defined myself by those seven beings," she said. "As each one leaves, I have to redefine myself. Motherhood is a terminal condition. You don't get out of it until you die. And then there's probably still stuff to do"

But, she said, she did finally get around to writing things down

"I realize I can be a mom, an author and an individual. She proudly mocks her gray hair

"I've earned everyone of them," she said. "I just think age is fabulous. The alternative is six feet under. So I'll take

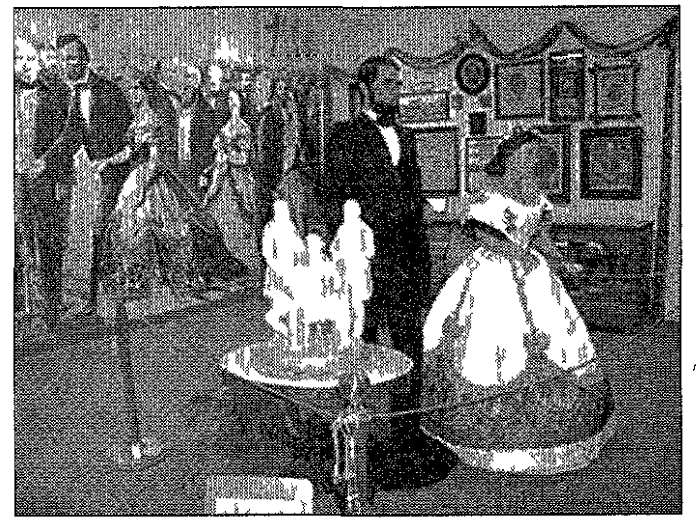
every one of them and love em

Felicelli already is 27 stories into her next book

"They talk about writers

block,' she said. 'I think, When is it going to come?' It just keeps flowing

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The museum's Lincoln Collection is being highlighted this Sunday with a birthday celebration

Museum celebrates Honest Abe

Visit the Plymouth Historical Museum 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, and celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday

The celebration will include birthday cake. Members of the 17th Michigan Civil War Reenactment group will be on hand to meet and talk with visitors and demonstrate muzzle loading. Others in period clothing will share Civil War era toys and games

The Museum Radio Club will also be on hand to get kids on the radio to talk

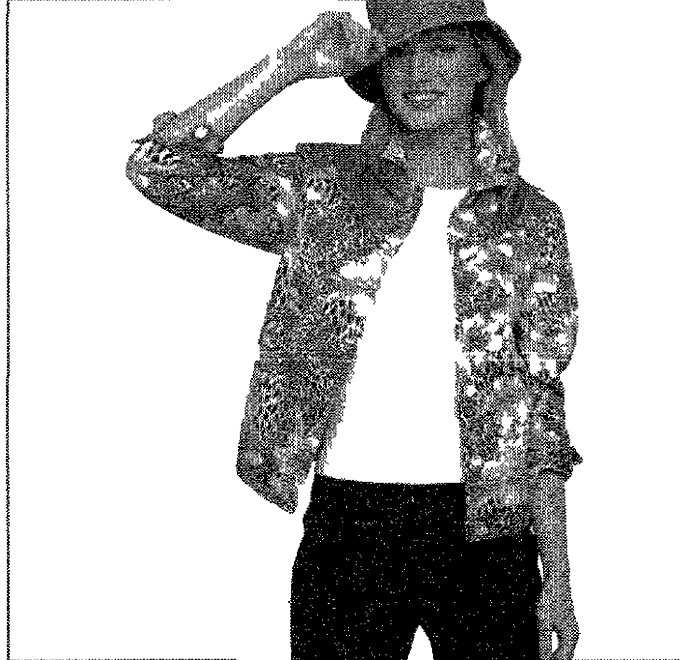
about Lincoln to people all over the world

Also, the current special exhibit at the museum is "Secret Quilts of the Underground Railroad" which features 14 quilts from the secret code uncovered in the book, *Hidden in Plain View*. Those attending will find out how quilts were used to lead escaped slaves to freedom

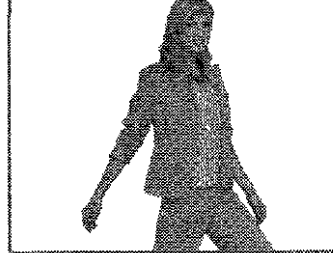
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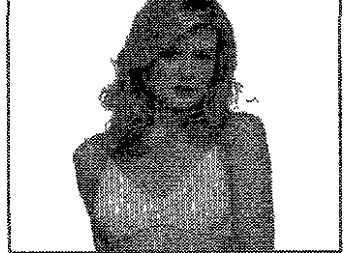
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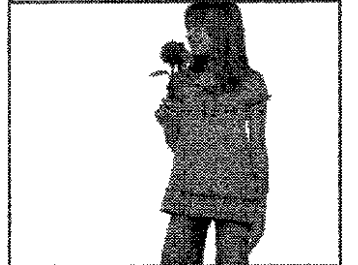
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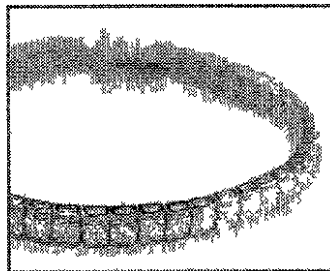
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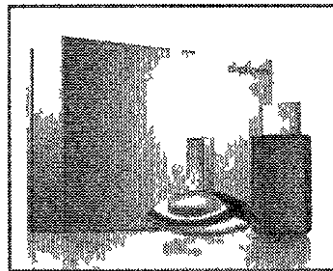
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LOOKING



Programs fill the air to mark the start of Super Bowl XL at Ford Field in downtown Detroit

SBXL was super for suburbs

Super Bowl XL is history. And although most of the activities surrounding the big game took place in Detroit, suburban communities joined in the fun and reaped the economic benefits, according to early reports.

Hotels in Livonia and elsewhere along I-275 were booked solid with more than 2,000 media representatives from around the world.

"The hotels had a great week because in many cases they had guests all week since we had media based hotels. The hotel bars and restaurants had a considerable spike in business. By the weekend, the bars in the Marriott and Holiday Inn were packed," said Wes Graff, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce and a media super captian.

In Troy, Usher, the actor/singer, was one of several high-profile shoppers who saw Somerset as a point of interest, according to Jim Westcott, the mall's general manager.

"Usher — he was here late Saturday afternoon," he said. "And he had quite a large following."

But the crowd of admirers who followed the singer around the mall kept their distance. Usher, meanwhile, loaded up with essentials at Neuman Marcus and Gucci, among others.

"He was a good shopper," Westcott said. Canton Township's Super Bowl hosted the Super Bowl NFL Charities Bowling Classic. NFL celebrities bowling for charity included Pro Football Hall of Famers Bobby Mitchell, Jan Stenerud, Bill Dudley, Tom Mack, Charley Taylor and Carl Eller, and three former players known as much for their nicknames as for their talents on the gridiron: Ed "Too Tall" Jones, Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson and Billy "White Shoes" Johnson.

Marquis Foodservice of Westland catered the Playboy party for 2,000 people last Saturday at the Coleman A. Young International Airport.

"Everything just went great," Marquis owner Scott Winfrey said. The clients were super happy.

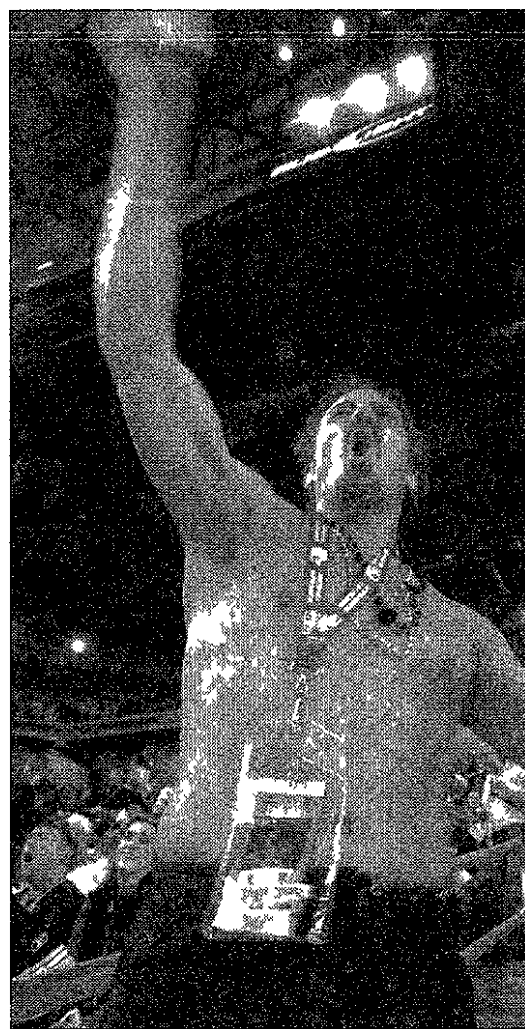
Marquis had 120 workers at the party, and one of the most popular items served was lobster lollipops with dipping sauces. "We made over 1,000 portions, and within three hours those were gone," Winfrey said.

Compiled from O&E staff reports

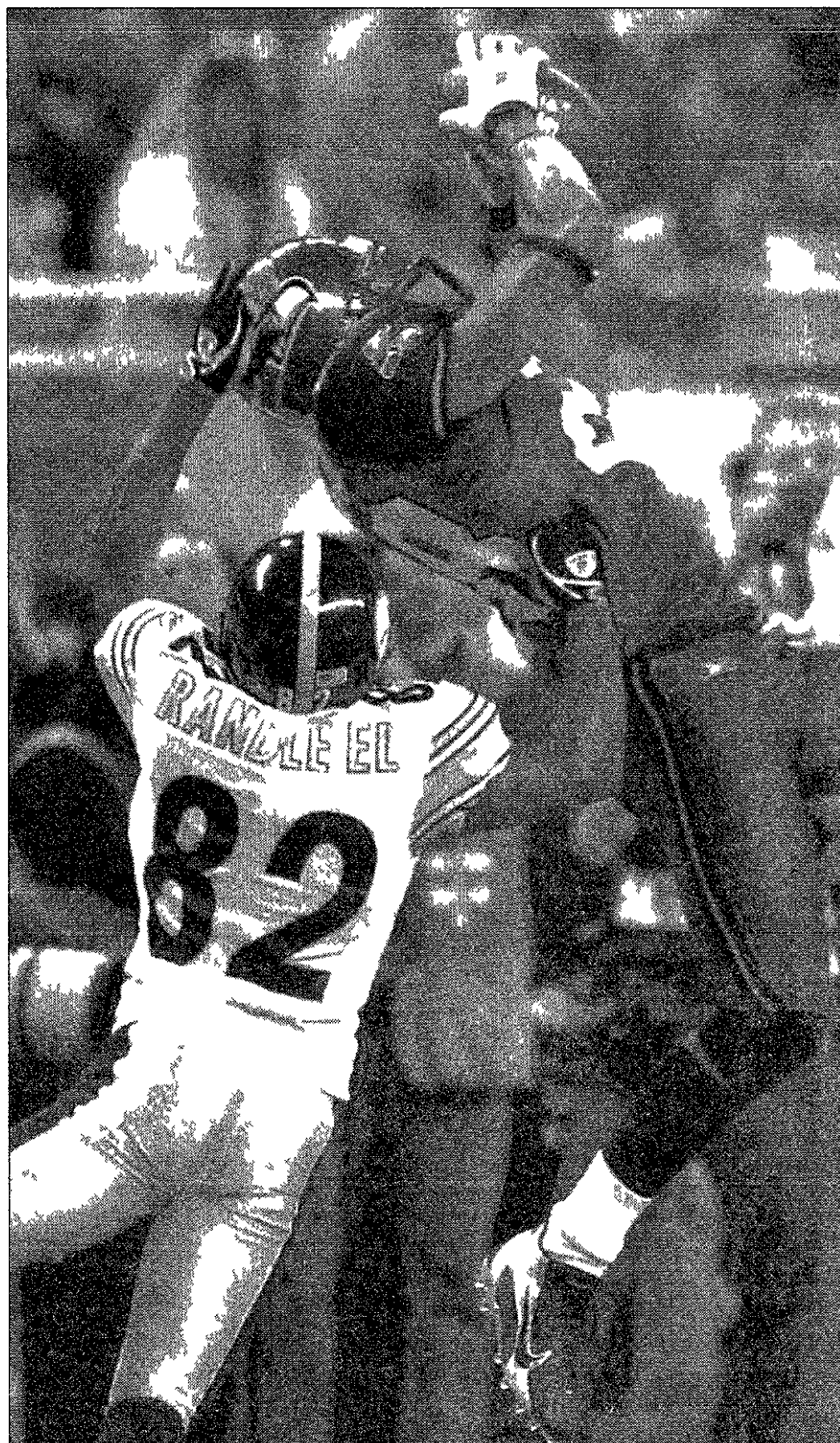
**STAFF PHOTOS
BY TOM HOFFMEYER**



Pittsburgh Steelers fan Howard Whitmore of Huntington Beach, Calif., erupts with excitement as the Steelers score their third touchdown on their way to winning Super Bowl XL.



John Nigro of Pittsburgh, Pa., shows his excitement as the final minutes tick off the clock to give the Steelers the victory.



Pittsburgh receiver Antwaan Randle El hits Seattle strong safety Michael Boulware as he intercepts a Pittsburgh pass during the second quarter of Super Bowl XL.

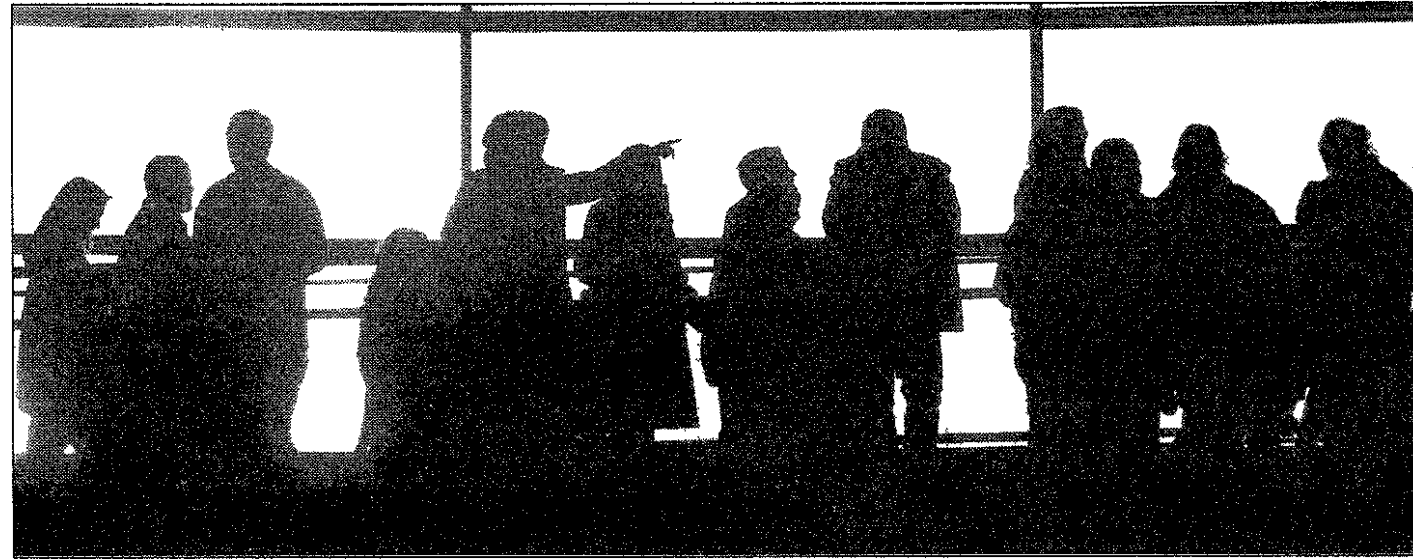


Mike and Dana Mintline of Farmington Hills sell official NFL souvenir programs before the start of Super Bowl XL.

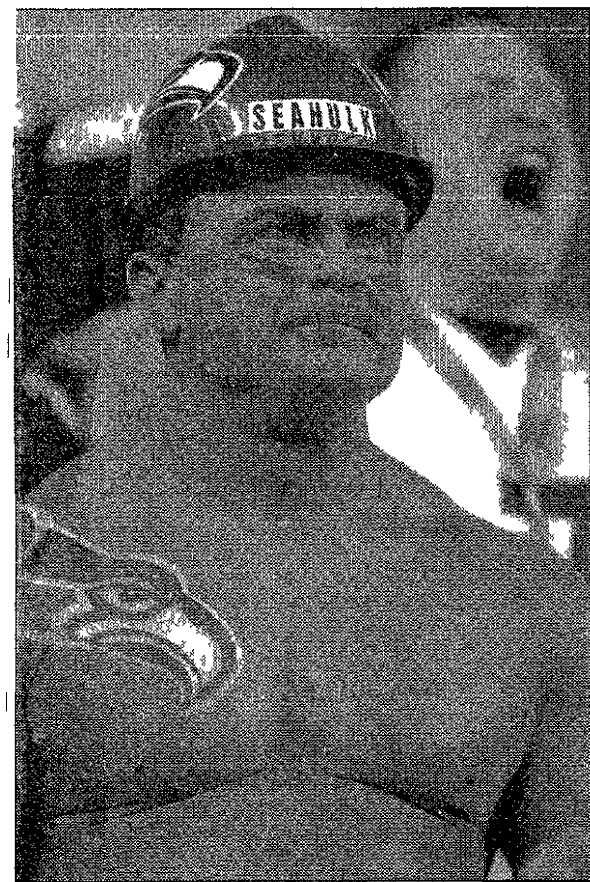
XL SUPER BOWL BACK



Ford Field in downtown Detroit filled to capacity for the kickoff of Super Bowl XL



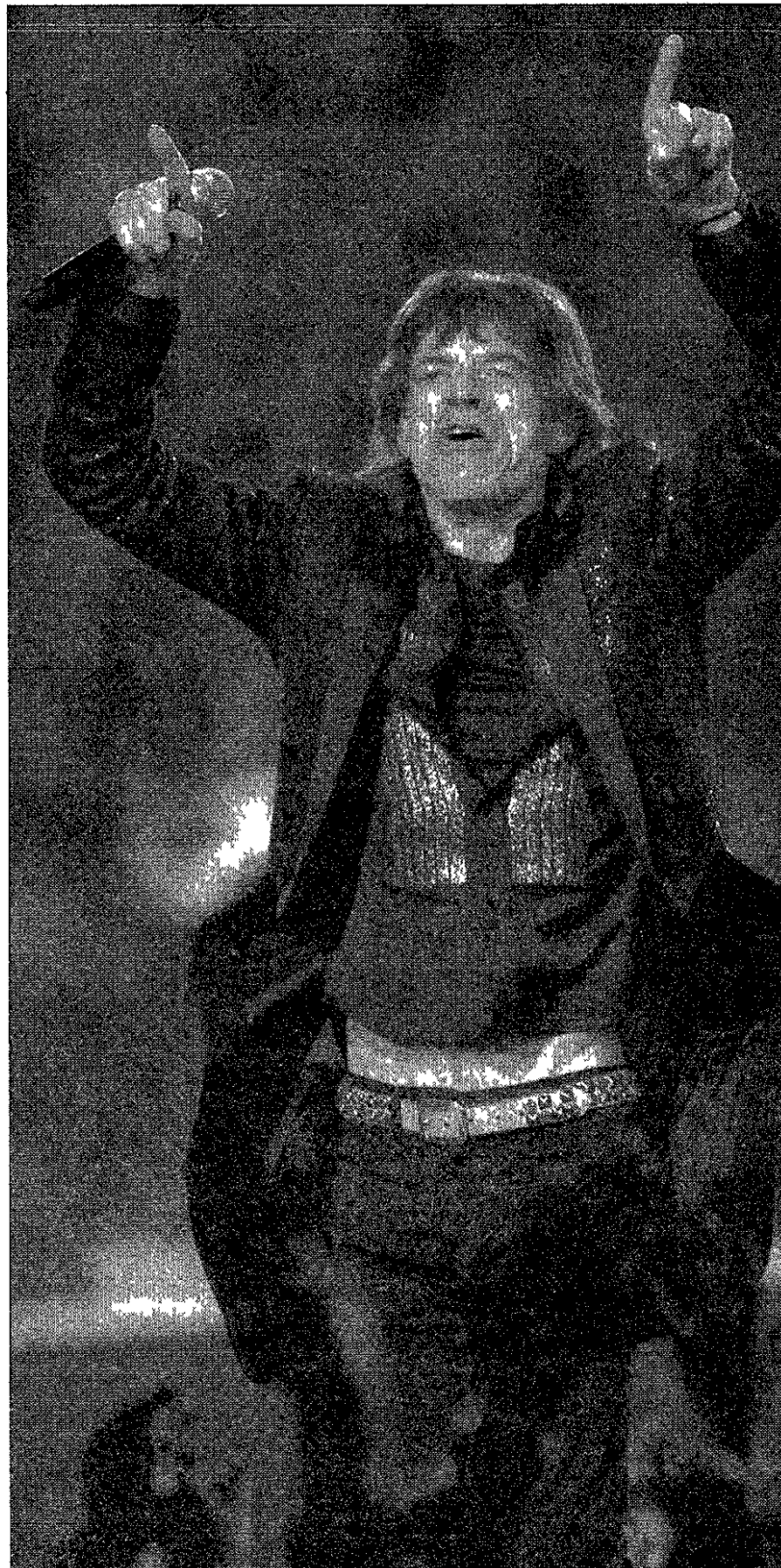
Fans make their way along the concourse of Ford Field trying to find their seats hours before the start of the game



Surrounded by screaming Steelers fans, Tim Froemke, aka 'The SeaHulk' shows a little concern about Seattle's performance



Eric Winecoff of New Jersey comes into Ford Field gathering support from fellow Steelers fans before the start of Super Bowl XL



Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones struts his stuff on stage during the group's Super Bowl XL halftime performance



Stephanie Meyer of Pittsburgh dances in the aisles while the Rolling Stones play their halftime performance

New Schoolcraft building puts emphasis on math, science

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Responding to a renewed emphasis on math and science education, Schoolcraft College will break ground in early fall on a \$12.5 million biomedical technology building.

On Jan. 26, the state approved funding for construction.

The building will be financed with \$5 million in state funding, leaving the college obligated for \$7.5 million.

The new facility is scheduled to open in fall of 2008.

"We've been saving, mostly from our two developments, College Park development and the Seven Mile Crossing development," said Jill O'Sullivan, Schoolcraft vice president and chief financial officer.

She said the developments adjacent to the college's campus on Haggerty Road in Livonia have been successful in providing revenue.

"It's providing money for the college when state appropriations are going down," she said. "It's really good timing. As state funding started declining, that money came to fill the gap. It didn't totally fill the gap, but at least it helped so our hit wasn't as drastic."

The biomedical technology building is in response to a new emphasis on science and health education programs at the college. It will be on the campus' Fox Drive and situated to link the Forum, which now houses many science classes, and applied science, which houses the recently renovated nursing lab.

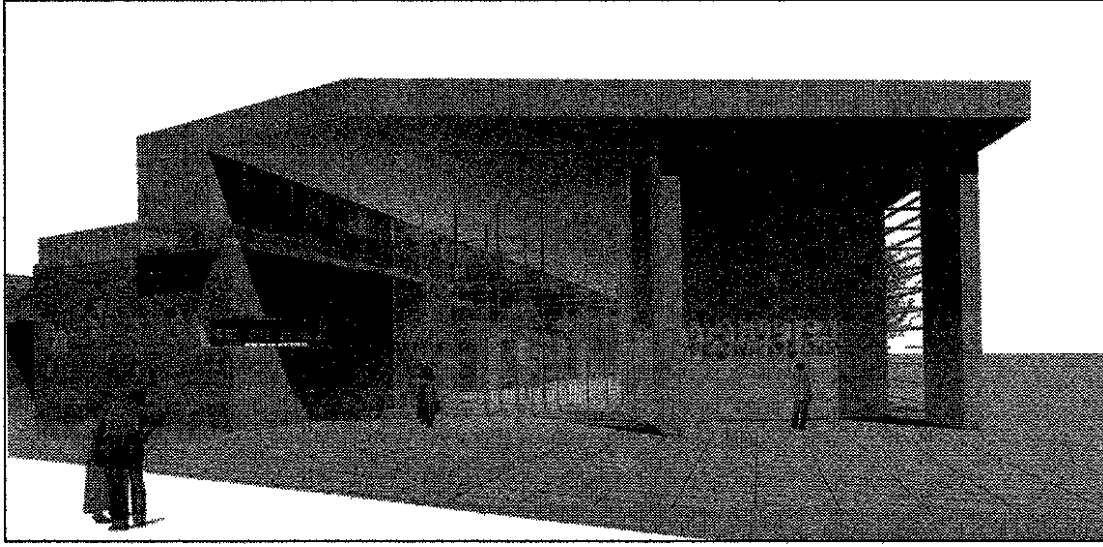
"We hope to have a synergy with these three buildings," O'Sullivan said.

In addition, math classes will be moved from the liberal arts building.

The new building is also a response to a swelling enrollment.

The college announced a record credit enrollment for this winter term of 10,609 students. The college also provides continuing education for another 20,000 students.

"We have a good problem -- we have a lack of space," O'Sullivan said. "This winter



The Biomedical Technology building, designed by DSA Architects, will provide classroom space for math, science and health classes. The college will break ground on the new facility in the fall.

semester we had a 7-percent increase in enrollment, so that's wonderful."

She said the new building will not only provide more needed classroom space, but also provide for "a means to deliver different instructional programming."

"Math, technology, science, that's what we're stressing. It's important. That's what our society is going to need," O'Sullivan said.

TEAM LEARNING

The biomedical technology building is being designed by DSA Architects of Berkeley.

The building will contain a biomedical lab, 16 classrooms and four science labs. A committee from the college is working with DSA partner and project manager Janice Suchan.

The committee includes Bob Wielechowski, executive director of facilities, Denise Sigworth, dean of instruction, Bruce Sweet, associate dean of business and technology, and Monica Sullivan, associate dean for sciences.

"Our design process is inclusive and collaborative, including involvement from the college administration, facilities, faculty and staff groups," Suchan said in an e-mail response. "We work as a team with our clients to develop cost-effective, functional and innovative solutions. From a project's inception through to

completion, all disciplines are integrated to provide well-coordinated, professional service."

Suchan said the new building is being designed to promote "team and project-based learning."

"It is often referred to as 'inquiry based learning,' which means using multidisciplinary, hands-on, minds-on discovery methods for teaching science," she said. "This creates a design challenge of providing learning spaces that inspire collaborative work, and are flexible enough to allow for the growth and change of future technologies."

O'Sullivan said a V-shaped layout will allow for many windows and scenic views of the retention pond near the school's day care center. Suchan said the windows also have a positive effect on learning.

"Many studies have shown that natural light has a positive impact on learning environments, and daylighting is also a key component in sustainable design," she said. "Our design will achieve both with direct light from windows in the classrooms as well as indirect light from clerestory windows above the corridors and teaming spaces."

DSA Architects specializes in educational facility design and has done projects for more than 60 percent of public colleges and universities in Michigan, Suchan said.

Current projects include the Central Michigan University College of Education and Human Services Building, the Lansing Community College University Center building and the Jackson Community College Information and Technology Center building.

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Volunteers needed to listen for frogs and toads

The Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for its ninth annual survey of frogs and toads in the wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed.

The survey is to provide up-to-date knowledge of the frog and toad species that inhabit the Rouge River watershed and to educate residents of the watershed about the importance of wetlands.

Locations must be in wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed which includes 48 communities in west Detroit and its north and west suburbs.

Volunteers need no prior experience but must attend one two-hour training workshop and learn eight breeding calls from a CD that is provided. All materials are provided. Surveys are conducted independently on damp warm evenings, several times a month beginning in March and ending in July.

The survey is an opportunity to spend time with family and friends outdoors learning about local wildlife. Families, students, seniors

and others are encouraged to sign up. Pre-registration for workshops is required by calling (313) 792-9621 or e-mailing picordinator@therouge.org. Please provide your full name, address, phone and e-mail and which workshop you would like to attend.

Workshops are scheduled for:

■ 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 2, Ypsilanti Civic Center, 7200 S. Huron River Drive, Ypsilanti

■ 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 4, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia

■ 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, University of Michigan-Dearborn, Environmental Interpretive Center, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn

■ 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 9, Southfield Parks & Recreation, 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield

■ 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 11, Plymouth Board of Trustees, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170

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OUR VIEWS

Growth Works works for youth

Frankly, we aren't sure whom to congratulate first, the young people turning their lives around through the programs at Plymouth-based Growth Works, or the folks running the Growth Works program themselves

So we'll settle for congratulating both

It's a question that resembles the "chicken or the egg" discussion: Does Growth Works work because of people like Kristen Persh of Westland, who came to the program needing help to get sober and was recognized last week for the help she doles out to others? Or because someone like Danny Daniels of Plymouth, a certified EMT who carries a 3.89 grade-point average and plans to go to nursing school?

Or can people such as Twila Murphy and Cynthia Whisler of Canton mark one year of sobriety because of programs offered by Growth Works, which offers youth assistance and drug programs to troubled youth in Plymouth, Canton and most of western Wayne County?

The work done by executive director Dale Yagiela and his people is extraordinary. They create an environment that allows troubled young people to develop and grow, to learn how to make better decisions and to alter the destructive paths their lives have taken prior to finding Growth Works.

Growth Works' reach is impressive. At last week's recognition dinner, Yagiela outlined services including Youth Assistance, which offers early intervention for young people referred by district courts, schools and others. Chemical Dependency is one of the largest programs in Michigan, serving more than 400 young people last year. There's a Canton-based Adult Intensive Outpatient Program.

School-based programs in Inkster and South Redford offer in-school suspension, truancy help, social workers and more. The CMO started in 2000 and assists young people convicted of felonies and those placed on probation.

Of course, it's not all Yagiela. He gets a lot of help from people such as Sgt. John Hoak, an 18-year veteran of the Westland Police Department, Tom Doetsch, for work as family court referee and advocate for youth and family, and from Al Wilkerson, a Romulus Community Schools administrator who works with students who have difficulty in a traditional school setting.

Wilkerson, who will retire this June, was praised last week for focusing on young people's strengths. "Sometimes students just need another chance," he said.

He's right, of course. But for the sentiment to be turned into tangible success, they also have to want it bad enough to work hard for it. It takes two sides. One to provide the foundation, the other to grab hold and not let go. Growth Works has plenty of both.

Super Bowl success can lead to new spirit of cooperation

Now what?

That's what power brokers in southeast Michigan and Lansing should be asking themselves as the final remnants of Super Bowl XL are crated up and hauled away.

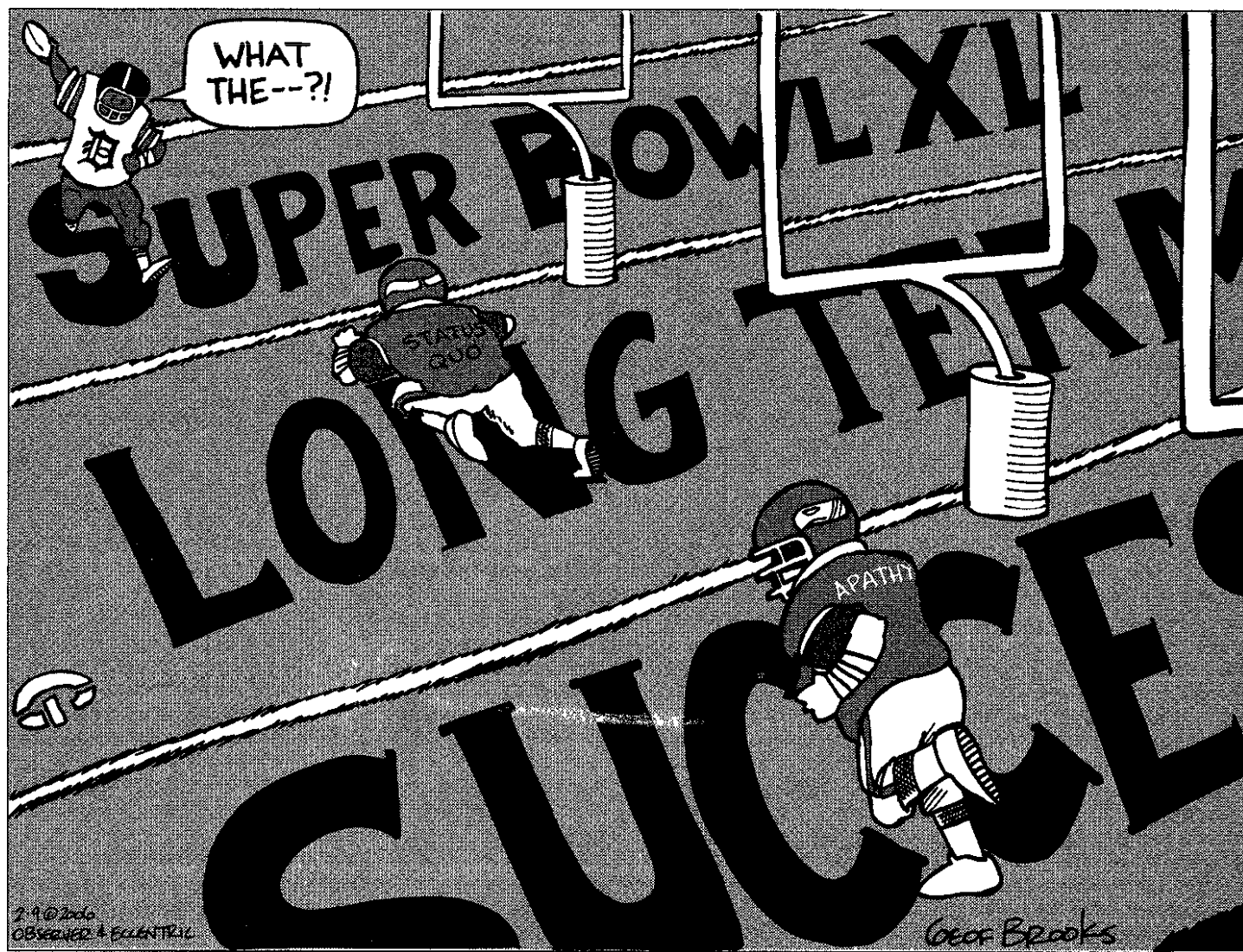
There is no disputing the week-long event was an unqualified success for the city of Detroit, the entire metropolitan region, the state of Michigan and the National Football League. Roger Penske — who worked tirelessly as chairman of the Michigan Host Committee, promoting not only the Super Bowl, but the Detroit region — deserves high praise and thanks.

The same is true of the 8,000 volunteers, the majority from the suburbs, who set aside past feelings and embraced the city of Detroit. Without their efforts, Super Bowl week would not have been so memorable.

Now, the challenge facing the region is how do we build on this momentum? How do we keep suburbanites and outside investment streaming into downtown Detroit?

It will take a lot of hard work and regional cooperation. News Monday that the very successful Motown Winter Blast will be turned into an annual event is a good start. It will keep remnants of the Super Bowl Host Committee engaged, and hopefully the group will evolve into a regional force to deal with other important issues like developing an effective regional transportation system, and dealing with the water and sewer system.

For his part, Mr. Penske indicated he would be willing to play some role in continuing the momentum. Given the success of Super Bowl XL, we should take him up on his offer — and fast.



LETTERS

Good ol' boys?

I am writing this letter on behalf of Lake Pointe residents who are most affected by ordinance violations on the property at 41486 Wilcox Road (Herrman & Associates).

A telephone call to the township supervisor was made Feb. 2 to inform him of continued violations on the above property. His office has been advised of these many violations — through a meeting with the township ordinance officer May 3, 2005, a presentation to the township board June 28, 2005, in meetings with (director of municipal services) James Anulewicz July 7 and Sept. 7, 2005, in several telephone calls to his office and in letters (with photos) dated May 3, Dec. 20 and Jan. 6.

On Feb. 2 when informed that industrial dumping had occurred again at the property, his reply was to compare the disruption of the peace and quiet of an entire neighborhood with the "dog on a leash" ordinance. He noted he could not enforce all the Plymouth Township ordinances and made a second reference to the dog on the leash ordinance.

As residents and homeowners, it is reasonable for us to expect a township supervisor to fulfill the responsibilities of his office, which is to enforce the laws and ordinances of Plymouth Township.

We are requesting the delaying tactics stop and that the supervisor inform us when we can expect him to enforce ordinances he is clearly aware are being violated.

Sonia Mayer
Plymouth Township

Selling snake oil

I read an article in the Jan. 19 *Novi News*, written by (staff writer) Ramez Khuri, based on an interview with Robert Jones, president of Michigan Law Suit Abuse Watch. I was quite disappointed that the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, in general, and Mr. Khuri, in particular, fell for the "snake oil" being sold by Robert B. Dongo Jones.

What the article did not say is Mr. Jones and M-LAW is actually a mouthpiece/lobbyist for large corporations and trade organizations that represent the interests of big business and insurance companies. These entities include the National Association of Manufacturers, whose president is former Michigan Gov. John Engler, American Tort Reform Association (and various sub-organizations), and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, all of whom are involved in a massive effort to channel huge corporate donations into the publication of misinformation intended to mislead the American public and attack the American civil justice system.

This well-organized corporate campaign began in the early 1980s, with efforts to reduce accountability of American corporations, including tobacco companies, and to adversely affect American citizens' rights to access the

courts for redress of their grievances.

The buzzwords created by these groups include the word "frivolous" — virtually every time they refer to a lawsuit, and the word "greedy" whenever they refer to a trial lawyer. To the extent these groups have been successful, it has been at a direct loss to American citizens.

By way of history, in 1996, the Michigan Legislature enacted (passed by one vote in the House) a broad range of historic tort reform legislation ushered through the Michigan House and Senate by then-Gov. Engler. Those tort reform efforts principally served his constituency, which included big business and insurance companies, at the expense of Michigan citizens.

Predictably, shortly after Mr. Engler left office in 2002, he became the highly compensated president of the National Association of Manufacturers, where he continues his efforts to bring to the rest of the country the injustices he brought to Michigan.

Interestingly, M-LAW was created in 1996 to help reinforce and guard the legislative tort reform pushed through by Engler and the Republican-controlled Legislature. Mr. Jones, and others like him who are presidents of other similar trade association groups, get their money and support from those interest groups and correspondingly travel around the country preaching their "gospel."

Contrary to Mr. Jones' assertions, M-LAW is neither grass-roots nor pro-consumer. The Internal Revenue Service investigated M-LAW and found it had no members and M-LAW has admitted that fact in its disclosure statement. Based upon my research, Mr. Jones has no experience (other than M-LAW) in non-profit service, consumer organizations or public interest. Instead, he is a slick and effective politician who directly serves his constituency and who is well-compensated by them.

J.D. Ledbetter
Plymouth

McClendon's legacy lives on

With genuine sorrow, and grateful remembrance, I read Tony Bruscatto's fine article on a great man who left an indelible mark on our schools, Edwin J. McClendon. His personal dedication is a model for us all. It is fully appropriate that the Plymouth-Canton School District's headquarters were named for him even while he lived. It was well-deserved recognition. In my book, he was a true American hero.

It is my hope that many *Observer* readers will be led to make contributions to the special fund in E.J.'s name through the Schools' Educational Excellence Foundation. Were he still with us, he would say it was the best way to honor his memory. Students will continue to benefit from his labors of love for years to come.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson
R. Canton Township

Immigrants need help

I was deeply distressed to read the commentary by Peggy Robichaud on illegal aliens in the Jan. 26 edition of the *Plymouth Observer*. I do understand each of her points, but find it distressing that she reduces her language to that of war waging by calling it an "invasion" of our country. This has the smell of the current language that says all our problems stem from terrorist threats to our country. We can too quickly fall into the trap of not treating people with fundamental human dignity when we use this type of language. We create a threat that is not in proportion to the reality of the situation.

