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Extended 'family' feels McNamara loss

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When former Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara died early Sunday morning from heart failure, he left behind a large family.

There is Lucille, his wife of 57 years, his five children and five grandchildren.

However, McNamara's "family" stretches well beyond, as will be visible by the more than 1,200 mourners expected to pay their final respects at his funeral Friday in Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Detroit.

Many who knew McNamara cherished his longtime, committed friendship. And, those who worked with McNamara as part of his Democratic political machine - many of whom were mentored into public service leadership positions of their own - feel the loss just as deeply.

McNamara's son, Kevin, of Canton said his father "had a knack for finding the best in people and making people feel important. He had a gift for giving, and liked to talk to anyone he could find. He always said he couldn't believe people thought he was important."

While the official cause of death is listed as heart failure, McNamara had been battling mantle cell lymphoma, a rare form of cancer, for several years.

"His bone marrow was gone because of the chemotherapy, and his heart was only working 20 percent," said Kevin McNamara. "His kidneys shut down about midnight."

"He gathered enough strength to say 'I love you' to the grandchildren," Kevin said. "A minute before he died, he got the biggest smile on his face and was looking at all the kids. We were all crying and smiling too."

McNamara's political career started early, when he ran as a protest candidate for the school



Former Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, a Plymouth Township resident who passed away Sunday morning, "had a knack for finding the best in people and making people feel important," according to his son, Kevin.

board in Dearborn Township (now Dearborn Heights) because of a millage increase. He was elected to the Livonia City Council in 1962, and eventually served 17 years as mayor of Livonia before serving 16 years as Wayne County executive.

FAMILY CAME FIRST

Kevin McNamara said despite his father's busy political life, "he was always around and coached. But, even when the elder McNamara was working, he found a way to keep his children close."

"If he brought pop, chips and M&M's home, we knew he just volunteered us for something," Kevin McNamara said. "I think he

did it to have us along with him." McNamara's daughter, Colleen McNamara, said her father's death is tough for her because she talked with him every other day.

"Besides being my dad, he was my best friend," she said. "He used to build ice skating rinks for us in the backyard at our home at Six Mile and Inkster (in Livonia). And, considering how busy he was, he always made sure he was home for dinner."

As much as McNamara was a father to his children, he was also a father figure to those he helped mentor.

"He leaves a much more extended family behind than just the immediate family," said

Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "I think we loved him as though he were a father to us."

Granholm was Wayne County corporation counsel when her name surfaced as a possible candidate for state attorney general, the position to which she was elected prior to becoming governor.

"I remember exactly where we were sitting (in his office), and he said to me, 'My advice to you is don't do it if it's about you, it's about changing the world,'" recalled Granholm, who visited McNamara twice before he died. "His first rule was that if you govern well, the politics will take care of themselves."

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Edward H. McNamara

EDWARD H. McNAMARA TIMELINE

- Born Sept. 21, 1926, grew up in Detroit's Brightmoor area
- 1944-46 Served in Navy
- 1948 Married Lucille Martin
- 1948-70 Worked for Bell Telephone Co
- 1962-70 Livonia city councilman
- 1970 Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, on ticket with Sander Levin
- 1970 Elected mayor of Livonia, managed 16 consecutive balanced budgets, bought or built two municipal golf courses, opened Bicentennial Park, the new City Hall, Greenmead and Civic Center Library, started annual summer Spree in 1973, served as mayor through 1986
- 1982 Loses first campaign for Wayne County executive
- 1986 Elected Wayne County executive
- 1992 and 1996 State co-chair of Bill Clinton's presidential campaigns
- April 2000 Comerica Park opens, part of a cooperative effort with city of Detroit through the Detroit Wayne County Stadium Authority to finance the baseball field and Ford Field, which opened in 2002
- February 2002 McNamara Terminal opens, part of \$1.6 billion Wayne Detroit Metro Airport expansion
- 2002 Brokered deal with Gov. John Engler to move airport management to an independent airport authority
- Other accomplishments
 - Restored county's bond rating to investment grade
 - Built the Wayne County Juvenile Detention Facility
 - Expanded and initiated environmental programs such as the Rouge River Project and the Newburgh Lake Restoration Project
 - Attracted more than \$1.2 billion in private sector investments
 - Pioneered health care for the county's indigent and working poor
 - Led effort with U.S. Rep. John Dingell to clean up the Rouge River through \$500 million grant
 - Named a Michigamian of the Year by The Detroit News
 - Named the nation's Most Valuable County Public Official in 1992 by City & State Magazine
 - In 2001, Governing Magazine named Wayne County one of the nation's best-managed counties.

Local skaters focus on Olympics, staying in shape

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

While the drama between Olympic speedskaters Shani Davis and Chad Hedrick played out from Torino, Italy, local skaters gliding around the ice at Compuware Arena have simply gone about the business of enjoying the sport they love.

Davis and Hedrick have been sniping at each other throughout the Olympics about Davis declining to help Team USA win a medal in the team pursuit event Back in Plymouth Township, that didn't play well.

"We didn't like the divisiveness," said Jim VanVlerah of Plymouth Township, who skates regularly at Compuware. "Davis said from the beginning he was going to try to get the gold in the 1,000 meters."

The 75-year-old VanVlerah knows of where he speaks, having been a skater since he was

about 15. An engineer retired after 42 years with Detroit Edison, VanVlerah skates "two or three times a week" at Compuware, often with friend and fellow longtime skater Will Govan of Commerce Township, a retired, self-employed contractor.

While VanVlerah hasn't ever skated competitively, Govan used to compete at Farwell Arena, an outdoor track of some 250-300 meters at Ryan and Outer Drive. Back then, the arena was a popular stop for speedskating clubs.

However, Govan said, the emergency of hockey and figure skating have caused speedskating to diminish in popularity.

"Speedskating has really waned, especially since hockey became popular," said Govan, who said he's paid attention to the Olympics this year. "My hat's off to Shani Davis. He proved himself spectacularly."

Now VanVlerah and Govan use



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Long-time speedskaters and friends Will Govan (left) and Jim VanVlerah skate several times a week at Compuware Arena.

speedskating to accomplish two goals. Keep in shape, and stay out from under their wives' feet.

"We're retired, so our wives like it because it gets us out of the

house," VanVlerah said with a laugh. "It keeps the legs moving. For us, it's about the exercise."

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Class size affected by planned cuts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Middle school class-size increases, additional split classrooms, the end to field trip transportation and increases in lunch prices are all part of a plan by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education to trim nearly \$943,000 from the 2006-07 budget.

In the first of what are expected to be several budget sessions before final recommendations are approved in early June, trustees gave the preliminary go-ahead for the administration to proceed with the cuts. They include (potential savings in parentheses):

- Split classes (\$555,565) The administration indicates there are 15 possible split class opportunities which could save 9.5 teaching positions and their salaries.
- Middle school class size increases (\$118,014) Raising the middle school class size from 28.75 students per class to 29.5 could lower the middle school full-time staff by two teachers.

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Coming Sunday in PINK

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Mass transit meeting

"Lessons from the Super Bowl, Regional Mass Transit in Our Life Time" will be the topic of a public meeting hosted by The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County 7 15 p m Tuesday, Feb 28 at the Livonia Civic Center Library

The featured speaker will be Vicki Kovari, the senior organizer of MOSES (Metropolitan Organizing Strategy Enabling Strength), a faith-based community organization which works to improve the quality of life in local communities and to create a more just and human society

Kovari will discuss the goals and objectives of MOSES to improve mass transit in the Detroit metropolitan area. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization, but it does have positions on issues it has studied. The league is an active supporter of public transportation

and invites the public to join in the discussion at this meeting

The library is located in the Livonia Civic Center at Farmington and Five Mile

Hospice benefit

The Inn at St John's celebrates its grand opening with a fund-raiser designed to benefit Hospice of Michigan 6 30 p m Friday, March 31

Showcasing the work of some of the area's top artists, this special evening will celebrate the opening of The Inn's 118-room boutique hotel and the new Five Restaurant. The black-tie event, emceed by WDIV Channel 4's Chuck Gaudica, will include a strolling dinner, cocktails, desserts, three rooms of live entertainment and a silent auction featuring artwork donated by local artists

Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive, compassionate, comfort care to people with acute, chronic and terminal illness, and offers support



Madrigal magnificence

Plymouth-Canton High Schools Madrigal Choir achieved a Division One Rating at the MSVMA High School Solo and Ensemble Festival. With this rating the ladies will progress to the State Solo and Ensemble Festival which takes place at Eastern Michigan University April 7-8. Soloists Maggie Burr and Kristin Cosens also received a first division rating and will be performing at the State Festival as well.

for their loved ones. Proceeds from the evening will benefit Hospice of Michigan's Open Access Policy, which provides care to individuals regardless of age, diagnosis or ability to pay.

Tickets are \$125 per person. The Inn at St John's is located at 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth Township. For more information, call (734) 357-5344.

Open house

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 2006-2007 school year, incorporates 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.

Lenten fish fry

The Knights of Columbus host a Lenten Fish Fry every Friday in Lent.

Served 5-7 p m, the fish fry consists of all-you-can-eat fish-and-chips for \$7, and shrimp dinners for \$8. Free coffee, punch and condiments are available.

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

Who's Who profile

Charlotte Moore Viculin, a Dearborn resident with art and music studios in Plymouth, has been selected for the first time to be included in the biographical director, "Who's Who of American Women," for the third time in "Who's Who in America," and



Moore-Viculin

the second time in "Who's Who in the World," published by Marquis.

Moore-Viculin is a self-employed portrait artist, mural painter, pianist, vocalist, music arranger, teacher and professional music judge. A graduate of both the Detroit Conservatory of Music and Wayne State University, she has had studios in Plymouth since 1980. She belongs to many professional organizations and has served on the boards of many of them. She has been married to Richard Viculin since 1977.

Radio fund-raiser

WSDP is teaming with Parisian for their Celebrate Education fund-raiser 9 a m - 9 p m Saturday, Feb 25.

The station is selling \$5 tickets that give the holder 25-percent off almost everything in the store, with some exclusions. Shoppers using a Parisian credit card during the sale earn double points. The station gets to keep the \$5 from each ticket sold.

"If each of our staff members sells five tickets, we'll raise \$750," said station manager Bill Keith. "We're using our proceeds to upgrade or purchase a new computer for our production studio. All of our staff members use this for news and production work so an upgrade will benefit everyone."

For more information, e-mail Keith at keithb@pccs.k12.mi.us or call (734) 416-7732.

Chili cook-off

The Plymouth Salvation Army holds its fourth-annual Chili Cook-Off and Basket Auction 4-7 p m Saturday, Feb 25.

Admission is \$2 per person, and is free to children ages 12 and under. The public is welcome to attend this fund-raiser, which helps raise money for The Salvation Army's World Services. This program places missionaries in 110 countries worldwide, usually under very difficult circumstances.

Organizers are looking for more chili cooks for the Chili Cook-Off. For more information, call Kelly Boelter, (734) 453-5464, Ext. 32.

Planning forum

Area investment advisors and registered representatives are invited to join the law firm of Miller Canfield at an upcoming Before the Bell Breakfast Forum, "The Key to Specialty Planning," 7 15-8 30 a m Thursday, March 9, at Piamma Grille, 380 S Main in downtown Plymouth.

Miller Canfield personal services attorneys, Kenneth Konop and Dawn Schluter, will discuss planning for unmarried cohabitants, joint ownership, trust accounts and estate planning.

Space is limited, advance registration is required. RSVP to bera@millercanfield.com or (248) 267-3345. There is no cost to attend, however, the event is limited to registered representatives and investment advisors.

Blood drive

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church hosts a blood drive 8 a m - 2 p m Sunday, March 5.

The church is located at 47650 N Territorial (at Beck) in Plymouth Township. For an appointment or more information, call Anne Perdue, (734) 453-7372.

Breakfast help

Organizers of the annual Staff Appreciation Breakfast at Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools are looking for help for the breakfasts, scheduled at the respective schools 6 a m Thursday, March 30.

Officials are seeking assistance with donations of breakfast foods (egg casseroles, potato dishes, baked items, fruit bowls, etc.) and drinks (water, juice) or monetary donations to help purchase whatever the committee doesn't receive.

They're also looking for people to help set up the day before, after school and then the morning of the breakfast to help serve the food.