I believe we have a duty to stand in solidarity with people from these destitute countries. I also believe we have a duty to hospitality for those who cannot make a decent living in their own lands. While I do strongly believe migrants should be afforded the right to make a decent living and raise their families in their own lands, I know in reality that is not the case. I believe the good people of the Earth belong to all peoples and should be shared when it is not possible for people to sustain their families or a life of dignity in their home lands.

I have traveled to El Salvador twice in the last year and spent time in the NEZA dumps outside Mexico City. The conditions I saw and worked in left me with no doubt that the families living there are struggling to maintain basic human needs. We have an obligation to stand in solidarity with them and to share our goods. Sometimes this means our tax dollars being paid for welfare, medical expenses and education for them and their children.

I recommend a recent film made by Gerry Straub, titled *Endless Exodus*, for anyone who is interested in getting a perspective on what life in these two countries is like.

the Rev. Donald Leach
Canton

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"We shouldn't be releasing every misdemeanor someone could have possibly gotten if it's not in the law... Do we want to fire someone who committed a crime when they were 18 or 19 and have been a model employee for 25 years? We could be ruining lives. I understand the need to keep sexual predators out of schools, but we also should be checking the backgrounds of everyone that comes into the buildings, like UPS drivers, postal workers and food delivery employees."

— Chuck Portelli, Plymouth-Canton Education Association president, about the idea of releasing the names of employees named in the Student Safety Initiative.

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Airport City development is one that could fly high

Dreaming of good jobs and new big-time economic development in Michigan? Here's a vision for you

Imagine it is 2016 and an entirely new community, Airport City, has turned into Michigan's most rapidly growing town

The town was established by state law as a special multi-transportation port authority, framed by air passenger service at Detroit Metropolitan Airport on the east and freight facilities at Willow Run Airport on the west. Now, in less than a decade, it has mushroomed from largely undeveloped land into a thriving



Phil Power

area with 20,000 residents and more than 100,000 jobs

Quick and economical transportation has long been a necessary part of any economic development strategy. Airport City offers a remarkable combination of air (two first-class airports), road (it's adjacent to the intersection of I-94 and I-275) and rail (a line connecting Chicago with Detroit runs along the northern boundary). Finally, water is nearby as well. The Port of Detroit offers easy shipping access to the entire Great Lakes basin and, through the St. Lawrence Seaway, to the Atlantic Ocean

And there's more. Offering more than 7 million square feet of first-class office space, together with warehouses and advanced laboratory and assembly facilities depending on its transportation assets, Airport City has become a diversified economic powerhouse

In a breathtakingly short time, it has turned around Michigan's manufacturing job losses of the early 21st century and become the keystone of the state's emerging economic renaissance

I could go on, but you get the general idea

The Aerotropolis/Airport City idea came one step closer to reality late last month, when a design workshop pulled together 75 architects, urban planners, economic development and local government officials and academics and students from the University of Michigan's Taubman College of Architecture and Urban Planning

Together, they worked all weekend to study the site's potential. The event (called a "charrette," from the French word for "wagon," but meaning "an intensive workshop and brainstorming session") is intended to jump-start public and private development in the area

Eventually, three design teams submitted the results of their work at a public hearing. All envisaged Ecorse Road becoming a wide boulevard running the length of Airport City like a spine. And all saw the existing railroad tracks to the north as providing the potential for a

core public transit resource

Airport City would bring workers from throughout southeast Michigan to the area and link them via light rail, bus and expanded People Mover connections to various parts of the city

One group even imagined "jetominiums," apartments and meeting spaces easily accessible to families and executives by air

John Kasarda, head of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina, is a world expert on how airports spark economic development. His verdict: the potential of the area between Detroit Metro and Willow Run "is the greatest in the world"

Kasarda pointed to similar developments that have driven job growth and economic development at Schiphol Airport in Amsterdam, in Dallas-Fort Worth and on Lantau Island next to the new Hong Kong International Airport

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who joined officials from Washtenaw County, Belleville, Romulus, Taylor, Ypsilanti and Huron and Van Buren Township, called the Airport City idea "the largest economic development project in the history of Michigan"

Others pointed to the unprecedented cooperation among local authorities, who joined together to foot the bill for the charrette

Ficano also noted that up to now, "Everybody has been wringing their hands, saying that Airport City is a great idea, but not doing very much. This charrette is a way to get some momentum going, to show a concrete vision of what this area could become in the relatively near future"

Wayne County's top man is exactly right. I came away from the event enthused at the enormous potential — and irritated at the slow pace of progress. I don't understand, for example, why Gov. Jennifer Granholm, facing a tough election campaign that will focus on Michigan's lagging economy, has soft-pedaled her support for the potentially single largest economic development project in our history

There are a lot of naysayers, of course. One Lansing insider sniffed, "Too many moving parts," while another commented, "It takes forever to get anything done in Wayne County"

That has been true in the past. But now, with local government officials coming together and exciting development concepts on the drawing board, the ingredients seem in place

What Airport City needs now is a push from the top to fulfill its enormous potential. Gov. Granholm, your move

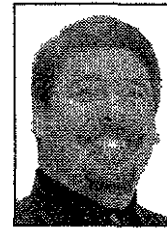
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Is it possible for area to keep the Super Bowl ball rolling?

Reflections on Super Bowl week ■ I attended two Super Bowl-related events downtown this last week, wanting to get a feel for how the rest of the world was embracing our city. The response I received from out-of-towners was near-unanimous in its praise for how Detroit was handling the big event

Most of my conversations were with media types. The majority admitted to having at least a wee bit of skepticism about hosting the second largest sporting event on earth in a blue-collar, northern city

One of the people I chatted with at length was Ross MacIntosh, a camera operator from a news service based in Scarborough, Ontario. MacIntosh said he had no worries about the weather given his own hometown, but was curious to see what the atmosphere would be in Detroit, so close to so much bad news and job losses in the auto industry



Joe Bauman

Instead of encountering glum faces and hard feelings, MacIntosh said he was "blown away" by the reception he received from the army of Super Bowl ambassadors in their blue and red jacket jostling for position to help him

"Actually, it seems like the city is almost trying too hard to put on a good face," he said at last Tuesday's media party at the Fox Theatre. "It's a little over the top"

The comments by MacIntosh were echoed by several others I talked with Tuesday night, and again at a reception hosted by Cadillac the next evening at the terrific Seldom Blues restaurant in the Ren Cen

The point was driven home by Peter King, senior writer for *Sports Illustrated*, who moderated a panel discussion between five former Super Bowl MVPs

Welcoming the guests, King assured us the worldwide media was "deliriously happy to spend a week in Detroit in the middle of the winter," adding, "Don't worry. It's all good"

It got me thinking about whether it was possible for a city and region to try too hard to be welcoming, and for its ambassadors and everyday people to be too nice in greeting our guests

Even if it is, I don't think it's such a bad thing to be known for

■ A subplot that is emerging from Super Bowl week is how metro Detroiters are reacting to the city's efforts. People can't say enough about how good downtown looks, how clean downtown looks, how inviting downtown looks. Count me among them

And while many politicians seem obsessed with making a good showing for strangers, I

think the real potential here is making a lasting, positive impact on the city's suburban neighbors

Which begs the next, and most important, question: If the city center can look so good for Super Bowl week, why can't it look like that all the time? Why can't the streets be clean and the buildings free of graffiti? Why can't the street lights be on and the storefronts filled?

Hopefully, this experience will cause Detroit residents themselves to demand more from their city government, and it will draw desperately needed investment capital from the suburbs to keep the momentum going. It takes a lot of dough to keep streets clean, lights on, trash picked up and storefronts filled

If that's what the region really wants for its central city, it's time to seize the moment, roll up sleeves, open wallets and get down to business

■ Of course, in order to be successful, city and suburban leaders will have to work together to solve challenges like developing a regional transportation system, improving, expanding or replacing Cobo Hall and solving other infrastructure challenges

Unfortunately, the deep-seated mistrust and animosity between city and suburban leaders was readily apparent when, over a two-day period, a group of this newspaper's editors met separately with Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch and Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Director Victor Mercado to discuss the ongoing battle over water rates and other issues related to the water/sewer system

McCulloch, a Republican politician and elected county official, and Mercado, a city employee and political appointee of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, have vast differences of opinion on how the city-owned water and sewer system is being run, and should be run

McCulloch has been trying to wrest control of the system away from the city of Detroit almost from the day he took over as Oakland's drain commissioner. The latest attempt to have "governance" of the system turned over to a new, regional board was rejected by U.S. District Court Judge John Feikens last month

Mercado suggests McCulloch should put more of his time and energy running his own department and system, instead of trying to run someone else's

So much for a renewed call for cooperation between the city and suburbs

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Count on Us

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U-M Friars celebrate 50 years of singing, comedy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

John Birchler wants everyone to share in the fun-filled reunion concert which celebrates the 50th anniversary of The Friars 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. The Plymouth resident promises an enjoyable evening with the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club octet performing lots of choreography and shenanigans along with music from five decades. About 140 of 195 living alumni will sing in smaller groups by era.

Birchler was a member of The Friars from 1981 to 1983 while a student in the U-M music school. He had only sung with the Glee Club one term when he auditioned for The Friars.

"We're different than many a cappella groups," said Birchler, an investment representative with Edward Jones in Plymouth. "Friars don't just stand there and sing. There's lots of interaction with the audience, a lot of spoof stuff going on, a lot of serious singing going on as well."

Andy Rosenzweig enjoyed his years with The Friars so much the Livonia resident volunteered to update a database of members and oversee the production of The Gold Album which follows the group's musical history through 31 songs. Rosenzweig drew on 15 previous albums for the great CD. A booklet that comes with the CD features images of all of the album covers and lists the more than 200 members who've sung with the groups which were named after a 1900s U-M drinking society.

"Going back to 1959 we were listening to them all, what were the best, funniest, most representative of 50 years so a listener can sit down and listen to that whole history," said Rosenzweig, who had made it his long term goal to follow in the footsteps of two older brothers who sang with the Glee Club at U-M.

After two years of singing his dream, Rosenzweig became a proud member of The Friars from 1984 to 1986.

"I had seen this anniversary coming for a long time. When I was in it was the 30th anniversary and we did a similar concert on a smaller scale. We wanted to bring back as many guys as possible," said Rosenzweig, a manager for Merit Network in Ann Arbor. The nonprofit company provides Internet service for most of the colleges, universities, K-12 schools, and libraries in Michigan.

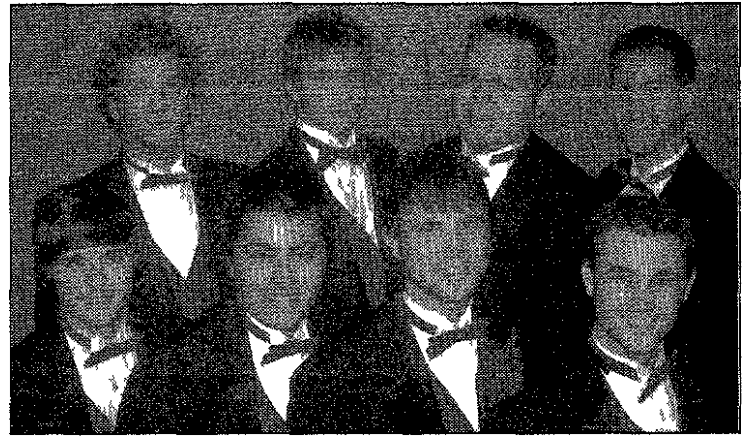
There will be members on stage from California, Texas, New York, England, The Netherlands. At a banquet on Friday night before the concert, guys will come up and give their reminiscences. We had a close bonding experience during those years. On Saturday groups of four to 18 will sing with the guys from their era, then we'll have a full group singing Friars classics."

Dick Ramsdell of Bloomfield Hills is one of the members still living in local communities that include Farmington Hills,

Rochester, Beverly Hills, and West Bloomfield. Ramsdell originally sang at Berkley High School and today sings with the choir at Covenant Alliance Church in Beverly Hills. He was a member of The Friars from 1965 to 1967 and was fortunate enough to be in the Glee Club when they went on a world tour celebrating the university's 150th anniversary. "I'm excited about the 50th anniversary," said Ramsdell.

It's an opportunity to see an awful lot of people I knew but didn't have any contact with for a long time. We'll be performing *Draft Dodger Rag* sung by the Chad Mitchell Trio and an arrangement of *Tea for Two* that has four- and eight-part harmonies. We like to show what the music was like back then. We were together during the Vietnam era. "Anyone who enjoys ensemble music would have a great

time at this concert. The music represents the entire 50 years. Tickets for the Feb. 11 concert are \$12 and \$10 for reserved seating, \$8 general admission, \$5 students and under age 18, and available at Ticketmaster locations or online at www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, send e-mail to umfriars@umich.edu or call (734) 953-2145.



Current Friars Greg Jaffe (top row left), Michael Cromwell, Brent Carr, John Keeton, Stephen Gilson (bottom row), Joshua Sanchez, Matthew Travis and Jon Zande perform as part of a concert to celebrate the group's 50th anniversary.

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Hiller's CEO will give Madonna lecture

Jim Hiller, president and CEO of Hiller's grocery store chain, is the guest speaker at Madonna University's McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Kresge Hall on the Livonia campus. Integrating Your Ethics with Your Business will be the subject of the Spring lecture. This event is free and open to the public.

Hiller is a Detroit native and graduated from the University of Detroit Law School in 1973. He has received numerous awards including the Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund and the Outstanding Young CEO Award from the National Retail Association.

Other accomplishments include serving on the board of trustees of the Beaumont Hospital and being a member of the Scientific Review Board Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

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Accents

Super-clean shoes

"Have a problem with tracking mud into the house? To solve it, make a boot scraper by digging a foot-square hole near your door," say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"Fill it with concrete and sink a shovel into it six inches deep. When it dries, you will have a permanent boot scraper, with a handle you can hold on to for balance."

"For added cleaning, place a sturdy scrub brush, upside down, with bristles up, in the wet cement, too."

Tree tip

The 2006 National Register of Big Trees calendar, a program of American Forests sponsored the Davey Tree Expert Company, features tips for each month. This month's item:

"For many gardeners, February is a time to plan for the coming growing year. Visit www.americanforests.org to learn how you can honor your valentine by planting a tree in his or her name."

Founded in 1875, American Forests works to restore forests by planting trees and advancing the fields of urban forestry, environmental education and community-based forestry. A major part of its work is recognizing important individual trees for their history or size. Call (800) 677-0727 for its Historic Trees catalog.

Call (800) 545-TREE, visit www.americanforests.org or write American Forests, PO Box 2000, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Plants of passion

Throughout history, plants have ignited passion - for adventure, for knowledge for love. Whether a matter of aroma or taste, medicinal properties, or seductive powers, plants have always held a fascination for cultures around the world.

During February, Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum (MBGNA) will highlight "plants of passion" with a public lecture, tours of the Conservatory, and a family day event.

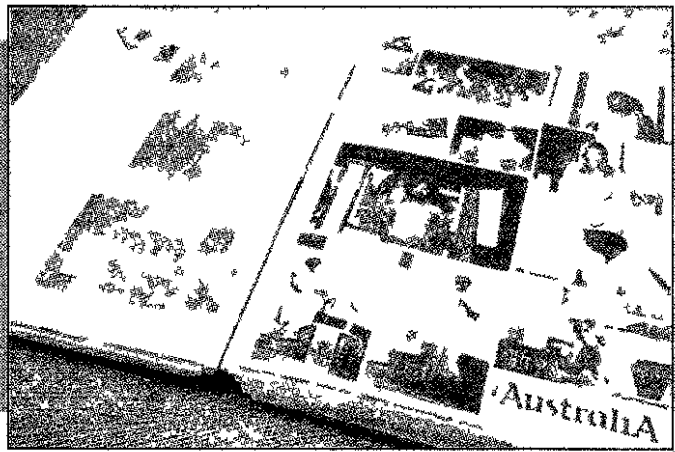
All events are at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N Dixboro in Ann Arbor.

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

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 1-3:30 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.



With a large project you can use different styles to lay out the images and information in a scrapbook.



Laura Jannika of Livonia, a consultant with Creative Memories, talks about an extensive scrapbook she recently put together about her brother's trip around the world.

World-class scrapbook tells of adventure

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

The scrapbook that Livonia resident Laura Jannika put together for her brother about his trip around the world is almost a "passport" as well.

The book is such a fantastic arrangement of photos, journal entries and items that paging through it is like "traveling" to the various countries.

"To me (making a scrapbook) is having a story to tell," said Jannika, a Creative Memories unit leader. The project took about a year to complete, with Tom Janoski, Jannika's brother, traveled around the world for 1 1/2 years between 1973 and 1974 when he was 26 and 27.

The countries he visited included Korea, Laos, Vietnam, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Nepal, Cambodia, Singapore, Greece, Pakistan, Australia, Poland, Italy, Austria, The Netherlands, Sweden, Germany and England.

Janoski had a fascinating journey not following tourist routes. He stayed in many youth hostels and inexpensive hotels. Some places were difficult to visit. Janoski went on some harrowing bus rides. He helped care for people who were injured after a bad crash.

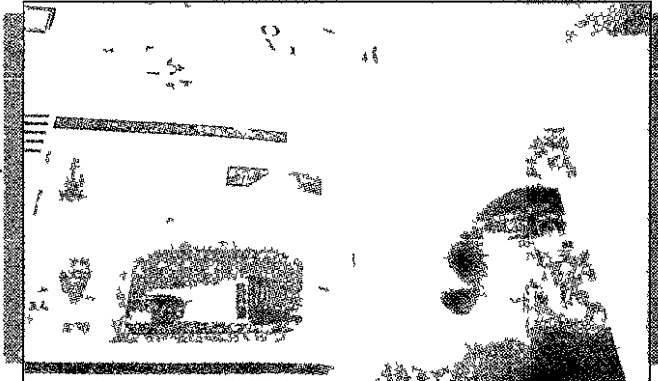
Janoski now lives in Kentucky and teaches sociology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

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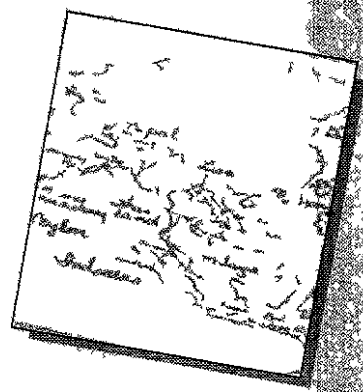
The scrapbook began when Jannika offered to put fading photos of his trip in an album to preserve them. Janoski also sent her a box of negatives.

"After I began the project he said, 'By the way, I have a journal that I wrote on the trip. Do you think you can do something with it?'" Jannika said. "I said OK."

Janoski sent her the journal, which turned out to total 64,811 words. Jannika had it transcribed by Bonnie Myhrum. At 9 point size type, with a 4 1/2-



Scrapbooks should be put together using archival, acid-free paper.



PLEASE SEE SCRAPBOOK, B2

Printing photos at home saves time, but not money

Remember when getting your photos printed in an hour was a big deal? Do I hear 90 seconds?

That's about how long it takes to churn out a glossy, borderless 4- by 6-inch print on the HP Photosmart 475 (hp.com), which has taken up permanent residence in my kitchen.

This portable, lunch box size photo printer is an ideal solution for shutterbugs who demand instant gratification.

No waiting a week for delivery from an online photo service. No driving to the local drugstore or Meyer and dealing with clunky, frequently broken photo kiosks.

Instead, you get your photos the way you want them (more or less), right now.

At this point you're probably sensing a "but," and here it is: you pay for the privilege.

The Photosmart 475 costs

\$249.99, which is on the steep side for a photo printer. There are other models from Canon, Epson and even HP that cost less, but they're still an investment.

Then you have to factor in the cost of consumables. An HP 97 tri-color ink cartridge sells for \$35 and yields roughly 150 photos, which works out to 23 cents per print.

A 60-pack of HP Premium Photo Paper costs \$15, or 25 cents per sheet. That means you'll pay approximately 48 cents for every 4 by 6 photo you print.

Now, you can save quite a bit if you shop for consumables online. I found the ink cartridge for around \$20 and the paper for \$12, bringing the per print price down to about 40 cents.

An even better deal is the HP 95 Series Photo Value Pack, which comes with enough paper and ink for 200 photos and costs \$48, or 24 cents per print.

At the neighborhood CVS (and most other places), you'll pay 29 cents per print, plus the not-inconsiderable price of the gas to get you

there.

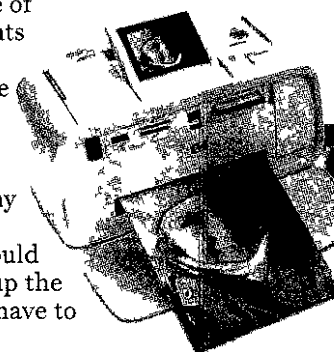
At Snapfish (snapfish.com), one of the top online photo services, prints sell for the bargain price of 12 cents each — though you also have to pay for shipping.

I ordered 30 snapshots, which came to a reasonable \$3.60. But shipping added \$2.46, bringing my per-print price up to 20 cents.

That's still a great deal, and I could save a bit more if I opted to pick up the prints at Walgreens (but then I'd have to pay sales tax).

Whew! I don't put that much number-crunching effort into balancing my checkbook. See the lengths I go to for my faithful readers?

Anyway, none of this is meant to disparage the Photosmart 475, which is a great little printer. Sometimes



One of the most feature-packed portable photo printers on the market, HP's Photosmart 475 has its own hard drive and can make prints as large as 5 by 7.

PLEASE SEE PHOTOS, B3



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Proposed merger worries politicians

The proposed purchase of Maytag by Whirlpool made national news several weeks ago and I touched on it in a recent column

I thought you might like to know of a challenge brought forth by a couple of politicians in the home state of the Maytag Corporation

The following is a letter sent by U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin and U.S. Rep. Leonard Boswell to the Justice Department expressing concern about the competitive effect of Whirlpool's proposed merger with Maytag

"We are writing concerning the proposed acquisition of Maytag by Whirlpool. We are very troubled by this proposed arrangement which would greatly increase the market shares of the combined company in certain areas. For that reason, we believe that the Department should prevent this

acquisition. According to the 1992 joint FTC-Justice guidelines for horizontal mergers, we believe it is clear that the appliance industry is indeed a highly concentrated one that would become drastically more concentrated, according to the Herfindahl-Hirschman Index, as a result of the Whirlpool acquisition. The increase in concentration is far beyond the level that the guidelines presume would likely create enhanced market power or facilitate its exercise. Whirlpool is already the largest producer in the market. With the acquisition of Maytag, the combined company would hold almost 50 percent of the market share. This market concentration becomes even more extreme when the other two major appliance manufacturers, GE and Electrolux, are considered. If the Whirlpool acquisition is approved, the newly combined company, GE and Electrolux would together control about 90 percent of the market share. And, this is an industry that has undergone a number of substantial mergers in recent years. Maytag acquired Magic Chef, Jenn-Air and Amana.

Whirlpool acquired KitchenAid, and Electrolux acquired Frigidaire. At some point, the concentration becomes too extreme for an orderly competitive market. We believe the pending acquisition of Maytag by Whirlpool goes beyond that barrier particularly in the area of washers and dryers. What is most important is the specific market for particular goods that people actually buy. In the laundry segment, a Whirlpool-Maytag Company would control an excessively dominant 70 percent of the market. It is hard to see how this type of dominance does not place excessive market control into the hands of one company. Even with the large share of this market that is sold at retail by large chain stores, this concentration is extreme. Clearly a combined Whirlpool would be in a position to create real difficulties for competitors. The increase in concentration is beyond the level that the guidelines presume would likely create enhanced market power or facilitate its exercise.

While we are seeing some movement of foreign firms into the area such as LG and Samsung, their market share is very small. The current domestic players are working to sharply lower costs including off-shoring jobs to lower costs. It is not at all clear that the foreign firms will be able to effectively compete and may in fact decide to maximize their efforts in their home markets. We recommend that the Justice Department prevent the acquisition of Maytag by Whirlpool. If that is not done, at the very least the Department should require that Whirlpool diversify the washer and dryer portions of Maytag to a viable purchaser who will have the financial capability and desire to continue to operate that business."

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.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

GARDEN CALENDAR

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.

Orchid Festival

English Gardens hosts its fourth annual Orchid Festival featuring 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 Growing Beautiful Orchids (1 p.m.) and Orchid Repotting Demonstration (3 p.m.) both Saturday Feb. 11 and Advanced Orchid Growing (1 p.m.) Sunday Feb. 12. 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 Garing 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.

Cactus and Succulent Society
The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will go on a field trip to Belle Isle Botanical Gardens Sunday Feb. 12. Members are to meet at the gardens at 1 p.m. Guests are welcome. The event is free. For more information call (248) 524-0227.

Royal Oak Garden Club

Why buy the typical red roses for Valentine's Day? Try orchids for something different and long lasting. The Royal Oak Garden Club will meet at 11 a.m. Monday Feb. 13 at English Gardens 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak. Troy English Gardens experts will talk about how to care for orchids. The public may attend. For more information call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540.

Horticulture symposium

Troy is one of five cities in the country that will be the site of Color Rich Gardens Designing with Distinctive Plants, a Horticulture magazine symposium on design plants and garden making. Co-sponsored with Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, the all-day symposium will take place Saturday Feb. 11 at the Michigan State University Management Education Center 811 W. Square Lake Road. Fee is \$119 for a Horticulture subscriber or a Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary member \$129 regular. The fee includes all handouts and refreshments and a boxed lunch. Register early as space is limited. To register and for more information call (877) GDN-PROG toll free or visit www.hortmag.com.

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

Garden Club of Dearborn

The Garden Club of Dearborn meets from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the second Monday of the month at Mitchell Hall at First Presbyterian Church, 600 N. Brady in Dearborn. Vertical Gardening will be the topic Feb. 13. George Papadellis of Telly's Greenhouse in Troy will present ways to create privacy and visual interest with trellises and arbors. Learn about species that are well suited to vertical gardening and cultivation tips. For membership information or a listing of programs and speakers call Judy Henn at (313) 278-9396.

Roses

English Gardens will host a free seminar, What's New in Roses 1 p.m. Saturday Feb. 18 at all six English Gardens locations. The locations include stores in West Bloomfield (248) 851-7506, Royal Oak Troy (248) 280-9500, Dearborn Heights (313) 278-4433 and Ann Arbor (734) 332-7900. Roses are the only perennial that bloom year after year, all summer long. At the seminar, learn about new varieties available this year as well as how to select plant and care for your plants all year to achieve a beautiful rose garden.

Herb conference

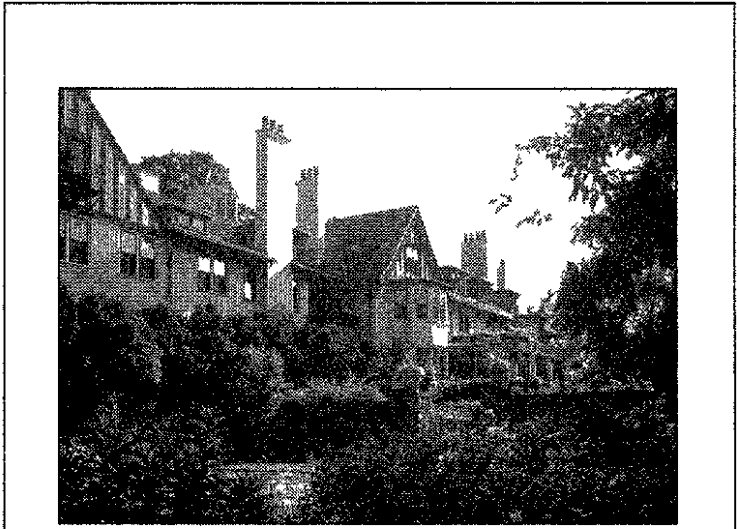
The 19th annual Michigan Herb Associates Conference will take place Wednesday Thursday March 8-9 in Wells Hall on the Michigan State University campus in East Lansing. Scented geranium is the 2006 Herb of the Year. The theme of this year's conference is Herbal Scentations. The conference will feature programs on herb culture, crafting and cooking. Registration will start at 8:15 a.m. The program at 9:15 a.m. The conference is open to the general public. Walk-ins may register for one or both days. Preregistration rates are \$65 for both days and \$35 for one day for MHA members. \$85 for both days and \$55 for one day for non-members. Walk

ins add \$10 to the rates. Luncheon (\$10 each day) and banquet (\$30) tickets must be reserved by Monday Feb. 27. You may bring your own lunch or go out to eat. Conference information and forms are available at www.hrt.msu.edu/herb/.

Master composter
The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority Master Composter Program for environmental gardeners will begin 6:45-8:30 p.m. Thursday March 2 at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building 851 S. Eton in Birmingham. The program includes six classroom sessions, assignments and required volunteer service. Class fee is \$30. For the program flyer and/or to register call Karen Bever at SOCWA at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. The program is sponsored by the SOCWA Healthy Lawns and Gardens Programs to help promote water reduction, water quality protection and earth-friendly landscapes. Master composters learn about making and using compost, compost bin options, healthy lawn care, natural mulches, sustainable landscapes, healthy soils, benefits of compost and cycles of nature.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels at The Community House in Birmingham 380 S. Bates at Michigan School of Gardening 29429 Six Mile in Livonia just west of Middlebelt at Troy Continuing Education 201 W. Square Lake Road at Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor and at Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have prerequisites. Special class sessions can be arranged for groups of 15 or more. For more information call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes Best Foot Forward Entry Gardens Thursdays Feb. 9-16 in Livonia (fee is \$72), Healthy Soil and Wise Fertilizing Thursdays Feb. 9-23 in Pontiac (\$137), Garden Design five Mondays beginning Feb. 13 in Livonia (\$168), Focus on Design four Thursdays beginning Feb. 16 in Ann Arbor (\$137), Trees and Shrubs for Small Spaces Monday Feb. 20 in Pontiac (\$42) and Perennial Combinations Tuesday Feb. 21 in Pontiac (\$42).



Cranbrook docent training set

New docents are sought for 2006 tours of Cranbrook House, metro Detroit's oldest manor home. The 1908 Arts and Crafts home was designed by Albert Kahn for the George Booth family. Potential docents can select one of two training times beginning 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, or 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, March 8. Both sessions last six to eight weeks. Docent candidates will learn about the house and the fascinating people, events, architecture and sculpture at Cranbrook, as well as its 40 acres of gardens. Docents are needed for Thursday and Sunday public tours, and numerous private tours. Docent training is free, but candidates must join the Cranbrook House Auxiliary. Annual dues are \$35. For more information or to register, call (248) 645-3149. Cranbrook House is at 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

SCRAPBOOK

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inch margin of text on each page, the transcription totaled 73 pages.

In arranging each page of the scrapbook, Jannika put photos in the center and text on the outside. Words were printed on archival paper.

Janoski's passport required two inserts. Jannika copied some of the stamps for the title page.

Her sons, Ian and Isaac, Rust, ages 16 and 14, helped her make a flag for each country their uncle visited. They used photo mounting paper, pens and stickers to make the flags. Jannika featured stickers and other decor that matched the countries.

Little boomerangs frame the title "Australia" on one page. Thin strips of paper with Oriental designs adorn pages about Asian countries.

Such decorations are subtle, with soft and neutral colors, and enhance rather than distract from photos and other items.

"Less is more," Jannika said. "When you have nice pictures, make it about the pictures."

Jannika had a lot of material to work with, and much of it found its way into the scrapbook.

Among these are detailed maps her brother had drawn in his journal, currency, postage stamps, pressed flowers from the Himalayas, ticket stubs, labels, food wrappers and newspaper clippings of exchange rates. Jannika had some of the negatives in the box printed in black and white and placed them in the scrapbook.

"He was making albums and preserving memories long before I was," she said.

Page protectors will help preserve the scrapbook.

"You want things that are archival, that aren't going to change color," Jannika said. Scrapbooks usually measure 12 by 12, Jannika said. This scrapbook measures 12 by 15.

PRESERVE STORIES

Jannika encourages people to tell their stories, for and about family and friends, by

putting the memories in a scrapbook or album.

"You can make a book about yourself or your children," she said.

"A real easy way to start is (with) an interest or a hobby." Jannika began with a scrapbook about flowers, in which she is interested.

"Sometimes we need to remember the obvious things," she said. "People need to take pictures of what they do."

PRODUCTS

Making scrapbooks is a popular craft. Creative Memories is just one business that offers products, ideas and events to help with photo-safe scrapbook projects.

"We get new items weekly," said Kristi Robinson, salesperson at Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures in Troy.

Recent items include the Fastenator, which uses large staples with colors and designs, she said. Ribbons and fabrics as well as paper are used for decorating pages.

For someone interested in putting together scrapbooks, Robinson recommends taking a class on getting started.

One such class at Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures - Scrapbook Beginnings 101 - is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Troy store and 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Sterling Heights store. (Call for registration and other information.)

Donna Karpczuk, salesperson and store manager at Scrappin' and Stampin' in Livonia, recommends organizing photos first. Then you'll have an idea of what papers and embellishments will enhance them.

"Get your pictures organized and have a good feel for what you're going to need," Karpczuk said.

■ Laura Jannika (734) 522-4395, Jannika@albumcoach.com, www.creative-memories.com/ljannika

■ Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures (248) 524-0051 in Troy (586) 323-6300 in Sterling Heights, www.simplepleasurescrapbooktreasures.com

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Back Pain?

Westland, MI - According to a recently released back pain relief report, most back pain sufferers have no idea how to eliminate their pain. Some use heat, others ice. From sleeping on the floor, to pillows underneath the legs, back pain relief techniques vary. But thanks to a free report, local back pain sufferers finally know exactly what to do. To get a copy of the free "Back Pain Relief Report", call toll-free, **1-888-744-2225.** (Toll-free, 24 hour recorded message)

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HOME CALENDAR

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 opportunities. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Prospective students, parents, community members, agency representatives and school personnel are welcome. Call the center at (734) 419-2100.

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: **Advanced Curtain**, Thursdays, Feb. 9 to March 2 (fee is \$80); and **Beginner Pillow**, Mondays, Feb. 13-27 (\$60). 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 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.

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 furniture, quilts, Asian items, jewelry, crystal, silver and other pieces. Proceeds benefit the visually impaired and blind throughout southeast Michigan. Friends of Vision DIO 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, hand-carried items for \$5 per item both days. A preview party will take place 6:30-10 p.m. Friday. 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.

Snow Ball

The 10th annual Snow Ball will take place 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Townsend Hotel Ballroom, 100 Townsend at Pierce south of Maple (1.5 miles) and east of Southfield Road in Birmingham. The event includes a black-tie dinner, live auction of fanta

sy packages and entertainment presented by Variety. The Children's Charity Proceeds benefit children with special needs in metropolitan Detroit. Tickets are \$300 Friend, \$400 Patron, \$500 Benefactor.

A preview party for patrons and benefactors is scheduled Thursday, Feb. 16, at the home of Michael and Kay Ponical in Bloomfield Hills. For information, contact The Variety Office, 30161 Southfield Road, No. 301, Southfield 48076, phone (248) 258-5511.

Auction

The Frank H. Boos Gallery will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 22 and 23, at the gallery at the Antiques Centre of Troy, 2830 W. Maple, Suite 206, at Maple and Coolidge.

A preview will take place at the gallery noon to 8 p.m. Friday and Monday, Feb. 17 and 20, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, and 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. For more information, call (248) 643-1900, visit www.boosgallery.com or e-mail artandauction@boosgallery.com.

The auction will feature property belonging to the estate of Brian Killian, the estate of a prominent Tennessee collector, the Roz and Sherm Boutique and numerous other estates and private collections.

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 Ann 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.

Sculpture for home

HMFRRNSHNGS, Utilitarian Sculpture for the Home, an exhibit of work by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies, continues to Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the D. Dan and Betty Kahn Building at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple in West Bloomfield.

Call (248) 661-1000, visit www.jccdet.org. The show pushes the boundaries of functionality for furniture and other items in the home. The furnishings are available for purchase. Admission is free.

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

Crafters wanted

St. Damian of Westland is seeking crafters for its annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show, which will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8, 4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net. Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail kabramczyk@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

Artwork can inspire design of room

Naoko of Plymouth asks, "I would like to purchase some artwork for my home. Does the art have to match the colors in the room?"

This is a very interesting question, and I am asked this by clients quite often.



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

There are a few schools of thought when buying art.

Some people buy art because they love it, some because it works in the room, and others because they are investing in or collecting art. They see their purchase only from an investment standpoint. None of these schools of thought is wrong.

YOU LOVE IT

Sometimes a beautiful piece of art speaks to you from across a room.

Buy it. If you truly love a piece, you will find a home for it and you will admire it for years to come. Enjoy the art for the visual pleasure it offers.

A much-loved piece of art can actually be the design catalyst for a room. Instead of finding the right art work for the room, the room was designed around the art you love.

When you truly love a piece of art, it can be the cornerstone upon which you build the entire room's decorating scheme.

IT WORKS

You have just spotted a floral print at the local home decorating store, and it matches your sofa perfectly and even brings in the green stripe from the window treatments. You just might need to buy this one, too.

Very often, our homes need a unifying feature in a room that will bring together the color palette.

The only caution here is to make sure you enjoy the art and don't spend too much money on something that is only meeting the color needs of a room right now.

When it's time to repaint, you may find that picture isn't working anymore for you. Make sure the purchase price gives you the flexibility to put that piece of art in the basement or in next year's garage sale, without feeling bad about it.



This John Galbo print sets the color scheme and romantic tone for this master bedroom.

ART AS INVESTMENT

Often art collectors are as interested in the artist as they are in the piece itself. Use the Internet, the library and a trusted art gallery for learning all there is to know about a particular artist.

Investing in art isn't only about investing your money.

It is also about investing your time to learn how to make wise purchases. Many art galleries are staffed with knowledgeable personnel to help you with art investing.

When buying high-quality art, it doesn't have to match your sofa, and in this case, it doesn't even have to match your design style scheme. Beautiful pieces always look great together.

If you buy art as an investment, make sure you have it properly protected from damaging light and moisture. The gallery you buy the art from will be instrumental in helping you with this.

Branch out, learn more, and don't be afraid to try various styles and types of art. Take your time when selecting art work and make sure you love whatever you are buying.

The end result will be a home that beautifully reflects your personality.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusivinteriordesign.com.

PHOTOS

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convenience costs extra, and I'd say this is well worth it.

FEATURES

Two features in particular attracted me to this model. First, it can produce both 4-by-6 and 5-by-7 prints. Most models limit you to 4-by-6.

Second, it packs a 1.5GB hard drive, meaning you can offload photos from your camera's memory card without having to detour to your PC.

Plus, you can keep your favorite shots on the drive for when you want to make extra prints. I've found this to be a really handy feature.

I also like that I don't have to connect my camera to the printer. One less USB cable to keep track of. I just slide in the memory card, review my photos on the 2.5-inch color LCD, and select the ones I want to print.

I can crop and zoom to print a specific area of a photo, add a decorative border, and even print 4-by-12 panoramas.

Sometimes, the Photosmart fails to produce exactly what's on the LCD. I've

had a few shots come out with heads chopped off at the top, even though the preview window showed the heads intact.

What's more, the printer is fairly slow to read the contents of memory cards, and slower still at copying them to its hard drive.

Also, you might be wondering why you shouldn't buy a full-size inkjet printer instead. Many models have the same memory-card slots and LCD screens, and they're generally much more versatile.

Location, location, location. I like the size and portability of the Photosmart 475. It can tuck away inside a kitchen cupboard when not in use.

Or it can accompany me to parties and other events for on-the-spot printing. (An optional rechargeable battery provides power.)

That's a privilege I'm willing to pay for.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld*, 5th Edition, and *101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Be cautious when painting grass cloth

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Earl says: I have grass cloth covering the walls in my dining area and living room. Rather than remove the grass cloth, I would like to paint over it. I have seen it painted, and the texture looks very good.

"Does it have to be prepared prior to painting? Should I use oil base or latex paint?"

Our personal taste causes us to recommend that you not paint grass cloth, but rather brighten it by slowly and carefully vacuuming the entire surface. But if you must paint, you may use either oil or latex paint with certain cautions. Use a flat (not shiny) finish, thin the paint (two parts paint to one part thinner or water), and apply the paint with a sprayer in very thin applications. Painting with a high-gloss paint will tend to accentuate unattractive irregularities in the grass cloth that otherwise add to its beauty when it is in its natural state.

Thick paint will fill in the narrow spaces between the straw, and may ruin the look you are trying to achieve.

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Insects, disease prey on stressed trees

Attacks by insects or disease can mean death for many plants, even trees

A tree must be properly cared for to help prevent attack or to be able to fend off insects and disease

Sufficient water and light, and a proper balance of nutrients, greatly influence plant health

Too much or too little of any of these environmental conditions may cause plant stress, which can weaken trees and make them more susceptible to insect and disease attack

"We all love being surrounded by nature, but sometimes we need to step in and help protect nature from itself," said Jim Skiera, executive director of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)

DISEASES, DISORDERS

Diseases are caused by infectious or living agents, such as fungi, viruses and bacteria

Disorders are caused by non-infectious or nonliving agents, such as nutrient deficiencies,

temperature extremes, vandalism and pollutants

For a disease to develop there must be the presence of a disease-causing agent (pathogen) to which the plant is vulnerable

If the proper environmental conditions are present over a certain amount of time, the pathogen will infect the plant. For example, many fungal diseases require moist conditions for spores to germinate

INSECTS

In many cases, insect problems are secondary to problems brought on by a stress disorder or pathogen. Focusing on getting rid of the pest might not solve the primary problem.

Some insects suck sap from the tree or bore into the trunk and branches. These insects can stunt tree growth and weaken its structure.

Insects may be divided into three categories according to their method of feeding:

Chewing insects (beetles, caterpillars) eat leaves, flowers

and twigs. Indications of damage by these insects include leaf notching or skeletonizing

Sucking insects (aphids, mealybugs) feed on sap within the plant. Drooping, wilting and discoloration are some indications of their presence.

Boring insects (bark beetles) feed beneath the bark of the tree as larvae and continue to reproduce within the bark. Adults may lay eggs in tunnels beneath the bark. Boring insects tend to be the most destructive and can kill trees.

The most important thing to remember is that many insects in your garden or landscape are beneficial rather than destructive. They help with pollination or act as predators of more harmful insects.

Therefore, killing all insects without regard to their species and function can actually be detrimental to plant health.

DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT

Correct diagnosis requires a careful examination of the situation

How to keep ground green in winter

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

What's a prettier color in winter: brown or green? Green, of course!

And that's a good reason to blanket the ground with evergreen plants. Seas and islands of low-growing greenery knit the scene together in informal and formal gardens.

The big three of evergreen groundcovers are vinca, pachysandra and English ivy. But also consider other shapes and shades of green with which to paint the ground.

For instance, suppose you wanted a delicate evergreen groundcover for a garden usually enjoyed up close — such as bordering a doorway.

Dainty leaves would be the ticket, just what you would find on plants such as wintergreen, bearberry, partridgeberry, lingonberry and cranberry. They also all bear charming little flowers in spring and summer.

There's more. These plants also yield — as their names imply — berries. The berries look pretty against their green backdrops, and, unless eaten by animals, can persist all winter.

If you want to grow something that you could eat as well, grow lingonberry, cranberry or winterberry and munch on them yourself all winter.

Many evergreen groundcover plants, including some of those mentioned above, are native to the dappled shade of our eastern woodlands.

These plants also like soils that are acidic and rich in humus.

Create these conditions by digging peat moss into the ground or individual planting holes, then keep the ground permanently mulched with organic materials such as shredded leaves, sawdust or wood chips.

Fertilize lightly or else you will burn the tender roots or encourage more aggressive competitor plants.

Some sites cry out for bold rather than dainty plants. Here you need greenery with larger leaves, oconee bells, for instance, a Southeast native with round, toothed leaves. Expect these leaves to redden in winter.

Other plants with bolder leaves include European ginger and bugleweed, although either of these may lose their leaves during a cold winter.

Give these large-leaved evergreens the same humus-y, moist, acidic conditions specified for winterberry and company.

In full sun and dry soil, look for plants that are really evergray or everblue than evergreen. The waxy or woolly coverings on their leaves help reduce water loss in winter.

Lavender and santolina are two such plants.

Thymes are also adapted to these conditions. Caraway thyme has tiny, tiny leaves that stay pressed right against the ground, common thyme rises a half-foot or so above the ground.

In contrast to the shade-tolerating groundcovers mentioned earlier, these sun-lovers need well-drained soils with plenty of limestone to counteract acidity.

Be specific about remodeling contracts

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If consumer protection starts at home, the basic building blocks of remodeling projects ought to include a detailed contract.

Homeowners who stick to generalities can get burned in the legal process if they avoid specifics on a host of topics concerning budgets, work timetables and aesthetic expectations.

Point-by-point documents can cover overlooked points from parking to change orders to site security and cleanup.

Attorney Gregory Kenyon said homeowners are "better off to be specific and quantifiable" because most consumers without a contract are at the mercy of the contractor regarding complaints or claims.

To merely approve a project with a wave of an arm with instructions to the contractor to "call me when you're done" only invites post-project recrimina-

tions. Pursue contracts for even modest projects where minute issues can mushroom into big-dollar legal headaches.

Contractors typically slide a generic contract across the kitchen table to customers. It's a good starting point, but such papers may not touch on the universe of issues in the customer's best interest.

Make sure your attorney reviews or alters the contract before you sign it.

Here's a list of contract points worth putting on paper:

■ **Scope of work** For instance rather than simply note "remove kitchen window, expand the detail to removal and disposal of the old window, specify brand and size of replacement window, ask for triple pane glass, and require the window weather-proofing be connected to the weather barrier on the home."

You might also stipulate a wood, vinyl or metal clad window. Repeat this process for all significant portions of the project.

Consumers should retain an architect or other construction expert to help define and identify scope of work issues.

It's not unusual for scope of work sections to be five to 10 pages. Kenyon says such detail works to a homeowner's benefit.

■ **Time frame** When will the project start and when should it be completed? Be precise about the start and end of the workday.

Kenyon often adds an incentive for completed work and a penalty clause if work goes beyond the agreed-to completion date.

"You need a way to hold their feet to the fire," Kenyon said.

■ **Payment** Pay-as-you-go is your best option. Your architect can help you frame benchmarks when payments are due.

Kenyon uses examples of money paid when basement concrete is done, when the roof is finished, when windows are installed, etc.

Worth inclusion: payment for

materials only as materials are used. No advances.

■ **Failure to perform.** This is the penalty phase of a contract. Language can give the contractor a chance to remedy faulty work, otherwise know as a default. You can stipulate that if you give the contractor written notice and problems aren't corrected, the contract is void with subsequent repairs charged to the contractor.

Another feature: Insist on a performance bond that will pay for work that isn't performed.

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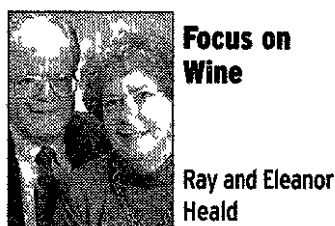
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"It's not difficult to make a match between wine and dark chocolate," said Eric Conrad, chocolatier and owner of Chocolat in Birmingham. "It involves choosing the right chocolate. Wine complements chocolate yet you need the correct chocolate to match the wine."

Considering such synergy, Conrad with neighboring Birmingham Simply Wine wineshop owner Ed Bosse, illustrated several points. Both men were enthused by the challenge and worked together to pick wines matching Conrads' "Chocolat chocolates."

CHOCOLATE AND CABERNET

Due to the complexity of both dark chocolate and cabernet sauvignon, that proved the most daunting match, although it's talked about a lot in wine circles.

However, Bosse, Conrad and we found a "big spender" ideal match with Conrad's Dark Chocolate with Scotch-infused ganache and the 2001 Dominus Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$125). On its own, this young wine with youthful acidity and obvious tannins cried out for more cellar time. When we followed Conrad's tasting method, chocolate bite first, then wine sip while some chocolate lingers in the mouth, then another bite of chocolate, the wine came alive, felt broad on the palate and had greater length. It was great.

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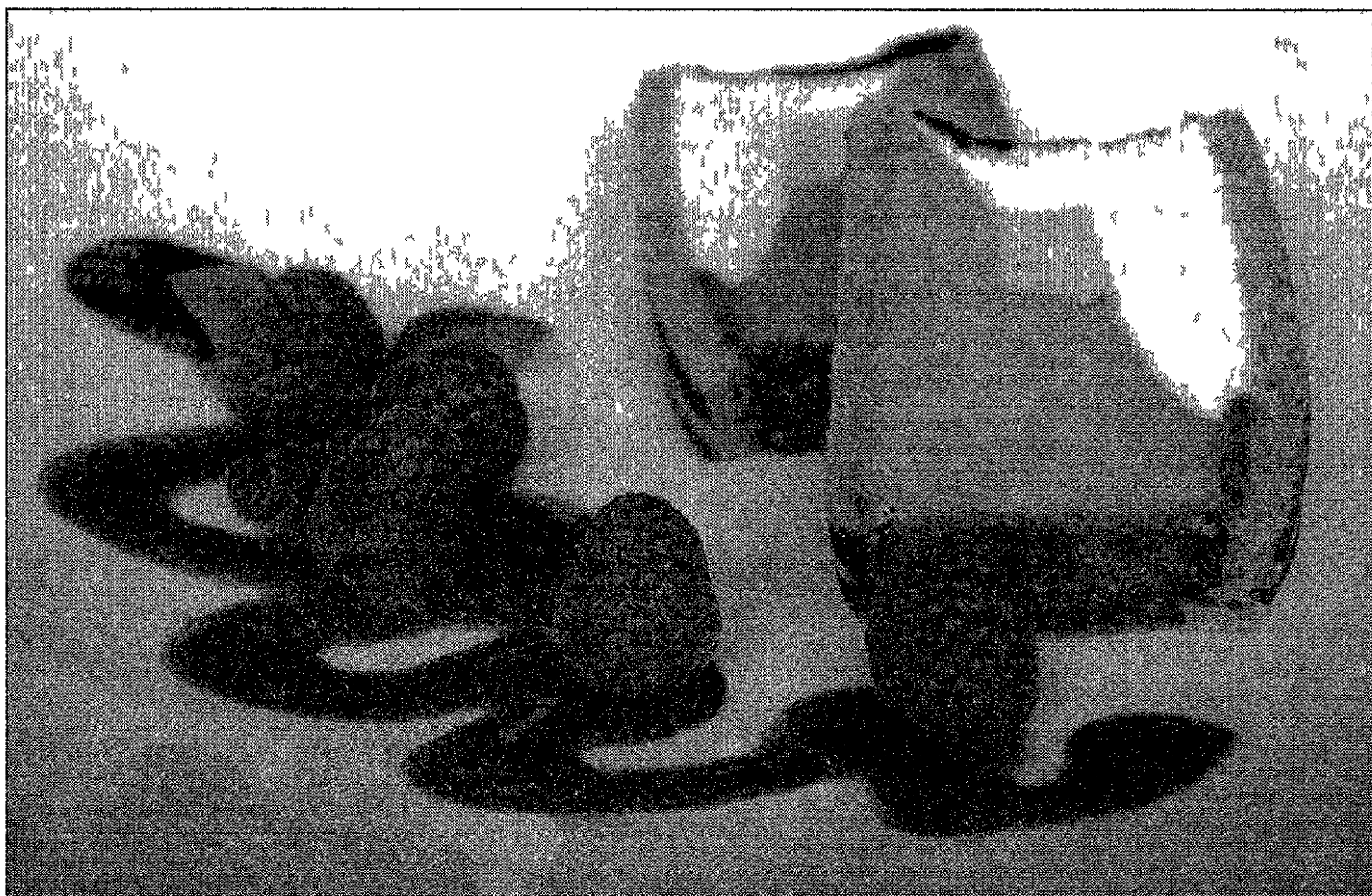
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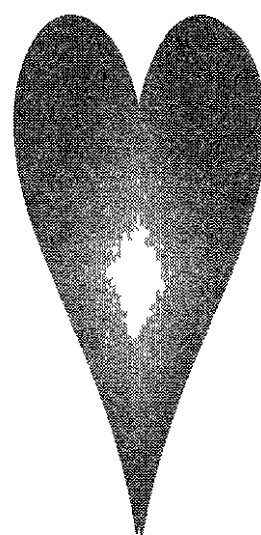


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Valentine's meal sparks up flavor



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Valentine's Day is a good time to do something special for that special someone.

You shouldn't be afraid to expand your culinary repertoire, says Doug Ganh, executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College. "You want to do something that's a little different than what you'd fix every day at home," Ganh said. "You're only making it for one other person, so you should be able to push it a little bit. You might want to make it a little bit more special."

Ganh suggests a salad of field greens featuring endive, maché, bibb, mesclun and/or a spring mix topped with sherry vinaigrette, and a roast rack of lamb with goat cheese pave, and a caponatina, a sauté of eggplant, zucchini and red pepper.

For dessert, OCC chef and instructor Roger Holden suggests a white chocolate Grand Marnier terrine.

"Lamb is a special occasion meal," Ganh said. "The only time a lot of people eat it is when they go out (to a restaurant) and order it."

"When it's a special occasion, you should push it a

little bit. Lamb isn't that hard.

Ganh's advice when cooking lamb: don't overcook it. Serve it rare to medium-rare, he suggests.

An internal thermometer should read 115° F for medium rare, and 145° F for medium, Ganh said. "And if you want it well done, cook chicken," Ganh quipped.

"You should pull (the lamb) out a couple degrees less than the required temperature and let it rest so the juices and flavors settle and spread throughout the lamb," Ganh said. American lamb has a stronger flavor than New Zealand and Australian lamb.

The red wine thyme sauce is easy. Even though the recipe calls for veal stock, Ganh said canned beef broth is OK when you're in a pinch and use a good wine. "The sauce needs a quarter reduction," Ganh said. Cabernet goes well with the lamb. Don't use a cheap wine. Go for something with a good moderate price. This recipe is pretty user friendly. The vegetable on the entree is a caponatina.

Rosemary can be substituted for the thyme, Ganh said, while mint can be added to the caponatina.

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Roger Holden (left) and Doug Ganh, chefs and instructors at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute, create a Valentine's Day meal with a rack of lamb with goat cheese pave, a salad of field greens with sherry vinaigrette and a white chocolate Grand Marnier terrine (on table).



Rack of lamb is served with red wine thyme sauce

RACK OF LAMB PINE NUT PERSILLADE

2 each lamb racks frenched (see note)
Salt and pepper to taste
2 ounces olive oil
2 ounces Dijon mustard
3 ounces pine nuts, lightly toasted, chopped fine
1/4 cup parsley, chopped fine
1 tablespoon garlic, minced
2 tablespoons molasses
as needed olive oil 1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Heat a medium sized sauté pan over high heat.

Add olive oil. Season lamb racks and pan sear to golden brown.

Coat lamb rack with Dijon mustard.

Combine pine nuts, parsley, and garlic. Add molasses and mix well to create the persillade. If mixture is too dry, add a small amount of olive oil to bring the persillade together. Season mixture to taste. Top lamb racks with an even coating of the persillade.

Place on a roasting pan with rack, roast at 325° F to an internal temperature of 135° F for medium rare. Let rest for 5 minutes before slicing into individual chops.

Serve with potato goat cheese pave, and red wine thyme sauce. Makes four servings.

Note: Frenched means to pull the lamb meat out of the lamb rack. You can order the rack "frenched" from your butcher.

RED WINE THYME SAUCE

8 ounces red wine
1 tablespoon garlic, chopped
2 ounces shallot, chopped
1 quart veal stock
1 spring fresh rosemary
1 spring fresh thyme
2 bay leaves
1 ounce unsalted butter

Cook the wine, garlic, and shallot in

a saucepan and reduce by one-quarter.

Add the veal stock, rosemary, thyme, and bay leaves. Reduce by one-half.

Remove from the heat and strain. Finish the sauce with unsalted butter.

Makes one pint.

Note: Chef Doug Ganh said canned beef broth can be substituted for the veal stock.

POTATO GOAT CHEESE PAVE

2 pounds russet potatoes
1 tablespoon garlic, minced
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
2 cups heavy cream
6 egg yolks
8 ounces goat cheese
2 tablespoons chives, chopped
4 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated

Slice potatoes very thin and place into a mixing bowl.

Whisk garlic, seasonings, cream, and yolks together. Add potatoes and combine. Lightly oil a 2-1/2 inch casserole pan and line the bottom with parchment paper.

Place a layer of potatoes into pan and sprinkle with crumbled goat cheese, and chives. Repeat process until all ingredients are used.

Top with grated Parmesan cheese. Cover and bake at 325° for 45 minutes. Remove cover and bake for 15 minutes or until potatoes are tender and golden brown.

Place potatoes into cooler to set up for 20 minutes. Invert pan onto cutting board, remove parchment paper and cut into rectangles.

Reheat just before service.

Makes 12 servings.

Recipes courtesy of Doug Ganh, executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute.

Side dish

Stir Crazy turns 10

Stir Crazy, a nine-unit chain of Asian restaurants, is celebrating 10 years in business with a new menu of 20 new dishes and a \$10,000 "Find the Golden Buddha" giveaway.

From now through March 17, each table of patrons receives a scratch-off card. Patrons are urged to bring the



card for their next visit to see what they've won. Prizes include \$5 to \$50 off the next meal at Stir Crazy and 10 others who find a "Golden Buddha" ticket will win 10 free meals and at least a 1-in-10 chance to win \$10,000 in cash.

The new menu includes bottleneck shrimp (shown here), chili lemongrass shrimp, miso-glazed salmon, orange-peel chicken, sweet and spicy pork and other dishes. Kids 10 and under eat free Mondays through Thursday when they are accompanied by an adult who orders an entree.

All 10-year anniversary promotions end March 17. For official contest rules and guidelines, visit www.stircrazy.com or visit its store at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills. Call (248) 454-0400.

Chef appears

Chef John Kraus, instructor at the French Pastry School, which is part of the City Colleges of Chicago, will teach a three-day course on seasonal plated desserts June 27-29 at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute at the Orchard Ridge campus.

Kraus will share his expertise on creating a menu for restaurant-plated desserts. Kraus will use produce from local Michigan farmers to create a seasonal menu, including Roasted Michigan Apricots with Buttermilk Yogurt Ice Cream.

Cost for the class is \$750. To register, contact The French Pastry School, 226 W Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 726-2419 or visit www.frenchpastry-school.com.

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

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. Contact The Community House 380 S. Bates Birmingham at (248) 644 5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com

Tea Tasting

Enjoy a Tea Tasting with Lynn Savino from The Republic Tea Company 6 p.m. Monday Feb 13 at the Coffee Beanery Cafe 28557 Woodward Berkley (248) 336 9930

The Joys of Cooking

Tantalize your senses on Valentine's Day with special guest instructor Alvise Balarin Italian master chef. Learn step by step tasting techniques of the flavors and aromas from various olive oils and balsamic vinegars in this class taught 7-9 p.m. Tuesday Feb 14. Instructor Dawn Bause will help cook up some sample dishes. Taste and sample then take home recipes and a list of favorite oils and vinegars. A \$6 materials fee is payable to the instructor in class. Class is \$22. To register for classes contact The Community House 380 S. Bates Birmingham call (248) 644 5832 or visit online at www.communityhouse.com

Healthy Cooking Classes

Enjoy vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valene 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 website or call (734) 261 2856

Breads of India

Students will learn to make flat bread layered 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

Authentic Italian

Dawn Bause co author of the Italian cookbook Romance Begins in the Kitchen has brought back authentic home style Italian recipes to share with students at this class taught 7-9 p.m. Tuesday Feb 21. The menu includes Mixed Greens with Gorgonzola and Hazelnut Dressing Wild Mushroom Risotto Chicken Florentine and Panna Cotta. Students will receive recipes and sample dishes with a glass of wine. A \$6 materials fee payable to instructor at class. Students must be 21 to attend this class. Session costs \$29.

Gluten Free and Loving It

Students will learn the secret behind a gluten free lifestyle and learn to make Roasted Pepper Rolls with Tzatziki and Capers Wild Rice Mushroom and Leek Stuffed Chicken with White Wine Sauce Baked Sweet Potatoes Dauphinoise and Eggplant Sundried Tomato and Feta Lettuce Wraps. Class is 7:30-9 p.m. Monday Feb 27. A list of other gluten free meals and where to get the gluten free items used in class will be provided. Students will sample and take home all the recipes taught in this class. Session costs \$30. To register for classes contact The Community House 380 S. Bates Birmingham call (248) 644 5832 or visit online at www.communityhouse.com

Soup for You

Learn about a Basic Seafood Chowder a Basic Broccoli Chowder and a Basic Black Bean Soup to build on. Instructor Peter Engelhardt is Executive Chef at The Community House in Birmingham. Class is scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday Feb 28. Session is \$30. To register for classes contact The Community House 380 S. Bates Birmingham call (248) 644 5832 or visit 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

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

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The salad will bring compliments from your guests, once they taste the sherry vinaigrette, Ganhs said. "The oranges and the beets are a great combination. The red color of the beets give it a Valentine's Day look." "The Parmesan cheese muffin has a nice crispy texture. It

really goes great in the salad."

To assemble the salad, dip each lettuce into the vinaigrette then place it on the plate. Place the endive on the right side of the plate, then the radicchio next to the endive, and a mix of Boston lettuce and mache lettuce on the left side of the plate. The orange segment and beets can be placed at the top of the plate, then top the greens with a Parmesan muffin.

Any of your favorite field greens can be used featuring endive, frisee, Boston, bibb mesclun or a spring mix.

Sweetening up the day is easy. Raspberries and chocolate are a perfect match, Holden says.

The dish won first place in a competition of community colleges several years ago, Holden said.

The main flavors for Valentine's Day are chocolate,

raspberries or strawberries," Holden said. "There are different kinds of creams you can make, you can make a more dense warm chocolate cake. Caramel sauce is big, too."

When planning for the meal, Ganhs recommends picking up items a couple days before the meal. And make a list. "We work off a prep list in a small time frame, Ganhs said. "You should follow the list so you don't forget things."

FIELD GREENS SALAD WITH SHERRY VINAIGRETTE

Sherry Vinaigrette

- 16 egg yolks
- 1 2 tablespoons salt
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup lime juice
- 2 cups rice wine vinegar
- 1 cup sherry wine
- 1/2 cup shallots minced
- 1 teaspoon white pepper
- 3 quarts salad oil
- 1/2 cup water cold

Simmer sherry and cool to remove alcohol.

Add yolks to large mixer and begin to whip.

Alternate oil and liquids to form emulsion.

Add all sugar, salt, shallots and pepper.

Thin with sherry and adjust thickness with cold water.

Field Greens Salad

Favorite field greens (endive mache bibb mesclun and/or a spring mix)

Beets

Orange segments

Parmesan muffin (see related recipe)

To assemble the salad, dip each lettuce into the vinaigrette then place on the plate. Place the endive on the right side of the plate, then the radicchio next to the endive, and a mix of Boston lettuce and mache lettuce on the left side of the plate. The orange segment and beets can be placed at the top of the plate, then top the greens with a Parmesan muffin.

PARMESAN CHEESE MUFFIN AND STREUSEL

Muffin.

- 1 ounce butter
- 1/2 ounce sugar
- 1/2 egg
- 2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1 1/2 ounces cake flour
- pinch baking soda
- 1 ounce almond flour
- 2 1/2 ounces Parmesan cheese
- salt and pepper to taste

Streusel:

- 1/2 ounce panko bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tablespoon garlic infused butter
- 1 tablespoon walnuts chopped to taste salt and pepper

For muffin, cream butter and sugar for 2 minutes. Add egg and sour cream, mix until just blended.



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Ganhs creates this salad with beets orange segment Belgian endive, radicchio, Boston lettuce mixed with mache lettuce. Each green is dipped in the sherry vinaigrette before placement on the dish, then the salad topped with a Parmesan muffin.

Add all dry ingredients, mix until just blended, then add the Parmesan cheese and salt and pepper.

Scoop into molds. Bake for 10-12 minutes at 375° F.

For streusel, combine all ingredients by hand and rub to course texture.

Nutritional information per serving (excluding unknown items): 84 calories, 5g fat (56 percent calories from fat), 1g protein, 8g carbohydrate, 27mg cholesterol, 46mg sodium. Recipes courtesy of Doug Ganhs.

Note: This recipe is a slight revision of the photographed dessert.

CHOCOLATE GRAND MARNIER TERRINE

- 1 recipe pistachio sponge cake
- 1 1/2 recipe chocolate Bavarian cream
- 1 1/2 recipe Grand Marnier Bavarian cream
- 1/2 recipe raspberry Bavarian cream
- 1/4 recipe chocolate glaze
- Fresh raspberries (for garnish)
- Raspberry coulis (for garnish)
- White chocolate curls (for garnish)

Line terrine molds with ribbon sponge cake. Slice chocolate chiffon into 1/4-inch layers and place 1 layer in bottom.

Prepare raspberry Bavarian cream, pour into 1-inch molds, and freeze 2-3 hours until very firm.

You can add up to 2 ounces of alcohol to this mix. Makes 1-1/2 quarts.

CHOCOLATE GLAZE

- 2 pounds 4 ounces semi sweet chocolate
- 1 pint milk
- 4 ounces heavy cream
- 4 ounces butter

Melt chocolate over double boiler.

In saucepan, combine remaining ingredients. Bring to a rolling boil and add to chocolate. Mix thoroughly. Strain.

To use, the torte or pastry must be coated with buttercream and frozen while the glaze must be between 86°-90° F. Makes 3 pounds 4 ounces.

PISTACHIO SPONGE CAKE

- 5 ounces eggs
- 3 1/2 ounces pistachio flour (see note)
- 3 ounces powdered sugar
- 1 ounce cake flour
- 3 25 ounces egg whites
- 2 1/2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 1/2 ounces unsalted butter melted

Whip eggs light and fluffy.

Sift together flours and powdered sugar. Set aside. Whip egg whites adding remaining sugar to stiff peaks. Fold both mixtures together with sifted flour, spread evenly onto sheet tray. Bake in 400° F oven until golden brown. Makes 1 1/2 sheet pan.

(Note: Chef Roger Holden said that pistachio flour consists of pistachio nuts that are finely crushed.)

CRÈME ANGLAISE

- 1 quart half and half
- 12 ounces sugar
- 7 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon vanilla or vanilla bean

Combine three fourths of the half and half, sugar and vanilla in stainless steel pot, bring to rolling boil.

Combine remaining half and half and yolks, temper and return to pot over medium heat, stirring constantly, cooking to nappe (204° F, 96° C).

Strain into a non-reactive container in ice bath. Cool to room temperature then wrap and refrigerate. This mixture must be used within three days. Makes 1-1/4 quarts.

BAVARIAN CREAM

- 1 pint creme anglaise
- 1 pint heavy cream
- 4 gelatin sheets (or 1/4 teaspoon gelatin mix about 8 grams)
- 1 ounce water
- 6 ounces flavoring any puree except alcohol

Bloom gelatin and cold water 5-7 minutes.

Whip cream to soft peak.

Flavor creme anglaise and mix liquor or other flavorings. Warm gelatin until dissolved over double boiler temper and stir in whipped cream. Pour mix into molds and set.

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A trifle less fat

Cut the calories on this Valentine's Day favorite

The classic trifle, a traditional English dessert, requires extensive preparation and is high in saturated fat and calories. But it is a luscious way to celebrate Valentine's Day in the traditional red-and-white theme.

The following version is ideally suited to health- and diet-conscious sweethearts, but sacrifices nothing in flavor. Best of all, since Valentine's Day falls on a workday, this trifle can be made easily and well in advance. It is the ideal finish to a romantic meal and large enough for a party or lots of leftovers.

VALENTINE TRIFLE

2 cups reduced fat (2 percent) milk
3 large egg yolks
1/3 cup sugar
3 tablespoons flour
Pinch of salt
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 bag (12 ounces) fresh cranberries (or frozen and defrosted)
1 cup water
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 angel food cake (about 12 ounces)
1/4 3/4 cup heavy cream*
1/4 1 teaspoon vanilla extract or to taste
Pinch of confectioners (powdered) sugar or to taste

In a medium, non-stick saucepan, heat milk until bubbles appear along the edges. Remove from heat, cover and set aside.

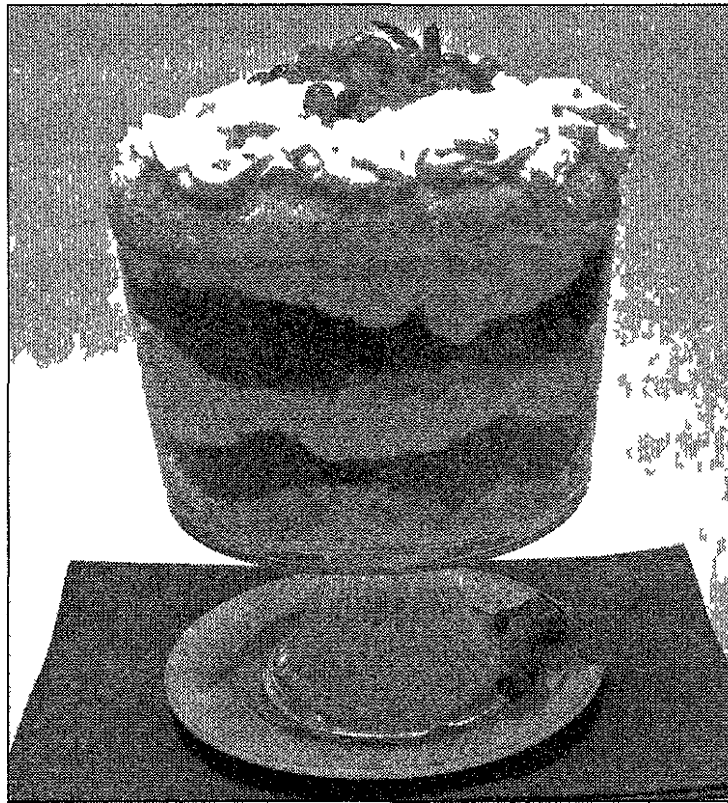
In a small bowl, beat egg yolks until they turn a pale color. Gradually beat in sugar until mixture thickens. Mix in flour and salt until smooth and well blended. Slowly mix in 1/4 of the milk, then the remainder. Mix until well combined, then transfer mixture to the pan.

Set pan over medium low heat. Stirring constantly, cook at a low simmer until mixture thickens, about 5 minutes or until it coats a tablespoon with a film. Immediately transfer custard to a medium bowl and stir in vanilla. Press a sheet of plastic wrap onto the custard so it makes contact and prevents a skin from forming. Let stand until room temperature, about 4 hours or refrigerate, covered, overnight. Bring to room temperature before using.

In a medium saucepan bring cranberries, water and sugar to a boil. Lower heat to medium-high and cook until berries "pop." Reduce heat and gently simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool. Taste and add additional sugar, if needed.

Transfer mixture to a blender and mix on highest speed until it becomes a smooth purée. Transfer to a bowl and mix in 1/2 teaspoon vanilla and set aside. Refrigerate overnight and bring to room temperature before using.

Cut the cake horizontally with a large serrated knife into 3 layers. Place 1 layer in the bottom of a 2-quart glass dish. (Small pieces can easily be pushed into any gaps.) Spread half the pureed fruit on top to cover it evenly. Spread half the custard over the berries to cover. Repeat with a second layer of cake,



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This Valentine Trifle is ideally suited to health- and diet-conscious sweethearts, but sacrifices nothing in flavor.

puree and custard. Top with the last cake layer. Cover with plastic wrap, then foil. Refrigerate at least 8 hours or overnight.

About an hour before serving, remove trifle from refrigerator. Whip the cream in a chilled bowl until it begins to thicken. While continuing to beat, add vanilla and sugar to taste until cream is thick but still soft. Spread on the trifle to completely cover the surface. Garnish, if desired, with berries dusted with superfine sugar.

*Low or fat free whipped topping can be substituted. The amount needed depends on the dish. A dish about 7 inches wide at the top requires 1/4 to 1/2 cup cream.

Makes 12 servings. Per serving: 203 calories, 4 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 39 g carbohydrate, 4 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 148 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research

WINES

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wine's youth, dark chocolate offered greater enhancement. When we tried it with a 1995 Pine Ridge Andrus Reserve from our cellar, it didn't work. With cellaring, the Andrus mellowed in the bottle and was better matched with savory food.

CHOCOLATE AND BUBBLES

Romantically, chocolate and champagne pair. With bubbles, the acidity element scored again. Conrad's dark chocolate with rose-infused white chocolate ganache with J. Lasalle Rosé Brut Champagne (\$58) and also the sparkler L. Mawby Sex from Michigan (\$15.50) proved the champagne an incredible match and Sex was pure fun.

OTHER OPTIONS

The synergy Conrad suggested for a good match proved to be outstanding when Bosse paired the 2003 Papapietro Perry Leras Vineyard Pinot Noir from California's Russian River Valley (\$52) with Chocolat's dark chocolate bar. The wine's raspberry character was elevated and resulted in ultimate finesse.

A raspberry element in the 2003 Domaine Berthet-Rayne Chateaufort-du-Pape (\$30) also became more appealing and elegant with the same dark chocolate bar. Chocolate qualities were also pushed forward.

Yet, when we tried Conrad's raspberry-filled dark chocolate with the same two wines, it was raspberry overkill - both wines and chocolate became one dimensional.

DON'T NEGLECT WHITES

The 2004 Hedges CSM (\$12.50) from Washington

state's Columbia Valley made an exceptional pairing with Chocolat's dark chocolate with passion fruit-infused dark chocolate. CSM is an acronym for a blend of chardonnay, sauvignon blanc and marsanne. Dynamite! Fruity wine and fruity chocolate proved that white wine and dark chocolate can be a delicious pair.

POINTERS

Port, as well as not-too-peaty single malts and dark chocolate are a given, so we didn't test that.

Avoid milk chocolate and stick to dark when attempting wine matches. Chocolat's chocolates are 48 percent cacao.

We tried the wines with imported chocolates up to 70 percent cacao.

The higher that number, the poorer the match.

We've attempted to offer a range of wine prices but if your wallet is a tad empty but you still want a sexy gift, tie a few of Chocolat's rose-infused chocolates in a transparent bag around the neck of a bottle of Mawby's Sex and gift your Valentine with some fun tastes for \$20.

FINDING THE MATCHES

Chocolat, 261 Merrill St., Birmingham (248) 203-7990. Chocolates are \$32 per pound and dark chocolate bars are \$5.95 each.

Simply Wine, 180 Pierce St., Birmingham (248) 290-0476. Wine prices quoted in the column are from this shop.

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

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@hometown

life.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 slow 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 + 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.

Zenaida Chocolate Lounge

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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

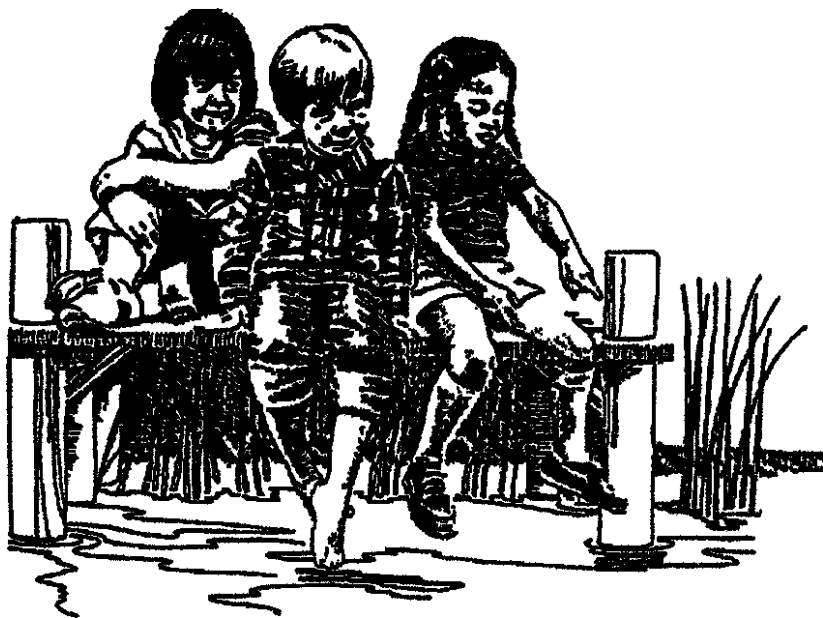
Try fire-roasted jalapeno and turkey

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.

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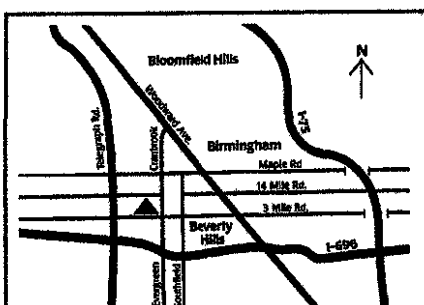
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Fire up winter with low-fat, but hearty, soups

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The season for hearty soups is upon us and so is the temptation to thicken them with good-tasting and calorific fat. Here's your way around that. Food editor Sue Spitzer has assembled enough recipes for good-tasting, healthy and low-calorie dishes to fill menus for many seasons to come.

The following three are from the collection in the second edition of her cookbook, *1,001 Delicious Soups and Stews* (Surrey Books, 2005, \$19.95). This edition includes a new chapter with complete menu plans, as well as a wide variety of updated recipes for low-fat, low-carb and easily prepared dishes.

The latter include two with seafood, and one that's vegetarian, all of them hearty enough to build a meal around.

This chowder has a lively curry flavor and bright yellow color, and takes less than half an hour to cook.

CURRIED SCALLOP POTATO CHOWDER

- 1 bottle (11 ounces) clam juice
- 1/2 cup dry white wine (or water)
- 1 pound potatoes, peeled cut into 1/2 inch cubes
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 pound sea scallops
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 1/4 cup 1 percent low fat milk
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat clam juice, wine or water, potatoes, curry powder and garlic to boiling in large saucepan, reduce heat and simmer, covered, 10 minutes. Add scallops, simmer until scallops are cooked and opaque, 5 to 10 minutes. Remove about half the potatoes and scallops with slotted spoon to a large bowl, keep warm.

Process remaining mixture in food processor or blender until smooth. Return mixture to pan. Stir in peas, milk and reserved potatoes and scallops. Heat until peas are tender and chowder is hot through, about 5 minutes. Do not boil. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving: 251 cal, 25.6 g pro, 29.4 g carbo, 1.8 g total fat (0.2 g saturated), 49.3 mg chol, 482 mg sodium

In Mexico, leaves from the avocado tree are used for seasoning in this favorite Oaxacan soup. This version of the dish uses a bay leaf, which is somewhat stronger in flavor.

SHRIMP AND BLACK BEAN SOUP

- Vegetable cooking spray
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 medium tomatoes, peeled cut into wedges
- Three 14 1/2 ounce cans reduced sodium fat free chicken broth
- 1/2 cup water
- 3 cups cooked dried black beans or two 15 ounce cans black beans, rinsed, drained
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1 bay leaf
- 8 ounces peeled deveined shrimp
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Finely chopped cilantro as garnish

Spray large saucepan with cooking spray, heat over medium heat until hot. Sauté onions and garlic until tender, about 5 minutes. Process onion mixture, tomatoes, and 1 can chicken broth until smooth, return to saucepan.