Anyone willing to help in any of these areas can contact Suzanne Zabowski (Salem High School) at sunique7@aol.com, Maryanne Turner (Canton High School), mdt89@comcast.net, or Mary Schultz (Plymouth High School), trix1971@hotmail.com.

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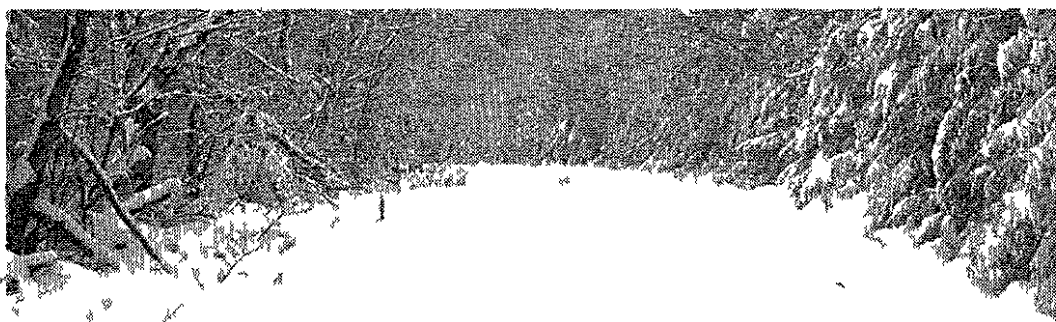
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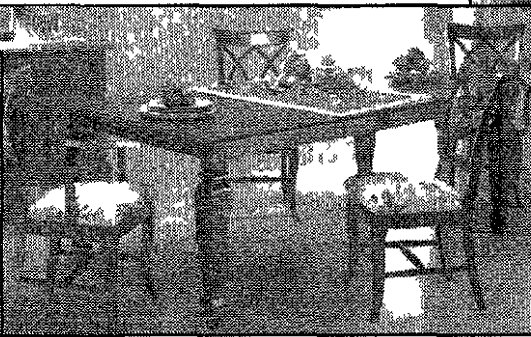
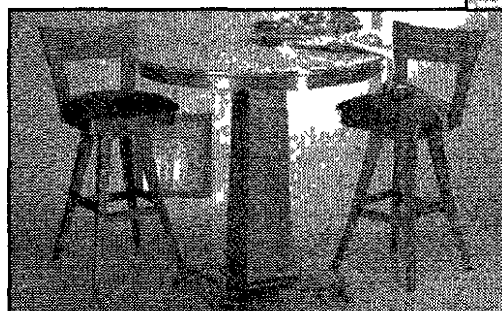
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Hometown heroes

Belbin, Agosto skate their way to silver medals

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

A silver-lined wave of excitement flowed through Cantons Arctic Edge ice arena Tuesday, one day after Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto used their skates to etch their names into the United States Winter Olympics record book.

Belbin and Agosto, who have honed their ice-dancing routines at the Arctic Edge since the summer of 2003, captured an ice-dancing silver medal Monday night in Torino, Italy. It was the first ice-dancing medal won by an American duo since 1976 when Colleen O'Connor and Jim Millns earned a bronze.

Skaters who dream of someday following in Belbin and Agosto's silver footsteps trained with an extra zip in their routines Tuesday afternoon on the Arctic Edge's two rinks in the afterglow of their training colleagues' accomplishments.

"It's been pretty exciting around here the past month leading up to the Olympics, but especially the past few days," said Arctic Edge General Manager Craig O'Neill, referring to the buzz that has accompanied Belbin and Agosto's medal quest. "And while it's exciting for everybody here at the Arctic Edge, I also think it's been an exciting time for everyone who lives in Canton because everybody feels like one of their own has accomplished something very special."

Belbin, 21, lives in Canton while Agosto, 24, is a resident of Farmington Hills.

Edging out Belbin and Agosto were two-time world champions Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov of Russia, who earned 200.64 points to the Americans' 196.06. Ukrainians Elena Grushina



U.S. FIGURE SKATING

Ben Agosto and Tanith Belbin dance Flamenco during the free dance competition in Torino, Italy. The skating pair won the silver medal. The pair trains at Arctic Edge in Canton.

and Ruslan Goncharov took the bronze with a score of 195.85.

"I really feel that this medal really belongs to a lot of people who put in years and years and years of hard work and never were able to break through," Agosto told USA Today Monday night.

The Americans' second-place showing was made possible thanks to a last-minute federal law that was passed during the last week of December that permitted the Canadian-born Belbin to become an American citizen. Athletes must be citizens of the same country to compete together in the Olympics.

"It's been a long year, Belbin told USA Today Monday night. "This is certainly the most challenging performance I've ever given because of all the heightened pressures that come with the Olympic Games and the hurdles that we've had to overcome."

Adrienne Lenda, a coach for the Arctic Figure Skating Club, was one of the first Americans

not in Italy to find out about Belbin and Agosto's silver-coated performance, which was completed approximately six hours before it was aired on a tape-delayed basis on NBC. Lenda is the girlfriend of the skaters' coach, Igor Shpilband.

Igor called me on his cell-phone right after they found out the scores as they were walking to the press conference," Lenda said. "I was right in the middle of teaching a student, so I couldn't talk long, but he said, 'We got silver, the Russians got gold and the Ukrainians got bronze.' He was ecstatic. I talked to him for quite a while about 15 minutes later."

"Both Tanith and Ben are great kids. They're friendly, energetic, focused and disciplined. And they lead their own private lives, they're not rink rats. They have a lot of different things in their lives other than skating that are important to them."

O'Neill said the Olympics skaters' success is reflected in the rising popularity of the facility's learn-to-skate program.

"What they've done has brought great awareness to the arena and what we have to offer," O'Neill said. "During every Olympic year, there's an increase in the number of skaters, but it's even more this year. A year ago, we had about 140 in our learn-to-skate program. Now, we're over 250."

O'Neill said he expects Belbin and Agosto to return around March 1 to begin training for the World Championships that are scheduled for later next month.

"After the World Championships, they'll go on tour in April and May," he said, "so they don't get a lot of time to rest."

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"He had the confidence and spotted something in me that I didn't even see, and it was so affirming," added Granholm. "He told it like it was, and was very straightforward with people. But, he was also very funny and astute, with an incredibly gentle side to him, an utterly sweetheart of a man."

Colleen Pobur of Plymouth said accepting a Wayne County position with McNamara was "the smartest thing I ever did."

MENTOR TO MANY

"He assessed his people and figured out what they were best at, even if they didn't know," said Pobur, who was director of concessions and quality assurance during construction of the new McNamara terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. "We were a family, and when you think about how many lives he changed by being our boss building an organization that nurtured and developed people. I don't believe there will ever be another organization that did the kinds of things we did in his 16 years as county executive."

McNamara is credited with the \$1.6 billion expansion of Metro Airport, which bears his name. He also formed the Detroit-Wayne County Stadium Authority that built Comerica Park and Ford Field, plus led the construction of the Dickerson jail in Hamtramck, a new juvenile detention facility and medical examiner's office. He took a county that

was \$135 million in debt and balanced the budget for 16 consecutive years.

McNamara also inspired many of his employees to pursue careers in public service, including Granholm, former Wayne County Prosecutor and current Detroit Medical Center CEO Mike Duggan, and Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans.

Those he mentored remember the plaque in his office which read "We can do anything we want as long as nobody cares who gets the credit."

"Some people like being powerful public officials, but he understood what we needed to do to make life better for other people," said Evans. "Ed McNamara was a heavyweight, but he was a down-to-earth person."

Bob Osborn, 84, of Northville Township knew McNamara for 58 years, and often played golf with him at Hilltop Golf Course in Plymouth Township, where McNamara moved after leaving political life.

"Until a few months ago, we'd meet with a couple of friends every Wednesday and play nine holes," said Osborn, who will be a pallbearer at tomorrow's funeral. "We'd (Osborn and his wife, Sharon) have lunch with Ed and Lucille once a week at Doyle's (Tavern in Plymouth). We could meet there and just be private. Ed was just an ordinary sort of guy when you got him away from politics."

Osborn and McNamara met while working at Michigan Bell after both were discharged from the Navy in 1946. In 1963, the two formed a partnership that created the Oasis domed golf complex in Northville.

GOOD FRIEND

"He's helped so many people in his lifetime and never asked for anything back," said Osborn. "He was just interested in helping people develop to the best of their abilities."

As the most powerful Democrat in Michigan, McNamara led the state drives during Bill Clinton's two presidential campaigns.

"There was a time when President Clinton was getting off the plane at Willow Run Airport during a campaign visit," recalled Pobur, "and when he saw Mr. and Mrs. McNamara he opened his arms wide and yelled, 'It's the McNamaras!'"

The former president, who is out of the country, issued a statement with his condolences to the McNamara family.

One blemish on McNamara's record is the federal government's investigation into potential wrongdoing by his administration, contracts for Metro Airport and campaign contributions.

"It's like living a nightmare," said McNamara in a December 2002 talk to the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club. "I think we've tried very, very hard to run a good county."

No charges were ever filed against McNamara during the course of the investigation.

Lucille McNamara said her husband would talk with her often about life at the office.

"He'd bring it home, and we'd discuss most everything that was going on," she said. "But, he had wonderful, talented people, so they were able to work out most things. Ed had a wonderful talent for realizing

the potential of people. "And, he was wonderful family man," she said. "He loved to play with his children, and he loved his grandchildren."

Children were a passion for McNamara. In 1989, McNamara established the McNamara Scholarship Fund, which has raised more than \$600,000 and provided assistance to 200 students. After leaving office in 2002, McNamara used that money to begin a scholarship fund for the preschool through sixth-grade Montessori school at Most Holy Trinity, where he often went to Mass and celebrated his Irish heritage.

"When Ed began emptying his political war chest after leaving office, he gave \$35,000 to establish the scholarship fund for the school," said the Rev. Russ Kohler, pastor of Most Holy Trinity. "The next year, because of Ed's donation, someone gave \$100,000. And, for the past few years, there has been a charity golf event at St. John's (golf course in Plymouth Township) that raises about \$80,000 a year for the school."

Friday's funeral will begin at 10:30 a.m. with tributes by the McNamara family, Granholm and Duggan, with the funeral Mass commencing at 11 a.m. featuring the Holy Trinity children's choir. The church seats about 1,200 people, with the service to be broadcast for the overflow crowd inside a nearby union hall.

"I think Ed's real legacy is that people who worked for him ended up with careers and professions, when all they originally wanted was a job," said Kohler.



Ed McNamara's political career started as a protest candidate for the school board in Dearborn Township (now Dearborn Heights) and ended when he retired after 16 years as Wayne County executive.

McNamara funeral set for Friday

Visitation continues today, Feb. 23, for former Wayne County Executive and Livonia Mayor Ed McNamara at Livonia's Neely-Turowski Funeral Home. Viewing will take place from 1-9 p.m. at the funeral home located on Five Mile west of Middlebelt.

He will also lie in state Friday for one hour at Detroit's Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church before the funeral, scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Burial will be at Livonia's Parkview Cemetery.

Mr. McNamara, 79, died early Sunday from heart failure at Detroit's Harper Hospital. He had been suffering from pneumonia in recent weeks, a complication of his treatments for cancer. He was diagnosed with lym-

phoma more than two years ago. A Plymouth Township resident at the time of his death, McNamara spent 45 years of his life as an elected official.

The Detroit native served two years in the U.S. Navy and earned a political science degree from the University of Detroit. He worked 22 years for the Michigan Bell Telephone Co. until he was elected full-time mayor of Livonia in 1970.

McNamara is survived by his wife of 57 years, Lucille, five children and five grandchildren. Memorials in Mr. McNamara's honor can be made to the American Heart Association or the Edward H. McNamara Scholarship Fund for Most Holy Trinity School.

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CUTS

FROM PAGE A1

Administrative emeritus program (\$116,098) A program that saves a portion of salaries and benefit costs of administrators who announce plans to leave within a year

Field trip reduction (\$78,274) The district would discontinue transportation for field trips, which is paid for by school groups

Administrators say it would reduce the number of miles put on buses, and ultimately cut down on the number of new buses purchased Schools could still contract with private transportation services

Lunch price increases (\$45,000) Elementary lunches would increase from \$2.25-\$2.50, middle school to remain at \$2.75, high school to increase from \$2.75-\$3

High school athletic lead-

ership reduction (\$30,000) All three athletic directors are expected to receive layoff notices at the end of March with their salaries and duties to be renegotiated

The class size increases are the hardest for me," said vice president Judy Mardigian a staunch supporter of lower class sizes for nearly a decade "This is a modest change, but something we don't want to do My concern is where are we going to be two years out, what kind of changes are we going to have to make then?"