Add remaining 2 cans broth, water, black beans and herbs to saucepan, heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes, adding shrimp during last 5 minutes. Discard bay leaf and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve soup in bowls, sprinkle with cilantro.

Makes 6 servings (about 11/2 cups each)

Nutrition information per serving: 190 cal, 19.1 g pro, 27 g carbo, 1.1 g total fat (0.3 g saturated), 58.3 mg chol, 136 mg sodium

When the weather precludes a trip to the grocery, you can still make a tasty and nutritious vegetable soup like

this one - think of it as an opportunity to clear items lingering in the refrigerator and pantry.

MOTHER HUBBARD'S SOUP

- 4 small potatoes, cubed
- 1 sweet potato, peeled cubed
- 2 ribs celery, sliced
- 1 cup julienned or sliced carrots
- 2 cups sliced cabbage
- 8 ounces frozen snap peas

- 8 ounces frozen broccoli
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
- 14 1/2 ounce can diced tomatoes with roasted garlic undrained
- Four 14 1/2 ounce cans reduced sodium vegetable broth or chicken broth or beef broth
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves

- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients, except salt and pepper, in large saucepan, heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until vegetables are tender, about 25 minutes.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Makes 8 servings (about 13/4 cups each)

Nutrition information per serving: 172 cal, 6.4 g pro, 37.9 g carbo, 0.5 g total fat (0.1 g saturated), 0 mg chol, 337 mg sodium

(All recipes from *1,001 Delicious Soups and Stews*, second edition, edited by Sue Spitzer with Linda Yoakam, Surrey Books, 2005, \$19.95)

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Reserves boost Northville over Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASKETBALL

Northville sixth man 'Campy' Smith played like a \$5 pizza in the Mustangs' crucial Western Lakes Activities Association game with Canton Tuesday night.

When the senior guard came off the bench late in the first quarter, he was hot and ready.

Eight of Smith's 12 points came early in the second quarter when the Mustangs overcame a 16-10 deficit to grab a lead they would never relinquish on the way to a 59-53 victory. The sharp shooter buried two long three-pointers and a pair of free throws during the hosts' momentum-seizing 11-3 run.

Canton stayed close throughout the contest and never trailed by more than seven, but the Chiefs were never able to get over the orange-and-black hump.

Northville improved to 14-0 overall and 8-0 in the WLAA. Canton slipped to 10-4

and 6-2.

"We knew coming in that 'Campy' Smith was an outstanding shooter, so we gave him a lot of attention," said Canton coach Charlie Payne. "I thought we defended him well on the two threes he hit early on. We lost him a couple times later on, but on the threes we were right there."

"I'm disappointed we lost tonight, but I'm not disappointed with the way we played. It was a game of runs and they had one more than we did."

The blazing start is the best for Northville since the 1960-61 season when the Mustangs' first loss came in the Class A semifinal game against River Rouge.

Northville coach Darrel Schumacher said the team's formula for success is a combination of talent, depth and unselfishness.

"We have 13 guys who work hard, day in

and day out," said Schumacher. "Everybody on the roster wants the other 12 kids to succeed. There's no animosity."

"What we say around here is that we have 13 starters. We usually play just about everybody. Kids like Campy Smith and Nick Kaldis give us a lot of energy coming off the bench and it just makes the team stronger."

Alive Storrs paced the Mustangs with 16 points and 10 rebounds. The high-flying junior guard connected on just 3-of-11 shots from the floor, but he was 9-of-12 from the free-throw line. Lake Smith, Kaldis contributed some punch off the bench, tallying 13 points on 5-of-6 shooting.

Senior guard Andre Bridges kept the Chiefs in the game with a season-high 20 points and five rebounds. Junior center Ryan Waidmann contributed 14 points and eight boards, and junior forward Steve Payne added eight points and six carries.

"Canton has a great inside game,"

Schumacher said. "We couldn't stop Bridges and Waidmann. It's very good, too. We were joking that they were making mostly four-foot shots and we were working our tails off just to get 15-footers."

The game was crisply played as only 14 turnovers were committed between the two teams.

After Canton grabbed a 12-10 first-quarter lead, Northville secured a 27-26 advantage at the half and a 42-38 edge with eight minutes to play.

The Mustangs' most significant late-game run came after a Bridges' triple brought the Chiefs to within 49-47 with 3:30 left. Northville then outscored Canton 6-1 over the next three minutes. All six points came from the line as Storrs drained five free throws and Bret Spencer one.

Canton returns to action Friday night when it travels to Plymouth to take on the Wildcats. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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Parents signing up their children before Feb 20 will receive a \$20 discount. The registration deadline is March 13. Parents must provide a copy of their children's birth certificate and proof of USA Hockey membership — usually a USA Hockey membership card, an IMR form or a copy of your 2005-06 roster.

Costs include all ice times, jerseys, referee fees and team registration fees. Registration forms can be picked up at the Compuware Sports Arena, or check on-line at www.compuwarehockey.com. For more information, call (734) 453-6400.

Hockey clinics

Plymouth Whalers players and staff will be teaching two sessions from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for mini-mites, mites and squirts. The cost is \$150 per player or \$130 for Compuware Sports Arena registered house-league players.

Clinic director Todd Watson, who is the assistant general manager and assistant coach of the Plymouth Whalers, had the entire Whalers team working in the team's Christmas Clinic last December.

The ratio of instructor-to-student ratio during the Christmas Clinic was one instructor for three students. Parents can expect a similar ratio during the Midwinter Clinics.

"We try to strike a balance between instruction and having fun," Watson said. "Our players enjoy working these schools and they'll be out again for the Midwinter Clinics. We're looking forward to the schools."

Topics covered include power skating, stick handling, passing and shooting.

Students will receive a Plymouth Whalers hockey camp jersey. Team discounts are available.

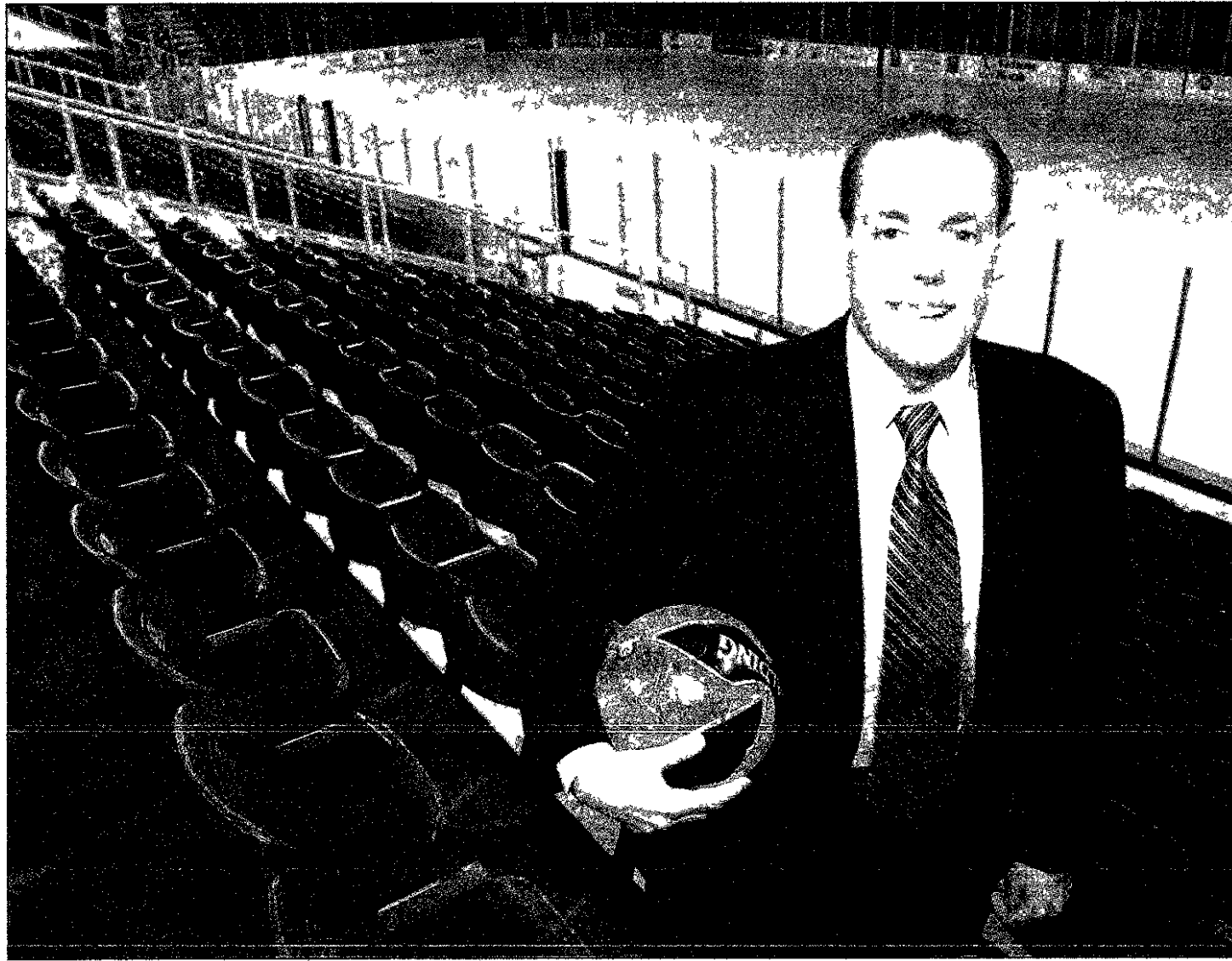
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MU spiker tryouts

The Madonna University women's volleyball team will stage an open tryout for unsigned seniors, college transfers and players with remaining eligibility, 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at the MU Activities Center.

For more information, call MU assistant coach Brian McClain at (248) 495-5307 (cell) or the volleyball office at (734) 432-5612.

You can also E-mail McClain at bmcclain1@aol.com.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Greg Bibb, the general manager of the MISL's Detroit Ignition, poses in Compuware Sports Arena, the possible future home of the Ignition.

Start it up!

Ignition will bring indoor pro soccer back to the area

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Pro indoor soccer is making a comeback and it's going suburban again.

The expansion Detroit Ignition, owned by the Hantz Group, Inc. of Southfield, will join the Major Indoor Soccer League as an expansion team for the 2006-07 season, which begins play this November.

The Ignition are currently negotiating a lease for 15 regular season home dates with the 3,500-seat Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth, home of the Ontario Hockey League Whalers.

"We did a thorough evaluation of venues and Compuware is best-suited to meet our needs," said Ignition general manager Greg Bibb. "We want to play at a smaller venue instead of an arena that seats 5,000 to 20,000. We want to fill it on a nightly basis because we believe this is the fastest growing soccer region, not only in

PLEASE SEE IGNITION, C2

Chiefs vault to third at tournament

Please see complete results on Page C4

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Billed as "The Other Super Bowl," the Canton Invitational Gymnastics meet wasn't as hyped as Sunday's real thing, but it was definitely as entertaining — at least as far as gymnastics fans were concerned.

The meet's 16-team field included 12 of the elite teams in the state. When the last floor exercises had been performed, top-rated Tri-Farmington

PREP GYMNASTICS

(147.125 points) had nudged runner-up Lvonia Unified (145.575) by less than two points. Canton finished third with 144.025 followed by Brighton (143.100) and Forest Hills (142.900).

Salem chalked up 139.900 points to finish 10th and Wayne-Westland was 16th.

Led by the one-two punch of Kally Patrick and Shannon Jodoim, Tri-Farmington racked up 38.350 points on their floor routines to clinch the title. Patrick won the event with a 9.8

PLEASE SEE GYMNASTICS, C4

Hottest thing on ice: Plymouth wins again

PREP HOCKEY

Justin Desilets recorded his third shutout in four games on Saturday night as Plymouth outskated Walled Lake Central, 2-0, in a game played at the Lakeland Ice Arena. Desilets turned back 33 shots to win a duel with Viking net-minder Brett Melvin, who also faced 33 shots.

"It was a great game," said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois. "The puck was up and down the ice. We played well, we just couldn't put the puck in the net. We had plenty of chances, especially in the first period when we outshot them, 15-8. We played short-handed for most of the

second period — probably 12 of the 15 minutes — which took away our momentum."

"Justin Desilets played very well. He worked hard and stopped everything."

The game-winner came off the stick of Justin Michalek, 50 seconds into the third period. He was assisted by Nick Cote and Billy Gauthier. John Knoerl added an insurance goal with 2:38 left off assists from Nick Rosochacki and Charlie Webb.

PLEASE SEE PLYMOUTH, C2



PHOTO BY MICHELLE HARVATH

Canton-based ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto were presented with bouquets following their gold medal-winning performance at the U.S. Nationals last month in St. Louis. On Wednesday, they departed for Torino, Italy, to compete in the 2006 Winter Olympics.

Skaters thrive on fast-paced routine

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's a good thing Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto are used to dizzying spins.

Otherwise, the Winter Olympics-bound ice dancers may not have been able to stomach the whirlwind that has spun their lives in circles over the past month.

Since Jan. 1, when Belbin and Agosto weren't training at Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena, they were hustling off to St. Louis for the United States Figure Skating Championships (which they won).

When they weren't teaching Katie Counc skating techniques on the set of the *Today Show*, they were jetting to Colorado Springs, Colo., for the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships (which they won).

And when they weren't meeting the promotional demands that two of the United States' most high-profile

Olympians must face, they were training at the Arctic Edge.

Yes, what goes around comes around — at a fast pace — for the never-a-dull-moment couple.

But they wouldn't have it any other way. "Having the nationals and the Four Continents in the past couple of weeks helped us because it's given us something to focus on before the Olympics," said Belbin, who has lived in Canton since 1998. "The more competition experience we can get before the Olympics, the better. I enjoy the promotional things, too. It's fun and it gives us a chance to experience different things."

OFF TO TORINO

On Wednesday, Belbin and Agosto boarded a jet bound for Torino, Italy, the host city for the 2006 Winter Olympics.

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IGNITION

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Michigan, but in the country

Bibb, formerly Executive Vice President and General Manager of the MISL Philadelphia KiXX, said all games will be played on the weekends, Friday and Saturday nights, along with Sunday afternoons

We want to create the biggest party 15 nights a year in all aspects, Bibb said, and we hope to create all the premium amenities, including VIP and club seating

We're also there to create a memorable night of entertainment We want that up close aspect of a minor league team as far as access to the fans Compuware goes only 13 rows up and that creates an intimate setting and a homefield advantage We're a tenant only Hockey is the first and the primary tenant, so we'll work out the dates

This will be the third indoor pro soccer franchise to give it a go in the Detroit area

The Detroit Rockers were housed at both Cobo and Joe Louis arenas in downtown Detroit as part the old National Professional Soccer League (1990-2001) and American Indoor Soccer Association (1984-89) The Rockers also played a short stint at Compuware

And there was also the rival Detroit Neon and Safari (1993-97), housed at the Palace of Auburn Hills, once a member of the defunct Continental

Indoor Soccer League

The MISL believes in Detroit because it's a great sports town and it's a great marketplace for a fast-paced game, MISL Commissioner Greg Ryan said 'We're not looking backward We believe Detroit has exceptional ownership with the Hantz Group, which has savvy, proven management under Greg Bibb

The MISL, which originated in 1978, currently consists of six franchises including Baltimore, Md (Blast), which sold out (12,000) on opening night, Philadelphia, Pa (KiXX), Milwaukee, Wis (Wave), Chicago, Ill (Storm), St Louis, Mo (Steamers) and Stockton/Sacramento, Calif (California Cougars)

The Kansas City franchise, which has been in existence 14 years, is on a 'one-year hiatus, according to Ryan while awaiting arrival of a new venue after playing at Kemper Arena

Another expansion team, under the ownership group headed by Jeffrey Vanderbeek of the NHL New Jersey Devils, will begin play in 2007-08 It coincides with a new arena opening in Newark, N.J

Ryan also added that there is significant interest for an expansion franchise in a second Michigan city located on the west side of the state

The MISL Commissioner also added that other possible expansion teams are being explored in Dallas-Fort Worth, central Florida and the West Coast

The Ignition will have the first pick, the option of exercis

ing a territorial selection of a local collegiate player or Michigan native in the amateur draft (slated for early March)

Detroit will also have the first pick of the expansion draft in June as the six existing MISL teams can protect only 11 of 20 players on its current rosters for rounds two through five The Ignition will also stage open tryouts

A source close to the team indicated there are three finalists for the head coaching position, which will be announced in early April along with a lease agreement, sponsorship availabilities, ticket prices and policies

The Ignition G.M. also said 'TV is relevant for us,' and that 'we definitely need a TV presence'

Bibb said the new indoor pro soccer franchise will work closely with area youth soccer organizations and clubs

'We're a big believer in grass roots marketing,' he said 'We want to become community partners and help support youth soccer We realize youth soccer is a competitive business statewide

The Hantz Group Inc is financial holding company founded in 1998 by John Hantz It currently has 400 employees and 11 subsidiaries, including a Sports & Entertainment group Hantz currently has 19 offices serving personal and corporate clients in Michigan and Ohio

For more information on the Ignition, call (248) 304-2855, Ext 1233



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

'Strong effort

Plymouth Whalers forward John Armstrong, pictured above in a game earlier this season recorded a hat trick Sunday night to lead his team to a 4-2 victory over the Ottawa 67's Armstrong, who scored one goal in each period was named the game No. 1 star John Vigilante also scored for the Whalers, who were bolstered by the strong goal-tending of Justin Peters

PLYMOUTH

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2 with 9:08 remaining, but the Wildcats sealed the win with third-period goals from Knoerl (Rosochacki and Brandon Winowicki), Cote (Gauthier and Michalek) and Mike Barile (Ryan Stamm and Brett Kavulich)

The Wildcats outshot the Warriors, 48-15 Desilets recorded the victory in net

PCS 5, NORTHVILLE 1. On Tuesday, the Penguins broke a 1-1 tie with four second-period goals to improve their Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League record to 13-1 PCS goalie Kristie Kowalski just missed recording her 10th shutout of the season

The Penguins scored first with 7:27 left in the opening period on Katie Zimmermann's goal, which was assisted by Kelh Bargowski and


Sarah Skomezny The Mustangs knotted the score late in the first period before PCS received second-period goals from Stephanie Murray (Edra Burris and Kristin Schwan), Zimmerman (Lisa Ealy), Ealy (Zimmerman and Emily Patton) and Burris (Schwan and Ashley LeBlanc)

The victory left the Penguins in a first-place tie in the MMHSGHL with Grosse Pointe South

PCS 10, UNIVERSITY LIGGETT 0: In a mercy rule-shortened contest played Saturday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena, the Penguins tallied four first-period goals and never looked back Keely Kowalski, Schwan, LeBlanc, Murray, Burris, Nikkila, Zimmerman and Amy Coleman all scored for the Penguins


PCS goalie Kristie Kowalski rang up her league-leading ninth shutout, turning away 14 U-L shots PCS scored on 10 of its 28 shots

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Salem hitters keep rolling in WLAA

Salem's volleyball team improved its record to 30-5-1 Monday night with a 25-19, 25-13 and 25-8 sweep of Walled Lake Western.

Junior outside hitter Teresa Coppellie led the charge with 21 kills and 18 digs. Also contributing to the winning cause were Lauren Price (15 kills and 12 digs), Jansan Falcuson (32 assists, three aces), Ashley Hayes (eight digs, two assists) and Nikki Mersch (13 digs).

On Saturday, the Rocks were eliminated in the semifinals of the Schoolcraft College Invitational in a three-game thriller to Birmingham Marian.

In pool play, Salem ousted Woodhaven, 25-9 and 25-16, split with Novi, 22-25 and 25-9, and lost to Temperance Bedford, 25-18 and 25-18. In the quarterfinals, Salem downed Livonia Ladywood, 25-20 and 25-16, but the Mustangs triumphed in the semis, 25-18, 18-25 and 15-13.

Outstanding performances were turned in by Teresa Coppellie (47 kills, 38 digs, 13 blocks and seven aces), Lauren Price (48 kills, 29 digs and four blocks), Jansan Falcuson (79 assists), Nikki Mersch (35 digs) and Lauren Kurtz (15 blocks).

JOHN GLENN 3, CANTON 0: With the starting setter and back-up setter out sick, senior Heather Landon answered the call Monday as she finished with 15 assist-to-kills to go along with four ace serves in host Westland John Glenn's 25-15, 25-20, 25-11 win over Canton.

Glenn improves to 15-14-4 overall with the victory and 3-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Canton received strong efforts from Rachael Beaudoin, who netted six serve receptions, six digs and four service aces, and Sarah Alexander, who had six serve receptions and one ace.

"I'm proud of both Rachael and Sarah," said Canton coach Kristi Drinkhahn. "They both had a huge impact tonight."

Virginia Butler was Glenn's top attacker with 11 kills, while Jennifer Swartz added eight blocks.

Sophomore Kirstin Kirk finished with 17 digs.

On Saturday, the Chiefs went 1-2 at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

"That's the best I've seen us play this season," said Drinkhahn, referring to Saturday's competition. "Lisa Western played great all day. She was a real leader and all-around player."

The Chiefs fell in their opening match to Lapeer East, 25-19 and 25-19. They then rebounded to down Ypsilanti, 25-15 and 25-22, before falling to the host Pioneers, 25-21 and 25-23.

Western compiled eight block assists and 13 digs while sophomore Marie Martin notched nine block assists and 10 kills. Drinkhahn also praised the play of Izabela Paszkowska, who recorded one solo block, five block assists and 10 kills.

PLYMOUTH 3, FRANKLIN 2 In a WLAA match Monday that lasted five games, host Plymouth pulled out a 25-15, 25-20, 22-25, 20-25, 15-10 win over Livonia Franklin.

Sarah Haskins led the Wildcats with 24 assists and 15 digs.

Other aces for the winners were Brittany Hengesh (11 kills), Janet Hanchett (11 kills and 14 digs), Chelsey Quinlan (seven kills), Courtney Buttermore (seven kills), Brandi Swyhart (19 digs) and Lindsay Vogelsberg (11 digs).

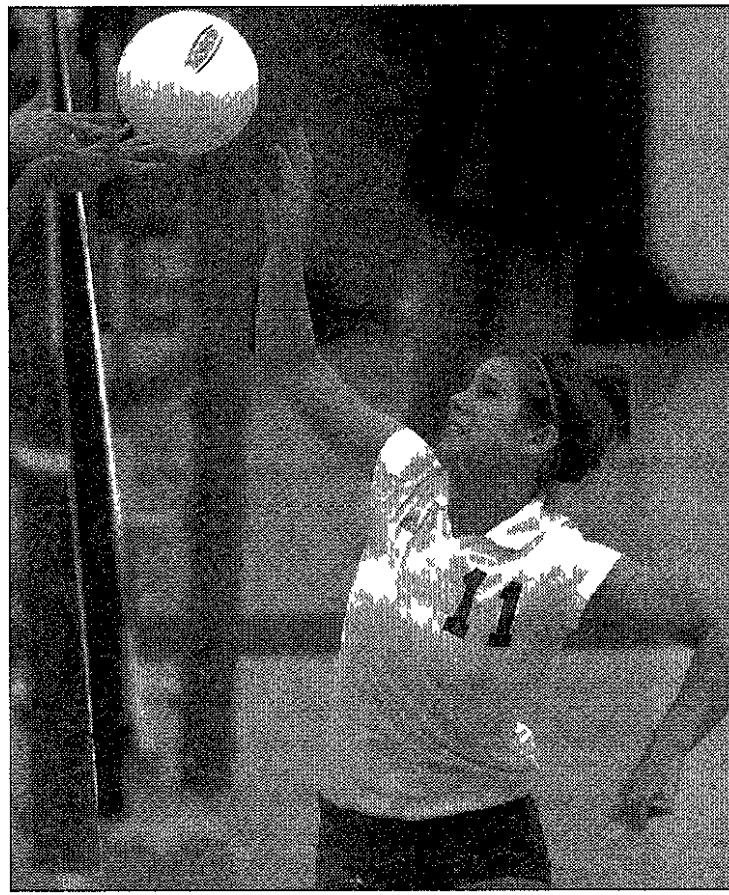
"We came out strong in the first two games, but then lost the momentum in the third game after another injury," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland.

The victory boosted Plymouth's record to 27-7 overall, 4-3 in the WLAA and 2-0 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Junior Liz Dempsey had 24 kills, 17 blocks and seven ace serves for the Patriots, who slipped to 10-15-5 overall and 2-5 in the Western Lakes.

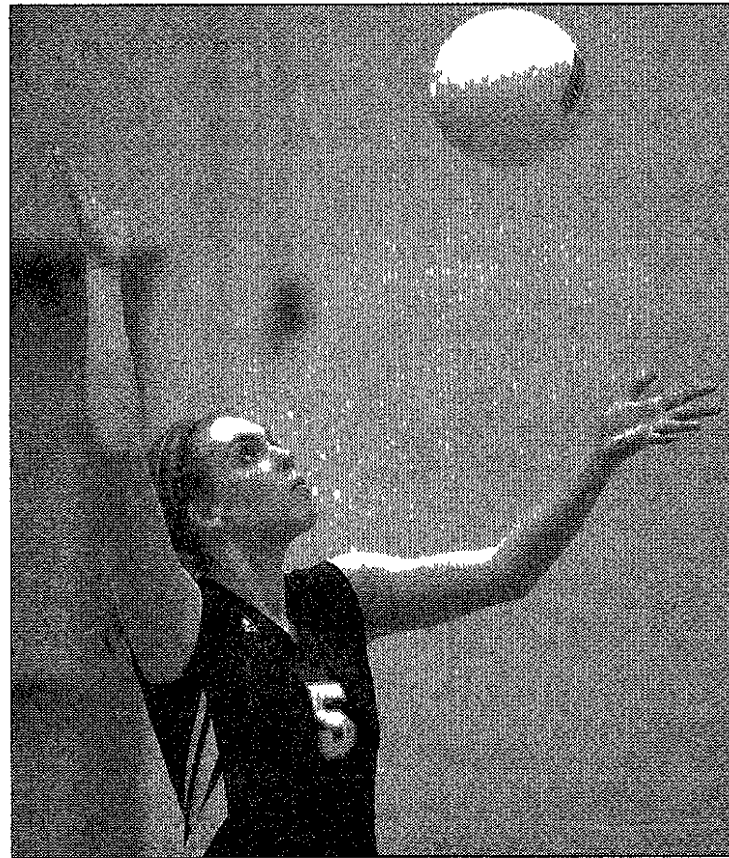
Jaleece Lavine added 11 kills, while setter Rachael Ruesen collected 23 assist-to-kills. Jenna Boettcher contributed 24 digs.

"We didn't start playing intensively until the third game, we really just outplayed ourselves," Franklin coach Danielle Wensing said. "Liz clearly wanted the win more than anything while obtaining the most stats in just about every category. Plymouth was a very aggressive team and they really kept us on our toes."



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Salem's Jansan Falcuson, pictured above in a match played earlier this season, had 32 assists and three aces in Monday night's three-game sweep of Walled Lake Western.



Plymouth's Chelsey Quinlan, pictured above in a match earlier this season, recorded seven kills in the Wildcats' five-game victory over Livonia Franklin Monday night.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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. For more information, 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.

The clinic, which costs \$25 and has four sessions to choose from, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a T-shirt.

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

BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Organization has started registration for the spring 2006 season.

Registration forms are available online at csc.cantonmi.org or you can visit the Canton Sports Center or the Summit on the Park for walk-in registration.

For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

The Canton Little League will be holding a registration session for the 2006 season on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Four Seasons Internet Cafe, located at 3500 Lilley Plaza in Canton.

Players from Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township are eligible to play in the Canton Little League Teams will play a 20-game schedule and compete in a Father's Day tournament and a tournament against teams from Belleville. For more information, contact Ray Waack at (734) 397-0147.

TOP 50 GOLF

The popular Top 50 Jr Golf Tour, which is organized by the non-profit National Golf Scholarship Association, has added 10 events in southeastern Michigan to its 2006 schedule. The tour will offer 27 events throughout Michigan for its participants.

Players compete in the following divisions: girls 15 and under, girls 16 and over, boys 15 and under, and boys 16 and over. The tour offers free golf and scholarship opportunities for its member players.

Registration is now open for local boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. Interested students and parents can visit

www.Top50JrTour.com or call (248) 321-9900 for more information.

Among the southeastern Michigan events is a stop at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth on June 22-23.

Each event is comprised of an 18-hole qualifier and an 18-hole tournament. The top 40 players at each qualifier play in the tournament for free. The top 10 finishers at each tournament are exempt into the following tournament and they will play for free.

The 2006 tour kicks off June 15-16 at Bay Pointe Country Club in West Bloomfield.

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 23rd 2006 for the following:

VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL - MOVING HEAD LIGHT FIXTURES

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.

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VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL - SOUND SYSTEM EQUIPMENT

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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
Jamce 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 Board Proceedings-January 31, 2006

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday January 31, 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Bennett, Cacamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack. Staff Present: Director Faas, John Weyer, Building Official Jason Craig, Deputy Building Official. **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion by Bennett seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC Item 1 Proposed Residential Rental Inspection Program:** Director Faas and John Weyer Building Official provided options for consideration in the future implementations of a Residential Rental Inspection Program with costs and advantages. **Objectives of Rental Inspection Program:** To promote public health, safety and welfare. To prohibit deterioration and inadequate maintenance of building structures and their properties. To increase community image and property values. **Michigan Housing Law:** Law became effective 1917. A city or village with a population of 10,000 or more can periodically inspect multiple dwellings and rooming houses. Period between inspections cannot exceed two (2) years however local government by ordinance can have a maximum of three (3) years between inspections if no violations were found during the last inspection. **House Bill 4473 - Summary:** Eliminates Housing Law provisions. Modifies time intervals between inspections to five years. Prohibits inspections by local governments of properties inspected by HUD or MSHDA unless a complaint was received. Restricts the fee for an inspection to the "actual reasonable costs." **Community Inspection:** International Property Maintenance Code 2006. **Develop performance Bench Marks and Standards:** Meet and solicit feedback from Building Association. Discuss programs with local multifamily property owners. **Current Programs:** Public Safety Fire Prevention, Alarm systems, Fire suppression, Common area storage issues, Canton Ordinance Inspectors, Tenant complaint call ins. **Full Inspection Program:** Inspect building and common areas. Inspect individual units in a multiple family building. Proposed staffing: Two full time rental inspectors, One full time clerical person. **Modified Inspection Program 1:** Inspect building and common areas coordinated with fire prevention. Proposed staffing: One full time rental inspector, One full time clerical person. **Modified Inspection Program 2:** Inspect outside only of building and grounds using current property standard and ordinances. Proposed staffing: One full time ordinance inspector. **What is Inspected:** Rental units, common areas and accessory structures are inspected for compliance with Building, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, and Housing Codes. Improperly modified or damaged fire safety walls, doors or windows, Plumbing, mechanical and electrical components. Severely deteriorated exterior paint or siding. Missing or defective smoke detector. Insect or rodent infestation. Broken window or door. Dumpster enclosures. **Staffing Options:** Hire new staff in late 2006, so training and implementation can begin in January 2007. As building permit/inspection activity slows and staff retires, positions would be evaluated for possible elimination. Within 10 years the net staff will be the same as 2006. **Steps to Implement Program:** Purchase or enhance current computer software. Develop a training program for the inspection staff. Prepare an inventory of rental units and develop an inspection schedule for a two (2) year cycle. Develop a communication plan on the program details for distribution to all property managers, landlords or tenants. Develop a fee schedule to be adopted by the Township Board. **Other:** There will be no Board Study Session on February 7, 2006. The next Board Meeting will be on February 14, 2006, 7:00 p.m. Administration Building, First Floor Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, MI. **Adjourn:** Motion by Yack, supported by Bennett at 10:00 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. - 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.cantonmi.org after Board Approval.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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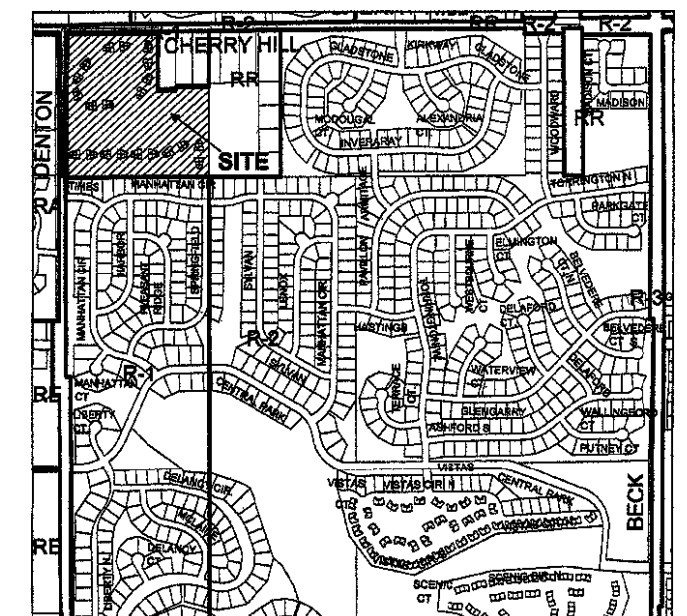
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 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:

CHERRY HILL GARDENS PDD AMENDMENT: CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 078 03 0001 000 THROUGH 078 03 0126 000. Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Denton Road.



SECTION 20

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, March 2, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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GYMNASTICS

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 while Jodoin was close behind at 9 725 Patrick captured the Division 1 all-around crown by compiling 37 775, 6 5 more than runner-up Karen Verbugge of Forest Hills Livonia Unified's Andrea Pisani was third (36 900), Salem's Katie Koetting finished seventh (36 300) and Canton's Kate Staley was eighth (36 150)

"With the top 12 teams in the state here, we were proud to be third," said Canton coach John Cunningham "We had a very good day We stayed on beam, we won the vault as a team and individually with Alyssa Kelley's 9 525
 "Kate Staley got her 36-plus all-around, Kara Ahern landed her Tsuk for a 9 0 and Andrew Houdek led off beam with an excellent no-fall 8 6 It was a great preview for the state meet and shows us what we need to improve on
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CANTON GYMNASTICS INVITATIONAL Feb 4 at Plymouth H S
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ALL-AROUND
Division 1 Kelly Patrick (TF) 37 775 2 Karen Verbugge (FH) 37 125 3 Andrea Pisani (LU) 36 900 4 Nicole Drouillard (B) 36 750 5 Lauren Dilullo (B) 36 675 6 Shannon Jodoin (TF) 36 500 7 Katie Koetting (S) 36 300 8 Kate Staley (C) 36 150 9 Paula Guzik (LU) 36 075 10 Liz Sierminski (HO) 35 850
Division 2 1 Jessica Oddi (TF) 37 075 2 Paige Albers (LU) 36 325 3 Kerry Dyer (HA) 35 850 4 Alyssa Supplee (LU) 35 500 5 Caitlyn Gager (R) 35 175 6 Alyssa Bryson (R) 35 125 7 Kim Cowan (R) 34 900 8 Keyla Lim (FH) 34 775 9 Emily Sitchender (HA) 34 750 10 Paige Locher (HA) 34 350
VAULT
Division 1 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 525 2 (tie) Karen Verbugge (FH) and Shannon Jodoin (TF) 9 450 4 Nicole Drouillard (B) 9 400 5

GYMNASTICS RESULTS

Heather Brandenburg (HO) 9 250 6 Jessie Murray (C) 9 200 7 Danielle Inman (F) 9 150 8 Lauren Dilullo (B) 9 125 9 (tie) Paula Guzik (LU) and Jenny Schantz (FH) 9 100
Division 2: 1 Caitlyn Gager (R) 9 400 2 Jessica Oddi (TF) 9 200 3 Alyssa Supplee (LU) 9 150 4 Jacqueline Gazette (NN) 9 100 5 Kim Watters (R) 9 075 6 Lauren Techams (FH) 9 050 7 Paige Albers (LU) 9 000 8 Megan Wallen (NN) 8 950 9 Kelsey Twigg (TF) 8 925 10 Emily Sitchender (HA) 8 900
UNEVEN BARS
Division 1 Kelly Patrick (TF) 9 600 2 Lauren Dilullo (B) 9 525 3 Liz Sierminski (HO) 9 475 4 Andrea Pisani (LU) 9 350 5 Amy Reynolds (NN) 9 300 6 Katie Koetting (S) 9 250 7 Nicole Drouillard (B) 9 200 8 Kate Staley (C) 9 150 9 (tie) Karen Verbugge (FH) Laura Phillips (HA) Meghan Powers (LU) 9 100
Division 2 1 Jessica Oddi (TF) 9 350 2 Sarah Ilkhanipour (NN) 9 175 3 (tie) Alyssa Bryson (R) and Caitlyn Gager (R) 9 150 5 Jacqueline Gazette (NN) 9 100 6 Kerry Dyer (HA) 9 000 7 Kim Watters (R) 8 950 8 Brittany Young (S) 9 Stephanie Zaleski (HO) 8 700 10 Nicole Wood (HO) 8 650
BALANCE BEAM
Division 1 Paula Guzik (LU) 9 500 2 (tie)

Kelly Patrick (TF) and Karen Verbugge (FH) 9 300 4 Kara Ahern (C) 9 250 5 Andrea Pisani (LU) 9 200 6 (tie) Autumn Collins (S) and Amy Reynolds 9 100 8 Kate Staley (C) 9 050 9 (tie) Heather Brandenburg (HO) and Megan Mather (TA) 9 000
Division 2: 1 Paige Albers (LU) 9 300 2 Paige Locher (HA) 9 250 3 Megan Wallen (NN) 9 050 4 Rachel Deneau (NN), 8 950 5 (tie) Jessica Oddi (TF) Kim Cowan (R) and Kaitlyn Burns (C) 8 900 8 (tie) Alyssa Bryson (R) and Brittany Young (S) 8 85 10 Lakshmi Ramachandran (TA) 8 800
FLOOR EXERCISE
Division 1 Kelly Patrick (TF) 9 800 2 Shannon Jodoin (TF) 9 725 3 Lauren Dilullo (B) 9 625 4 Nicole Drouillard (B) 9 600 5 Andrea Pisani (LU), 9 450 6 Katie Koetting (S) 9 350 7 Sami Byer (HO) 9 300 8 Karen Verbugge (FH) 9 275, 9 Megan Mather (TA) 9 250 10 Jill Haapenniemi (TF) 9 200
Division 2: 1 Paige Albers (LU) 9 650 2 Jessica Oddi (TF) 3 Kerry Dyer (HA) 9 600 4 Keyla Lim (FH) 9 525 5 Emily Sitchender (HA) 9 400 6 Alyssa Supplee (LU) 9 300 7 Kim Watters (R) 9 225 8 Caitlyn Gager (R) 9 125 9 (tie) Kim Cowan (R) and Paige Locher (HA) 9 000



8 LL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Canton's Kara Ahern finished fourth on the balance beam in Division 1 at the Canton Gymnastics Invitational Saturday at Plymouth High School Ahern's 9 250 was just 250 behind eventual winner Paula Guzik of Livonia Unified

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Chief wrestlers secure title at Evans tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
 STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team enjoyed an all-you-can-eat steak dinner Saturday night following its appearance at the Bill Evans Memorial Wrestling Tournament in Battle Creek
 During the day, the Chiefs filled up on victories
 Led by lower-weight-class most valuable wrestler Corey Phillips, the Chiefs won their fourth weekend tournament in seven tries, racking up 209 50 points to out-distance runner-up Linden (176) and the rest of the 15-team field Bronson (174 50), Plainwell (161) and Coldwater (127 50) rounded out the top five spots
 Phillips proved to be unbeatable at 130 pounds, going 5-0 to run his record to 38-2 He dominated Bronson state qualifier Ryan Gump, 19-4, in the semifinals before edging Jeff Stone of Jackson Parma Western, 4-2, in the championship match
 "Corey had another great day," said Canton coach Casey Randolph "He won by technical fall against a kid who was a state qualifier last year"
 Joining Phillips in the win

PREP WRESTLING

ner's circle was teammate Konrad Konsitzke, who overcame the flu to win the gold medal at 145 Konsitzke notched three pins in the preliminary rounds before taking a major decision over Coldwater's Dan Tucker in the final match
 Other finalists for Canton were 103-pound Mike Haar, who lost 3-2 in the final match to Warren Fitzgerald's Mike Hang, 112-pound Ryan Schnettler, and 160-pound Marwan Faraj, who lost 6-3 in the championship match to Battle Creek Lakeview's Blake Birmingham, who was awarded the upper-weight most valuable wrestler award
 "Mike Haar was leading with 20 seconds left, but the kid got a takedown on Mike and held on," Randolph said "That's probably Mike's third second place finish this year, so he's been right there Ryan had a good day, beating a higher-seeded wrestler in the semi-finals, and Marwan lost to a kid who is built like a Sherman tank Marwan wrestled really well

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SKATERS

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Their journey was made possible thanks a well-publicized law passed on Dec 30 that allowed Belbin — a native of Kirkland, Quebec — to become a United States citizen Ice-dancing partners must both be citizens of the same country to compete in the Winter Olympics
 Agosto was born and raised in Chicago
 "I had my passport already when we went to the nationals, so that was a relief," said Belbin "We had experienced so many ups and downs (with her bid to become a U S citizen) over the past couple of years When it finally happened, we could finally just focus on the skating"

KEY DECISION

A short time after Belbin and Agosto jelled at a tryout coordinated by then-coach Paul Wirtz and current coach Igor Shpilband, a meeting was held to map out the talented skaters' future
 "One of the options we talked about was whether I should seek Canadian citizenship or Tamith should seek U S citizenship," said Agosto "But you have to live in the country you are seeking to become a citizen of, it made sense for Tamith to become a U S citizen"
 The pair clicked immediately Following their gold medal effort in St Louis last month, they are now three-time U S ice dancing champions In 2005, Belbin and Agosto earned a silver medal at the World Ice Dancing Championships
 If they win a medal in Torino — which many figure-skating aficionados predict — Belbin and Agosto will be the first American dance team to do so since Colleen O Connor and Jim Milns won a bronze medal at the 1976 Games in Innsbruck, Austria
 The thought of a feat that historic is not just impressive — it's enough to make ones head spin

IN SEARCH OF GOLD

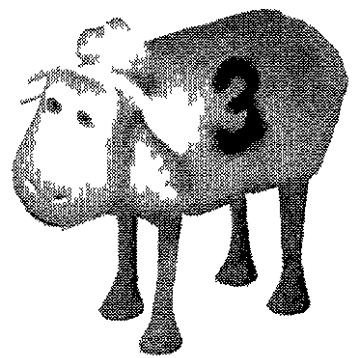
On Wednesday, United States ice dancers Tamith Belbin and Ben Agosto boarded a jet for Torino, Italy, the site of the XX Winter Olympics
 Here are a few quick facts about the skaters, who represent the Arctic Figure Skating Club, train at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton:
 ■ **Ages:** Belbin is 21, Agosto 24
 ■ **Hometowns:** Belbin was raised in Kirkland, Quebec; Agosto in Chicago
 ■ **Accomplishments:** Belbin and Agosto are three-time U.S. ice-dancing champions They outdistanced their closest competitors — Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov — by 30 points at last month's Nationals competition in St Louis
 ■ **Close call:** In June of 2001, Belbin fractured her skull when she hit her head on the ice while learning a new lift Resilient, she only missed three weeks of training before returning to the ice
 ■ **Medal-bound?:** Several prognosticators — including Sports Illustrated and ESPN magazine — have predicted that Belbin and Agosto will become the first U.S. ice dancers to win a medal since 1976

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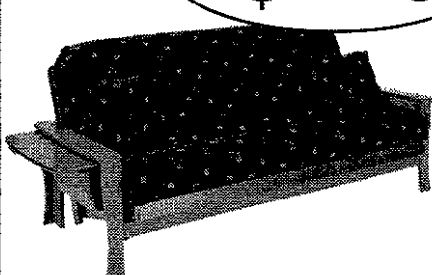
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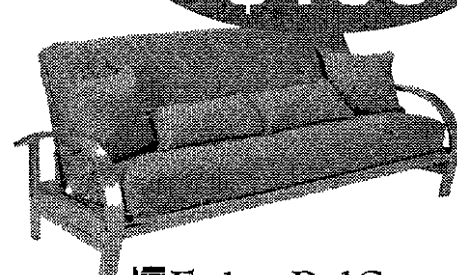
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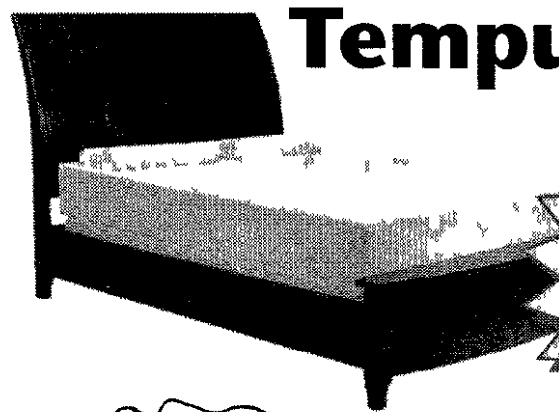
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Super Bowl MVP Montana lead

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

He's been nicknamed 'Joe Cool' for his ability to remain calm in the biggest of game situations.