At the same time, the school board approved \$484,000 in additions to next year's budget, including \$180,132 for three full-time reading specialists at the Title I elementary schools, \$122,599 for an arts coordinator, \$122,599 for an assistant principal at the Park, and \$59,007 for a middle school intervention teacher

The preliminary net budget reduction is \$458,600

District officials say that would still leave a budget deficit of \$6.46 million which doesn't include potential salary increases for the unionized employees, including the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents 1,100 teachers

Administrators expect to use the fund balance to erase the remainder of the 2006-07 deficit, which would leave approximately \$2.8 million to face a projected 2007-08 budget deficit of \$5.6 million

The things we picked are the last line of cuts before we cut into the core of education," said Superintendent Jim Ryan I think the next line of cuts goes into the being of what we really are at Plymouth-Canton"

Part of the \$120.2 million bond issue on May 2, if passed by voters, includes \$2.3 million to reimburse the general fund budget for Canton property on Cherry Hill road for a new middle school The district is also hopeful to reap financial benefits of selling 25 acres of land at Joy and Beck roads in Canton

Working in the Plymouth-Canton's favor is a projected 500 new students next year, which would boost the district's state funding by \$2.8 million

Bookstore hosts local authors

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The Book Cellar & Cafe on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth has been open about six months Owners decided to celebrate this past weekend with grand opening festivities including author visits

It went very well," co-owner Bashar Salame said Sunday afternoon of the Friday-Sunday event "We had a much stronger draw of children than we usually do" The bookstore is starting children's storytimes for kids ages 3-9, with the details still being worked out There was a poetry session last

Friday night, and the bookstore will have poetry once a month, along with live guitar music once a month The guitar music was featured last Saturday

Children's author Marybeth Dillon-Butler visited Saturday Other authors featured were Jonathan Rowe, who appeared Friday, Diane Dignan, Julie Felchell and the author group The Elitists

"They're a group of writers, also local," said Salame, who owns the store with Nader Iskandar

The weekend gala was planned to introduce regular bookstore events "and really give the place a community feel," Salame said He said

business has been slow in January and February

"We're hoping that March picks up"

He's confident the store can compete with larger chain stores Books are all priced the same We discount the same best sellers that they do Book Cellar & Cafe can order books quickly and has competitive prices, he said

Our inventory is growing It all comes back to the community, the Plymouth-Canton area. So far, the community's been receptive We're starting to have regular customers again

The store can be reached at (734) 455-BOOK

DEATHS

G
Joyce Ann Greenwell
Greenwell 58 of Westland died Feb 14

H
Ann M Henry
Henry 82 of Plymouth died Feb 20

Robert Arthur Husted
Husted 53 died Feb 20

L
John Romeo Lanzon
Lanzon 78 formerly of Garden City died Feb 20

Patricia A Lewis (nee DeBruyne)
Lewis 64 of Howell died Feb 21

George M. Losie

Losie 92 of Howell died Feb 19

M
Lorraine Mastrofini
Mastrofini 73 of Livonia died Feb 11

Edward H McNamara
McNamara 79 formerly of Livonia died Feb 19

John Vincent Mitchell
Mitchell 18 of Livonia died Feb 18

Pastor J Earl Moore
Moore 79 of Canton died Feb 16

Velma E 'Pat' Park
Park 80 formerly of South Lyon died Feb 16

Eugene E Prevost

Prevost 77 died Feb 16

R
Beverly Ryan
Ryan 69 of Pinckney died Feb 19

S
Martha M Scott
Scott of Wayne died Feb 16

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Tom Trainor
Trainor 81 formerly of Royal Oak died Feb 17

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Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and golf legend Jack Nicklaus at McNamara's annual golf outing at Hawthorne Valley Golf Course in Dearborn Heights



Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and U.S. Rep. John Dingell talk during a fund-raiser for President Bill Clinton. At right is Bryan Amann, a former county commissioner who is currently an attorney living in Canton Township.



Ed McNamara and Gov. John Engler attended the opening of the Schoolcraft College McDowell Center in 1994.



Ed and Lucille McNamara were married June 26, 1948. Lucille was at his side throughout his long and storied political career.



McNamara gives his sister, Mona Sikora, a big hug during an election party.



McNamara, beams as he hears the results of exit polling in his 1986 primary election for Wayne County executive. He coasted to victory in November.

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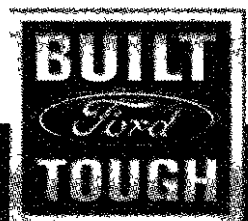
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OUR VIEWS

Letters provide readers a voice

Letters to the editor are an important part of these editorial pages. We view our letters columns as the "public square" of our community and we encourage folks to share their viewpoints.

There are always issues in both the city and township of Plymouth. Whether it's the budgets of the individual communities, or the building of a new township hall, participation in the Sheldon Road underpass project, adequate funding and bond issues for schools or a host of other topics, there are issues to sink your teeth into.

But it's not just the controversial stuff to which we'd like you to respond. There's a lot of good things going on, too. The United Way and Salvation Army both just passed their fund-raising goals, despite tough economic times and a flurry of disasters which drew a lot of giving away. The Plymouth Symphony looks to be staying home in Plymouth, the P-CEP marching band did well at nationals, the Canton Chiefs made it all the way to the football state championship game.

With all of the interesting things — good and controversial — going on, we'd expect to have our local letters column filled with Plymouth voices and viewpoints a lot more often.

Our policy on running letters really hasn't changed, but it's worth reminding readers and writers that letters must have a name, address and phone number. We only publish name and town of residence, but we do use the phone number and address to try to verify that letter-writers are really who they say they are.

Letters shouldn't be more than 400 words and they can't be libelous. Otherwise, we do try to run nearly all the letters submitted. There are times when submitted letters don't run, but generally that's because the issue being written about has changed, because the author couldn't be verified, because the same writer had recently sent in a letter that was published on the same or similar topic, or there was a concern about libel or fairness. Those last two items, libel or fairness, require judgments by the editor.

In any case, we encourage readers to keep those letters coming, and we'll keep running them.

McNamara touched lives, made county a better place

Whoever said "ours is a government of laws, not of men" didn't know much about government. The best constitution, charter, laws and ordinances are no good unless leaders of wisdom and character administer them.

That's what the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* editorial page in 1982 said in our endorsement of Livonia Mayor Edward H. McNamara in the Democratic primary for Wayne County executive.

McNamara went on to the loss that race. Fortunately for Wayne County and southeastern Michigan, he came back four years later and the rest is political history.

McNamara, 79, died last Sunday in Harper Hospital surrounded by family.

Although McNamara will be remembered for the terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport which bears his name, the McNamara legacy is larger than a single building and a single office.

As county executive, he will be remembered for the two new sports stadiums in downtown Detroit. He was in part a reason baseball's All-Star Game in 2005 and more recently Super Bowl XL chose Detroit. The new youth home, the new county morgue and the massive cleanup of the Rouge River are all examples of his leadership.

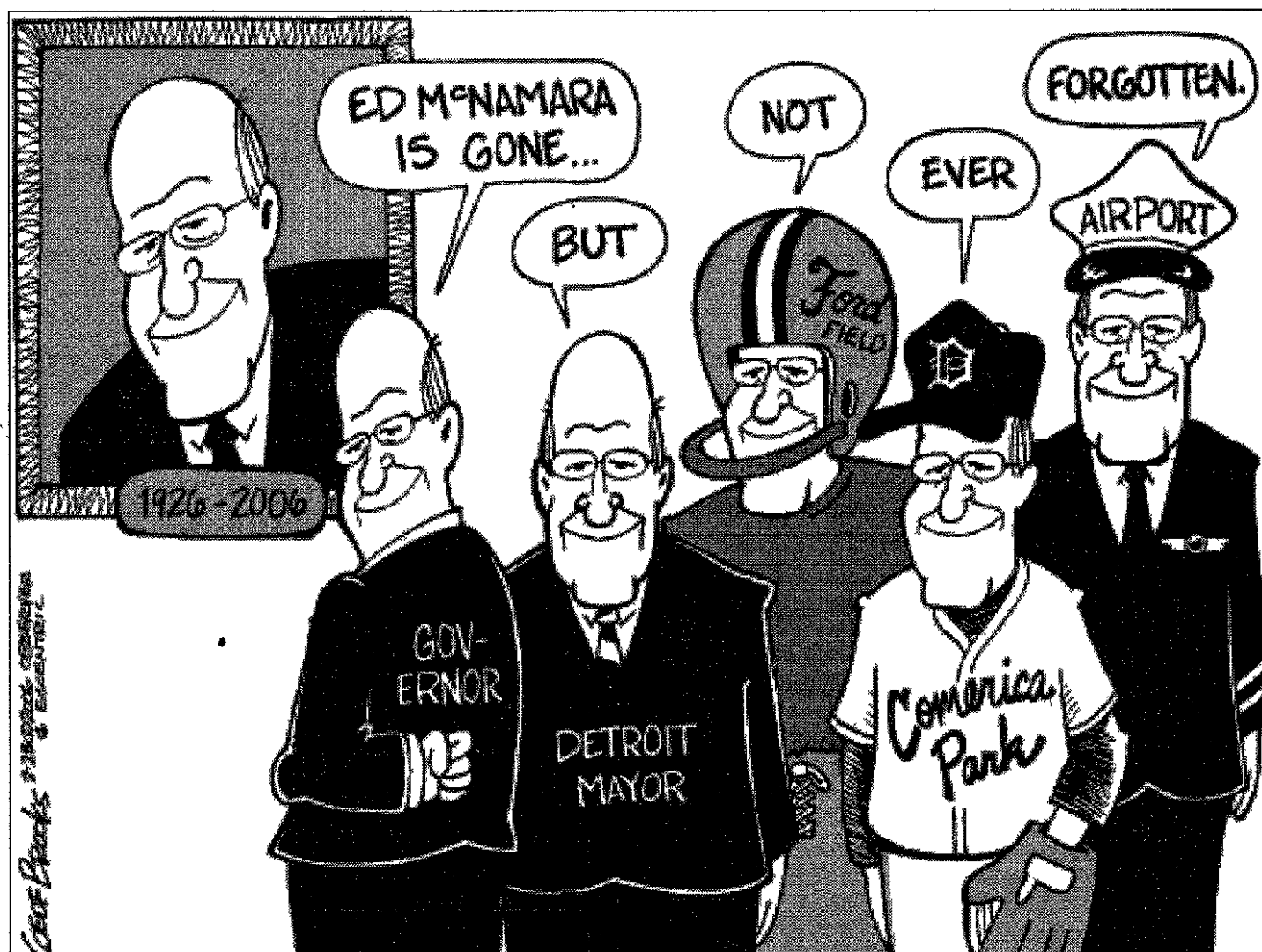
Closer to home, McNamara will be remembered as mayor and champion of Livonia, one of the state's largest and most prosperous communities. After three terms on the Livonia City Council, McNamara challenged an entrenched incumbent and became the first Livonia city councilman to be elected mayor.

A proven administrator and one who ran a tight fiscal ship, McNamara displayed the skill and tenacity that would propel him onto the county scene in the late 1980s.

McNamara was good for Livonia and Livonia was good for McNamara. He had a vision for developing the city. Along with other elected leaders and advisers he liked to call his "kitchen cabinet," McNamara set out to make Livonia one of the state's largest, most prosperous and livable cities.

Ed McNamara leaves a legacy rich in accomplishment. Yet friends inside and out of the political arena will remember him for his genuine kindness and quick wit. Over the years as he honed his political skills, the lessons and values of his early life — the importance of family of friends — were just as high on his list of accomplishments.

Ed McNamara touched thousands of lives and made them better. He will be missed.



LETTERS

Thanks, NHS

I would like to say thank you to the students and sponsors of the National Honor Society at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

NHS sponsored a Valentine Dance for Special Olympic athletes Saturday, Feb. 11. The cafeteria and surrounding area was decorated, pictures were taken, cookies decorated, bingo was an option and they even had a DJ for dancing.

All the athletes had a great time. Many of the students in NHS help the Special Olympic coaches during practice for the different sports offered to our athletes. Thank you, NHS, for all your compassion, support and help. We really appreciate it.

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Church concern

As a homeowner in Plymouth Township I am deeply concerned about NorthRidge Church and its plans for more expansion.

When we purchased our home in Plymouth Commons, there was an open field behind us. As we have truly enjoyed the deer and various other wildlife that would play there from time to time, we also understood that one day this land could possibly be developed. We were told that the only development that could go back there would be homes equivalent to the structure and lot size of our homes in the subdivision.

NorthRidge Church purchased that property some time ago and we were informed that they plan to put a parking lot on that property. Needless to say, we are livid! We were also told that they are exempt from the original bylaws because they are a "Church" (from the way things are looking it is more like a business disguised as a church).

The parishioners of the church have no regard for the homeowners in this area and why should they? Most of them don't live in this community and PAY NO TAXES HERE! They blatantly disregard the "No Right Turn" sign when church is dismissed and this consequently makes it virtually impossible for the homeowners along Ridge Road to exit our subdivisions.

Another parking lot in this area would be a traffic disaster and we know what it will do for our home values. How much more power can we give to these mega-churches? I also wonder where the pastor of this church lives and if he would allow a parking lot behind his house? Somehow, I doubt it.

Well, I guess perhaps we can officially throw out the verse "Love Thy Brother" and replace it with "Love Thy Money at the Expense of Thy Brother!"

Vivian Mckey
Plymouth

Auxiliary thanks

National Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans

of Foreign Wars President Sandy Germany was met at the airport on her visit by National Big Ten Chairman Edna Kriviniemi, Department President Linda Burton and officers, members and friends.

Wow, what a gracious lady she is. She stayed in Plymouth and visited different places in Plymouth, Center Line, Hamburg, Fenton and Dearborn Heights. President Germany was honored at VFW posts throughout the area and met many veterans and their families who are in the Ladies Auxiliary.

Thank you for the hospitality you showed her.

Lorraine Nelson
Ladies Auxiliary VFW

Different conclusion

I have never written to a newspaper, however, in response to an opinion editorial published in the Jan. 26 *Observer* ("Religion vs. Science") I cannot remain silent. Ms. Joan Pence, an educator in advanced placement biology at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, wrote the opinion.

My son was one of Ms. Pence's students and was exposed to her opinions on evolution, her support of abortion and passion to save the whales, to name a few. Pence, as an educator, is entrusted with the development of our children. I find it a violation of that trust given her published position on creation vs. evolution. She quickly points to the potential shortcomings of Mr. Kramer's observation regarding evolution based on his research and credentials as a chemist, while at the same time asserting her conclusions as "absolute" based on her research and credentials in biology.

The fact is that both creation and evolution are theories. For something to be deemed truly scientific, it has to be repeatable and measurable. As yet, no one has been able to repeat the creation of life from non-life. We can only base our conclusions on what we observe and test today, with the limited knowledge we have, regardless of how intelligent we think we have become.

In a 1929 interview, Albert Einstein was quoted as saying, "We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled with books in many different languages. The child knows someone must have written those books. It does not know how. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. The child dimly suspects a mysterious order in the arrangement of the books, but doesn't know what it is. That, it seems to me, is the attitude of even the most intelligent being toward God. We see a universe marvelously arranged and obeying certain laws, but only dimly understand those laws. Our limited minds cannot grasp the mysterious force that moves the constellations."

Einstein, who was neither "religious" nor a "believer" in an anthropomorphic deity, understood his and our limitations of comprehending the magnificently created universe, as evidenced by his humil-

ity in dealing with the truly unknown. The bottom line is that both Ms. Pence and myself have arrived at different conclusions based on faith in a theory. I have concluded creation provides the most logical explanation for this magnificent world in which we live. It is inconceivable to me how anyone could study a creation without acknowledging there must be a creator. I also openly proclaim my agenda when debating the issue of creation vs. evolution: One Creator, God, who authored life, which in my opinion is strongly supported by the overwhelming evidence.

I would challenge all students to not blindly accept any theory or teaching, be it evolution, creation or anything else, but to apply sound thinking and reasoning with the mind they have been provided. It pleases me to say that this spring my son will finish his degree from MSU in biochemistry and molecular biology as a creation-believing graduate.

Joseph Sinischo
Canton

Stick to adult stem cells

This letter is in regard to the article to remove Michigan's limits on the development of stem cells from embryos (Feb. 2 *Observer*). Research is permitted in Michigan using adult stem cells. Many people are not aware of the following:

■ Human stem cells are available from other sources: placenta, amniotic fluid, blood, bone, bone marrow and even fat tissue.

■ Adult stem cells have already been found to be effective in treating some leukemia, heart disease, type II diabetes, immune deficiencies, eye diseases and most recently the effects of Parkinson's disease.

■ Umbilical cords are rich in stem cells which can be injected into a young cancer patient's blood stream in lieu of a bone marrow transplant.

■ By contrast, embryonic stem cells have yet to demonstrate a single human therapeutic benefit.

Barb Schmid
Canton

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"We told him we're running one of the most efficient school districts in the state and we're still running a budget with problems ... He listened, but didn't indicate he had any plans to change anything. I wish somebody would finally address the inequities of Proposal A."

— Barry Simescu, Plymouth-Canton school board member, on his conversation with Dick DeVos, Republican candidate for governor.

McNamara led his band and state is better because of it

I wasn't surprised at the news that Ed McNamara had passed away. After all, he was 79 years old, had undergone a quadruple bypass and suffered from lymphoma. But I felt a real sense of hurt, because Mac was one of the giants of Michigan politics and somebody I've known for more than 40 years.

Ed McNamara was already on the Livonia City Council when I started my newspaper career back in 1965. I wrote the editorial in the *Livonia Observer* in 1970 that endorsed him in his upset victory against incumbent Livonia Mayor Harvey Moelke. Mac once said, "There's no greater honor than to be mayor of your hometown."



Phil Power

He was right, and during his 16 years as mayor, he took Livonia from a struggling suburb whose most notable feature was a race track to one of the most thriving cities in Michigan.

When he won the race for Wayne County executive in 1986, I couldn't have been more pleased. Most people don't remember — or don't want to remember — what Wayne County was like back in the 1980s. Broken, disorganized, badly managed, largely corrupt. An embarrassment to the entire state.

McNamara put Michigan's biggest county back on track. He fixed the budget mess, balancing the books for 13 straight years. He led the effort to save the Rouge River, once indistinguishable from a sewer, and he drove the negotiations that led to the building of Comerica Park and Ford Field in downtown Detroit.

And he was the prime mover in building the gleaming new McNamara terminal that has made Detroit Metropolitan Airport one of the very best in the country.

Great achievements, all.

But as I reflect on Mac's career, I'm drawn to less obvious parts of his legacy that are, in fact, more important.

First, people. Possibly because they tend to think mostly about themselves, most political powers never develop a farm team. Ed McNamara recognized and promoted a group of able men and women who will serve Michigan for many years to come.

He launched the careers of Jennifer Granholm, once Wayne County corporation counsel, then Michigan attorney general and now governor, Mike Duggan, former Wayne County prosecutor and now CEO of Detroit Medical Center, Saul Green, former U.S. attorney, and Freman Hendrix, the former deputy mayor for Dennis Archer who was

defeated last November by another McNamara protégé, Kwame Kilpatrick.

Some might call McNamara a kingmaker. I prefer to think of him as a very rare politician who recognized that one of the primary obligations of a good political boss is to find, recruit, motivate and protect a cadre of able people who can continue his work.

McNamara had a good eye for talent, and what was most unusual for a traditional and proudly Irish politician of his generation, his team was diverse: men and women, white and black, urban and suburban. His style was down to earth and unassuming. He was never one to read, let alone believe, in his own press releases.

His first question was always, "How do we get this done?" and he then went after his goals with energy and creativity and passion. He had a quick temper, and his quarrels — repeatedly and memorably with the UAW and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young — were legendary.

In that context, I've always felt the Detroit newspapers were unfair to McNamara, constantly criticizing him for money-raising improprieties that eventually led to trouble with the law. He was never shy about raising money, in large part because he recognized the only way you got things done in rough-and-tumble Wayne County politics was to have a stash bigger than anybody else's.

I remember calling him at home at 3 p.m. one summer afternoon in 1970 from Grand Rapids, where gubernatorial candidate Sander Levin was trying to decide who to pick as his running mate.

"If you want to be the nominee for lieutenant governor, you'd better get up here as quickly as you can," I told him. "Don't know if I want to do that," he answered. "I want to talk to Lucille (his wife). I'll call you back."

Within 10 minutes he called back and was in Grand Rapids in two hours. John O'Meara, now a federal judge, and I spent two hours grilling him in a stuffy room in the old Pantlind Hotel. He passed — and brought his own Irish wit to a narrowly losing campaign.

Along with Gov. John Engler, Ed McNamara was Michigan's most capable and powerful politician in recent memory. He created a machine, but the machine got done what needed to be done. He was a kingmaker, but his people have turned out to be able and far-seeing. He was personally down-to-earth, but his vision was far-reaching.

I'm sorry he's gone. We sure need people like him today.

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

Domestic eavesdropping could be case of history repeating

The U.S. Congress finally got around to holding its hearings on the matter of eavesdropping on Americans.

When President George W. Bush made the statement that a court order was not necessary in order to wiretap the telephones of American citizens, it raised a few eyebrows. However, I don't doubt that a select few in Washington knew about this before it broke in the press.

Personally, when I heard that eavesdropping on telephone conversations was taking place, my reaction was just simply, "it's been done before." What I don't understand is the



Bobbie Jones

number of people I talk to who act like this has never gone on in America before.

Well, it has. When history repeats, we seem to be left scrambling to find the precedent. What did our forefathers do when they faced this issue? Did they suffer any consequences for their actions? Or did they escape punishment from

their misdeeds? In the 1950s, television journalist Edward R. Murrow went head-to-head with and exposed Sen. Joseph McCarthy and his non-stellar tactics used against Americans.

During the time that McCarthyism was in place, many careers and reputations were ruined when American citizens were accused of being communist and/or having an association with the Communist Party.

Americans were spied on and followed and harassed and threatened and traumatized during the McCarthy era.

McCarthy was a man who clearly misused his power and authority, all under the cloak of ridding America of communists. Eventually, he was exposed for his misdeeds and soon ended his terror on Americans. But by then, the damage was done.

J. Edgar Hoover became the head of the FBI in 1924 and during his tenure brought eavesdropping to an art form. Hoover conducted undercover surveillance on numerous Americans and distrusted many around him.

During the 1960s, Hoover's wiretapping list included notable Americans such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, both John

and Robert Kennedy and even Eleanor Roosevelt, whom he despised for her much-too-liberal views. And that was just the short list.

The 1970s brought more of the same with America's all-time favorite self-proclaimed non-crook, President Richard M. Nixon. It was not that long ago when our television screens were plastered with images of hotel break-ins and high-level cover-ups and I remember the press being outraged.

And when the press was outraged, it prompted the American people to be the same. It was unthinkable that an American president could conduct himself in such a manner.

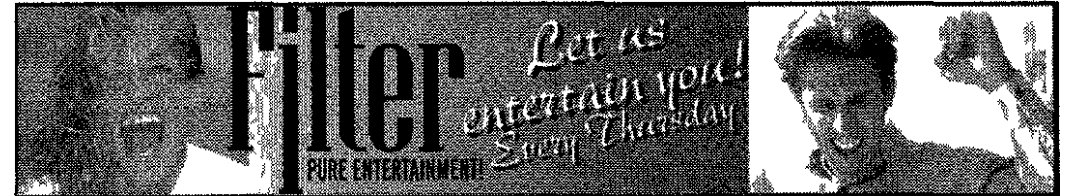
The oval office was Nixon's personal playground for taping without people's permission or even their knowledge. The White House tapes quickly became his undoing and left Nixon a broken and shamed man.

History has given us many examples and we Americans have to be aware that no matter what the disguise, whether it be war, or the so-called threat of communist or unforeseen invaders of our land, our rights need to be protected.

If our rights are not protected we run the risk of not having any rights at all. When that happens, we will no longer be able to call ourselves Americans.

I once heard it said that "Those who do not learn the lessons of history are doomed to repeat the mistakes of history." I hope we have learned our lessons, this time.