Yet, NFL Hall of Famer and three-time Super Bowl MVP Joe Montana was blindsided physically following his retirement.

In 2002, the San Francisco 49er quarter back discovered at age 45 he had high blood pressure, and the Comeback Kid found himself temporarily sacked by somebody other than Lawrence Taylor.

"My story is common," Montana said in an interview last week at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. "I was not expecting to have it. I took a normal physical and I was shocked even though I had a family history



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Joe Montana made a stop at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham during Super Bowl week.

(of heart condition) but not hypertension. The first medication did not control it and I was a little nervous."

Montana now tours various NFL cities, teaming up with Boston cardiologist Dr. James Rippe, as a spokesman to bring awareness to help combat high blood pressure.

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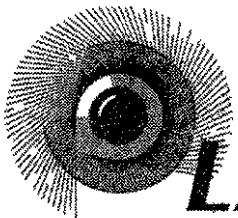
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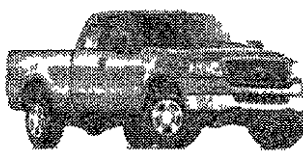
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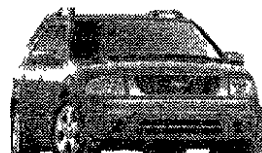
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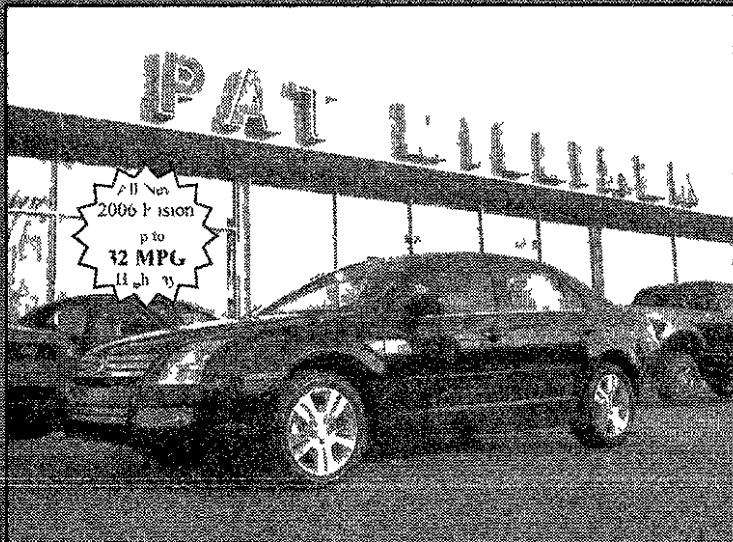
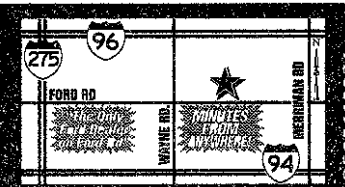
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Following his final two seasons in Kansas City, Montana retired from football in 1994 and became a corporate and charity spokesman.

Things changed, Montana said. I slowed down my workouts after I retired, but I continued to eat the way I normally did. Even though I still have a workout program, I had to cut back because I ate more than normal. I was a junk food junkie - potato chips and French Fries - and was just not working out as much.

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Through medication and a lifestyle change, Montana has his blood pressure under control.

The life of an NFL player is very busy, Dr. Rippe said. "They eat fast food and he (Montana) was no different. He was always on the run and he wolfed it down. From a medical standpoint he did not have a good diet. He had to change to more fresh fruits and veggies."

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Predators shine

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Team effort fuels Plymouth victory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

To get an idea of who made the biggest contribution in Plymouth's 52-43 victory over Wayne Memorial Tuesday night, you'd have to look at the Wildcats' team photo.

This was a team win tonight — everybody played and everybody contributed, said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner, whose squad improved to 5-9 overall and 3-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. "The kids who came off the bench for us in the first half really stepped up the pace for us when we needed them to. I challenged the starters at the half by asking them if they saw how hard the subs played, and they responded in the second half."

Nick Boyd came in for us and scored four points just because he ran hard down the court every time.

The win snapped a four-game Plymouth losing streak heading into Friday night's home game against cross-campus foe Canton. Senior guard D.J. Coleman led the Wildcats with 15 points. Junior guard LaBroderick Caldwell had a season-high 13 and senior forward Josh LeDuc contributed six.

Justin Collop and Thaddeus Bell both scored 12 for the Zebras, who slipped to 2-12 overall and 1-7 in the WLAA. Mike Lee also had a solid game with 10 points.

Wayne led 9-6 after one quarter and 22-18 at the intermission. The Wildcats cut their deficit to 32-30 after three quarters before outscoring their visitors 22-11 over the final eight minutes.

The Wildcats canned 13-of-27 free throws, including 6-of-13 in the fourth quarter. Wayne drained 10-of-17 shots from the line. **LIVONIA FRANKLIN 61, SALEM 50:** Led by the hot shooting of senior guard Andre Bell, the Patriots overcame a 22-20 halftime deficit to record the road win. Franklin improved to 8-6 overall and 5-3 in the WLAA while the Rocks dipped to 3-11 and 3-5, respectively.

"We started slowly," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "I think we turned the ball over on our first eight possessions. But the kids kept their composure and came back to get the lead."

But in the second half, we started turning the ball over again and they turned the turnovers into points. Billy Leddy paced the Rocks with 11 points.

"In the first half, we held Bell to 11 points, which wasn't bad," said Brodie. "But he got hot in the second half and hit a couple of threes and he made four big free throws down the stretch. We had a couple of key breakdowns defensively in the fourth quarter."

Turnover-itis plagued the Rocks all night as they committed 29 miscues.

Franklin led 40-35 after three quarters before outscoring their hosts 21-15 over the final eight minutes. Salem clawed back to within four with 1:40 to go, but it turned the ball over on its next possession to seal its fate.

Both teams shot well from the free-throw line. Salem made 11-of-12 while the Patriots burned 8-of-9.

Salem hosts unbeaten Northville on Friday. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

B'HAM ROEPER 55, PCA 42: The Roughriders (11-4) jumped to a 25-20 halftime lead and never looked back in the second half to improve their Michigan Independent Athletic Conference record to 5-1. Plymouth Christian fell to 7-7 and 1-4, respectively.

Senior Matt Saagman and freshman Justin both netted 10 points for the Eagles. Govan also pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds.

Erik Zinser, who went 8-for-8 from the free-throw line, led the winners with 21 points.

"This game was a lot like the Inter-City game on Friday," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We played well in the first half, but the first five minutes of the third quarter hurt us. The kids battled hard all night. We just didn't shoot well."



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Junior guard Jierah Dixon, pictured above in a game earlier this season, and his Salem teammates dropped a 61-50 decision to Livonia Franklin Tuesday night. The Rocks return to action Friday when they host unbeaten Northville.

PCA cut its deficit to five points with five minutes left in the contest, but the Eagles could get no closer.

"Defensively, we're where I want us to be," Taylor said. "We're having a hard time getting out of the 40s on offense, though."

Sophomore guard Trevor Zinn and junior forward Devyn Govan both netted seven for the Eagles, who travel to Oakland Christian on Friday night.

BELLEVILLE 72, DETROIT COMMUNITY 54: The Tigers outscored the Hurricanes 29-16 in the fourth quarter to secure an impressive non-conference victory. Community came into the game ranked No. 3 in Class C.

"I was very pleased with the way we played tonight," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel, whose team improved to 11-3. "They have a big team and they presented us with a great challenge, but the kids came through. Community was coming off a win over Country Day on Friday, so they can play."

Leon Freeman paced the Tigers with 26 points. Carlos Clark had a huge night as well, swishing his first three triples on the way to 17 points. Michael Gibson compiled 11 points and 12 rebounds while Corel Dial twined eight points.

Chase Simon led the Hurricanes with 14 points, 10 of which came in the fourth quarter.

Belleville led 14-13 after one quarter and 34-21 at the break. Community cut its deficit to 43-38 after three quarters, but the hosts hung on. The Hurricanes slipped to 11-5 with the setback.

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200 freestyle: 1 Shogo Uno (C) 1:54.46; 2 Ross Schwarz (C) 1:56.07; 3 Nathan Phillips (C) 1:57.28
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(P) 52.49
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200 freestyle relay: 1 Canton (Robert Blaesser, Chris Marinica, Jon Templeton, Shogo Uno) 1:36.85; 2 Canton (Matt Carlson, Nathan Phillips, Ross Schwarz, Derek Schmitt) 1:38.28; 3 Plymouth (Andy Knisely, Ben Ambrose, Jack Distel, Michael Conger) 1:39.37
100 backstroke: 1 Nick Landis (C) 1:01.43; 2 Matt Carlson (C) 1:02.29; 3 Kevin Karlinski (C) 1:05.71
100 breaststroke: 1 Dan Anthony (C) 1:10.47; 2 Shogo Uno (C) 1:12.46; 3 Chris Marinica (C) 1:16.46
400 freestyle relay: 1 Canton (Derek Schmitt, Ross Schwarz, Nick Landis, Robert Blaesser) 3:33.94; 2 Canton (Kevin Karlinski, Nathan Phillips, Jon Templeton, Shogo Uno) 3:41.28; 3 Plymouth (Andy Knisely, Michael Conger, Casey Molloy, Joseph Eudy) 3:52.23



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Canton's Derek Schmitt, pictured above in a meet from earlier this season, finished first in the 50-yard freestyle Tuesday night against Plymouth. Schmitt was clocked in 23.74.

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Cards bounce cold-shooting MU; Schoolcraft flattens Oakland CC

Madonna University couldn't buy a basket Monday night, shooting a paltry 29.9 percent from the field in a 67-51 Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball loss to host Concordia University in Ann Arbor.

MU falls to 9-16 overall and 3-7 in the WHAC, while the Cardinals updated their record to 15-11 and 6-4.

Bryan Verdun, 6-of-7 from the field, paced Concordia with 17 points, while Cihan Mumcuogullari added 14 points. Nate Ashcraft and Jared Adamson chipped in with 12 and 11, respectively.

The Cardinals shot 27-of-55 from the floor (49.1 percent), including 7-of-17 from three-point range.

Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) had a team-high 12 for the Crusaders on 4-of-12 shooting from three-point range. Danny Peters added 10 and Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial) eight for MU, which trailed by only one at halftime, 32-31.

SCHOOLCRAFT 101, OAKLAND CC 78. Five players scored in double figures Saturday as Schoolcraft College (20-4, 7-2) with a victory over host Oakland Community College (5-16, 3-5) at the Highland Lakes gymnasium.

Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs sat out his second straight game after being ejected for the second time this season when he received two technicals late in the game in a Jan. 28 loss to Flint Mott CC.

Schoolcraft sits in second place in the Eastern Conference of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, two games in the loss column behind unbeaten Mott (8-0).

Five Ocelots scored in double figures led by 7-foot center James Davis, who had 22 points and 10 rebounds in 27 minutes. He was 10-of-14 from the floor.

Wallace Hall added 17 points, while Donnell Patterson and Ryan Williams each added 15. Jarred Axon finished with 10 points, while Cedric Sims (Wayne Memorial) had five assists.

Odgra Bobo paced the Raiders with 24 points and 12 rebounds. Dominique Hardiman added 18 points, while Floyd Brntley added 12.

Ocelot joins 1,000-point club in win

Charlese Greer scored her 1,000th career point Monday to help Schoolcraft College post an 80-54 road victory against St. Clair Community College.

Greer scored 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds on her milestone night. But she wasn't alone in pacing the Lady Ocelots, ranked No. 3 in NJCAA-Division II, to the Michigan Community College Athletic Association triumph.

Leading the offensive surge was freshman forward LaShanda Thomas, with 24 points and 10 boards. Thomas nailed four of nine attempts from behind the three-point arc.

Schoolcraft (21-2, 7-2 in the MCCA Eastern Conference) also received 17 points and nine rebounds from sophomore guard Tomica Hodge and 12 points and nine boards from freshman forward Maricka Seay.

For St. Clair (16-7, 5-3), Evelyn Heath and Hah Burns scored 17 and 15 points, respectively.

The Lady Ocelots came out charging from the beginning at the Skipper Dome in Port Huron. Schoolcraft built a 31-7 lead in the first 12 minutes and took a 41-23 advantage into the half-time break, having connected on 16-of-36 field-goal attempts (44 percent).

SCHOOLCRAFT 66, OAKLAND CC 49. Saturday afternoon at Oakland Community College-Highland Lakes, Charlese Greer and Maricka Seay provided an offensive one-two punch as the Lady Ocelots (20-2, 6-2) earned a MCCA Eastern Conference win.

Greer scored 19 points and pulled down 16 rebounds (11 on the defensive end), with Seay tallying 18 points and eight rebounds. Also in double figures for Schoolcraft was LaShanda Thomas with 12 points.

Chipping in with seven was Amanda Crouse.

For the Lady Raiders (9-11, 3-5) Michelle White scored 12 points and Safiyah Bibbins collected 11 boards.

Livonia Clarenceville's Marissa Martin had two points and four rebounds, while fellow Trojan alum Katte Tuomi added four points and seven rebounds.

Skaters in sync

Performing to The Mask soundtrack "Cuban Pete," the Gems repeated as gold medalists in the Ice Juvenile division at the USFS Synchronized Team Skating Midwestern Sectional Championships, Jan. 28, at Great Lakes Sport Center in Fraser. The Gems, ages 8-12, beat out teams from Bloomfield Hills, Dearborn Chicago (Ill.) Missouri and Minnesota to earn a spot Feb. 23 at the USFS Synchronized Team Skating National Championships at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

The Gems, who perform out of Computware Sports Arena in Plymouth, are coached Carrie Brown (Livonia) and Jenny DeSimone (Farmington Hills). Team members include: Alyssa Shomsky and Delanie Thurlow, both of Livonia, Sera Petrillo and Natalie Puckett, Plymouth, Allison Brotherton, Shelby Dzedzic, Mikayla Eschleman and Erin Spencer, Canton, Madison Elkow, Mackenzie Elkow, Ellen

Kevin Price and Curtis Thomas each added 17 for the Warriors, who shot a blistering 57.1 percent from the field (36 of 63), including 9-19 from three-point range.

Derrick Orhke added 11 points for Tech, which pulled away in the second half after leading by only six at intermission, 45-39.

D.J. Bridges (Canton) paced MU with 21 points and seven rebounds. Charlie Henry added 15 points. Derrick Mudri and Keith Hearn (Livonia Stevenson) scored 12 and nine, respectively.



Gableman, Alyssa Kirsch, Katy Rapson, Regan Tang, Jaquelyne and Josephine Zolynski, Farmington Hills, Gigi Paolucci,

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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FEBRUARY

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 Road Belleville (734) 699 3361 For more information call Linda at (734) 484 5033

Marriage encounter

Presented by United Methodist Encounters Feb 10 12 in Southfield Call Dalice and Chuck Yost for information at (313) 937 1051 or send e mail to CYOST@twmrr.com

Valentine card party

6 30 10 p m Friday Feb 10 at SS Simon and Jude Church 32500 Palmer Westland Bring your games and play cards and games of your choice Tickets are \$7 and available at the door Proceeds go to the Building Fund

Concert

Four dynamic organists join with three prominent area conductors members of Michigan Sinfonetta and the Rice Memorial Organ for a festive concert 7 30 p m Friday Feb 10 at Metropolitan United Methodist Church 8000 Woodward north of Grand Blvd Detroit Organists include Glen Burdette of St James Episcopal Church Birmingham Conductors include Christopher Lees First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham There is ample lighted and supervised free parking adjacent to the church

The Merton Rice Memorial Organ has 7003 pipes housed in four chambers and is played from a five manual console Tickets may be reserved for pick up at door An afterglow reception follows the concert where you may greet the performers Call (313) 875 7407 ext 324

Crosstalk

7 p m Friday Feb 10 in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Rev Paul Clough discusses an issue in a current news article from a Christian perspective in a secular world he then opens the floor for discussion about the issue or any articles brought in Free childcare Call (248) 374 5920

Sweetheart dinner

Trinity Church of the Brethren is inviting members of the community to a Sweetheart Dinner in celebration of Valentine's Day a version of the Newlywed Game follows for anyone married for less than 75 years 6 p m Saturday Feb 11 at 27350 W Chicago at Inkster Road Redford Donations for the meal will be accepted For more information or to make reservations call (313) 937 1199

New pastor

Lake Pointe Bible Church holds a welcoming reception noon Sunday Feb 12 for the new youth pastor Kevin Kilgore and his wife Amy at 42150 Schoolcraft Plymouth For more information call (734) 420 0515 or visit www.lakepointebible.org
Kilgore and Amy look forward to working in tandem on new and expanded programs for the youth at the church Amy is a counselor at Novi High School and has also served as Director of High School ministries at an Ann Arbor church Since 2002 Kilgore has served as Youth Pastor of Grosse Pointe Baptist Church where he recruited adult volunteer leaders developed teen ministry teams led short term missions trips to Mexico and increased teen attendance significantly

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 9 p m on the first and third Thursday of each month (Feb 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

Vacation Bible school

Summer ministries preview 8 a m to 4 p m Saturday Feb 18 at Ward Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Preview Vacation Bible School curriculum and get tips on organizing a VBS program or backyard Bible club More than 25 workshops will be offered and 20 exhibitors will display at the preview presented by the International Christian Education Association Cost is \$35 if registered by Jan 18 \$40 between Jan 19 and Feb 14 or \$45 at door Students (teen through college age \$20) Refreshments and lunch included Make and take puppet workshop is an additional \$25 To pre register call (248) 557 5526 or visit www.iceonline.org

Lay caregiver series

Presented by Samaritan Counseling Center Pastoral Care during Times of Change and Transition change is certain in our lives and the lives around us this workshop explores the stages of transition led by Sharon Hage staff counselor 2 30 4 30 p m Sunday

Feb 19 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 11 Mile and Middlebelt Farmington Hills To register call (248) 474 4701

Blood drive

2 8 p m Monday Feb 20 at St John's Episcopal Church 574 S Sheldon Plymouth Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455 5395 to make an appointment or just drop in

Purpose Driven Life

Members friends and neighbors of St Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren during Lent Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia Plymouth Canton Northville Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent It all starts with a kick off dinner at the church on Feb 22nd Over 13 000 churches nationwide have gone through this campaign If you bought the book and are looking to get more out of it or want to find out why on earth you're here sign up for a group All faiths are welcome Call (248) 349 3140 for more information

Church activities

St James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon Thursday dinner at 6 p m for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p m and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p m Thrift store is open 10 a m to 2 p m every Saturday 10 a m women's study group second Saturday of the month and Sunday worship at 10 a m (nursery available) and children's class at 10 15 a m at 25350 W Six Mile Redford Call (313) 534 7730

Grief workshop

From grief to new hope began 7 8 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 began 7 8 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

UPCOMING

Pasties

Orders taken March 5 8 and 12 pick up March 16 17 at Newburgh United Methodist church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia Call (734) 422 0149 Cost is \$3 Proceeds go to building fund/parking lot improvements

Frank Turner testimony

The Channel 7 Emmy Award winning news anchor shares his testimony of how God's grace and mercy touched his life 10 a m Sunday March 12 at Christ The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 42690 Cherry Hill Canton A free brunch follows the service For more information call (734) 981 0286

Lifesong tour

Featuring Casting Crowns with Nichole Nordeman and guest speaker Tony Nolan introducing Josh Bates 7 p m Thursday March 16 at NorthRidge Church 49555 North Territorial Plymouth Tickets \$35 artist circle \$25 advance \$22 groups of 15 plus (groups receive pair of complimentary r tickets For tickets call (800) 585 3737 or visit a StarticketsPlus outlet or www.starticketsplus.com For more information call (734) 414 7777

Polish Dinner Dance

With music by the Wally Lipiec Band Saturday March 18 doors open at 6 p m dinner at 7 p m music 7 30 11 p m in the Activity Center at St Aidan's Church 17500 Farmington Road Livonia Tickets \$20 assigned seating no tickets sold at door Call (248) 473 8428

Crafters wanted

For the St Thomas a Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a m to 4 p m Saturday Dec 2 at 555 S Lilley Road Canton The church is now accepting applications for hand-made crafts only Call (734) 981 1333

ONGOING

Exercise series

A weekly class on exercise and fitness began 6 45 p m Monday Jan 30 and runs to March 20 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia Call Linda Holman at (734) 522 6830

Scripture from scratch

No previous Bible study required began 9 30 11 a m Tuesday Jan 31 at St Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Livonia The four units include an overview of the Bible (Feb 7 14 21) The Old Testament (March 7 14 21 28) The New Testament (April 11 18 25 and May 2 and Gospels (May 16 23 30 and June 6) Each session includes video presentation small and large group discussions Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5 After that the cost is \$10 To register call (734) 425 5950

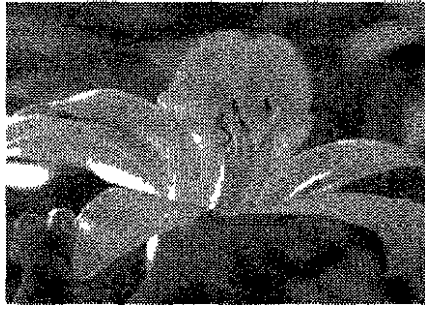
Bible studies

Began 6 30 p m Sunday Jan 8 7 p m Wednesday Jan 11 (with family dinner at 6 15 p m) and 9 15 a m Thursday Jan 19 (for women the Bible study is based on the book of Luke) at Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 6722

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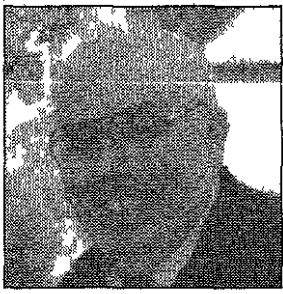
GARY F. ZATORSKI

Age 65 Dear husband of Joan Loving father of Susan and Laura (Zurlinden) Also survived by brother Michael and loving uncle Stanley Reisinger Served in the USMC from 1957 1960 Celebration of life will be Saturday February 11 2006 at Harry J Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road Livonia, 2 00pm In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Gary's memory to the American Diabetes Association or the National Kidney Foundation



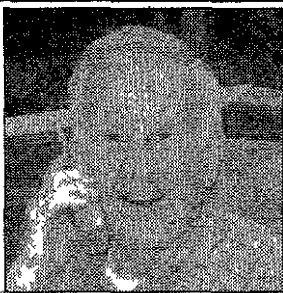
DOLORES R. "LAURIE" SEREGNY

Age 78 formerly of Bloomfield Hills died February 5 2006 Dear wife of the late Joseph Loving mother of Jeffrey Seregny (Sherry) of Rochester Hills Julie Mahoney (Michael) of Macomb IL and the late Scott Seregny (Katie) of Indianapolis Dear grandmother of Lindsay and Maureen Memorial Service at A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver) Saturday 11 am Memorial tributes to Michigan Humane Society View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



EDWARD L. CHMIELEWSKI

(Age 83) Decorated Disabled American Veteran WWII Army Beloved Husband of Mary S Loving Father of Mark (JoAnn), Kathleen (John) Liadis Christine (James) Abbey Grandfather of Enc (Ann) & Jeremy (Kim) Abbey Angela & Andrea Chmielewski Stephen & Nicholas Liadis Brother of Vitold (Emily) & the late John Uncle of Jacqueline Schoenbrun Cousin of Patricia Presto & Joseph Niegoski He also leaves many beloved relatives and friends Visiting was Tuesday at Charles R Step Funeral Home 18425 Beech Daly (Btw 6-7 Mile) with a Mass Wednesday at 10 00 am at Our Lady of Loretto (N E corner 6 Mile & Beech Daly) Founding Member (53 Years) of Our Lady of Loretto Church Interment Mt Olivet Cemetery Contributions to Our Lady of Loretto School Appreciated



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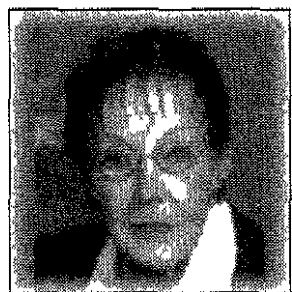
Age 87 of Plymouth Michigan Died Thursday, February 2 2006 He was a member of the Plymouth Historical Society and Optimist Club he was a veteran of WWII having served in the US Army He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Childs Survivors include son and daughter in law Bill and Shelley Childs Cumming Daughters and son in law Sally Childs Rudyrad M Debbie and Brad Vetal Tulsa Ok Grandchildren Jacob Mac Kenzie, Madison and Nicholas Childs Ali Zack and Jordan Vetal sister Anna Mae Smith, Walled Lake Mi and several other relatives also survive Memorial services will be held Saturday 10 am February 11 2006 First United Methodist Church of Plymouth Mi Rev Africa, officiating Interment will be in the Memorial Gardens at the church The family will receive friends for a luncheon after the service at the church Ingram Funeral Home Cumming Georgia

GEORGE FREDERICK PEPP

Age 75 of Burnsville, NC, passed away Sunday February 5, 2006 at his home A native of Detroit, he was a son of the late Frank and Elizabeth Burke Pepp and the husband of Mary Ann Nazarewski Pepp A memorial mass will be held at Noon on Thursday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Burnsville NC Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home Burnsville NC, is assisting the Pepp Family

KATY LEE HOWELL LETT

Age 80, a resident of Birmingham Michigan for 50 years passed away on February 6 2005 She was born on August 29 1925 Katy graduated from the University of Alabama She was a tax preparer with H & R Block Corporation and was a member of First Baptist Church of Birmingham She is survived by her husband Philip Wood Lett Jr two daughters Kathy Lett Clark of Boulder Colorado and Lisa Ann Lett of Denver Colorado, one son, Philip Warren Lett of Fairview Texas three grandchildren Christopher Lauren and Ahssa Funeral service at The First Baptist Church of Birmingham 300 Willits on Friday, February 10 2006 at 11 A M with Reverend Dr J Wesley Babian officiating Visitation at The Wm R Hamilton Co 820 E Maple Birmingham on Thursday 2 4 P M and 6 8 P M



MADALEEN M. DOHERTY

February 6 2006 Age 78 of Wayne Beloved wife of the late Michael Dear mother of Dennis (Gayle) Wallot Stephen (Karen) Kietur and Diane Henry Grandmother of six and Great Grandmother of four Funeral service at St Michaels Lutheran Church of Wayne Thursday 11am Visitation at The Uht Funeral Home Westland Wednesday 12-9pm And at the church Thursday 10 11am Bural will be at Michigan Memorial Park Please view memorial and send tributes at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

WALTER J. ROBERTS

Age 85 of Plymouth died February 7 2006 He was born July 14, 1920 in Marine City Michigan He was a resident of the Plymouth community since 1936 In 1946, he took over the Lumber Mart on Mill Street in Plymouth which he owned until 1984 He was a graduate of the University of Michigan He served in the United States Army during World War II during which time he went to Africa He loved sports and travel, and especially loved spending time with his children He is survived by his children Walter J (Peggy) Roberts Jr, Allison J (Mark) Sassak, Bradford Roberts Ilona Roberts and Samuel J (Elia) Roberts 4 grandchildren one great grandchild his brother, Finch Roberts 3 nephews and 4 nieces Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth, Thursday 1 30pm Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice

JEROME WILLIAM WEBB, SR.

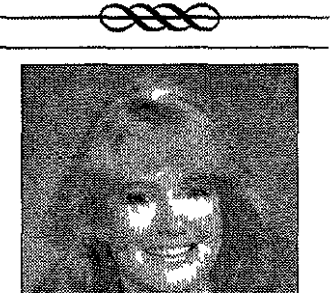
Died suddenly February 3 2006 He is survived by his devoted and loving wife Elizabeth and his two sons Jefferson Bonson Webb II (and his wife Stacy) and Jerome William Webb Jr He is preceded in death by his Mother and Father Mr and Mrs Jefferson B Webb his Sister Barbara Ann Webb his Father and Mother in law Mr and Mrs Emil C Patzer his Sister in law Helen Host and his Brother in-law E Charles Patzer Jr Mr Webb served four years in the US Navy during World War II Following the war Mr Webb attend the University of Michigan where he was a proud graduate from their School of Engineering He was a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity Mr Webb began an illustrious career as an Electrical Engineer which included owning his own company and culminating as President of Standard Electric in Pontiac and Executive Vice President of the parent company Madison Electric in Detroit before retirement He was a member of the Forest Lake Country Club Detroit Athletic Club and the Birmingham Country Club Funeral Service will be Friday February 10th 2 00 PM from Kirk in the Hills 1340 W Long Lake Rd Bloomfield Hills Interment will be private Woodlawn Cemetery Detroit Arrangements Wm R Hamilton Co, Birmingham 1 248 644 6000

PAUL D. CARTER

Age 96 a former educator in Birmingham, passed away on January 27 2006 in Dearborn

HELENE G. KVET

Age 88 February 6 2006 Born and lifetime resident of Birmingham MI Wife of the late Edward J Kvet Jr Mother of Ed Kvet III of New Orleans LA Sister of Don McBride and the late Herbert McBride Cousins Raymond E Winn and Raymond McBride Funeral Service Wm R Hamilton Co 820 E Maple Rd Birmingham Thursday February 9th at 11 00 A M Visitation after 9 30 A M Thursday Tributes may be made to charity of choice



LAURA ANNE POLAKOWSKI

Age 42 of Franklin Michigan (14 years) passed away on February 5 2006 She was born March 25 1963 in Lexington KY She is survived by husband John J children Annie & John II of Franklin MI grandmother Marie Hobbs of Florida brother John (Caroline) Hobbs III of Lynchburg Virginia She was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church golfer at Red Run Golf Club and an active tennis league member in Birmingham Also an official scorer of the baseball and softball leagues in Franklin Member of Sigma Kappa Sorority and graduate from MSU in 1985 Visitation was Tuesday 4 9PM and Wednesday 4 9PM at Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 705 W Eleven Mile Road (4 blks E of Woodward) Royal Oak Instate Thursday 9 45AM until time of Mass 10 30AM at Holy Name Catholic Church 645 Woodland (corner of Harmon) Birmingham Burial at Franklin Cemetery Franklin MI Memorials to Laura Anne Polakowski Endowed Scholarship in Packaging at MSU On line info @ www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com



MAURICE CLINTON BEERS

Age 92 Loving husband and best friend of wife Mildred for 63 years Father of James and Richard Beers both of Las Vegas Nevada Preceded in death by father James exceptional mother Sadie older sister Louise Rossiter younger brother Robert (Jack) Beers and his sister Audrey (who died in her infancy) Maurice is survived by sister Verna Ochenschlager of Wooster Ohio and many nieces nephews in laws and friends too numerous to list He was loved by many In his youth Maurice overcame polio a hurricane in Florida and the Great Depression He faced adversity as challenges and never gave up Later in Life he became an avid golfer and bowler undeterred by the slight handicap left from infantile polio Moving from Ohio to the Detroit area in the 1940's Mr Beers became a Lifetime Member of IATSE Motion Picture Projectionists Local #199 He showed movies in almost all Detroit area theaters until his retirement in the late 1980's at the age of 75 He also was a lifetime member of the Masons Collingwood Lodge #582 in Cleveland Ohio joining in 1957 and served as Worthy Patron nine times in the Order of Eastern Star in Michigan Funeral services will be held Sunday and Monday February 12 & 13 at LJ Griffin Funeral Home 7707 Middlebelt in Westland Michigan Phone 1 734 522 9400 Visitation will be from 3 pm until 7pm on the 12th with an Eastern Star Service at 4 30pm Visitation on the 13th will be from 11am until 3pm with services at 2pm Maurice will be laid to rest with his parents in his hometown of Conneaut Ohio following services at Marcy Funeral Home 208 Liberty St in downtown Conneaut Services there will be from Noon until 3pm on Saturday Feb 18 th with a Masonic Service commencing at 2 pm Phone 1 440 593-4253 All flowers will be placed on his grave in Ohio or donations to his favorite charities including the American Red Cross will also be appreciated



WILLIAM E. RAMSAY (Binell)

Age 54 February 5 2006 Loving husband of Linda Father of Emily (Matthew) Minor and Katie Stepfather of Jennifer and Kristen Grandfather of Hailey Son of Marge and the late William Brother of Robert (Terry) Co-owner and operator of the family business Binell Bros Cutlery, in Dearborn Bill lived life to the fullest enjoying family vacations cooking and spending time with his friends He was an inspiration and teacher to everyone whom he touched in his life Visitation was Monday and Tuesday at The Harry J Will Funeral Home, Livonia Funeral Mass was Wednesday at St Damian Catholic Church Westland in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice



ZACHARY SCOTT METZKER (Zak)

Formerly of Rochester Michigan passed away unexpectedly on Saturday February 4 2006 A resident of Charlotte NC he was a sophomore at Vance High School in Charlotte NC Zachary was born on January 29 1990 in Rochester Michigan where he spent the first six year of his life He attended Hamlin Elementary School and was a member of University Presbyterian Church Memorial Services will be conducted on Saturday February 11 2006 at 2 00 PM at the Davidson College Presbyterian Church on the corner of Main Street and Concord Road in Davidson NC The family will receive friends immediately after the service in the Fellowship Hall at the church Interment will be in the church Columbarium in a private family ceremony earlier in the week Zak loved his family and friends who will always remember him for his kindness his friendship and the ease by which he could talk to people He is survived by his parents Lynn and Martin Metzker sisters Kerrri and Kelly, maternal grandparents Lillian and Arne Lagerkvist paternal grand parents Patsy and John Metzker aunts Carrie and Cathy Metzker and Lisa Johnson uncles Kevin Metzker and Jeffrey Johnson, cousins Erik and Karl Johnson Nora Joel and Katherine Metzker as well as a large loving extended family and countless friends He will be missed deeply by all Memorials may be made to Kindermourm 1320 Harding Place, Charlotte NC 28204 or www.kindermourm.org Arrangements by Raymer Funeral Home Huntersville NC

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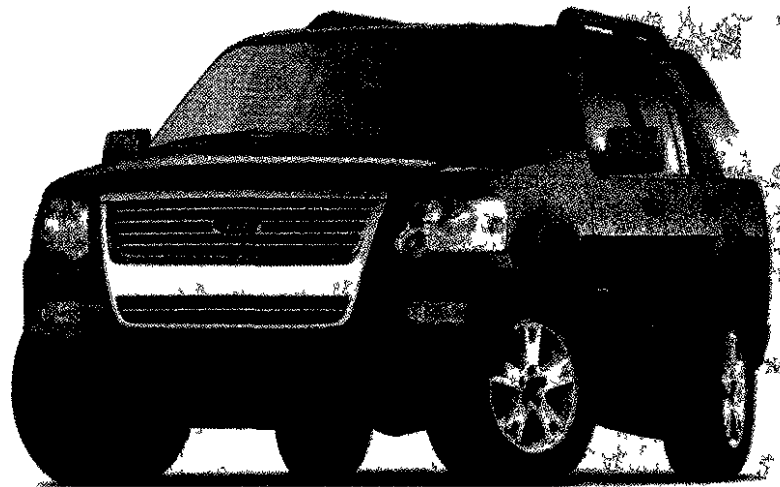


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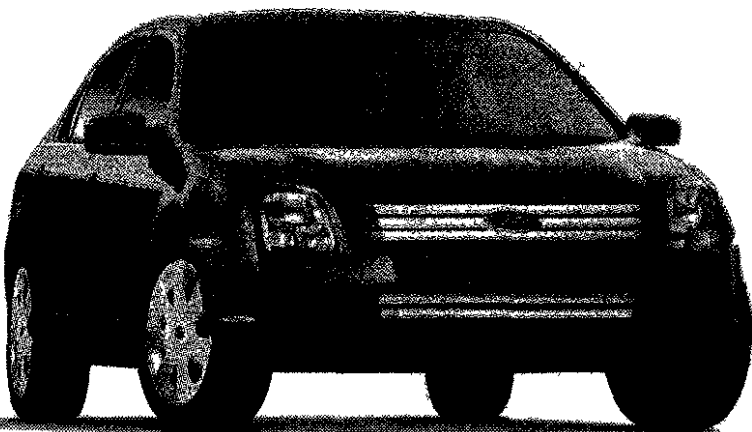


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I can dream, can't I?

Home ideas appeal to residents

'It's always good to have goals that are more than what you have.'

Dr. Kim Shunkwiler
Wayne resident

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Peggy Shunkwiler was working hard at her husband's Westland chiropractic practice, but didn't hesitate long when asked about her dream home.

"I don't have a dream house, I have a log cabin," the Wayne resident said. "That's my dream house. It would be in the woods, on about 10 acres, secluded and with a wraparound porch."

Her house would be atop a hill. "I have a windmill that powers me." There would be a well with purification system and solar panels for energy.

"I don't need anything real fancy," said Shunkwiler, who would do organic gardening - and need only a dollar left in her pocket.

It's fun to dream about houses where money is no object. Dr. Kim Shunkwiler, Peggy's husband, also has some thoughts.

"I would have lots of things, he said. "I'd have a finished basement with an air filtration system so I could go down and have a cigar."

He'd want a solar heat system for environmental reasons. "I don't want to be dependent on the gas companies or the electric companies."

He'd have a big screen TV and home theater in the finished basement. Outdoors, there'd be a pond and waterfall.

Plymouth Township homemaker Debbie Borst and her husband have five kids at home. Lots of space," she said of her dream home. "A full basement instead of a half."

Borst would like a screened-in porch. "I just love to feel the air in spring and fall and summer." She prefers that to a sun porch which is heated and can be used all year.

"I would never ever give up my mud room," said Borst, who finds that helpful for organizing shoes, coats and backpacks. "It helps a lot with the clutter."

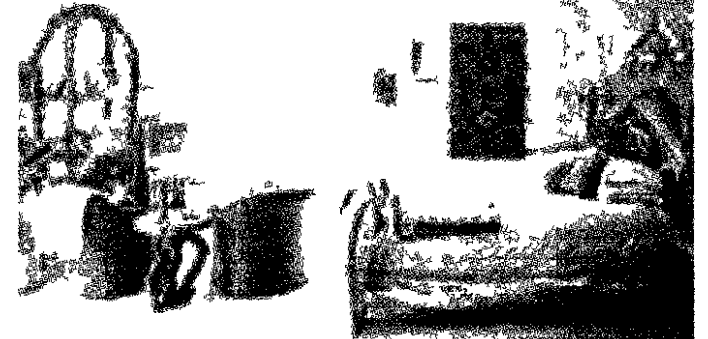
As her kids get older, Borst wouldn't object to a master bath either. "That would be a fun thing."

She cut out and carried a house plan from a Detroit newspaper, but threw the plan away when she thought about cleaning that larger home. "I don't really want a maid."

Mary Gregosky of Allen Park, co-owner of C & M Printing and Imaging of Westland, has definite ideas about her dream home. She and her husband live in a 1938 bungalow.

She'd like a three-car garage. Two for the vehicles and the other one is for him and all his trash," such as the snowblower. She'd want a large kitchen with an island, as she likes to cook.

"I like a ranch because I don't like to run up and down stairs anymore than I have to," she said. Her four-bedroom ranch would have a great room, fireplace, first-floor laundry, finished basement, landscaped yard with privacy fence, central air, a Florida room and the large kitchen.



They agree it's fun to dream on the home front. "It's always nice to know where you're hoping to go even if you might not get there right away," Gregosky said.

Dr. Kim Shunkwiler added, "It's always good to have goals that are more than what you have."

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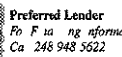
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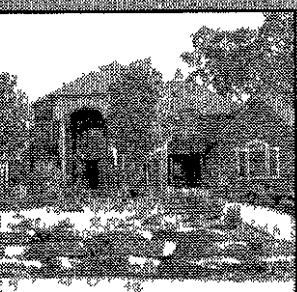

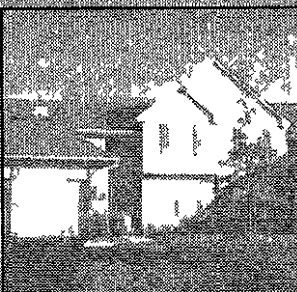
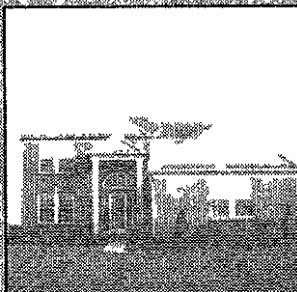



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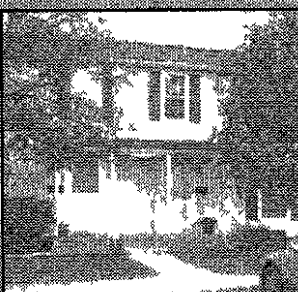



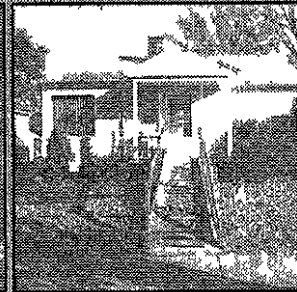

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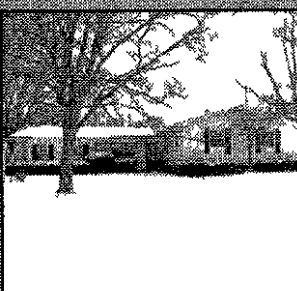
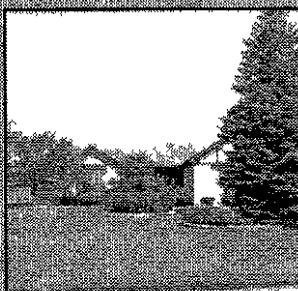
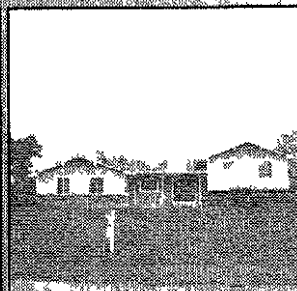



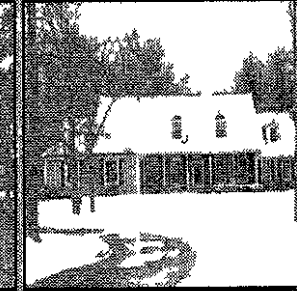
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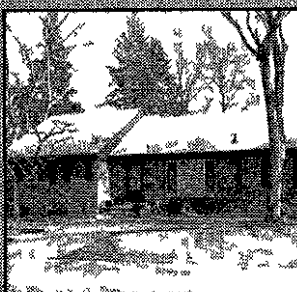
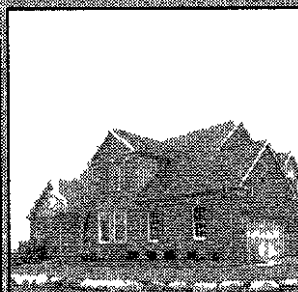
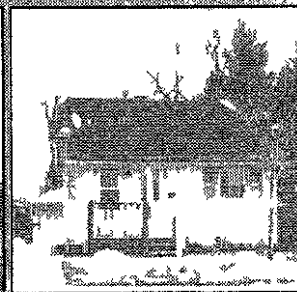

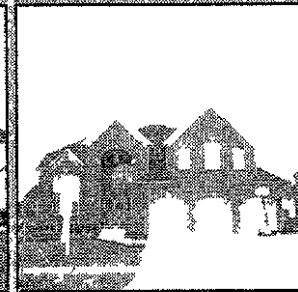
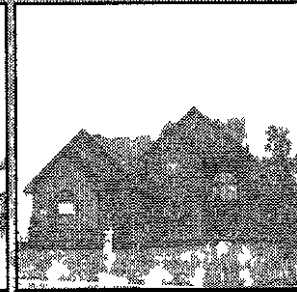

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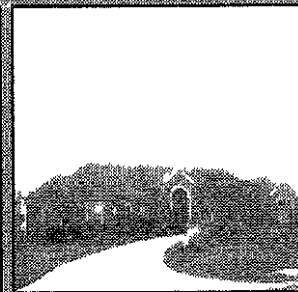





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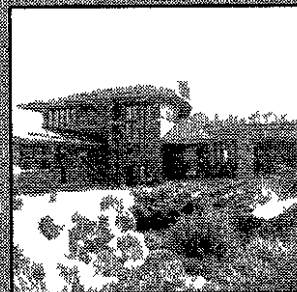

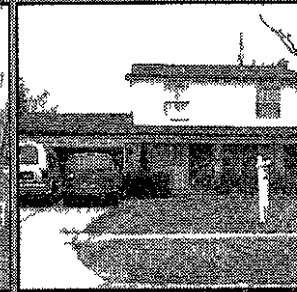
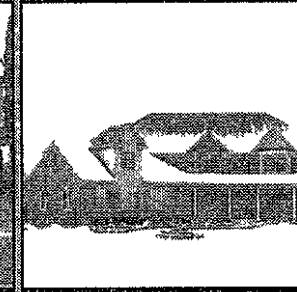



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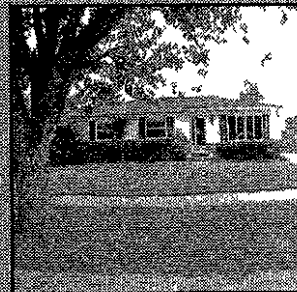

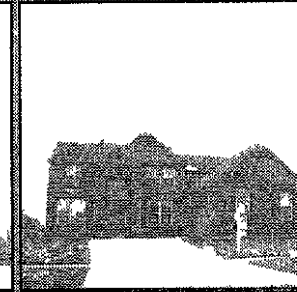

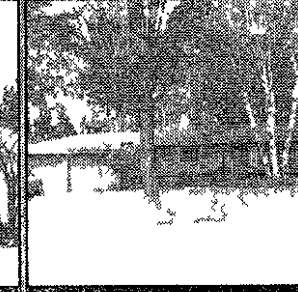
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 PLYMOUTH \$1,500,000 Custom built home in new subdiv sion Extens ve use of marble limestone & granite Deluxe kit w/SS apple mahogany cbnts Black walnut HDWD floors 2 mstr stes 3 car att garage & w/o basement Delightful setting MLS# 26009599 734 453 6800	 PLYMOUTH \$1,200,000 Truly exceptional Menard bu t 4 BR 4 1/2 BA colonial on private drive w/3 7/8 acres Gourmet kitchen w/bi subzero 2 DW's granite cntroptops cherry cbnts & hwd flrs All BR's have access or have baths Lux master ste MLS# 26009312 734 453 6800	 PLYMOUTH \$424,900 Heart of downtown Spacious home loaded w character & charm Mapo updates no roof wndws s dng plumbing & elect 2 story addit on creatng huge mstr & FR 1st flr office/den 2 fu baths new 2 car garage MLS# 26014326 734 453 6800	 CANTON \$248,000 3 BR 2 1/2 BA condo w upgrades maple msson cbnts t/o kt cntns GE Profile appls kt w/HDWD f n s ceramic bath jetted tub w upgraded tile vaulted mste w gas FP & fan p ep FR in f n shed bsmt 2 car gar MLS# 26019948 734 453 6800	 PLYMOUTH \$297,500 Elegant y updated ranch w/ota y new kitchen w/che ry cabs opens to spa cious DR w/FP & DW to private lush ya d w/deck GRacous foyer eads to sun filled LR w/HDWD flrs F n shed LL w/game room fam room & off ce MLS# 26015600 734 453 6800	 PLYMOUTH \$274,900 Look no more! Go geous 3 BR 1 1/2 BA cape cod located n downtown Plymouth This complete y updated home boasts w/character & charm HDWD floor to 2 FP's New windows s dng & dr veway Party f n shed basement MLS# 26011800 734 453 6800	 PLYMOUTH \$185,000 2 sto y Foyer Forma L vng/d nng Rm W/vaulted Ce ng Family Rm w/FRlc K tchen W sky ghts Vaulted Ceiling Mst ste W/prvte Bath Pwdr Rm W/pedesta Sink Privte Paver patio 2 Car Att Ga age Off Road Parking MLS# 26008674 248 347 3050
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 SALEM \$1,350,000 Your own estate! 4 BR 3 1/2 bath Frank Lloyd Wright style execut ve home on over 14 acres w/gated entry Gourmet kitchen nook w/cherry cabinets & granite 1st floor master Prof finished LL w/awesome theatre room! MLS# 26011420 734 453 6800	 SALEM \$1,099,000 Your own estate! 2000 built 4 BR 3 1/2 BA colonial on private drive w/3 7/8 acres Gourmet kitchen w/bi subzero 2 DW's granite cntroptops cherry cbnts & hwd flrs All BR's have access or have baths Lux master ste MLS# 26009310 734 453 6800	 SOUTHFIELD \$189,900 Newer Furnace (01) Newer Roof Hardwood F oors Eat n Kitchen Home Is In Need Of some M nor Repars & Pced Acco dngly Sold As s Se e s Are mot vated Central Air Dry Basement & 2 Car Garage MLS# 26003392 248 347 3050	 SUPERIOR \$950,000 Custom estate on nea y 6 acres w open flr plan Grmt f ench country kt w granite s and & butcher block cntns HDWD flrs on most of 1st f Mstr ste has FP wet bar etted tub doub e shwr & workout rm Fin W/O MLS# 26009715 734 453 6800	 SUPERIOR \$649,900 Truly spectacular custom home 4 BR 4 1/2 BA cape cod on pr vate wooded setting Gourmet kt nook w HDWD floors granite cnt tops FP & hea th oom GR w soaring clgs 1st flr study F n shed WO w/bath 4 car garage MLS# 26009272 734 453 6800	 TAYLOR \$159,900 New Construct on End Unit Mst Suite W/Wa k In Coset & Bath 1st Floor Laundry Choce of Carpet Vnyl Counte Tops Ceramic 36 Gas Log Fireplace W/Wood Mantle & Ce am c Surround 2 Car garage W/Drywall & Ceiling MLS# 25147934 248 347 3050	 TAYLOR \$87,900 Ranch conveniently located to free ways estau ants stores etc Home is neutral w/updated kt newer crpt new roof n 99 Lge breezeway that s heated & could be used as a family room 1 1/2 car attached garage MLS# 25166587 734 453 6800
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 VAN BUREN \$155,000 2 Bedroom Brick Ranch On Tree lined Street Deep In Sub Updated Kitchen W/Oak Cabinets & Wood Flring Part Fin Bsmt W/Plenty Of Rm For Storage Large Fenced Yard With 2 1/2 Car Garage Home Warranty Included MLS# 25118354 248 347 3050	 WATERFORD \$149,900 Newer end unit condo that backs to wooded privacy Built In 1997 w/1242 sq ft 2 BR & 1 1/2 baths GR w/vaulted ceiling & gas FR k tchen w/ceram c floor nook & doorwall to deck 1 car garage & basement MLS# 25165054 734 453 6800	 YPSILANTI \$339,900 Fab 3 BR 3 1/2 BA Pulte built colon a w/many upgrades lg grmt kt HDWD floors cherry cbnts 2 sided FP from GR to den office DR featu e bu er part y Ove s zed mstr ste WC lux bath separate shower F n LL MLS# 26016994 734 453 6800	 FARMINGTON HILLS \$353,000 Detached end unit ranch condo ls and k tchen w f to ceiling wndows eatng area ma ble n foyer chestnut oak f n s n ha way bray y & bedrm cathedra ce ngs mst ste & bath Wc dressng vantly new ca p tng MLS# 26005432734 453 6800	 FARMINGTON \$299,500 P vate park like yard New kitchen opens to totally renovated great rm Newly finished hardwood flrs n bedrms K tchen l vng rm & entry New furnace & water heater newer roof F n shed lowe level w bar & game rm MLS# 25172480 734 453 6800
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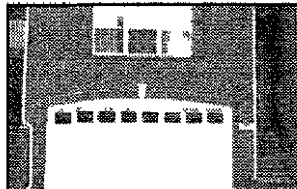
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SPARKLING COLONIAL Beautifully updated kitchen w/ oak cabinetry bright living room w/pergo style floor vaulted family room w/fireplace & doorwall to patio overlooking a manicured yard Really nice Call today \$210 000 (C 371BE)



CHERRY GROVE CONDO Tons of space in this 2 BD 2.5 bath condo w/a loft for add'l balcony formal dining area huge eat in kit w/island Part finished bsmt w/drwl to backyard 2 car gar & private entrance A must see! \$219 900 (P 846CH)



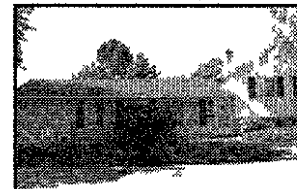
GREAT RANCH CONDO In Pebble Creek of Canton 2 BA lg master ste w/2 closets dining area w/wd flr GR w/cath ceiling & fp Lg Kit w/appl & FF laund 2 car att gar & backs to common area Call today for more details \$239 900 (P 197FA)



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow with updated roof water heater furnace kitchen and more Hardwood floors fireplace finished basement and new deck off of the 3 season room! \$269 900 (P 644AN)



SOUGHT AFTER ROSEDALE Charming colonial on a double lot w/over 1700 square ft of living space Formal dining cozy FR w/frplc 3 bedrooms and 1.5 updated baths Nicely manicured exterior w/brick pavers Really nice \$245 000 (P-309AR)



IN THE HEART OF BELLEVILLE Sprawling 5 bedroom home with a spacious floor plan Formal living room family room fireplace large sunroom 2 baths newer roof and windows a 2 car garage and a huge lot \$209 900 (P 36BED)



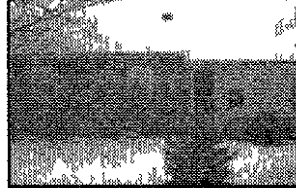
AFFORDABLE CANTON CONDO Updated 2 bedroom condo w/new windows and carpeting in a great area in Canton Appls central air att gar balcony 1st floor laundry and more Come see it today! \$99 900 (C 544SA)



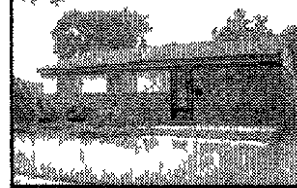
YOU CAN AFFORD To start building equity in this nice 3 bedroom bungalow with a 2 car garage Hardwood floors under all the carpeting newer cement work roof and hot water heater Call for more info \$80 000 (P 249AS)



GENTLEMEN'S FARM Beautiful 5 bdrm Tudor w /10 acres 2 masters in law quarters study generous use of hardwoods stone & marble Finished walkout 3.5 car heated garage Caretaker cottage/Horse barn \$999 900 (P 408BA)



SPACIOUS UPDATED RANCH 3 bedrooms 1 full bath recently remodeled New crptg updated paint updated kit w/oak cabs newer vinyl wndws & lg 1 car gar Maint free ext w/stone & vinyl & lg yd \$169 900 (P 945GO)



FABULOUS RANCH 3 bedrooms 2 baths and a beautifully fin bsmt Updated kit w/lrg Window overlooking the backyard Hardwood & ceramic flrs new roof oversized 2 car garage and an excellent location \$155 000 (P 126AV)



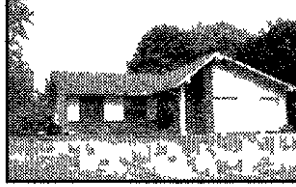
THE PRICE IS RIGHT! On this convenient two story end unit in Canton 2 beds 2 baths an attached garage finished basement with a full bath living room w/fireplace kitchen with all newer appliances and a fabulous location \$145 000 (P 637BE)



PLYMOUTH PERFECTION! You'll fall in love with the hwd flrs updated kit w/bar & nook totally updated baths prof fin basement w/fireplace screened porch deck & flagstone patio New roof windows and carpeting \$279 900 (P 314BE)



ANN ARBOR SCHOOLS 4 Bedroom 2 1/2 bath 1916 sq ft Built in 1998 wd floor entry open flr plan lg master suite w/2 wc's & bath w/soaking tub Wonderful landscaping on premium lot Community pool \$262 900 (P 137BL)



VILLAGE OAKS OF NOVI Comfortable 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch with a finished basement with family room large lot (fences allowed) hardwoods nice master and appliances remain Clubhouse and pool optional \$209 900 (P 508HE)



LOOK NO FURTHER! Than this exquisite 4 bedroom colonial in Canton's Central Park Grand entry hardwoods gourmet kitchen formal areas fireplace a superb master 2.5 car Garage & an oversized lot! \$374 900 (C 077LI)



SOUGHT AFTER SUB Beautiful ranch in popular Tonquish Sub with 3 bedrooms bright eat in kitchen fresh paint and carpet finished basement w/family room and an extra wide lot Seller will help with closing costs \$152 000 (C 936MO)



A PERFECT 10 Perfectly location between schools and a park Fully loaded with updates galore finished basement w/rec room a den bath and storage Bright and spacious floor plan with 3 bedrooms 2 baths Priced to sell at \$299 900 (P 695NI)



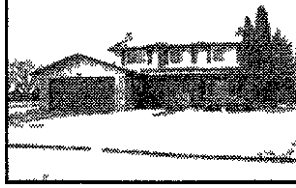
PEACEFUL SETTING & WOODED VIEW Spotless 3 BD Liv ranch recent updates drive porch vinyl siding w/insul main sewer line & strm drs spac kit area w/oak cabs & lg brkfst bar 2 car gar Immed Occup! \$159 900 (P 201OR)



IT'S SOOOO CUTE! Located on private lot just minutes from all conveniences Updates include new carpet entry doors insulation plumbing hwh new flooring new appliances & freshly painted interior 2 car gar \$139 900 (P 411PA)



DETACHED CONDO! Nestled among the pines is this lovely 3 bdrm 3 bath condo near downtown Plymouth & Hines Top of the line upgrades throughout finished basement and a huge great room floor plan \$327 900 (C 811PI)



WONDERFUL COLONIAL Spacious & open floor plan w/formal living and DR plus a family room w/frplc and a huge master w/private bath Lg tiered deck fin bsmt air att gar and many updates Call for the list \$225 000 (P 256SO)



NEW CONSTRUCTION Beautiful Arlington floor plan 1st floor bdrms 2 car attached Garage w/ private drive on a premium lot Over 22k of upgrades including basement w/egress window This won't last long! \$239 900 (C 587ST)



COMPLETELY RENOVATED Absolutely gorgeous 4 bedroom home w/new roof windows doors siding copper plumb updated elec Berber hdvds & ceramic new kit & baths vaulted ceilings even a courtyard w/ waterfall! \$265 000 (P 463SU)



NO GIMMICKS Just a nice solid 3 bedroom ranch with a basement and 2 car garage in the Southeast area of Dearborn Heights Perfect for retirees or first time buyers Close to the new shopping center \$124 900 (C 611WE)



CALLING NEW INVESTORS! 2 bedroom 2 bath brick bungalow 1200 sq ft basement & 2 car garage Open floor plan with plenty of room Home sold as is Call now for your private viewing \$58 000 (P 910WE)



POPULAR TRAILWOOD Immaculate neutral quad level w/4 bedrooms 2.5 baths on a commons Corian in the kit doorway to screened porch formal living & dining frplc and a deck overlooking seasonal views of woods \$340 000 (P 217WO)



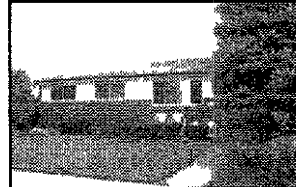
STOP PAYING RENT! The price is right for the growing family 3 4 bedrooms 1.5 baths huge eat in kitchen rec room even a fireplace in the living room! Huge fenced yard too Don't miss out call today! \$104 900 (P 825WO)



GREAT HOME! Ready & waiting for you to move right in Recently updated w/immediate occupancy Nicely maintained lot & fenced yard Well maintained 2 bedroom 1 bath plus a bonus room Great price! \$63 500 (C 623AR)



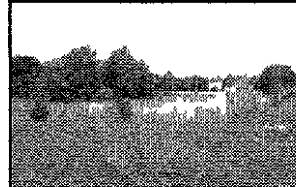
OUTSHINES THE REST One of the nicest homes in Canton!! Wide open design w/ windows for lots of light and a spacious feel All of the features you desire and immaculately clean Gar bsmt frplc and glowing wood flrs \$229 500 (P 091CH)



SHARP BRICK RANCH With Livonia Schools! Spacious living room w/cozy fireplace and doorwall to the covered patio overlooking the backyard Finished basement garage and a roomy floor plan \$176 900 (C 855CO)



PHEASANT VIEW CAPE Outstanding home on a corner lot w/huge great room floor plan offering dramatic ceilings a gourmet kit with Jenn aire appls 1st floor master with a jetted tub crown moldings and a 3 car garage \$419 900 (P 215CR)



BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME On this beautiful 5 acre parcel with a paved road Approximately 500x440 with 4 cleared acres and one wooded Successful perk test on file Located just a cross the street from the church \$119 900 (C 000DE)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY To own this wonderful end unit with an attached gar lg great room floor plan and master suite with walk in closet and cathedral ceiling Ceramic baths Neutral and tastefully done décor Great price at only \$154 000 (C 143EL)



UPDATES GALORE! Newer built 4 Bd Cape Cod! All new crpt t/o Ceramic Kit 2.5 ceramic baths vaulted Great Room w/gas FP Hdwd Flooring att Gar, Huge lot w/Built in pool! Shows like a model Take a look \$309 900 (C 302OA)



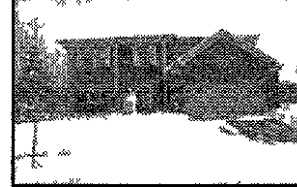
WHO DESERVES IT MORE? Brick colonial 4 bds 3 5 baths 2568 sq ft 2 story foyer hwd flrs spac kit w/cabs Lux mstr ste w/ vaulted ceiling lg WIC & jetted tub Neut décor & fin bsmt Cust slate patio paver walkway & sprinklers \$309 900 (C 732PO)



NOT JUST ANOTHER Pretty facel Oversized Plymouth ranch with 3 bedrooms 2 baths and a fabulous open floor plan w/ newer kit and GR combination Finished basement newer windows and super clean Totally turn key \$224 900 (P 557PO)



GREAT LOCATION For this immaculate end unit ranch in Canton Amenities include skylights cathedral ceilings updated roof furnace & central air Bright kitchen w/appliances full basement pool clubhouse and more \$129 900 (P 374SO)



UNBEATABLE LOT Pulte Princeton w/prem elevation & private lot Trad LR/DR 2568 sq ft 2 story entry & hwd flrs FR w/ gas fp Nice kit w/pantry Mstr ste w/jetted tub high ceilings & WIC Prof Indscpg paver patio & sprinklers \$289 900 (C 115PO)



ENCHANTING RANCH This 3 BD solid brick ranch has fantastic Canton loc Open flr plan w/1633 sq ft GR w/gas fp a roomy kit & dining area & soaring ceilings Lg mstr ste w/private bath Attractively priced & available for quick occup \$249 900 (C 977TI)



SHARP AND CLEAN Canton condo in a quiet complex with 2 bedrooms and 1.5 baths Oak kitchen with ceramic tile fresh paint pergo floors basement deck the backs to a commons & an attached garage \$157 900 (C 612YO)



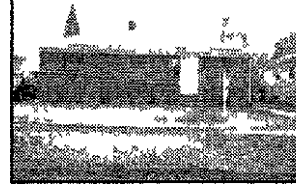
NEAT AS A PIN Awesome ranch with covered ceilings vinyl insulated windows finished basement with a full kitchen and updated ceramic floors in the kitchen & bath Come take a look! \$159 500 (C 051BR)



EXQUISITE CONDO Just 2 years new this light bright and airy condo is decorated "to the nines" Hardwood floors upgraded carpeting & light fixtures fireplace 1st floor laundry & great master This is a 10 plus! \$178 900 (C 947CA)



PEACEFUL SETTING Nestled in the Heart of Castlewood! Featuring a vaulted ceiling great room triple doorwall to the beautiful deck overlooking trees luxury master garage pool clubhouse and more \$125 750 (C 737CA)



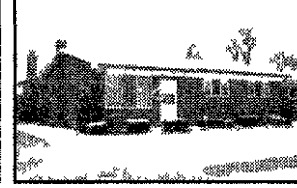
IMMACULATE Is the only way to describe this 3 BR ranch Updates in kitchen & bath Freshly painted updated carpet new floors through out partially finished bsmt w/tp & updated roof Pack your bags and move right in! \$127 900 (C 700AC)



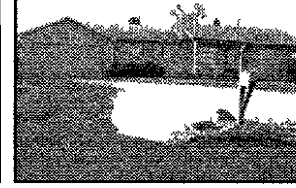
WONDERFUL OPEN RANCH Totally updated ranch with an open floor plan Awesome updated kit glowing hardwood floors finished basement with a wet bar updated furnace & central air to help save on gas bills \$169 900 (C 611DO)



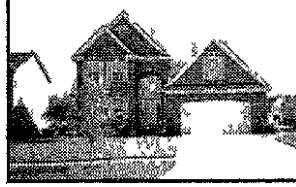
DUPLEX OR SINGLE FAMILY HOME Whitmore Lake 1800 sq foot 4 bedroom 2 bath home is currently set up as a duplex but could easily be converted to a lrg single family home Each level w/2 beds 1 bath living room & kit \$180 000 (C 315FA)



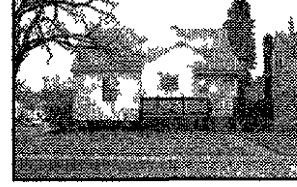
AMAZING BRICK RANCH Beautifully maintained Dearborn Heights home with a family room fireplace formal living & dining rooms and major updates that include sprinklers windows plumbing furnace and more \$164 900 (C 261MI)



OVER AN ACRE This 3 BD ranch has a lot going for it including a 40x80 pole barn Family room w/ fp attached garage & more Zoned light industrial & was previously used as a fence company Use your imagination \$274 900 (C 041BE)



WOW 3 years old & still looks & feels like new Upgrades full front brick ext stamped concrete walkway GR w/2 sty ceiling oversized Kit inc hwd flrs cent island & desk Formal LR mstr bath w/soaking tub top of line appls \$310 000 (P 653FO)



NICE NEIGHBORHOOD 3 BR 1 bath bungalow located in a nice neighborhood Updated furnace to help w/ those heating costs Updated copper plumbing & updated kitchen Nice large yard! \$99 900 (C 113HU)



NOVI LOCATION Over \$75 000 in upgrades New hwd firing windows insulation drwl siding gutters gar door w/opener new roof w/dimen shingles & newly landscaped yard w/sprinklers & brick paving Fin bsmt w/4th BD & full bath \$239 900 (P 784HU)



HERE IT IS! So much to list! Start w/covered 2 story entry & ceramic foyer large pillared formal dining room extensive use of crown molding t/o tear off roof FF mstr suite w/cathedral ceiling & bath w/garden tub Come take a look! \$309 000 (C 105LA)



ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE All brick bungalow in Divine Child area Turn key cond totally updated bath mstr bedroom & lib on 2nd level New light fixtures blinds refin hwd flrs & paint t/o Picturesque tree lined street \$159 900 (P 625MA)



GREAT FIND IN LIVONIA Lots of sq ft for the money! 1700+ 3 Bd 1.5 baths new roof in 04 refinished hardwood floors large private backyard Family Room w/tp & neutral décor t/o Close to everything This one won't last long! \$239 900 (C 902MU)



MOVE-IN CONDITION Decorated w/designer colors t/o Hdwd flrs att Gar w/direct access to unit Open area upstairs could be lib or study GR wired for surround sound Patio area planted w/ beautiful perennials This will not last! \$189 900 (P 110NE)



PRICED TO SELL! Barely lived in 2 BD 2.5 BA 2 story condo built in 2005 Lg open FF w/9ft ceilings Open Kit area w/Maple Cabs & all appls Spacious Mstr BD w/oath ceiling W/C & bath 1 Car gar pool & clubhouse Neat neutral & immed occup! \$169 900 (P 536PE)



PLYMOUTH CHARMER 2 BD 1 bath condo ready for you now! Kitchen w/all appl + washer & dryer Living Room w/doorwall to Deck Master bedroom w/ doorwall to deck nice dining room area neutral carpet & low association dues \$119 900 (P 650PL)



A LOT OF HOUSE So much house for the money in established Southfield sub 3000+ sq ft gleaming hwd floors t/o updated kitchen security system prepped for central vac newer furnace a/c 3 4 bds 3 baths custom bit 1 owner \$235,000 (P 294RO)



GORGEOUS HOME 3 BDs 2 baths 1/2 baths soaring ceilings glamorous master bath leaded glass entry garage waterproofed basement patio & deck in this 1900 + sq ft home Sub offers parks fountains winding streets & Lincoln Consolidated Schools \$250,000 (P 808TR)



ENTERTAINERS DELIGHT Super Sized Gourmet Kit w/ granite upgraded appls 2 wine coolers extra lg pantry dual staircases leading to 4 bds w/ baths 3 car gar prof indscpd w/ fab elevated stone patio w/exten brick pavers Come see for yourself \$600,000 (P 173WI)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY Spacious 3 BD 2 bath brick home w/updates inc new windows C/A updated baths & kit tear off roof in 97 bsmt is plumbed for bath new cement patio FR w/nat fp new gar dr w/ opener new front dr & freshly painted \$229 900 (C-494YA)



TREE LINED STREET Enjoy all the comforts of home in this Garden City ranch complete with a finished basement 2 car garage 1.5 baths a pretty entry big picture window in the living room and a great price! \$139 900 (C-417HA)

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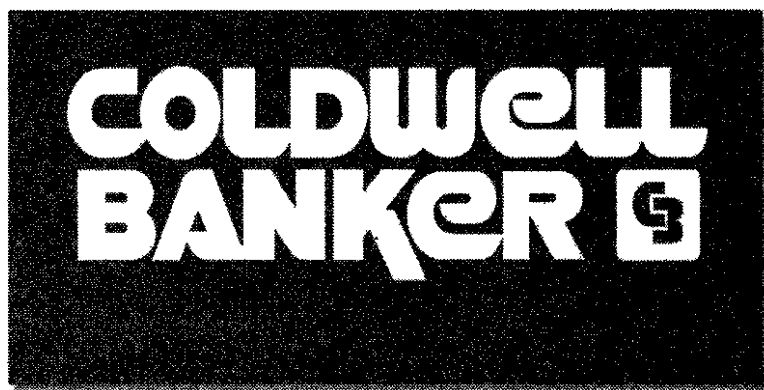
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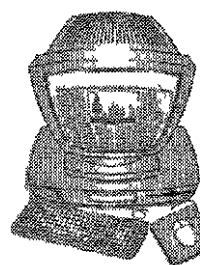
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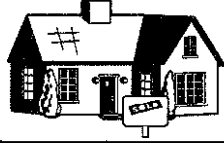
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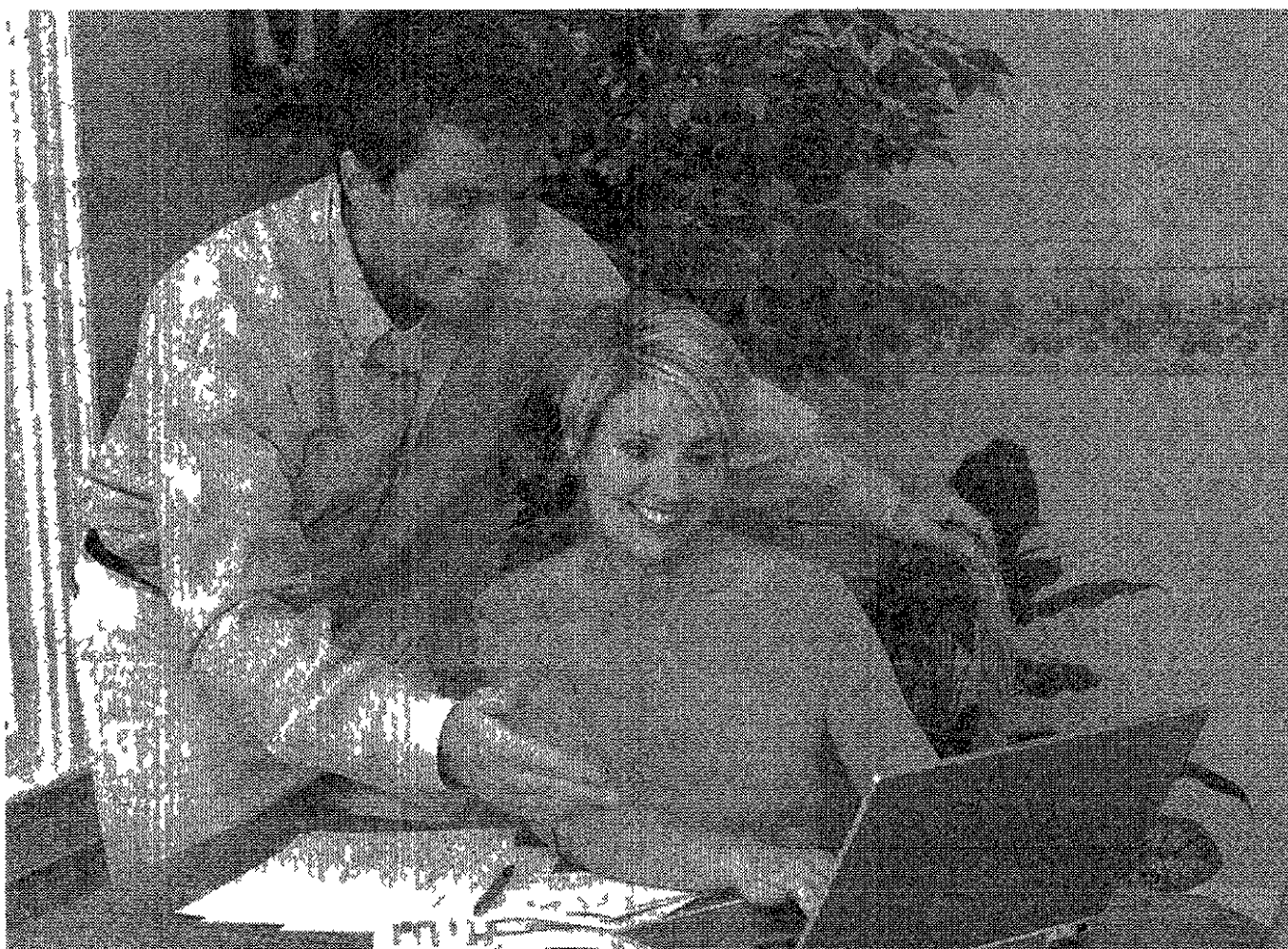
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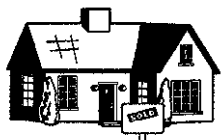
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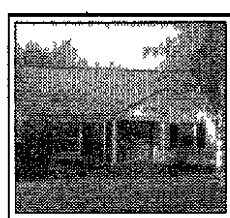
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Liberty Property Trust, which owns and manages nearly four million square feet of office and industrial space in Michigan, announced that it has expanded its building at 38070 Ecorse Road by roughly 25,000 square feet bringing the total square footage to approximately 275,000. The current tenant, Plastech Engineered Products, Incorporated, has renewed its long-term lease and increased its space commitment to include the expansion

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.