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Patterson: Public 'rage' over zoo vote may lead to a deal

BY ALEX LUNDBERG AND JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITERS

The Detroit City Council may have rejected a plan to turn operations of the Detroit Zoo over to its own zoological society but the resulting public outrage at the zoo's possible closure may give the institution another shot.

The Detroit City Council voted 7-2 Saturday night to reject a plan proposed by Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to allow the Detroit Zoological Society to take over management of the zoo in Royal Oak. The council vote came just a bill authorizing \$4 million in state aid expired Saturday. The aid was contingent on council approving the plan to turn operations over to the society.

As of press time, the council was reconsidering its decision with a re-vote expected sometime early next week.

The zoo could close as early as May if an agreement isn't reached.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said the Detroit Zoo is a beloved regional asset (second only to Mackinac Island) and it would be a shame to see it close.

But, solutions out of the county complex in Pontiac for anything in the Detroit City Council's sphere of influence are never going to be well-received.

"If Oakland County gets involved and comes up with a plan it'll be DOA," Patterson said. "There's an animus on the council to anything involved with Oakland County."

He called the plan to turn the zoo's operations over to the Detroit Zoological Society a "win-win" for everyone involved. Detroit retains ownership, the zoo's budget shortfalls are picked up and the taxpayers don't take a hit. But, because of the antipathy he described, the council would rather risk closing the venue than cede any control.

Which is why, he said, there may be good news on the horizon.

"The council underestimated the public's reaction," Patterson said. "Rarely have I seen such an outpouring of rage from taxpayers."

All of this, he said, is just brinkmanship and short-lived at that. When Mayor Kwame

Kilpatrick comes back from his trip to Africa — and the full extent of resident feeling about the zoo is understood by the city council — Patterson said he's confident there will be a deal put together.

State Rep. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, thinks the society taking over operations is sound. "I'm hopeful we'll continue to have that in the south-east Michigan area," Anderson said of the zoo.

He was in committee Tuesday morning and hadn't heard a lot of zoo-related com-

ments in the state House, but anticipated a flood of e-mails from concerned residents (Monday was the Presidents Day holiday). Anderson believes the Detroit City Council will reassess its actions.

Realty sometimes forces you to do other things. He understands the council's reluctance to hand over zoo operations, but believes the zoological society has the zoo's best interests at heart and will be good caretakers.

"I don't know that I would say there is" a racial element to

the council decision, Anderson said. "They've got a huge deficit I know to deal with. The state's funds are limited as well," he added.

"I'm certainly hopeful things will be worked out," Anderson said. "I think things will be worked out, that the zoo will be saved."

Don and Elaine Bain of Plymouth Township, members of the Detroit Zoological Society, were upset by the council's decision. Don Bain described it as a "giant political mess." He suggested a regional

millage to support the facility.

Elaine Bain, who teaches eighth-grade English at East Middle School in the Plymouth-Canton district, shares her husband's concerns. "You can't come back if you close yourself down," she said of Detroit. "I don't think the City Council acted responsibly. They chose to care more about themselves."

Her students had thoughts on possible zoo closing.

■ Brendan Zarem, 13, of Canton: "I think it's very disturbing. There are a lot of kids

who will be missing out on the experience."

■ Ashley Hoener, 14, of Canton: "I think it's unfair that Mayor Kilpatrick spent money on fixing Detroit for the Super Bowl," but not on zoo animals. She enjoys visiting the zoo, usually with her mom.

■ Cassie Hardin, 13, of Canton: "I was very surprised I have so many memories there." She has learned a lot at the zoo, and goes with her dad to see the gorillas. She's learned about reptiles and how to treat animals.

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SBT effort extended

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Vowing to give his repeal of the Single Business Tax ballot drive the most time possible to get off the ground, County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is extending the deadline for monetary pledges through next week.

The new deadline for pledges, the last deadline, is Feb. 28.

At a press conference in the county offices Tuesday, Patterson said the original 12-day deadline announced at his State of the County address would not work.

"If we had to live with the first projection, the drive would be over today," Patterson said. "We've raised \$350,000 in pledges. There are others but they're not solid. We're going to continue to beat the bushes through next Tuesday."

At the State of the County address, Patterson announced he would spearhead a drive to end the SBT by ballot initiative if residents and resident businesses would pledge the \$800,000 needed to hire a public relations and law firm to put the initiative on the November ballot.

PAYING TAXES

Wayne County Treasurer Raymond J. Wojtowicz has extended office hours for the fourth consecutive year to address delinquent taxes.

Delinquent property taxes for year ending 2003 must be paid prior to March 1 or the property may be foreclosed by order of Wayne County Circuit Court.

The Wayne County Treasurer's office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Feb. 25 for walk-in tax payments.

Delinquent tax information is available 24 hours a day by accessing the Wayne County Treasurer's Web site at www.treasurer.waynecounty.com

AT HOME Observer



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This show's going to the dogs
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Accents

Building permits

"If you're building an impressive body of work for your home - with new windows, remodeling, with major plumbing or electrical work - you need to know if and when you need a building permit or why codes are good and building inspectors are your friend," say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features

"Basically, all codes serve one purpose to ensure proper workmanship and, ultimately, your safety. You need to know when the scope of your work causes codes to kick in and why

"Knowing codes will even help you communicate with the tradespeople you hire. There's also a new international residential code, published in March 2000, meant to replace various regional ones

"Check with your local municipal permits and inspections department to find out what code is now being used in your area"

Boston bound

Scott Kunst, owner and head gardener of Old House Gardens in Ann Arbor, who has lectured locally, has been invited to judge, lecture, and lead a bulb walk at the New England Spring Flower Show in Boston in March

Kunst will give a slide presentation - Heirloom Bulbs Unique, Endangered, Amazing - Saturday, March 11. He'll lead an early-bird tour of the bulb exhibits the next morning

For more information on the show or to order tickets, visit www.masshort.org

Old House Gardens is a mail-order nursery specializing in heirloom bulbs.

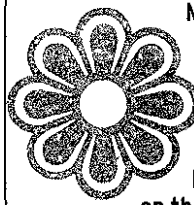
Its bulbs have been featured in *Horticulture* magazine, *Country Living* and *The New York Times*, and on *Martha Stewart Living*. They are growing at Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian, the Denver Botanic Garden and Hearst Castle. Kunst lectures frequently around the country

Floral arrangement

A Floral Arrangement Workshop will take place 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 18, in the Music Room at the Henry Ford Estate, Fair Lane, on the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus

At the workshop, make a spring floral arrangement with fresh flowers and greens to take home with you. Cost is \$45, including materials. Workshop proceeds benefit the Henry Ford Estate Gardens. Seating is limited, and reservations and pre-pay are required. Call (313) 593-5580 or (313) 593-0514

Professional florists from Christopher's Personal Touch will teach the class, which is designed for adults only



Shelley Roberts shows the family's residence which features cheery colors and a variety of collections. This house, and others in Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Franklin and West Bloomfield, will be on the Heart of the Home tour to benefit the Groves High School graduation party

House on tour has sunny disposition

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Even if it's a gray day outside, it's like fair weather in the Birmingham home of Jeff and Shelley Roberts

Cheery colors in the decor, the character and personality of a variety of collections on display, and the comfortable combination of antiques and reproductions fill the home with warmth and freshness

"This is a very lived-in house," said Shelley Roberts, president and CEO of The Community House in Birmingham. "You can touch everything"

The public will be able to bask in this "sunshine" Sunday, March 5 when the residence is one of the houses on the Heart of the Home tour to benefit the senior graduation party at Groves High School (see related item)

There is plenty of room for entertaining at the Roberts home, such as a side patio (a favorite party place of the couple's teenage son) and a large kitchen that features two dishwashers

The house was built in 1926. It was significantly renovated, in Shelley's words, since the Roberts family moved there in 1995

"We tried to keep as much of the look as when it was built in the 1920s as we could," she said

This included keeping the archway between the foyer and living room, and adding similar archways to adjoining areas. The original wood

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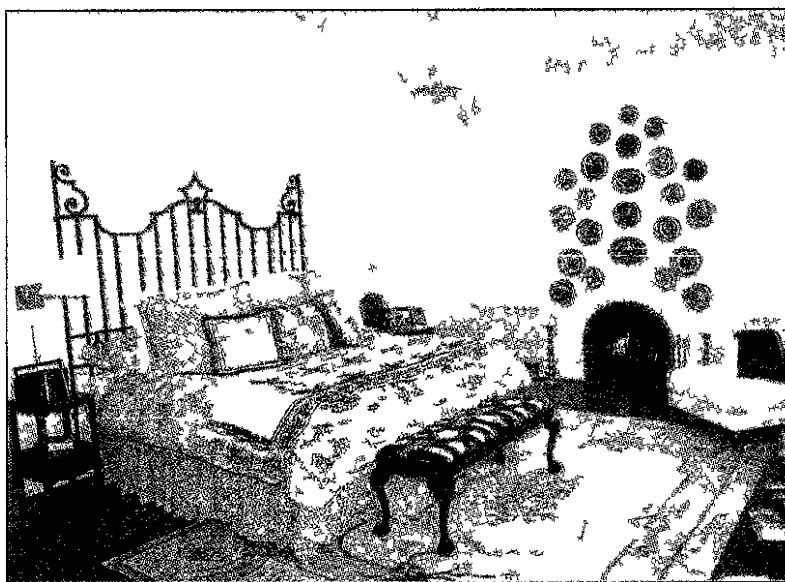
HEART OF THE HOME TOUR

■ **What.** A tour of beautiful homes in West Bloomfield, Franklin, Bingham Farms and Birmingham presented by the Groves High School Parent Senior Committee to benefit graduation events at the high school. Maps will be distributed to ticket holders on tour day

■ **When:** Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5

■ **Tickets:** \$25 for Friends, \$50 for Patrons. The Patron ticket includes the tour and a reception immediately afterward. Tickets can be bought at the Groves High School main office at 13 Mile and Evergreen, at the Apple Tree Room on Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile in Franklin, or by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope with a check payable to Groves PTA Graduation Committee to Shelley Roberts, 320 Suffield, Birmingham, 48009

■ **Information:** Call Shelley at (248) 645-0513 or e-mail shelleyroberts@communityhouse.com



The master bedroom is dressed in blue, yellow and white. Throughout the house are combinations of antiques and reproductions



The bright colors and designs in the dining room are found throughout the house

Computer game teaches kids to have fun playing piano

As a rule, I'm in favor of anything that simplifies learning. In the future, we'll be able to adopt new skills by downloading programs directly to our brains

Well, maybe not, but it seemed pretty cool when Neo did it in *The Matrix*. Remember when he learned kung fu in a matter of seconds? Sign me up

I'm not saying Allegro Rambow's Piano Wizard (pianowizard.com) has anything to do with martial arts, robot overlords or Keanu Reeves, but it does promise to speed up the process of learning to play piano

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

It also promises to make it a lot more fun

Piano Wizard combines an electronic keyboard with a computer video game. The players (students?) tap color-coded piano keys in time with what's happening on screen

What's happening on screen is that musical notes - often in the form of animated, colorful, child-friendly pictures - rise from the bottom. The goal is to tap the corresponding piano key when the note reaches the keyboard at the top of the screen

If you've ever seen Dance Dance Revolution at the arcade, it's a lot like that - except that instead of stamping your feet in time with the music, you're tapping piano keys

Doesn't sound much like a piano lesson, does it?

The idea behind Piano Wizard is to let youngsters start "playing" the piano before they have to dive into the confusing language of music notation

After mastering the game's beginner level, they progress to intermediate, "transition" (in which real musical notes are shown on a staff) and advanced

TRYING IT OUT

Having seen the product at the Consumer Electronics Show in January, I was pretty gung-ho to try it out

Specifically, I was gung-ho to get my 6-year-old daughter started on it. Like most parents, I want my children to be musical. Nah, who am I kidding - I want them to play Carnegie Hall

Piano Wizard won't get them there, but



The Piano Wizard game works in conjunction with an actual electronic keyboard connected to your PC

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B4

HOME CALENDAR

Home decor
Classes taught by professionals take place 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Fancy Color Paints and Interiors 3883 Rochester Road in Troy. In Updating Kitchen Cabinets (Feb. 28) learn how to restore and rejuvenate your kitchen cabinets. In Painting Tile, Brick and Paneling (March 7) learn easy techniques for updating tile, brick and paneling that will result in a durable, long-lasting surface. For registration information, call Troy Adult Education at (248) 823-5100, Rochester Adult Education at (248) 726-3165, Birmingham Adult Education at (248) 203-3800, Huntington Woods Adult Education at (248) 541-3030 or Royal Oak Adult Education at (248) 588-5050.