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.

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Education Seminars

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following:

■ 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 mem-

bers 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 Michigan Design Center in Troy. (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. (248) 862-1033.

N.J. court upholds parking enforcement

Q. We have a public street in our condominium project and the board is questioning whether it has the right to enforce regulations concerning parking on that public street.

A. While it depends on your documents, a case out of New Jersey has determined that an association can enforce parking restrictions on public streets within a condominium. In that case, the court held that the association and the township in question had co-extensive rights to regulate parking even though they were the township's public roads. Whether the association could enforce moving violations is another matter and you are best advised to consult with your association attorney as to the applicable law as it relates to your township or city regarding the enforcement of parking.

Q. We are in state government moving to Madison and want a high rise condo near the capital. Do you know anything about that?

A. There are mixed use developments being constructed in or around the capital including residential condominiums. Indeed, there is a great deal of development around the capital both by way



Real Estate Inquires

Robert Meisner

of conversion and new construction. Prices have leveled off in Madison although you will be paying a premium for the location. You are best advised to consult with a local Realtor who has experience in that area as well as a condominium attorney who can advise you as to the ramifications of buying either a conversion or new construction from a developer. There are also resale opportunities available in the area.

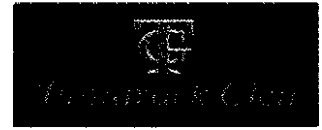
Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation, Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$995 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium, available for \$249 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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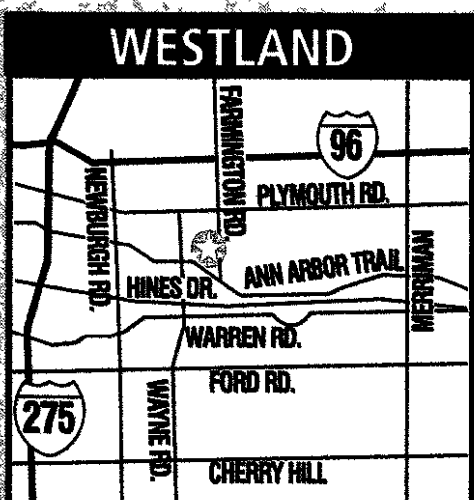


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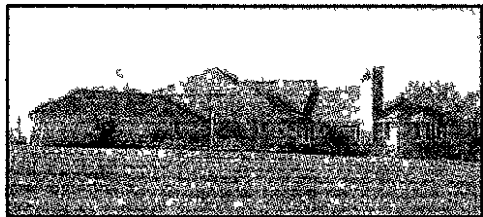


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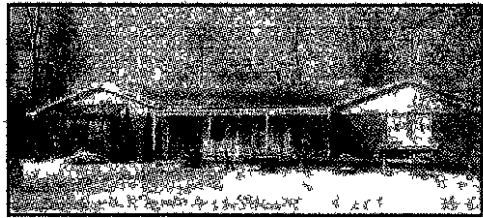
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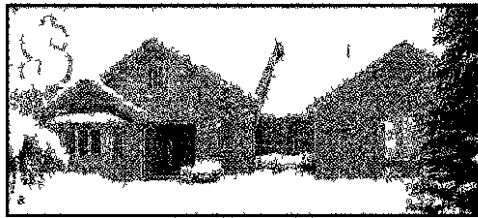
PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Built in 2001 3 BR 2 5 BA Cape Cod Delivers exclusive upgrades incl maple kit cabs extensive hardwood floors 1st floor Master w/bath that offers jetted tub & sep shower volume ceilings in GR & FP (25130836) \$424 900



CANTON 734-455-7000
JUST THE RANCH YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! Backs to woods New deck Small pond Prof landscaped Master Suite w/fashion bath walk-in closet High ceilings Kit w/granite counters SS appl stay (25139274) \$414 900



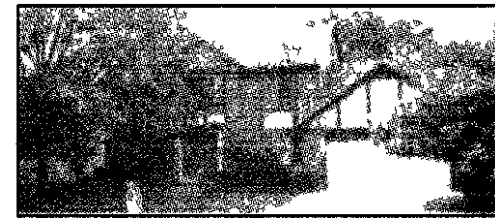
PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
CUSTOM HOME ON ALMOST AN ACRE! 3 bedrooms 2 baths 2400 sq ft ranch with 2000 sq ft LL & 4 fireplaces on almost an acre of private specimen treed setting 349 6200 (25120918) \$399 900



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Don't Pass Up This Great Buy! Spectacular home Maple cabinets island and desk area in spacious kitchen Hardwood floors crown moldings and much more! Ready to move into! (25179590) \$319 900



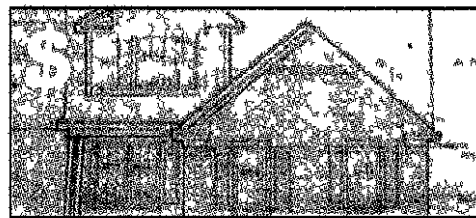
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Location quality value & charm! Attractive 2400 sq ft brick Colonial 4 BR 2 5 BA FR w/FP 1st floor laundry bsmt & 2 car att gar New roof & doors All appliances stay (25076879) \$314 900



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WELCOME TO PRIVACY! Almost an acre surrounds this graceful 3 bedroom home Two fireplaces updated kitchen oversized family room etc Handicap friendly Location location (25165781) \$298 900



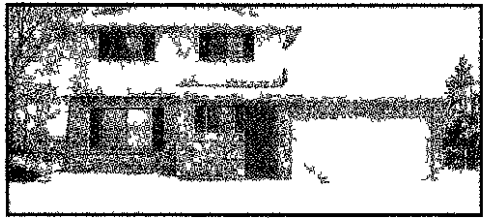
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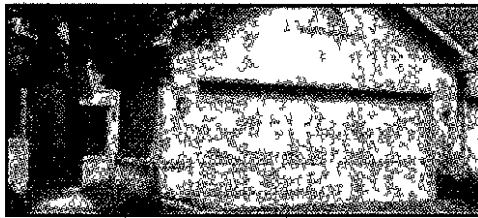
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
New Construction Cape Cod with 3 BR 2 5 BA 2 051 sq ft 2 car attached garage & basement Comes w/ maple cabs granite counters & ceramic tile in the full basement Livonia Schools (25070898) \$279 900



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QUALITY RENOVATION AWARD WINNER! Completely renovated 3BR 3BA New kitchen baths pool New roof HWH furnace copper plumbing Open floorplan comfortable easy living Quality throughout Fenced yard (25151069) \$279 900



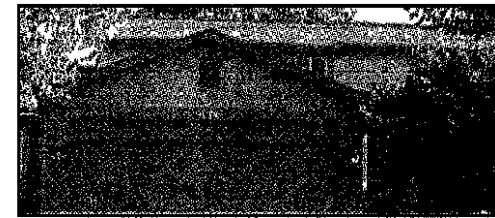
CANTON 248-348-6430
Call it home in Canton on a CT location! Many updates 3BR Colonial Huge FR natural fireplace ceramic floors furnace roof A/C H2O heater & gutters are all updated Attached 2 car garage 349 6200 (25178789) \$232 000



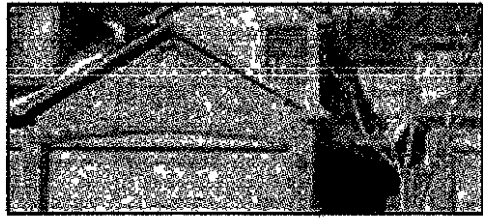
FARMINGTON HILLS 248-851-1900
SPACIOUS CONTEMPORARY TOWNHOUSE! Approx 2 000 sq ft 2/3 BR w/2 5 BA Den/loft upstairs Library/family room & Great Room w/FP & 2 story ceiling Formal DR 1st floor laundry Full bsmt Deck 2 car att gar (25116549) \$229 900



CANTON 734-591-9200
Lovely well maintained brick bungalow 3 BR (3rd BR be ng fn) 1228 sq ft all major upgrades done Furn C/A glass block copper plmb elec windows vinyl trim newer carpet & much more (25152775) \$145 000



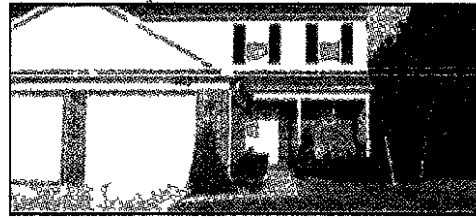
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
IDEAL OPPORTUNITY In this 2 bedroom 1 5 bath 2 story condo in Westland Full finished basement 2 car attached garage first floor laundry C/A (25142567) PC 220082 \$168 000



CANTON 734-591-9200
2 bedrooms 2 5 bath dramatic staircase in GR Cathedral ceiling w/fan & FP Master BR has 2 WIC Bright kitchen has new floor & doorwall to patio appliances stay 1st floor laundry 2 car gar & bsmt (25009266) \$165 900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
ROOMY YET COMPACT! Is this Unique 3 BR Tr Level in Garden City with 1 5 BA Refin hardwood floors FR LL Walkout C/A & 2 Car Garage Can also be leased for \$1095 per month (25142267) \$154 900



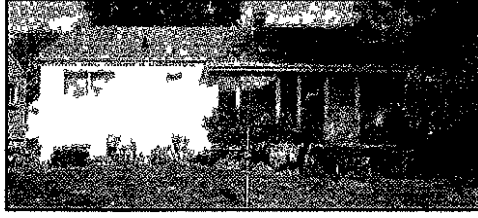
WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Great Location! Well maintained 2 BR 1 5 bath condo (end unit) Kit features granite counter tops Living room has FP for the cool winter evenings bsmt & attached garage Livonia Schools (26006125) \$149 900



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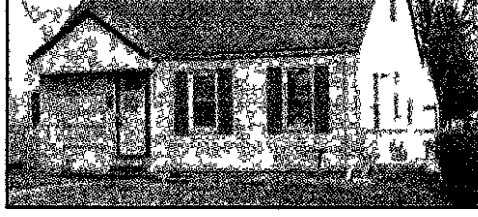
REDFORD 734-591-9200
Home overlooks Lola Valley Park 3 BR brick ranch w/basement & 2 car garage Updates incl New roof on house & garage new windows all appliances stay There is a landscaped & fenced yard (25168135) \$139 900



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WORKWISE
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managers Explore the possibility of working in China Even if you decide not to go or if you can't get an employer to send you the prospect of breaking out of dullsville is outstanding as you consider an option that would change your entire perspective

Between 2000 and 2005 China's urban jobs grew by 42 million, according to China through a Lens (china.org.cn) Michael Stanant author of "China's Generation Y Understanding the Future Leaders of the World's Next Superpower" (Homa & Sekey, \$24.95), estimates substantial continued growth - "nine million jobs created annually for the next two to three years" Through a Lens (china.org.cn) notes that in 2004 80 percent of employment opportunities came through organizations in this order private companies, limited liability companies and owner-operated businesses Asia Times Online mentions last summer that "highly skilled personnel remained scarce in the labor market," even though 660,000 of people in their 40s 60s and older were re-employed

Manpower's survey of 3,191 employers in China for the first quarter of this year finds an equal percentage (17 percent) anticipating an increase in hiring or not knowing, five percent, a decrease and 61 percent no change Edward Tse, managing partner for Greater China with Booz

Allen Hamilton, where he is also vice president, points to emerging trends in global recruitment in a few Chinese organizations Stanant, in his book, paints a dynamic poaching picture "When another company or headhunting firm approaches a valuable employee, that employee will almost always accept the more lucrative offer"

Tse outlines several 'surprises' in China - trends in the country's companies, markets and mentality in the winter, 2005, issue of his company's 'strategy+business'

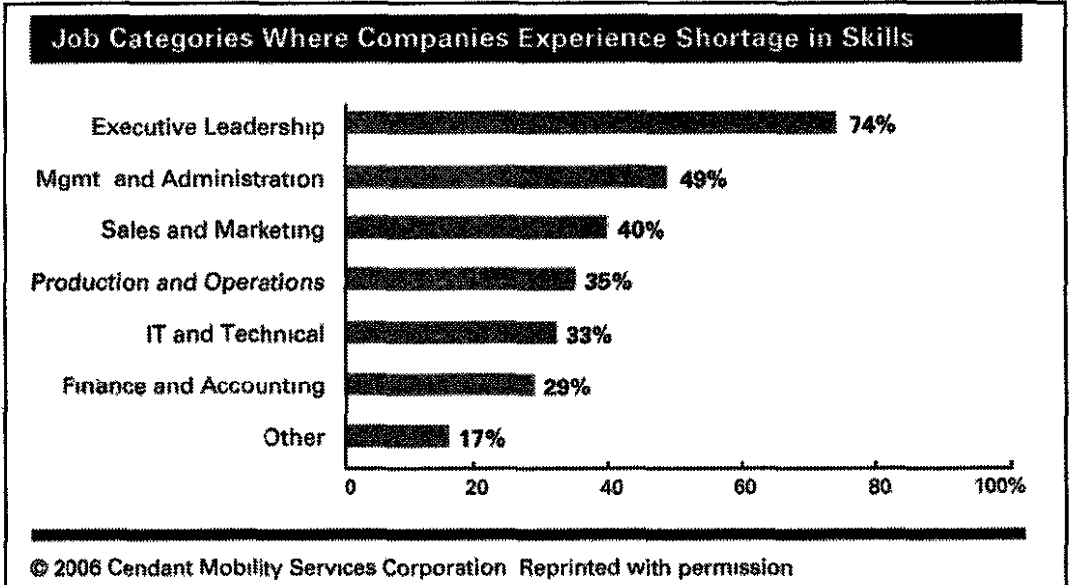
- The country's fearlessness is propelling a drive toward new products and services, not copies
- China is employing executives from around the world -- no 'brain drain' there

- Patronage is waning in favor of governance
- China's business expansion in the developing world is catapulting it into economic leadership Is this a vision of the too-good-to-be-true?

Perhaps there's a bit of public relations behind these trends Nonetheless, they point to a vital, vibrant marketplace with a future

'BRAIN GAIN'
Another compelling report, Cendant Mobility's "Emerging Trends in Global Mobility Perspectives on China," discusses 109 respondents, primarily in HR, with headquarters in 15 countries worldwide and more than 6.1 million employees in 20 industries (234,331 in China) Among these respondents, 63 percent represent companies with regional headquarters in China "Most cite a shortage of skilled executive management and point to recruiting and retaining qualified personnel at mid and senior management levels as key challenges," the survey discloses

Cendant Mobility agrees with Tse that companies want to fill executive and managerial



positions Cendant outlines these functional areas Administration, Sales and Marketing, Production and Operations IT and Technical and Finance and Accounting What skills? A huge 72 percent responded that personal flexibility and adaptability are paramount Note that, in contrast with Chinese employers only 12 percent look for Chinese language skills Companies cite personal style, at 55 percent, and poor family adjustment at 54 percent, as dominating reasons for assignment failure Cultural differences (33 percent) follow, as do business conditions (21 percent), regional management challenges (17 percent) and poor language skills (7 percent)

Approximately half of the 70 percent who come to China for assignments of one to five years are from North and South America Europe the Middle East and Africa according to Cendant Another 17

percent relocate for less than one year While 80 percent are married, only 57 percent of families accompany them More than 90 percent are men Eighty-one percent are between 30 and 50 years old In other words, you may not be too old or too young The study indicates that companies would like to transfer more women to positions in China

What does this mean for you? If you hunger for a change, think "working sabbatical" Consider how a stint in China could sharpen your outlook, increase future career growth at your current company or elsewhere, and, if you have children, provide almost global perspective upon the world in which they live

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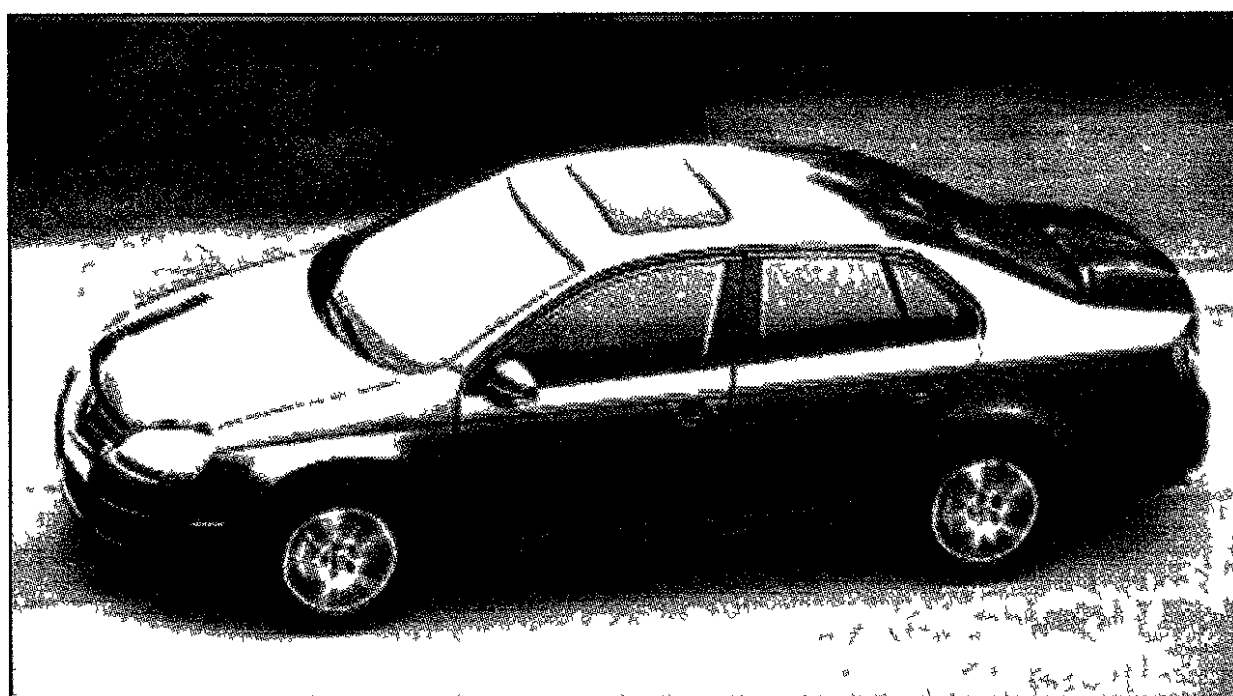
Lots of people are paid lots of money in Detroit, Tokyo and Stuttgart to figure out how to effectively segment the U.S. vehicle market. Ultimately, that's how they end up with their product strategies - working backward from how they want to deal with the demographics and psychographics of the marketplace, how they want to position vehicles against these customer groups by size and amenities, and how they will price the products.

But let me humbly suggest that in all their plotting and planning, and designing and developing, car makers have basically missed the boat on what I think could be the most dynamic segment of the American vehicle market for the next several years: pricey small cars.

Put a bunch of things together and you'll also reach the conclusion that perhaps the best investment that any auto maker selling in this country could make right now is in mainstream small cars that truly perform and are comfortable. Not in "mileage-friendly" sport-utility vehicles like GM's new crop this year. Not in cheap hybrids. Not in vehicles that basically make a design statement, such as Dodge Charger.

No, the best bet for this market these days would be truly fine small cars for a reasonable, but not cheap, price. And here's why I believe this wholeheartedly: Point 1. As healthy as the U.S. economy has become again post-9/11, and as robust as overall vehicle sales remain in this country (despite the woes of the Big Two), there are big macroeconomic problems lurking in the background that could flatten the economy in relatively short order. Look no further than Dearborn for one reason: Massive reductions in the industrial job base continue not just around here, but just across the Midwest but throughout the country. Those cuts "trickle down" into reduced purchasing power, and less willingness to spend on big-ticket items, among more and more Americans.

Point 2. Gasoline prices are headed higher again, now up toward \$2.50 a gallon, and the likelihood of gasoline under \$2 a gallon in this country, ever again, seems to be receding fast. At some point, the thinking



The 2006 VW Jetta

by both auto makers and consumers is going to shift more permanently toward significantly elevating the fuel economy of today's fleets. That doesn't just mean coming out with slightly more fuel-efficient versions of big SUVs, as GM is doing, or with hybrids. What it's likely to mean is a decided shift toward smaller vehicles with conventional powerplants and superior fuel economy.

Point 3. There's just not much in the marketplace these days that satisfies the inevitability of Points 1 and 2. Now, if you want to get a \$40,000 or \$50,000 roadster, your options are proliferating, including the Chrysler Crossfire and my favorite, the Audi TT. With the Pontiac Solstice as an example, the price points for these two-seater fun machines are coming down as well. But you can't make a family car, really, even an everyday practical vehicle out of a Solstice.

Also small of stature, there are what I would call novelty vehicles such as the Chrysler PT Cruiser and the new Chevrolet HHR. There are also highly functional, innovative, nifty and affordable smallish cars such as the Chevrolet Malibu.

And there are any number of cars that essentially still amount to econoboxes. They are inexpensive, they get good gas mileage, and they get you from Point A to Point B. But you're not going to like your-

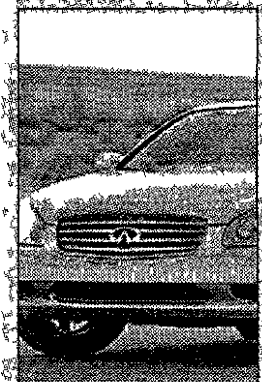
self much getting there. These include some of the vehicles that I have been driving lately, including the Suzuki Forenza, the Toyota Corolla, and the Volkswagen Beetle (the last of which I've turned against solely because VW still insists on providing a little plastic vase on the dashboard, when's the last time someone actually put a rose in one of those?).

What could really ignite this market, for the manufacturer who's gutsy enough to invest in them, are exciting small sedans and hatchbacks that range into the upper \$20,000s and low \$30,000s. They don't need to be Cadillac-cushie or have a technoid BMW sheen to them - just chock full of amenities that make their ride as comfortable and distinguished as that of pricier sedans and some SUVs. They need to have zip and responsive handling, yet four-cylinder engines are capable of delivering the requisite performance these days - and still come up with great gas mileage.

Think today's Volkswagen Jetta, perhaps, or the Scion tC coupe by Toyota. And don't be fooled by the fact that "this has been tried before" by Detroit most recently a few years ago with the sad Cadillac Catera, the senseless forerunner to Cadillac's current lineup.

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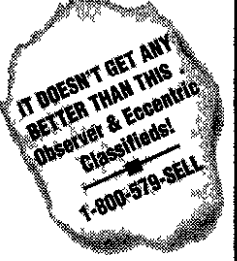
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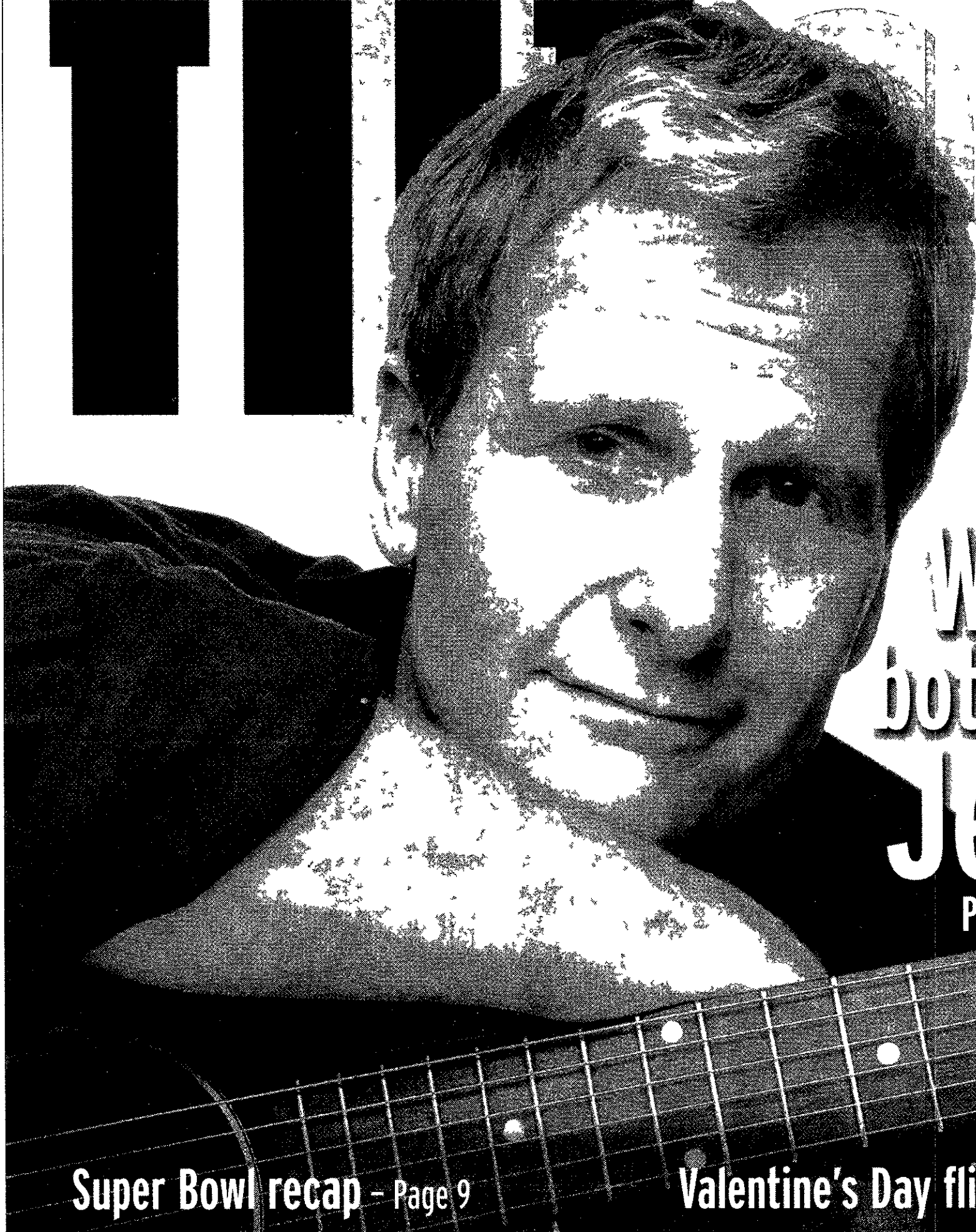
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Jack White does it again ... or does he?

SNEAK PEEKS

With the promise of spring comes the release of promised albums, much to the pleasure of eager fans

Jack White certainly seems to have it all Grammy recognition, soft drink endorsements and cartoon appearances are keeping this native son busy these days And on top of all this he's releasing the first album from his side project, The Raconteurs

A pairing of Midwest heroes Brendan Benson, two members of The Greenhornes and Jack, The Raconteurs promised a 2006 album and are about to deliver Set to be released on March 7, the group will present a limited-edition 7-inch single featuring *Steady, As She Goes* and *Store Bought Bones* The songs are currently available on the band's Web site, www.theraconteurs.com

The most exciting thing about this "mega side project" is the actual Web site Looking like a 1981 Atari game, the Web site is operated by DOS-like commands, complete with green serif fonts



Unfortunately the two songs available aren't as nifty

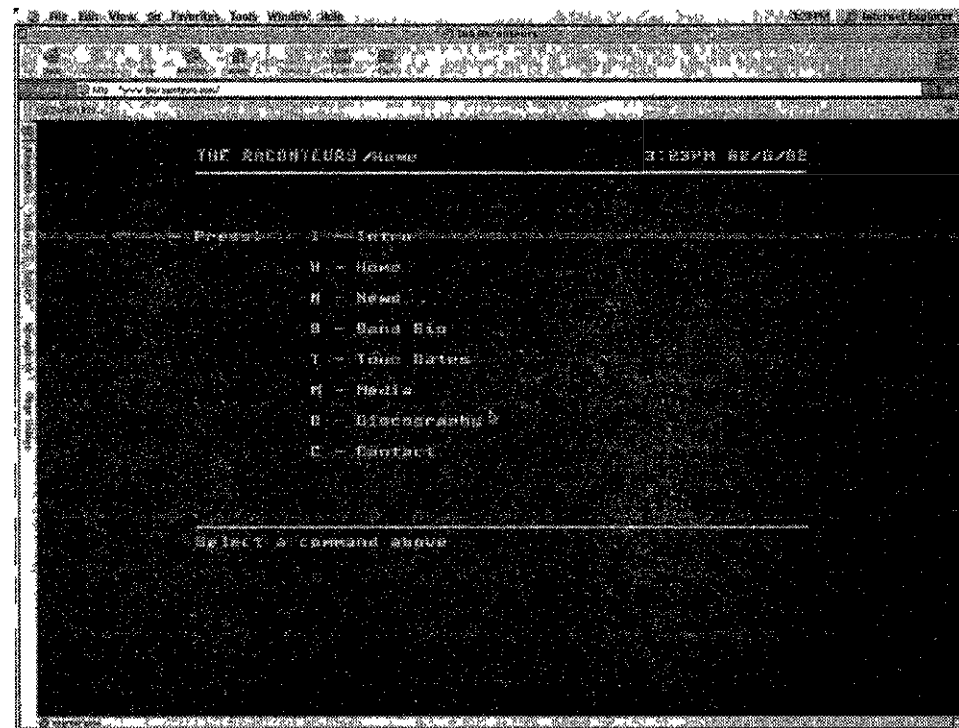
So far, The Raconteurs' sound seems like a struggle between the three entities represented Jack's now-somewhat-strange rock sound is going head to head with Benson's poppy, melodic crooning And The Greenhornes?

They're just along for the ride Here's hoping their debut album, *Broken Boy Soldiers*, matches the punch of the Web site when it hits stores this May

The Raconteurs aren't the only group with an eagerly-awaited release Yeah Yeah Yeahs will release their follow-up to 2003's stellar *Fever to Tell* Since its release, YYY have been touring, releasing singles and watching lead singer Karen O fall off stage after stage throughout this great land No wonder why fans are hungry for their March 28 release of *Show Your Bones* A copy of their latest single, *Gold Lion*, can be found at their Web site www.yeahyeahyeahs.com

CONCERT

Get ready for Valentine's Day! I can't



say this enough — you must check out Loretta Lucas and the Larkspurs And, lucky you, they're playing this Saturday, Feb 11, at the Lager House (1254 Michigan Ave, Detroit) Joining them for this special "holiday" show will be A Thousand Times Yes and Starling Electric Doors are at 9:30 p.m. and additional information can be found at www.lagerhousedetroit.com Looking for something not as mushy this year? On the

14th, Capitol Cities' Valentine's Day Massacre hits the Lager House, along with Troy Gregory and the Stepsisters and Friends of Dennis Wilson

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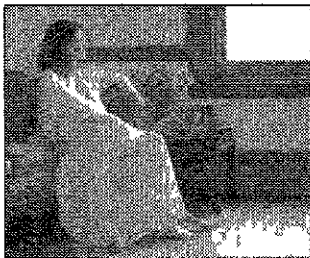
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We caught up with actor Jeff Daniels to talk about his new play *Guest Artist*, the world of theater and the art of playwriting

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JOHNNIE BASSETT

THE GENTLEMAN OF THE BLUES GETS HIS DUE

Hot Ticket

He's the master of the blues guitar, an old-fashioned gentleman. And he's being honored in a tribute Sunday, Feb. 12, at the New Dodge in Hamtramck.

Johnnie Bassett's tribute couldn't be at a better location. The New Dodge is laid-back, unpretentious and attracts a mix of clientele. Here musicians are part of the crowd and the fan base — not separated through VIP rooms and bodyguarded booths — even though Bassett's talents are as strong as any newcomer today.

Friends and bandmates organized the event. Music lovers can expect a who's who of Detroit blues greats coming out to pay tribute to this legendary guitar player who recently celebrated his 70th birthday. Who? Who knows, maybe Alberta Adams, RJ Spangler and many, many others. Bassett's first CD, recorded in 1992, never saw the light of day. That is, until now. A limited edition of the CD will be available that night.

Bassett was born in northern Florida but has been an integral part of the gritty Detroit blues scene since the very early 1950s, when he was in the house band at Fortune Records. He started playing local rent parties and moved on to backing greats like John Lee Hooker, Eddie "Guitar" Burns, Little Sonny, Washboard Willy and Mr. Bo.

While at Fortune, Bassett was part of Joe Weaver & the Blue Notes — the house band that backed up R&B luminaries as Andre Williams and The Don Juans, The Royal Jokers, Nathaniel Mayer & his Twilights, The Five Dollars and Nolan Strong and the Diablos.

His fleet-fingered lines grace classic Detroit R&B sessions and bring a certain amount of style and swing that only he could offer. Today he is considered by most to be the master of blues guitar here in the Motor City.

After years of sideman gigs with blues singers and organ jazz combos, he finally stepped up as a frontman in



Give a listen to a tribute to blues master Johnnie Bassett on Sunday at the New Dodge in Hamtramck

the early 1990s when he formed the Blues Insurgents, with Bill Heid and RJ Spangler.

There he made a name for himself both nationally and internationally after a series of acclaimed CDs on the No Cover, Black Magic, Fedora and Cannonball labels which led to tours across the United States, Canada and Europe.

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Jenny Lewis and the Watson Twins
Rabbit Fur Coat
Team Love

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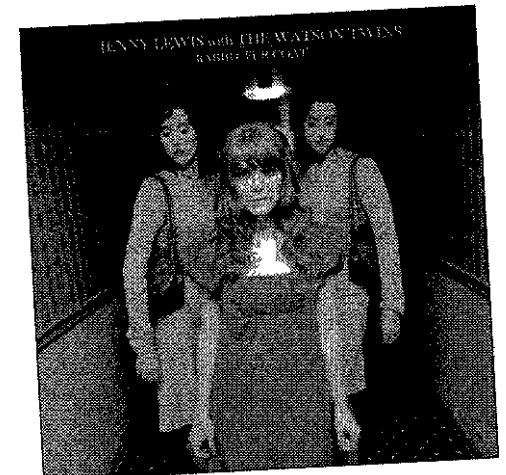
You'll like this: If you dig sunny Saturday mornings driving to the thrift store

Album
Reviews

Rilo Kiley front woman and indie rock prom queen Jenny Lewis proves she can make her own album! And she can do it, too! Wowza! Or, at least, that's what all the press about this album is saying. What they forget in all that amazement is that Lewis made a very safe album.

Rabbit Fur Coat strays only a little from the country pop of Rilo Kiley's *More Adventurous*, an album that most critics loved more than their grandma. By traveling through roots music on the album, Lewis is allowed a certain authenticity to share her stories. Lewis does that, too, touching on spirituality, love and heart-break (Sure, there is a little soul thrown in *Rabbit Fur Coat* for good measure 'Cause soul music is cool, right?)

The album's title track takes full advan-



tage of these storytelling genres, lyrically framing Lewis' time as a child actress — see what I mean about authenticity? *Melt Your Heart* sits alone in the middle of the album, glistening with its sweet tooth harmony, just waiting for its *Garden State*. And, in an all-star indie rock orgy, with just the right amount of semi-ironic, iconic (got that?) reference, Lewis covers the Traveling Wilbury's *Handle With Care* with the help of singer-songwriter M Ward, Bright Eyes' Conor Oberst and Death Cab For Cutie's Ben Gibbard. It's perfect. It's actually too perfect. It's

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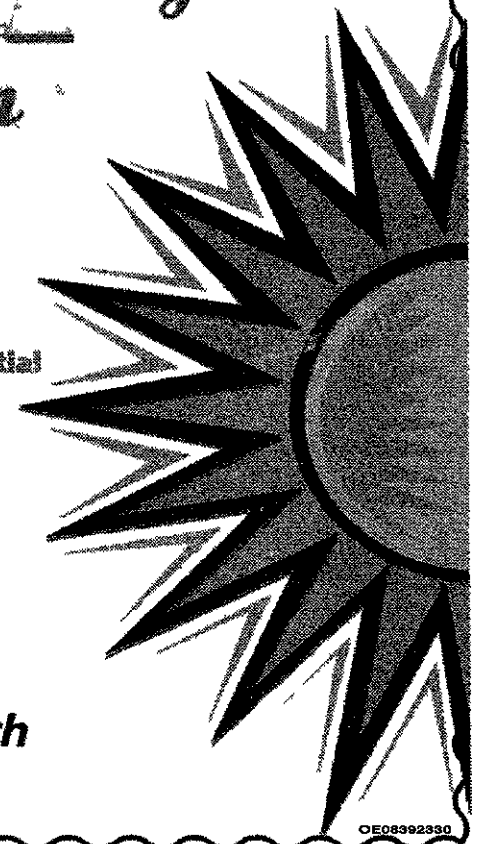
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BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Valentine's Day Valentine's Day, it's
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strongest of women
feel defeated in the
face of flying solo
on this particu-
lar holiday
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it alone Rent a
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flick and spend
the evening with
a brave, strong-
willed cinematic
heroine

You know the kind of girl who doesn't
need a man to soar to great heights
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the muscular Demi Moore in *Tank Girl*,
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- *The Last Seduction*
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- *Tank Girl*
- *Baby Boom*
- *Alien*
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- *Night of the Hunter*
- *The Abyss*
- *Elizabeth*
- *The Station Agent*



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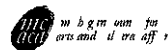
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Pictures don't lie

"Shoot the Family" uncovers 20th-century domestic life

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

No family is perfect

The question is do we acknowledge our family's shortcomings and the uglier realities of domestic life or pretend otherwise?

Shoot the Family, an exhibit of photography and video on display through April 2 at

Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, boldly commends owning up to the truth about family, its relationships and challenges

The traveling exhibit represents approximately 15 artists and their portrayals of their family members

"It's a simple idea. Bring together artists taking images of family," said Gregory Wittkopp, Cranbrook Art Museum director "But for anybody willing to explore the notion of what is family in the 20th-century, it opens up a whole realm of interesting ideas and push-button topics"

Indeed, the exhibit, which opened last week, explores how family defines self-identity, the psychological bond between parent and child, the hardships of family life, even immigrant parents hopes for

IN PORTRAIT

What *Shoot the Family* an exhibit of photography and video that explores domestic life

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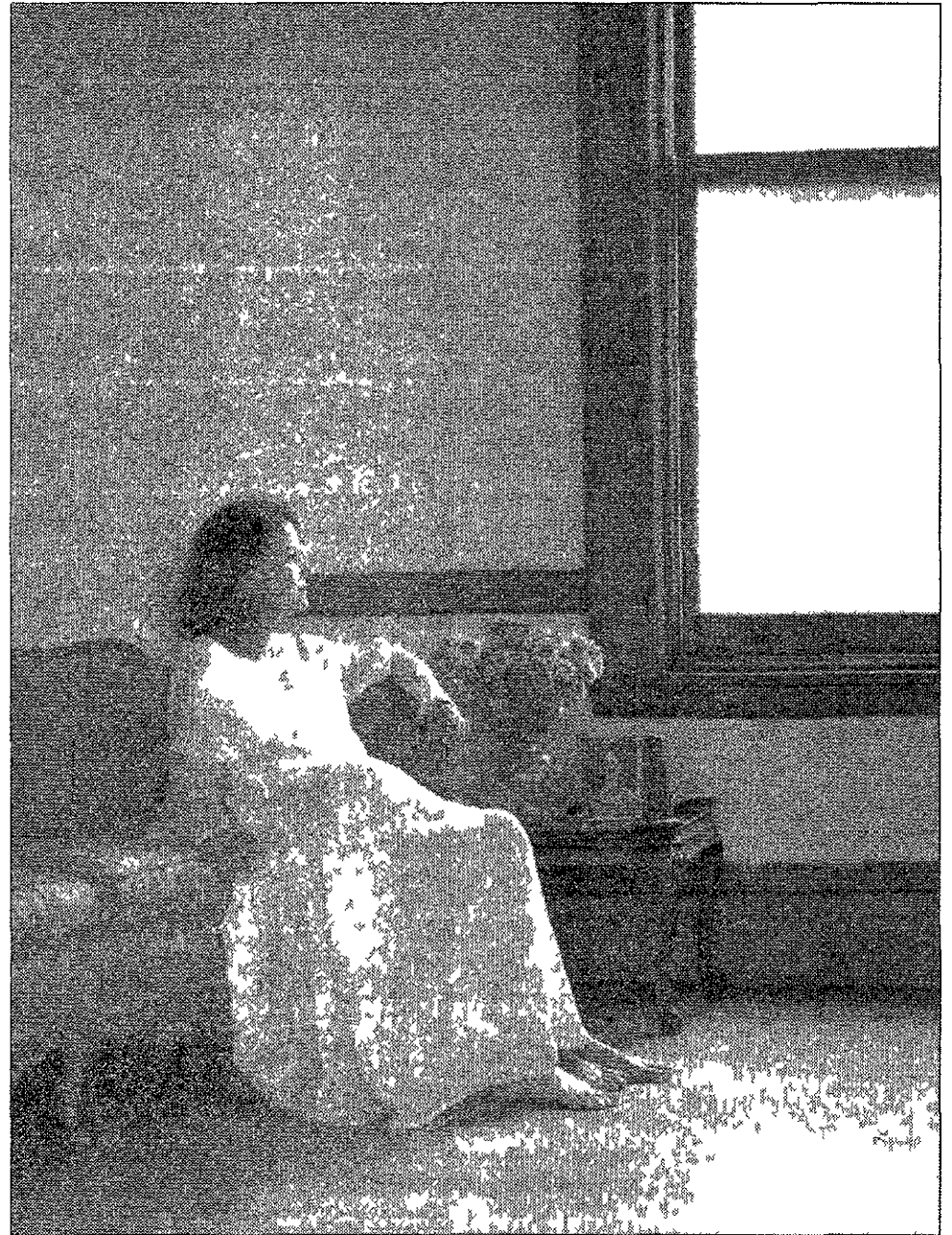
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their children in a new land

"There is a kind of fear about exposing a non-Norman Rockwellian notion of the family," said Wittkopp "But, in reality, if we are completely honest, none of us have that"

So although many of the exhibit's images are disturbing - from a child's bruises to an adult child who lay next to her mother's hip and beneath her dress, the viewer undoubtedly realizes a sense of comfort in seeing a series of families por-



CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

Shoot the Family captures domestic life through photography and video

trayed in less than idyllic terms

The artists represented come from many nations including Sweden China Egypt Albania and Mexico The exhibit organized by Independent Curators International was curated by Ralph Rugoff, director of the CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts in San Francisco

He is one of these hot curatorial stars at the moment said Wittkopp He has a good sense of what contemporary art is internationally right now and more importantly he is a person who has consistently come up with ideas that have helped really shape contemporary art

Among the artists exhibited is Dutch born photographer Ari Marcopoulos who's well known for depicting life on the

fringe of society Famous works include his portrayals of William Burroughs, the Beastie Boys and Jean-Michel Basquiat.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Marcopoulos is slated to lecture Sunday, Feb. 12, at the museum

He turns the lens on his own family,' Wittkopp said of Marcopoulos' photographs, a series of images of family members injuries, from a son's bloody nose to his wife in the hospital

"Many people are finding these images disturbing. It's brutally honest," Wittkopp said From a parent's perspective, these are the images of daily life This is the stuff of everyday life'

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Taste of the NFL is culinary hit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The snowstorm didn't bury the party atmosphere at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi where hundreds gathered for the Taste of the NFL Saturday night

Plenty of former NFL stars represented their respective teams and signed autographs at booths at The Party with a Purpose with some of the top chefs from each NFL city who served favorite dishes from their restaurants

Brian Polcyn, owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and instructor at Schoolcraft College, served Lobster and Foie Gras Sausage over Braised Leeks and White Truffle Oil

James Hunter represented the Detroit Lions

One of the longest lines for autographs was Earl Morrall's Morrall, a Muskegon native who quarterbacked the Michigan State Spartans in the 1950s helped lead the 1972 Miami Dolphins to the only undefeated season in league history and won MVP honors in 1968 and 1972

During his autograph session Morrall said he expected to visit Muskegon earlier this week and see his brother who still lives there

Other players or former players signing autographs included Bobby Bell, Carl Eller, Larry Wilson, Tommy Nobis, Randy Gradishar, Joe DeLamielleure, Freeman McNeil, Pete Banaszak, Andy Russell, Jerry Sisemore, Ronnie Bull and Tony Banks (Banks was reminded of the Michigan-Michigan State game in the mid-1990s in which the Spartans won a see-saw battle "I still enjoy talking trash with former Michigan players," Banks said)

Mike Utley also appeared and enjoyed the food. He was greeted by many fans

The food was delicious as many of the chefs put some delicacies together that danced on the palate. Along with Polcyn's dish, other favorites were Maryland Crab Imperial on Corn Toasts with Smoked Tomato Remoulade from Nancy Longo of Pierpoint in Fells Point, Md, Blue Corn Crusted Walleye with Black and White Bean Relish and Roasted Red Pepper Sauce from Adam Trebbe of Tejas in Edina, Minn., and the Smoky North Carolina Pulled Pork with Down-Home Barbecue Sauce and Coleslaw from Jack McDavid of Jack's Firehouse in Philadelphia

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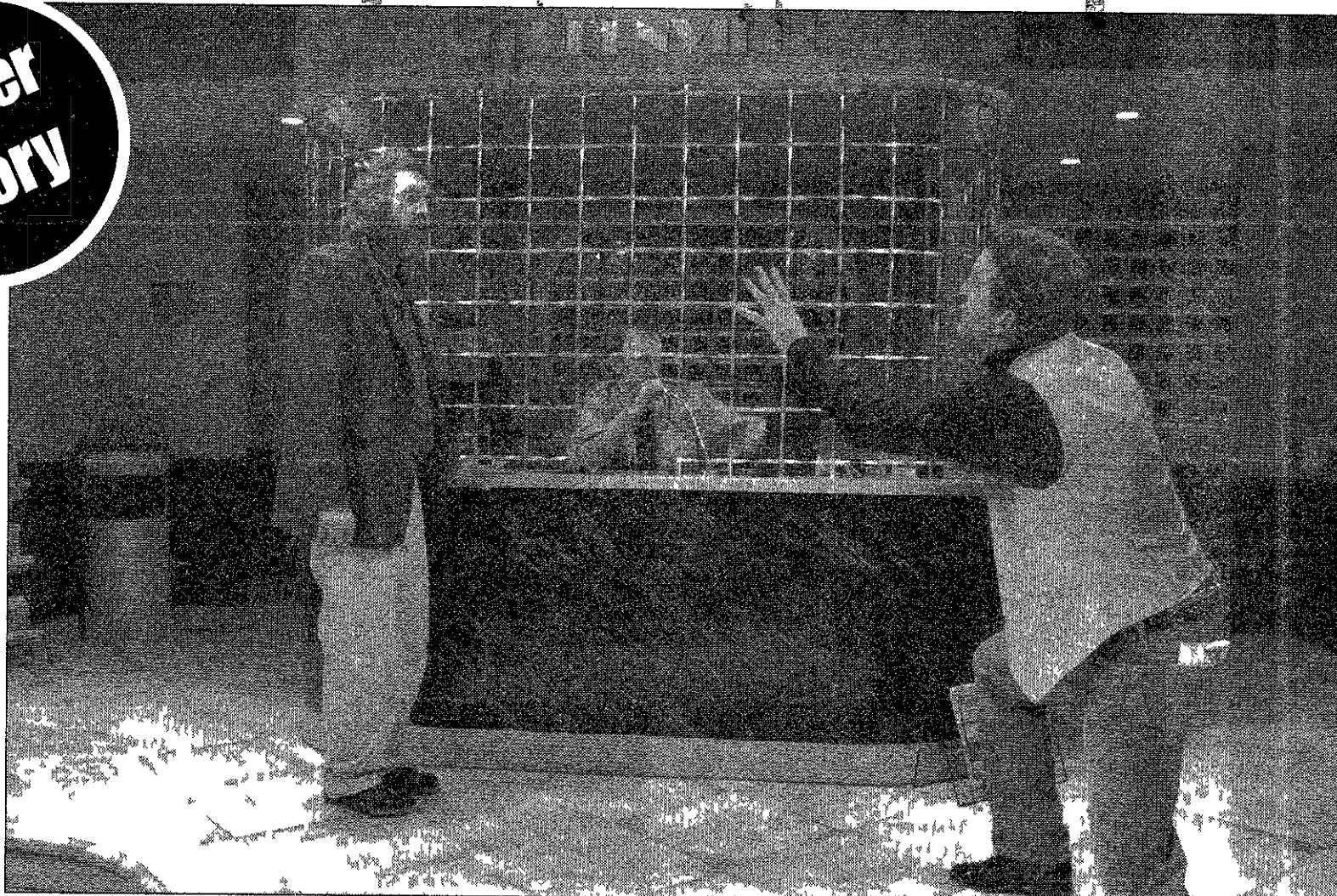
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Grant R. Krause (left), Patrick Michael Kenney and Randall Godwin star in Jeff Daniels' new play, *Guest Artist*

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What's bothering Jeff Daniels?

The actor vents in his new play 'Guest Artist'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Hollywood actor and Chelsea resident Jeff Daniels has appeared in more than 25 films, from *Dumb and Dumber* to *Terms of Endearment*. He recently garnered a 2006 Golden Globe nomination for best lead actor in the film *The Squid and the Whale*. But acting is only one of two great passions for the Michigan native. The other is theater and playwrighting. As a young actor living in New York, he worked as an apprentice at the prestigious Circle Repertory Company — commonly known as Circle Rep — where he met and established a relationship with the American playwright Lanford Wilson. It only makes sense that Daniels, who has written more than nine plays, would go on to establish a regional professional theater, the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea, and continue to contribute to and nurture the American the-

IN HIS VOICE

What: World premiere of Jeff Daniels' *Guest Artist*
When: Through March 18
Performances at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday
Where: The Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park Chelsea
Tickets: \$25, \$35; call (734) 433-7673 or visit www.purplerosetheatre.org

ater. His latest play, *Guest Artist*, which continues in its world premiere run through March 18 at the Purple Rose Theatre, not only is based on his relationship with Wilson but also reveals some of Daniels' feelings about the current state of the American theater. We caught up with Daniels to talk about *Guest Artist*, the world of theater and the art of playwrighting.

Filter: It's being said *Guest Artist*, your new play, is different

from others you have written. Is that true?

Daniels: I don't look at them as that much different because they come from the same place. But arguably, this one took 30 years to write because it's set in the world of American theater. It's different because it has a lot more life experience thrown into it.

F: How is it an autobiographical work?

D: It's autobiographical because it's based on Lanford Wilson. Lanford is one of two mentors.

F: Is there anything you learned about yourself in writing this play?

D: I learned I care about what I do a lot more than I thought. Hollywood will beat the artist out of any actor — with a stick. I also learned that I'm angrier at the American theater and even at the American audience than I thought. People don't demand enough of themselves. We have been manipulated into living in fear, so we want everything to be

safe and pleasant. It's seeped into our culture. It's always been there, but what the play grapples with is that that is now being exploited with 9-11.

F: What is Lanford Wilson's role in your playwrighting process?

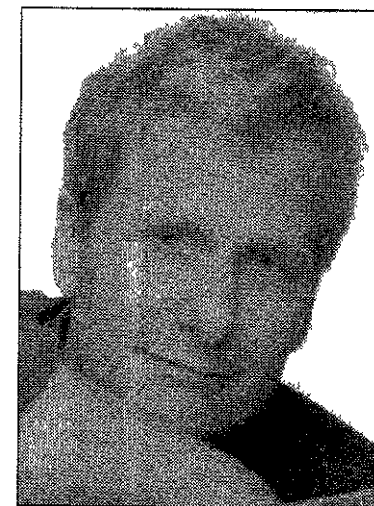
D: The fifth draft went to him, and he had some notes and, in general, he was very supportive of it.

F: You admire Lanford Wilson greatly as a playwright. You seem to admire him as a person, too.

D: That's referenced in the play. He's always been a playwright. He's never taken a job to doctor a draft. He's always been the artist. He says in the play, "there are only 100 of us." I wouldn't put myself in the same noble place that I place him.

F: If you could write plays day and night and not act, would you?

D: I just couldn't do that. There's still an actor that's really good at what he does and who's still learning. I love doing that, and it comes from the same creative place. So, no, I wouldn't



be happy just doing that. And, you know, the money is there, and I've done real well there, and it's allowed me to be a playwright, too, and support a family.

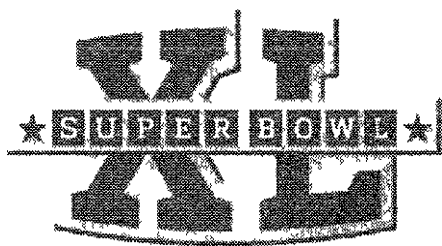
F: What is the playwright's role in society in contrast to the playwright's job?

D: The playwright's role in society is — through the writing — to connect with an audience, and there are many ways to do that. And when that connection is severed, then you have failed as a playwright.

The playwright's role is to ask questions. I veer away from plays that give me answers because it

PLEASE SEE DANIELS, D19

Inside the big gig



REGAP

Snoop at 'Penthouse' partied like a Rockstar

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Which Super Bowl party was the sexiest or the biggest letdown?

It depends who you ask. Some say *Maxim* was filled with poser rock girls — because real rockers were either with Tommy Lee at Bleu or with Snoop at *Penthouse*.

Others were quite happy there with the go-go dancers and performers overhead on swings.

If you're in one corner the highlights were the non-publicized parties — just showing up at restaurants to see if someone might be there. For example, Usher dined unexpectedly at Mosaics in Greektown on Friday.

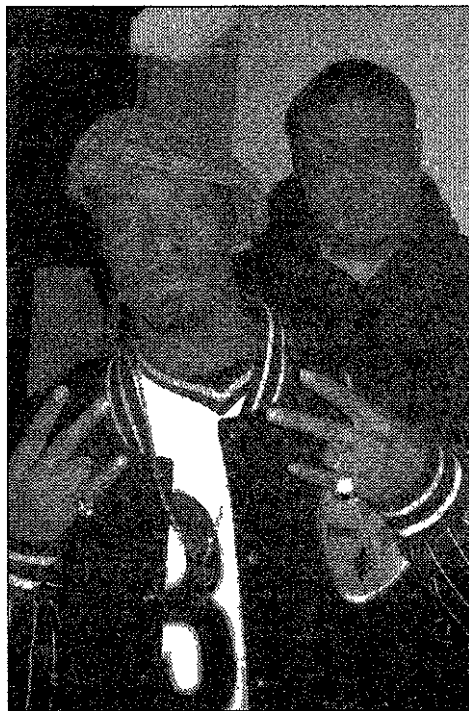
Everyone agrees Detroit looked great. Some of the parties, however, not so.

By now we've already heard which celebrities snubbed party-goers by popping in for just 10 minutes and then leaving — their own party.

But not Snoop Dogg.

He promised, he delivered. He hosted the Snoop Bowl for the kids, attended an event at the Charles Wright Museum, made a surprise stop at the Hard Rock Cafe, performed at the Pepsi Smash and after all that he played a full set to a packed, appreciated crowd at the *Penthouse Party Like A Rockstar* gig at The Vault.

That party featured Penthouse Pets, an outgoing/flirty and friendly waitstaff, burlesque and rock-styled dressed bartenders and a smooth efficiency that kept the spirits high even though we



BRIAN MAJOR

Snoop Dogg and his crewmate at the Penthouse Party

couldn't find Tommy Lee — who was supposed to be there from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. Bars were scattered throughout The Vault, keeping lines short and guests happily hydrated and dancing. And partying inside a real bank vault, well, that was pretty cool.

But back to Snoop.

The artist captivated and held the attention of nearly every *Penthouse* guest and paid homage to Detroit throughout the night singing songs such as 50 Cent's *P.I.M.P.* Even the stern security guards were smiling and grooving when Snoop pumped out hits like *Gin & Juice*.

If the foundation of rock & roll is still about rebellion (is it still?), Snoop is the master.

Rock is supposed to make us dance and also provoke a little.

As The Rolling Stones politely agreed to censorship when they performed *Start Me Up* (the steamy, vague line at the end), Snoop is pure rebel rock. Sure his performance wasn't during family-watched halftime, but still isn't rock n' roll all about a little controversy? Parents aren't supposed to like it.

Agree with him or not, Snoop is very public about what he wants to do and what he's going to say.

His open comments on stage would please cannabis reform supporters and it was a theme during the night. Like it or not, it's rock & roll — and *Penthouse's* theme was 'Party Like A Rockstar.'

For that and more, Snoop and The Vault delivered.

'Maxim' mag's Super Bowl party rocked the Motor City

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The music pulsed loudly, the Absolut absolutely flowed, the celebs appeared ever so briefly and it was a big, big party for Detroit.

And, oh yeah, I almost forgot, there were the women T-shirt and boy-short-wearing girls whizzing by on roller skates, aerialists dangling from the ceiling spinning around drapes of fabric, a barely dressed siren swaying on a gigantic swing overhead the crowd and dancers simply everywhere.

The male-to-female ratio had to be about 6-to-1.

But, hey, what else would you expect from *Maxim* magazine's Super Bowl Party, dubbed "Maxim Rock City." Held Saturday at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in downtown Detroit, the over-the-top, sexed-up soiree — complete with *Maxim* girls, superstar DJ AM mixing sounds on the dance floor and a performance by Wyclef — was an invite-only gig that had locals scrambling to get their names on the list.

So, of course anybody who managed to get inside was, if not feeling important, than lucky.

Lisa Wines of St. Clair Shores knew a Detroit DJ who knew somebody who knew somebody else.

It's Detroit, Wines said. 'Nothing ever happens here. This is huge.'

Although most of the celebrities seemed to disappear into the night the moment they entered the party, heading to the VIP room or departing to make other appearances, the star turnout was sizable.

Actress Jessica Alba arrived on the late side with star of *The Practice* Dylan

'As soon as I walked into the hotel, the people were terrific ... It set up the tone for the whole weekend. And, you know what, you remember your first impressions.'

Jim Belushi
According to Jim

McDermott, model Nikki Taylor, Mike Tyson and his entourage, Lennox Lewis and George Wendt dashing through the red carpet.

Two *Desperate Housewives* stars, Doug Savant and Mark Moses, turned out and talked to the press.

Savant, who plays a house husband on the hit television series and starred in the equally popular night-time soap *Melrose Place*, said the people are what most impressed him during his first visit to the Motor City.

"The people have been unbelievable," he said. "The indelible impression that I'm left with is the people."

Donning a Hugo Boss jacket, jeans and T-shirt for the *Maxim* party, Savant dismissed his own fashion statement. But when asked who was the most fashionable "desperate housewife," said, "It's a tie between Eva and Terry."

Former *Saturday Night Live* cast member and star of the ABC sitcom *According to Jim*, funny man Jim Belushi likewise raved about the people of Detroit. The actor-comedian stopped by Union Street restaurant and bar on Woodward Avenue before heading over to the *Maxim* party only to encounter patrons who insisted on buying his drinks.

"You know what," said the energetic Belushi. "As soon as I walked into the hotel, the people were terrific. They were polite. They were friendly. They were so on-the-money. It set up the tone for the whole weekend. And, you know what, you remember your first impressions."

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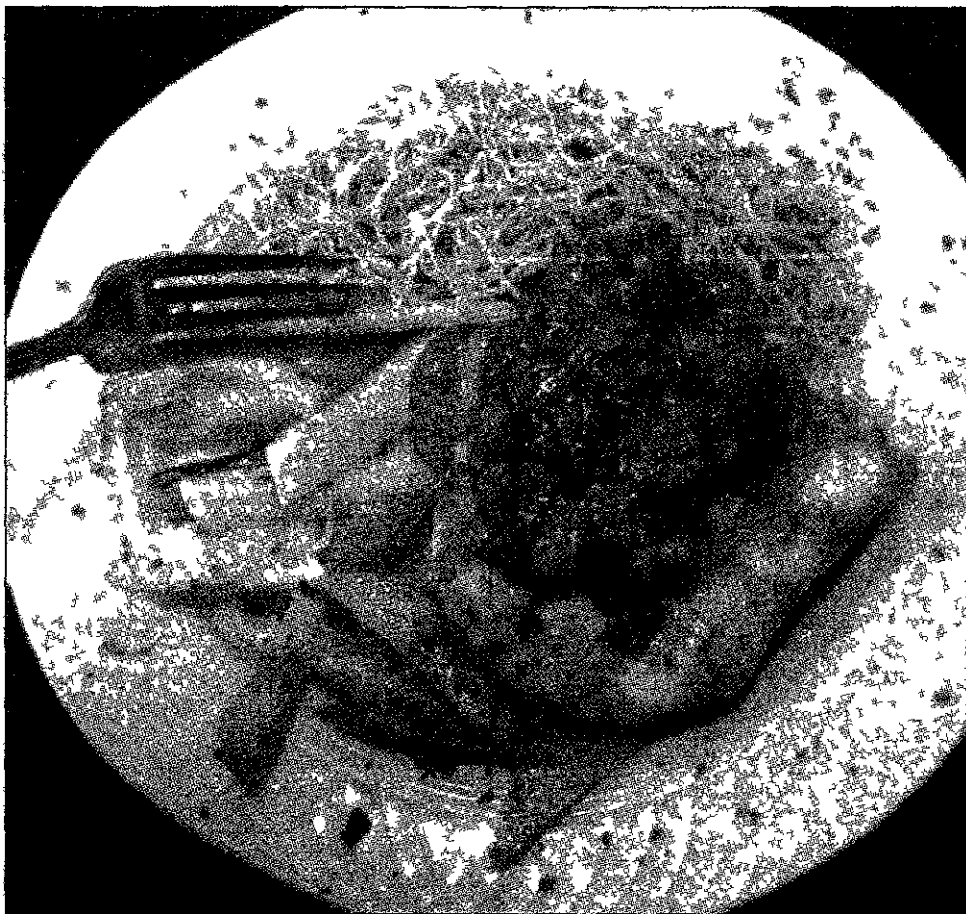
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Europa Bistro

New location is a step up

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

With the opening of his neighborhood restaurant Europa Bistro in Rochester Hills in late 2002, Chef and Owner Pascal Paviani fulfilled a personal dream

However, the Rochester Hills location was small and waits for dinner seating got longer as Paviani gained more regulars but did not take reservations

That's changed Recently, Paviani moved to a new location in River Square Center, off Main Street in Rochester, one block north of University River Square's Euro-style architecture suits Europa Bistro's new home well

Paviani remodeled his location, which has had several restaurant iterations since the early 1990s Terra cotta hued walls and a warming fireplace, welcoming in winter, create the feel of Provence or sun-

drenched southern Italy Both feels match the cuisine, which offers both French and Italian dishes at modest prices

Years ago, Paviani, who was born and raised in Paris but with family roots in southern Italy, told me that throughout the U.S. he noticed that French restaurants tend to be expensive "They don't have to be," he said "And most are not in France"

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Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at efocusonwine@aol.com.



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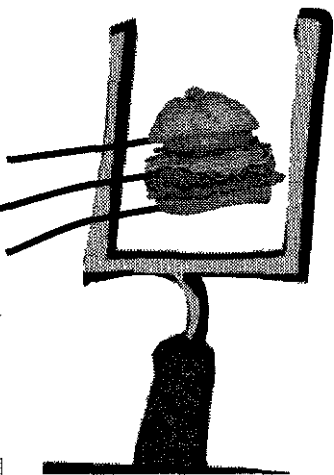
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Jazz Benefit

Vocalist Barbara Ware and friends the Cliff Monear 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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8 p.m. Friday Feb 10 Hill Auditorium 825 North University Avenue Ann Arbor Tickets



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MUSIC

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Metal sounds hit Detroit bars

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Black, death and thrash fans have a lot to look forward to over the next few days



Some of metal's most powerful bands of the moment are performing in Detroit on Friday and Wednesday, Feb 10 and 15

First Demiricous performs with Himsa at Alvin's Then, In Flames headlines at Harpo's with DevilDriver, Zao and Trivium supporting

DevilDriver's show is an anticipated one as the relentless band has made recent headlines on *Rolling Stone*, MTV2 and FUSE. It just completed a European tour with Lamb of God and is also building the momentum on the U.S. road in support of its album *The Fury of Our Maker's Hand*. "Being on the road is where we like to be," said DevilDriver lead singer Dez Fafara. "The European tour was killer. Out

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DevilDriver just ended a European tour, but the band won't stop, as it plays Harpo's Friday, Feb 10

THRASH METAL IN DETROIT

Who: DevilDriver Headliners are In Flames Also performing Zao and Trivium
When: Doors open 6 p.m. Friday Feb 10
Where: Harpo's 14238 Harper Detroit
Tickets: All ages \$20 at the door
Details: www.devildriver.com or (313) 438 6066

Who: Demiricous with Himsa
When: Doors open 7 p.m. Wednesday Feb 15
Where: Alvin's Detroit 5756 Cass Street
Tickets: \$15
Details: www.demiricous.com or (313) 831 4577



Thrash band Demiricous plays Alvin's in Detroit on Wednesday, Feb 15

Demiricous: All raw, and no cry babies

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

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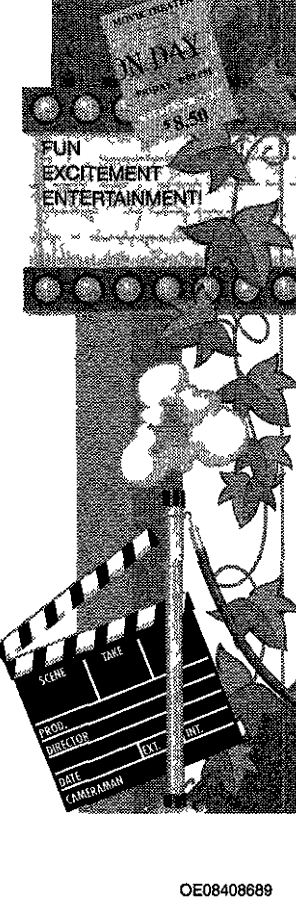
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METAL

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DevilDriver is singer Fafara, drummer John Boecklin, bassist Jon Miller and guitarists Jeffrey Kendrick and Mike Spreitzer

Fury debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's

Heatseekers and on the Metal/College Radio charts. DevilDriver formed in 2002 after the end of Fafara's former project, Coal Chamber. In 2003, the band released its self-titled, debut album. A fan buzz spread rampant during the 2004 Ozzfest tour. Fans can't get enough.

It's current video *End of the Line* is a strong example of DevilDriver's frenzied stage energy.

The footage was culled from dozens of shows where the band played with Gwar and Lamb of God.

DEMIRICIOUS

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sounds but holds onto old school roots.

Bandmates vocalist Nate Olp, guitarist Scott Wilson and drummer Christ Cruz formed Demiricious on Halloween night 2001 out of frustration for the lack of good, new hard bands. A few months later guitarist Ben Parrish, formerly of Upheaval, joined and the guys started to get serious about what they call straight forward metal.

A tough-working band, Demiricious has been on an almost non-stop tour with artists like Exodus, Malevolent Creation, Extol, King Diamond, The Black Dahlia Murder and others.

Demiricious' album *One* has a heavy,

raw thrash sound with a punk edge.

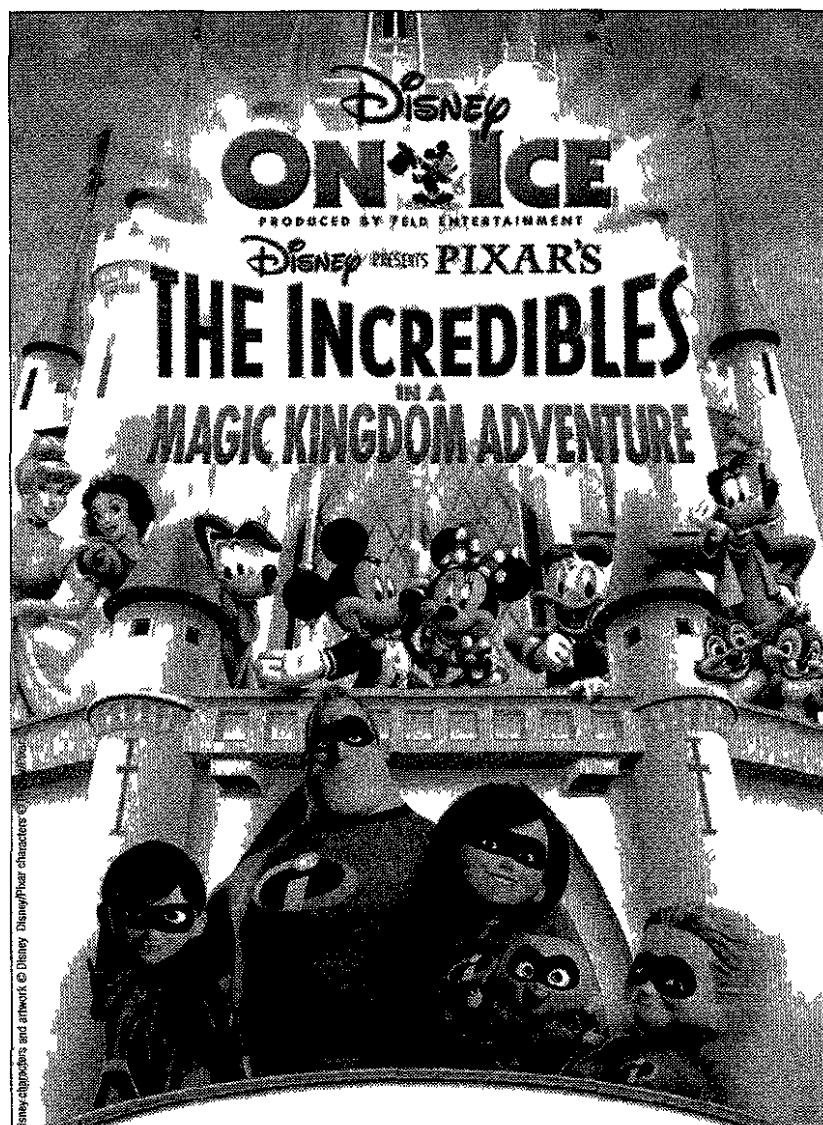
It's more about doing what you want or die trying than about caring what the new fashion is or if your hair looks just right. Olp said. Style-wise and riff-wise we call our brand of music Street Metal which is totally cheesy but it has to do with tough rippin' a-- riffs and pummeling drums and having nothing to do with whatever is cool."

One was recorded and mixed at Planet-Z studios with Zeuss (Hatebreed, The Red Chord, Shadows Fall) last year. It pays strong homage to old school thrash.

"I miss the rage and the hooks, and the solos, Wilson said.

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Mariachi blends sound of American and Mexican music

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

They've taken Mariachi from the streets of Mexico and brought it to concert halls

It's been a long road for leading contemporary Mariachi group Mariachi Los Camperos de Nati Cano. But the band has been enjoying that road for 40 years

Los Camperos is touring on the heels of its celebrated 2006 Grammy Award

nomination. The band performs at 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 10, in Hill Auditorium.

Headed by Mariachi and pop music aficionado Nati Cano, Los Camperos has set the standard for Mariachi music today. Achieving a balance between the rhythms of the vihuela (a rhythm guitar) and harp, the melodies of the violin and trumpet and the harmonies of the voices, they blend the traditions of Mariachi with modern sounds of American and Mexican contemporary music.

Cano revolutionized and popularized the Mariachi sound and expanded on the band's appearance by adding uniforms and choreographed movement to shows.

The band has been a strong fixture in Los Angeles for years.

Cano also has backed up Linda Ronstadt for many years, making Cano a veteran in both American and Mexican music.

Before Cano, Mariachi was mainly heard at street festivals and rarely performed in prestigious concert halls. Cano and the band have performed throughout the United States, including the White House and in the Orpheum Theater in San Francisco.

Cano was born in 1933 in Ahuisculco, Jalisco, a rural town outside of Guadalajara. He learned to play the vihuela, a small five-stringed guitar, from his father at age 6.

Two years later, he was performing with his dad and grandfather in local cantinas. Years later, he studied violin in the Academia de Musica.

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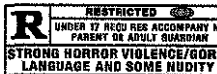
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almost as if she read *Going Solo for Indie Rock Dummies*, when she's absolutely capable of writing *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Indie Rock Prom Queens* Or something

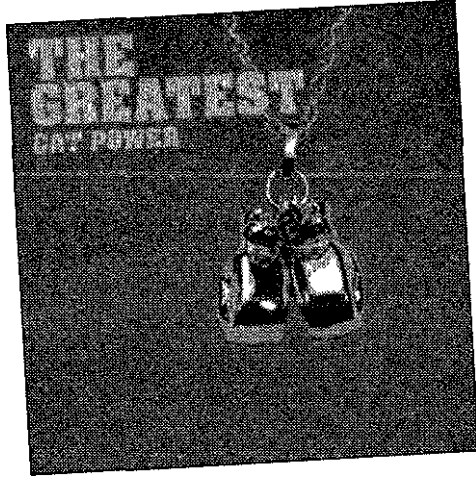
You know what I'm saying though, right? OK, let me break it down for you. If you can forget about what could've been, this will be a wonderfully sweet album. But if you're cynical, well, maybe you never jived with Team Love anyway.

Cat Power
The Greatest
Matador

Why don't you find a copy of *You Are Free* instead.
You Are Free's strongest track: *Good Woman*

Speaking of hot indie rock chicks, Chan Marshall, aka Cat Power, also knows her way around a harmony. But if Jenny Lewis were your Saturday thrift store friend, Marshall is your smoky, nighttime confidante. Both share the same love of nostalgia, but where Lewis is candy-coated regret, Marshall is bittersweet sadness.

Straying southern-ly on *The Greatest*, Marshall employs Al Green's guitarist/songwriting partner Teenie Hodges as well as Booker T and the MG's replacement (sure, why not) drummer Steve Potts. What results is an album



drowning in "Memphis sound." Gone are the just-about-to-break moments of Cat Power's previous albums and in its place comes a slicker production.

Look, I admire it when musicians try to grow, when they try to explore new styles, when they push past our expectations and produce great things. I mean, who doesn't? I just wish Marshall wouldn't have tried so hard on this album. Her charm has always lingered in her dark corners. On stage she is a wild, weird, hard-to-follow cult saint. On tape she shines brightest when she tries the least — when it comes through as a closely-guarded secret.

The more complex arrangements of *The Greatest* overshadows this charm — and the result has Marshall sounding less like she's growing and more like she's trying on someone else's clothes. In trying to make a "Memphis sound," she's totally lost

what made her so great in the first place. Which brings us to the title track. Sequenced first, it is the album's strongest — and sadly, the most reminiscent of past Cat Power marvel. "Once I wanted to be the greatest" she croons. It's almost like she knows she's setting us up for the rest of the album. We aren't going to like where she is going, kids. Are we then to defy her? Where do you go when the first song is the best? When the artist is daring you to like it? Oh right, we own other CDs.

Never mind. **Stephanie Tardy** is just super bitter that she isn't a hot indie rock musician.

DANIELS

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ends up being propaganda. I think the best plays ask questions, sometimes big questions.

F. What question does *Guest Artist* raise that you're most proud to be asking?

D. If someone were to write the next great American play, would anyone notice and, worse, would they dismiss it because we're so awash in mediocrity and in the quest to be safe and pleasant? Are we so scared that we wouldn't recognize it?

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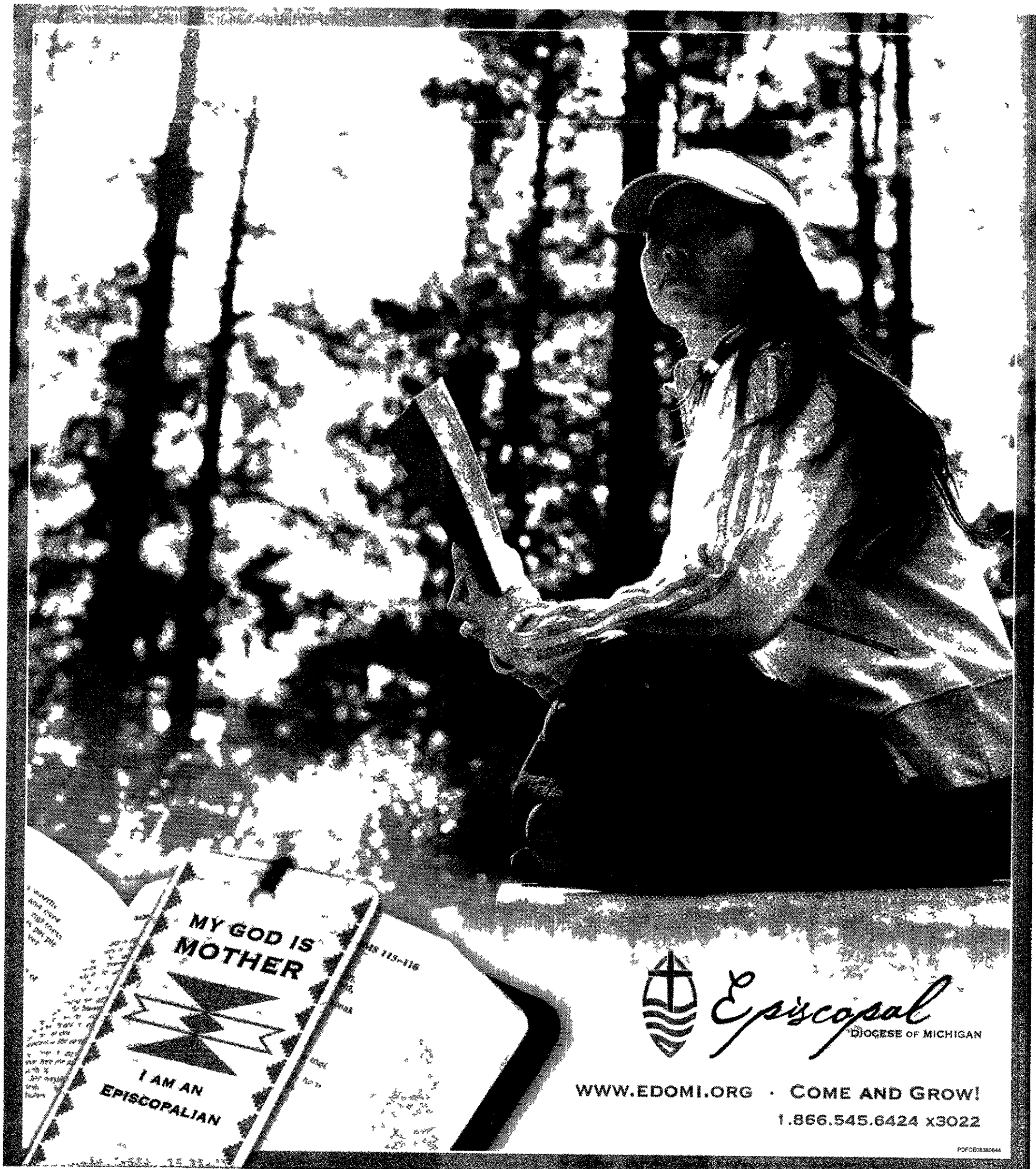
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