Antiques exposition
The Southfield Pavilion Antiques Exposition will take place Friday, Sunday, Feb. 24-26 at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$6 regular, \$5 with any ads or listings of the event, free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Now in its 26th season, the exposition will feature a diverse selection of fine American, European, Oriental and tribal antiques and art. Antiques merchants from across the country, noted authors and nationally known experts will exhibit and sell their collections. Dining and free parking will be available. Online show previews are at www.antiquet.com/M&M.

Auction
The Frank H. Boos Gallery will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at the gallery at the Antiques Centre of Troy, 2830 W. Maple, Suite 206 at Maple and Coolidge. For more information, call (248) 643-9900, visit www.boosgallery.com or email 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.

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 (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road in Birmingham. The event includes a black tie dinner

live auction of fantasy packages and entertainment presented by Variety The Children's Charity. Proceeds benefit children with special needs in metropolitan Detroit. Tickets are \$300 Friend, \$400 Patron, \$500 Benefactor. For information, contact The Variety Office, 30161 Southfield Road, No. 301, Southfield 48076, phone (248) 258-5551.

Organizing family
Professional organizer Shannon Burdick will present Organizing Your Busy Family 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 at Utica High School. For registration and other information, contact Burdick at (248) 854-7037 or shannon@SOSorganizing.com. Bring a sense of calm to your life by learning ways to balance your time spent on work and family. Burdick will provide information on managing your children's schedules, getting family members to contribute and methods to help establish effective routines geared toward your family's individual needs.

Faux finish
Faux Finish Techniques is a class offered Tuesday, March 7 at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Faux finish is a fun, creative and relatively inexpensive decorating technique that can be applied to a variety of items. In this fast-paced hands-on workshop, students will learn approximately six techniques and tips that will make any project look fabulous and will complete sample boards to take home. Cost is \$23 plus a \$15 materials fee payable to instructors Bob and Esther Kerr. Wear old clothes and bring plastic gloves. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Simple curtain
Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, email ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. In Simple Curtain (Wednesdays, March 8-22), beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows. Fee is \$60. Make a simple rod pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades. You'll leave class with a custom curtain that fits your decor.

Dog Show has special excitement

First the Major League Baseball All-Star Game lit up downtown. Then the Super Bowl brought the city to life in the middle of winter.

Now, an event returns that could make these two look more quiet and sedate than quilting night in an Amish village. The 96th and 97th Detroit Kennel Club Dog Shows return to the Cobo Convention Center Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19.

OK, OK - MAYBE the All-Star Game and the Super Bowl are a little bigger. Snoop Dogg, despite the obvious name tie-in, won't be performing a special show. Jimmy Kimmel won't be visiting, but then he also won't be making jokes about how the winning dog's breed might celebrate the victory by noting in the streets.

They won't be rolling out the red carpet at the entrance for the participants, but they might roll out newspapers over any exposed carpeting. Competition makes a dog show watching the dogs compete against each other can tell you where the breed is going in the future. Are Labs getting thicker or more slender and energetic? Are German Shepherds getting lower or higher in the hind end? Are Dalmatians crazy or - wait, there's no alternative with that one. The DKC will feature 150 breeds and varieties, each competing to see who is closest to the perfect specimen of their breed.

It would be as if Brad Pitt, Tom Arnold and Carrottop were competing for who was closest to the ideal man. (Go ahead, debate it with your friends.) The dogs come from all over the country, not mostly from New York and Boston, which definitely gives the dog show a point over the All-Star Game. Judges look for weaknesses in the dogs, and pick a best in each breed. (The weaknesses can be very subtle, and often are things

everyone to get a close up look throughout Super Bowl week. One point for the Dog Show Beyond seeing your favorite breed, the show allows you the opportunity to see and visit with breeds you've never heard of. One person I know fell in love with the personality, the look and the fur of Soft-coated Wheaten Terriers, later getting one for a pet. She realized quickly that this was the breed for her. Unlike the two teams in the Super Bowl, the Dog Show features 150 breeds. If you wanted to see the Lions at the big game, other than a life-size cutout picture at the NFL Experience, you were out of luck. Another point for the Dog Show. Think of it like the Auto Show, except the cars don't drool and shed. (Maybe some of the new concept cars do, but none that I know of.) Also, there are no scantily clad models standing in front of each dog, smiling incessantly and showing off the dog's features. OK, one point for the Auto Show.

only an expert can see.) Viewers tend to pick out favorites as they watch each group, some picking based on knowledge, some because they just love how one of the dogs looks. (Hey, that beagle looks just like Uncle Harry!)

Yes, people second-guess the judges' choices, which the show shares in common with the Super Bowl - no points. The winners from each breed then compete against other members of their group, such as Terriers, Working Dogs, or Toys. The winners of those groups then compete against each other to see who will be the Best in Show.

The winner of Best in Show, while exalted by peers and possibly given treats, doesn't bark to Mark Champion that he or she is "Going to Disneyworld," or even a dog park, for that matter. Point for the Super Bowl. ESPN will be covering the final judging Saturday night, taping it for future broadcast. Fans of the finalists cheer every time the judge looks at their favorite, and there's a genuine excitement in the air. No one will wave a "Terrier Towel," wear a poodle wig, or have their face painted white with black spots to show their devotion to their home breed (unless they get the idea here). Another point for the Dog Show over the Super Bowl.

ADMISSION
The show bench times, when the dogs will be on display, run 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, but spectators can begin entering at 9 a.m. both days. Best in Show judging begins each evening after the group judging, at about 6 p.m. (They hold two dog shows back to back to draw more owners from across the country. More points available means more higher quality dogs will show up. You're less likely to come in from far away for a one-day, one-show event.) Tickets are available at the door, and cost \$12 for adults, and \$8 for seniors and for children under 12. (I am awarding

the dog show two points for the dramatically lower costs than either the Super Bowl or the All-Star Game.) By the way, only dogs in the show are allowed - don't bring your pooch!

OTHER FEATURES
Along with the show, there are a number of exhibits, including first aid, bird dog training, obedience trials, tracking dog demos, agility trials and terrier races. These are included with admission, another point for the Dog Show.

The breeders at the Dog Show generally enjoy talking about their particular breed, but be courteous. Don't touch or take a picture of a dog without asking, or talk to a person who's grooming a dog or about to enter a competition ring. Unlike professional sports, where yelling at players and managers is acceptable, here being courteous means a lot. These aren't millionaires, but are generally average people who are trying to make the next generation of their type of dog better than this generation. They are there to compete, and so showing them courtesy you would expect in the same circumstance would always be a good choice. Consider a trip to the Dog Show - a good time and a great day. If you or your family have never been, you owe it to yourselves. It can be the opportunity to enjoy downtown and to get ideas for a new member of the family.

Check out www.detroitkennelclub.com for more details. Of course, it's not as big as the All-Star game, or the Super Bowl, and likely never will be. Maybe if they started putting Roman numerals after it. Detroit Kennel Club Dog Shows XCVI and XCVII? Hmm, maybe not. Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Talk*. Visit www.AnimalTalkRadio.com. E-mail questions or comments to questions@animaltalkradio.com.

Sportsmen's Dog Training Club show set

BY MARY KLEMIC, STAFF WRITER
These are 'dog days' of a special sort. The prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York was televised last week. And this weekend, the Sportsmen's Dog Training Club of Detroit Inc. will conduct its 74th and 75th All-Breed Dog Obedience Trials. The event will take place 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 25 and 26, in the Community Arts Building at the Michigan State Fair Grounds, on Woodward at Eight Mile in Detroit.

"This is an opportunity for people to learn what their dogs can be taught to do," said Cathi Winkles of Bloomfield Hills, training director. "They get to see dogs heel and roll over and jump (Handlers) do hand signals."

General public admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for seniors and ages 12 and younger, and free for ages 2 and younger. For more information, call Johe Kaufmann-Laker at (248) 892-9740. The popular event, which features a wide variety of dogs, has an impressive pedigree. It is one of the largest shows

in the area, drawing about 230 entries, Winkles said. The Sportsmen's Dog Training Club, founded in 1942, was Michigan's first dog training organization.

Entrants and visitors come from all over the Midwest and beyond, including Chicago, Ohio, Kentucky and Ontario, Winkles said. "We occasionally get people who come up from Florida," she said. "(Another) was from South Dakota, and others are from out west."

The trials are demonstrations of dog training skills and control. Rally trials, added last year, involve a timed course. The Sportsmen's Dog Training Club facility is in Ferndale on Vester Street, north of Nine Mile and east of Woodward. It conducts classes, open to the public, in dog obedience, rally obedience, agility, conformation, canine good citizen and puppy training. Agility consists of a timed course of jumps, tunnels, weave poles and contact obstacles. Conformation classes prepare handlers and dogs for breed competition. They teach how to present a dog to its best advantage, and proper ring procedures and etiquette.

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TOUR

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floors are intact, and hardware has a 1920s look

A music room was built on to the house in the 1930s. The doorway was removed so the area is now part of the living room, providing more space for party guests

"We used it almost like a sunroom, with white wicker furniture," Roberts said

SUNNY COLORS

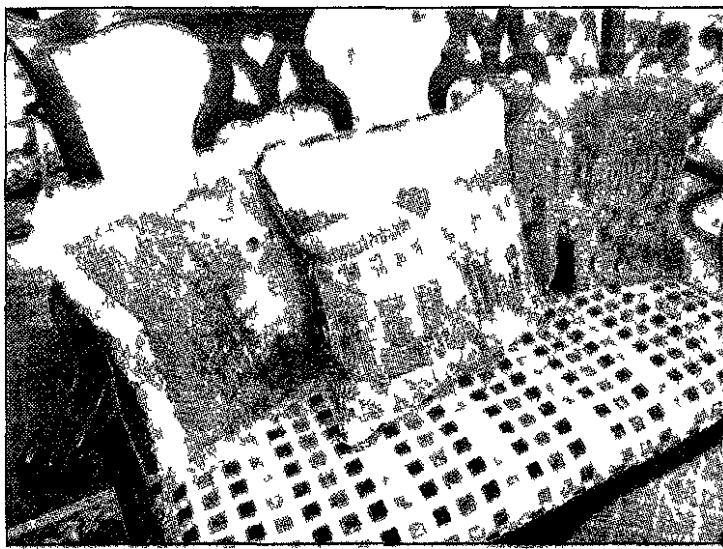
The house is dressed in shades of blue and yellow

In the living room, the area rug is blue with a white pattern and the drapes are sunny yellow. The sofa has a bright floral pattern, and the upholstery on chairs features rows of colorful squares

A portrait of Roberts and her daughter as a young girl hangs on a wall. On a nearby table is a smaller painting, by coincidence in similar tones and also of a mother and child. Roberts found it in a store

Pieces from Roberts' Victorian collection are among those shown in the room, including a chair covered in needlepoint, a screen and a papier-mâché writing box

A coffee table holds some of her Judaica collection, and



Needlepoint pillows are among the collections at the Roberts home

Jeff's antique cane collection is in a nearby antique bamboo stand

The roomy kitchen is like two separate kitchens, one with a granite-topped island. Walls are covered with tiles ordered from France that bear paintings of food

A rooster design is carved into the backs of the chairs along a table at one end of the kitchen. Small figures of chefs line the window sills

Besides the dishwashers, a warming oven and a butler's pantry are convenient elements

"The kitchen works great for parties," Roberts said

The dining room walls are yellow with white trim. A floral design covers the drapes and area rug

Chairs have pastel upholstery. Antique place markers with tiny flowers are on the table

In the family room, the walls were faux painted by Hal Mills in a wood grain design

The room contains a trestle table with hand-carved Windsor chairs. Shelves hold Jeff's collection of Kingsley Amis books

UPSTAIRS

Upstairs, the renovation converted several small bedrooms into four bedrooms with four baths. There's a small, handy laundry on the second floor - the regular laundry is in the basement

Furnishings in the master bedroom are combinations of blue, yellow and white. Blue plates, arranged by a friend, are on the wall above a fireplace that is framed in blue bricks

An old French chandelier with a touch of blue among its crystals hangs in the center of the room. The headboard at the bed used to be an old gate

The many other collections on display include Staffordshire, bird cages, quimper, kiddush cups, and tall brass candlesticks from churches

TOUR

Each house on the tour will feature arrangements by area floral designers and music performed by members of the Groves Orchestra

The graduation party is alcohol-free and takes place at the high school, which is specially decorated for the event

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BROIDA

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it may get them interested

We've been testing one out for about a month. My daughter and 3-year-old son went ape over it at first, neither one wanting to relinquish the keys to the other. Eventually, he went back to trucks, but she stuck with it. She had fun playing the game and was always excited when she got a good score (though the game provides positive feedback regardless of how you fare)

After a few weeks, however, her interest waned - and I think I know why. The software is entirely open-ended. There's no starting point, no introduction to basics like fingering and hand placement, and no progression

Instead, the software presents you with various songs and lessons (all part and parcel with the main game), effectively saying "Have at it"

Meanwhile, the interface can be confusing, especially for a child who can't read or is just learning. Even the Easy Mode seems a little, well, hard, if only because nothing is clear-cut. No steps are defined

Even something as simple as controlling the game speed gave us trouble. We couldn't find anything in the instructions (which are sparse at best) that explained

how to do it. Eventually we found the answer deep inside the company's online knowledge base

Particularly disappointing, Piano Wizard has no "free play" mode, no way to just sit at the keyboard and make your own music

Lessons are all well and good, but sometimes children (and, ahem, adults) just want to plink the keys and enjoy some unstructured fun

Allegro Rainbow sells a variety of Piano Wizard packages. If you already own a MIDI keyboard, you can buy the software and a USB interface cable for \$79.95. At the other end is a complete package, including a 49-key keyboard, for \$199.95

Piano Wizard is definitely a fun way for youngsters to get some initial exposure to the piano, perhaps encouraging them to take formal lessons or explore music further

But it's no substitute for a piano teacher

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Side Dish

Chef cooks

Join chef Paul Penney as he demonstrates simple two-burner recipes for onboard meals at the Detroit Boat Show, which runs daily through Feb 26 at Cobo Center

Enjoy tasty samples after each demonstration, plus take home handouts with easy-to follow recipes and instructions

Penney will cook up some of Michigan's most popular game fish - walleye, trout and salmon. He will also focus on chowders, salads and impressing guests with simple, yet delicious, meals. Cooking techniques will focus on how to work around limited space, storage, and access to shopping - which oftentimes are the challenges of onboard cooking.

Admission to the boat show is \$11 for adults, children under 12 are free with an adult. Discount tickets are available at www.detroitboatshow.net

Two for one admission is offered weekdays

Hours are 3-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Parking is available at Cobo Center and surrounding lots. For more information on the boat show visit www.detroitboatshow.net or call 1 (800) 224 3008.

Demonstration times are 5:30 and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 12:30, 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, and 12:30, 2 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Banana briefing

We hardly need to be told to go bananas - food-wise. Handy and nutritious, this fruit is a staple in the shopping cart, bananas are a sensible, portable snack besides being a versatile ingredient to add to dishes ranging from fruit salad to Caribbean flavored meat and fish courses. A feature in the March issue of *All You* magazine includes a brief guide to bananas. Basically, the feature says bananas divide into two categories: the eating or dessert banana, and the cooking banana, or plantain. There are at least 150 species of banana plants, but here are the supermarket varieties you are most likely to see.

■ **Cavendish banana** This is the long, yellow one we know best. It has a thick skin that withstands bruising, and it's available year-round.

■ **Dwarf banana** This is a medium-size fruit with a thinner skin and sweeter taste than the Cavendish. One type, the lady finger banana, is 4 to 5 inches long and has thin, yellow skin and very sweet flesh.

■ **Plantain** This very large, firm, angular variety is sometimes green, brown or reddish in color. Its starchiness makes it ideal for frying or baking, like a potato.

■ **Red banana** This is a short, chunky banana with a purplish red peel. It is firm-fleshed and sweet.

Lenten meals
Many enjoy more fish meals

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Mardi Gras (or Fat Tuesday) marks the last big bash before the beginning of austerity, a break in the so-called gluttonous lifestyle enjoyed by many of us.

Many diners will celebrate with bowls of jambalaya. Others will gulp down those delicious beloved paczki that Detroiters get googly eyed over every year.

The following day, Ash Wednesday (this year it is March 1), marks the beginning of Lent for millions of Christians worldwide. Many of the faithful will abstain from meat consumption on Fridays for the next 40 days - until Easter Sunday on April 16.

That means many will gather at fish fries at churches or local halls. Others may just cook their own fish at home.

Even without the Lenten season, consumers are eating more fish. John Pardington, owner of Holiday Market in Canton, said there's no question about it.

"They're really getting away from the fish and chips meals," Pardington said. "We've seen a steady decline in those kinds of meals over the past 20

years, and there's a definite increase in the sales of fresh fish."

But why the increase when seafood often costs more than chicken, pork or vegetarian selections? "It's variety," Pardington said. "I think they love the seafood, if it's done correctly. Tuna or swordfish on a grill is just unbelievable. And you don't need a pound per person."

People are more health conscious than ever before. They're eating less processed foods, (salmon) is high in Omega 3 - and to lose weight, many of the diets are calling for more seafood consumption.

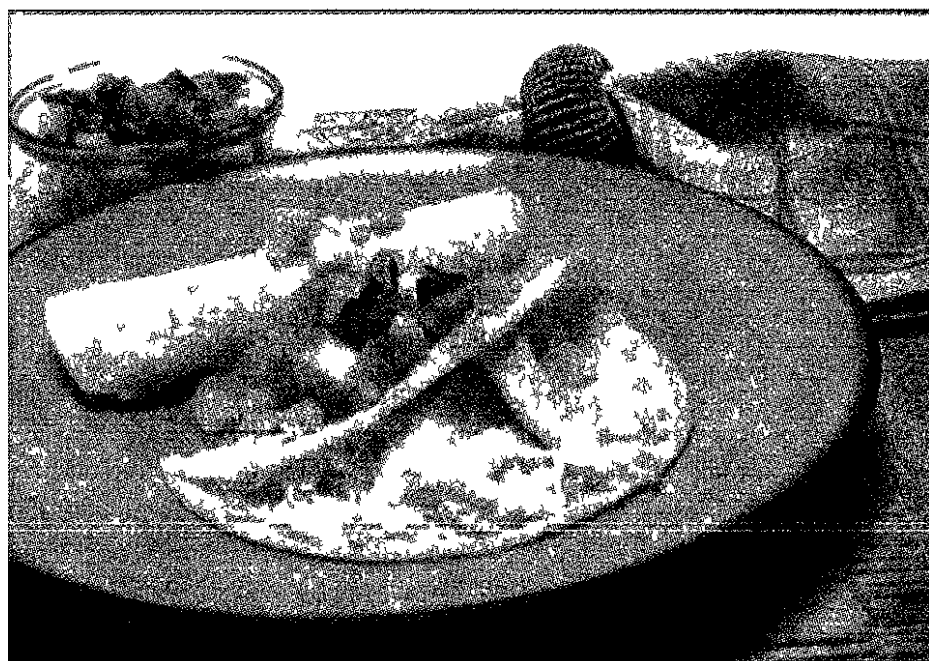
A FEW SHOPPING TIPS

For those of you who wish to cook fish at home, here's a quick primer.

What to look for when purchasing?

Isaac Ike Alhermizi, owner of Pomeroy's Market in West Bloomfield, believes customers should have enough faith in the store owner's purchases that the fish would be fresh. Ten to 12 items are transported fresh to Pomeroy's daily, Alhermizi said. Whitefish can be transported to the

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The contrast of warm fish, creamy mayo, tangy salsa and crisp veggies makes for a delicious but guilt free meal.

Fix fast, fabulous fish tacos

BY DANA JACOBI
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Baja California is the current hot spot for celebrities seeking romantic sunsets and privacy. But long before the thin and famous arrived, this long strip of beach was already known for fine fishing and great surfing. The surfers, coming off the beach to fuel up, discovered fish tacos, the local specialty.

Food historians agree that, as long as there has been fish, fire and ground corn, Mexicans probably have cooked fish and eating it wrapped in a tortilla. Food lovers insist that in Baja the combination was refined into the crisp, rich, cool-and-spicy fish taco that is messy to eat but irresistible for food lovers.

No one will ever know which of many Baja street vendors perfected the fish

taco. At its most authentic, beer-battered fish is deep-fried and wrapped in a small tortilla along with shredded iceberg lettuce, topped with a creamy sauce, salsa and an essential squirt of fresh lime juice. Eventually, an entrepreneur saw its potential and opened a fish tacos place in Mission Bay, Calif. The first in a McDonald's-like chain, there are now countless sites serving fish tacos, including the San Diego ballpark.

Better news is that, as the demand for fish tacos moved north and east, so did the desire for a healthier version, and now you can get them made with grilled or baked fish in some places.

My preference is pan-frying a firm, white fish, such as cod, in just a touch of oil until the fish is golden and crisp on the outside. Adding shredded cabbage to

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Try Paul Hobbs Vina Cobos wines

In Focus on Wine on April 7, 2005, we wrote about the California wines of Paul Hobbs. Yet, there's another side to this talented winemaker and his wines.

In 1988, three years before Hobbs had his first California harvest, he was invited to Argentina by Nicolas Catena to make chardonnay. This experience introduced Hobbs to wine making in Argentina.

"I fell in love with (Argentina's) unique malbecs," Hobbs explained, a varietal which rarely stands alone in its native southern Bordeaux. It



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

seems a paradox that malbec is the predominant grape variety in Argentina, never achieved greatness in France.

Hobbs had the fortune to meet Andrea Marchionni and Luis Barraud, the wife-and-husband winemaking team that matched Hobbs' fascination with

malbec. Together, we took the challenge to unearth and polish this ancient black beauty, this diamond in the rough, Hobbs said.

MENDOZA WINEMAKING

Winegrowing in Argentina is centered around Mendoza, the largest winegrowing province, bordering the eastern foothills of the Andes mountains, separating Chile from Argentina.

The Andes block the humid air from the Pacific Ocean to the west and provide the vineyards with dry, unpolluted air that reduces the risk of disease and

the need for frequent, costly spraying.

With only eight inches of rainfall annually, the water resource for vineyard irrigation comes from the winter snowfall in the Andes. Irrigation is accomplished by a network of canals and furrows flooding the vine rows.

The Marchionni Vineyard, source of Hobbs Vina Cobos wines, is located at 2,900 feet above sea level in a semi-desert region that experiences hot, dry winds by day, refreshed by cool nights. Although frost is rare, summer hail is a serious risk to

the vines. To prevent damage, vineyards are protected with netting.

In the climate of the high desert, grapes develop thick skins and the resulting wines exhibit complex flavors and aromas with textures provided by silky tannins. Vina Cobos Malbec is crafted from 50- to 80-year-old vines. These wines of structure and big fruit are best paired with grilled meat. The Argentine barbecues that feature meat grilled over wood fires are known as asados.

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WINES

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PAUL HOBBS ARGENTINE WINES

Paul Hobbs Argentine wines are arranged in three tiers by price and quality. Standing alone on the top tier is the Vina Cobos 2003 Cobos Malbec, Marchiori Vineyard \$150, a muscular wine with velvety tannins and a very long finish. The densely colored wine is introduced by aromas of plums and blackberries which are mirrored on the palate, a real treat.

The middle tier of luxury wines is called Bramare, an Etruscan word meaning "to yearn for" and was chosen to honor the Italian heritage of the Marchiori family. The 2004 Bramare Chardonnay (\$60) is a big, unctuous wine that lingers long on the palate. It is deep gold with aromas and flavors of peaches and apricots, accompanied by new French oak spiciness - one of the best chardonnays we've tried in the last year.

The 2004 Bramare Cabernet Sauvignon (\$70) is an outstanding cab with an intriguing combination of spice, black currant and cherry, plus fine tobacco and cedar with a long, elegant finish. The 2003 Bramare Malbec (\$85) exhibits aromas of chocolate, berry and burnt sugar. It has firm, yet silky, tannins, a real mouthful.

The third, value tier is known as the Nativo Collection. Each wine is given an animal name and each is an excellent example of the varietal for the money (\$25). This may be the place to discover Hobbs Argentine wines before investing in the upper tiers, plus they have the advantage of greater availability. The malbec is named El Felino (cat), the merlot is LaGarto (lizard) and the cabernet sauvignon is Cocodrilo (crocodile).

WINE PICKS

Whether it's a big, juicy steak, grilled lamb chops or a pepperoni and mushroom pizza, California RED ZINFANDEL is a good choice. Try:

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Wallet friendly: 2003 Wild Bunch (blend) \$10

Michigan Riesling scores big: With its 2004 Semi-Dry Riesling, Shady Lane Cellars in Suttons Bay captured the prestigious Schott Zwiesel Best of Class Gold Medal at the recent San Francisco Chronicle competition, the world's largest review of American wines.

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

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

Pick a bowl, eat soup and help

Pewabic Pottery is hosting the 12th annual Empty Bowls for Gleaners Food Bank fund raiser 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

Guests begin by selecting a ceramic bowl hand-crafted by local artists, Pewabic students and area children. Guests are then invited into the kiln room to enjoy soup until 2 p.m. and shopping until 6 p.m. Bowls range from \$10 to \$20 a piece, and there are no presales of any of the bowls for this event. All of the profit goes to Gleaners Food Bank. There will also be a silent auction of artist bowls with proceeds going to Pewabic's museum and education programs.

The menu includes soup, bread and water with the soups being donated from local area restaurants. Bread is being donated by Metropolitan

Bakery of Detroit

Pewabic Pottery is a 103-year-old nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Arts & Crafts ideals while advancing contemporary ceramic arts.

Pewabic Pottery is open to the public year round and offers classes, workshops, lectures and tours to children and adults. The Pottery continues to create tile for architectural installations and offers galleries that showcase over 60 ceramic artists and a museum store for purchasing handmade Pewabic items.

Visitors are welcome, free of charge, during regular business hours Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

To learn more about Pewabic Pottery call (313) 822-0954 or to donate online, visit

www.pewabic.org. Pewabic Pottery can be found at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave. in Detroit across the street from Waterworks Park.

Since 1977, Gleaners Community Food Bank has been securing surplus food from farmers, grocery retailers, food distributors and processors that would otherwise go to waste and making it available to the hungry in southeastern Michigan.

Gleaners Community Food Bank distributes nearly 2 million pounds of food monthly to more than 300 agencies.

Over 65,000 meals are served by these agencies each day.

To learn more about Gleaners Community Food Bank contact Ruth Ellen Mayhall at (313) 923-7855 or visit www.gcfb.org

Enjoy winter wine country packages

Michigan wineries and nearby lodging facilities are teaming up to offer winter packages. Visitors get plenty of extra attention during this slower time of year, and snow-covered vineyards provide seasonal beauty. You can enjoy a glass of wine with a special friend or curl up with a good book by a cozy fire.

Whether your destination is Traverse City, Saugatuck or Jackson, wineries and lodging partners are ready to greet you.

In Suttons Bay, the Inn at Black Star Farms has a Romantic Winery Package that includes a private wine tasting, massage, gourmet breakfast and a bottle of sparkling wine. The Vineyard Inn, located on Suttons Bay, has Murder Mystery Weekend packages for the detective in you, and at either Grand Beach or Sugar Beach in Traverse City, a Wine

and Dine Package includes a \$50 dinner voucher for The Bowerly, plus wine tasting and a bottle of wine.

Saugatuck isn't just a summer destination. Winter is also a good time to visit this lakeside town. Twin Gables Inn offers a Wine Lovers Weekend package that includes a private tour and tasting at Fenn Valley Vineyards, a bottle of sparkling wine, \$60 dinner certificate and more.

If you're looking for a winter getaway closer to Detroit, Sandhill Crane Vineyards, near Jackson, offers packages with two local B&Bs. Both include wine tasting, a bottle of wine, logo wine glasses and gift certificates for nearby Charlie's Pub and Grill or Common Grill.

For those who would rather plan their own weekend, there are special winter rates at

many of wine country's nicest spots.

The Inns at Chateau Chantal and Chateau Grand Traverse are wonderful places to spend a quiet weekend by a fire, and you can tour nearby wineries at your leisure. All across the state, you'll find bed-and-breakfast inns that offer close proximity to wineries and an opportunity to enjoy Michigan's beautiful winter season.

For additional information, and a complimentary *Michigan Wine Country* magazine, with maps to the wineries, visit www.michiganwines.com or contact the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council at (517) 241-1207.

The magazine is also available at all Michigan wineries and Travel Michigan Welcome Centers.

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.

Healthy Cooking Classes

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

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 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.

Culinary classes

Birmingham Community Education offers the following culinary classes in Room 114 at Derby Middle School, 1300 Derby Road, Birmingham. Class fee is \$39 plus \$13 materials fee payable at first class. Bring a dish towel and your appetite. Classes are Delectable Chicken Curries, March 6; Flavors of Delhi Bazaar, March 13; and Dosa, A South Indian Specialty, March 20. To register, call (248) 203 3800 or on line at www.communited.net.

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 Five 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.

VisTa Gala

Food and jazz will be served with a touch of elegance at VisTa Gala 2006. Schoolcraft College's black tie fund raiser Saturday, March 25, featuring food with international flair prepared by Schoolcraft culinary students. Guests will stroll through six instructional kitchens choosing from hot and cold appetizers, hot entrees, breads, pastries and desserts. Music by Matt Michaels Trio. Tickets are \$150 per person. Patrons also can bid on one item a five course meal for 50 people with wine at the American Harvest Restaurant. Call (734) 462 4400 Ext. 5008.

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:

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, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 14 and 16; 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 and 27. Class fees range from \$109-\$139.

Polish Cooking

Learn how to make perfect pierogis (Polish dumplings), golabki (stuffed cabbage) and kielbasa and other traditional Polish entrees. Sample Polish dishes with instructor Jeff Gabriel. 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23. Fee is \$109.

DINNER CALENDAR

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

Italian Wine Dinner

Giulio's Cucina Italiana, 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia, hosts an Italian Wine Dinner at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14. The menu includes a Jumbo Sea Scallop wrapped in bacon, glazed with a saffron beurre blanc for an

appetizer, a Tuscan bread salad featuring house made croutons, white balsamic vinaigrette, red onion and Gorgonzola cheese, Pappardelle pasta with a veal, beef and sausage ragu, tenderloin steak, pounded thin, pan sautéed and topped with a tomato basil Ammoghio sauce served with sun dried tomato polenta and Italian green beans, and a caramel pecan tartlet for dessert. Dishes are matched with appropriate wines. Tickets are \$55 per person plus tax and gratuity. Call (734) 427-9500. Space is limited to the first 40 people.

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).

Herniated Disc Technology Discovered by NASA Scientists

Ann Arbor - A new free report has recently been released that reveals how breakthrough medical technology is offering new hope for sciatica sufferers. Discover how research has proven non-surgical decompression 86% successful in treating debilitating back pain. Find out how NASA's accidental discovery led to the most promising treatment today. For your free report entitled "How Space Age Technology Is Solving Back Pain Without Drugs Or Surgery!" Call 1 800 293-2595 for the toll free recorded message. Supplies are limited. Call now. If phone lines are busy visit www.freediscreport.com.

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You'll prepare these carrots gingerly

Cooks think of herbs and spices as flavor-enhancers. But thanks to their health-protective phytochemicals, they can also help fight against cancer and other diseases, much like those found in fruits, vegetables, whole grains and other plant-based foods.

Fresh ginger, for example, contains a pungent substance called gingerol. And when ginger is dried and stored, another substance, zingerone, is formed. Both substances are believed to have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory effects and, therefore, may be cancer-protective.

In addition to cancer and other chronic diseases, ginger has been used to treat nausea, motion sickness and other digestive ailments. Some people chew on candied ginger, while others take ginger cap-

sules or drink a tea made from hot water steeped with candied ginger or a few slices of fresh ginger root.

The American Institute for Cancer Research promotes a largely plant-based diet which includes herbs and spices as the most healthful way to eat. This diet, rich in vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans, has both short- and long-term benefits. It can often help with weight management as well as offer protection from chronic diseases like cancer.

The AICR rule of thumb is two-thirds (or more) of a plate filled with a variety of vegetables, fruits, whole grains and/or beans, and one-third (or less) animal protein.

A largely plant-based diet does not have to be dull or tasteless. Fresh herbs and spices are one way to enliven

flavor while adding more health-protective substances. These gingered carrots are a pretty, nutritious side dish that complements most entrees.

GINGERED CARROTS

- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- Hot water
- 5-6 medium carrots (10-12 ounces)
- Boiling water just enough to cover carrots
- 2 teaspoons finely minced fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- Pinch of salt, if desired

In a medium bowl, combine raisins and just enough hot water to cover them. Let stand about 15 minutes. Meanwhile, peel and slice carrots diagonally

into 1/2-inch slices. Place in a medium pot of boiling water, add ginger and lemon juice. Cook 6 to 7 minutes. Drain.

Drain raisins, reserving 3/4 cup liquid, and set aside. In a skillet, melt butter or margarine over medium heat. Add brown sugar and cook 30 seconds.

In a separate bowl, mix together reserved raisin water and cornstarch. Add to butter/brown sugar mixture. Cook about 1 minute, or until thickened.

Add raisins and carrots and cook 1 minute. Add lemon zest and salt, if desired. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 124 calories, 2 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 26 g carbohydrates, 1 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber and 55 mg sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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Duck breast recipe calls for quick cooking

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A menu that includes duck breast could convey a nice sense of occasion. Happily for cooks, this doesn't call for advanced skills or hours of your time.

The following recipe is one that a home cook can prepare in less than 20 minutes - but that doesn't include reading the recipe carefully first, and doing the requisite shopping for ingredients.

The duck breasts are served with polenta for a Provençal flavor, rich with Mediterranean nuances.

This doesn't mean a caloric overload, duck breast is a good source of lean protein, as low in calories as chicken breast.

Serving suggestion: Serve with green beans or wilted spinach.

DUCK BREASTS PROVENÇALE

(Preparation 5 minutes, cooking time 15 minutes)

- 1 precooked polenta log (about 1 pound)
- 4 White Pekin duck breast halves (6 ounces each)
- 2 teaspoons herbes de Provence blend
- 1/4 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 cup low sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup chopped pitted Kalamata olives
- 1/4 cup chopped oil packed sun dried tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon capers rinsed
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Heat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit.

Bring large pot of water to boil, cook polenta log according to package directions while preparing duck and sauce.

With small, sharp knife, remove skin from duck breasts. Season breasts on both sides with herbes de Provence. In 10-inch nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add breasts, brown on both sides, about 2 minutes per side. Transfer breasts in one layer to baking dish or another skillet and place in oven, cook about 6 minutes for rare, 8 minutes for medium-rare and 10 minutes for medium, turning breasts once after 4 minutes.

While breasts are in the oven, make pan sauce. Pour off fat from skillet breasts were browned in. Add chicken broth, olives, tomatoes and capers, simmer until liquid is reduced to about 1/2 cup.

Remove polenta log from water, open package and mound polenta on 4 plates, dividing it equally. Cut each breast crosswise on a slight angle into 4 to 5 slices about 1/2-inch thick, fan 1 breast over polenta on each plate and spoon sauce over duck and polenta. Sprinkle with parsley.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 193 cal., 5 g fat, 136 mg chol., 401 mg sodium, 8 g carbo., 1 g fiber, 28 g pro.

(Recipe for AP developed by the Duckling Council. Information and recipes on the Web: <http://www.duckling.org>)

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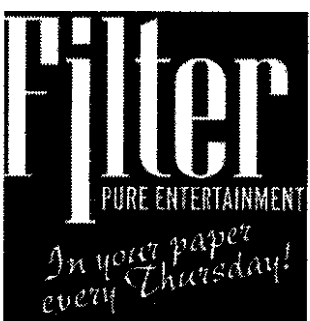
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Chiefs headed for Battle Creek

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Never mind the Canton Chiefs trailed Novi Detroit Catholic Central 30-28 in a prep wrestling team regional at Plymouth High School Wednesday night.

Forget the fact he needed a win to give his team the first regional championship in school history.

And ignore the idea he was just a sophomore trying to bear up under all that pressure. Because Steve Cox did.

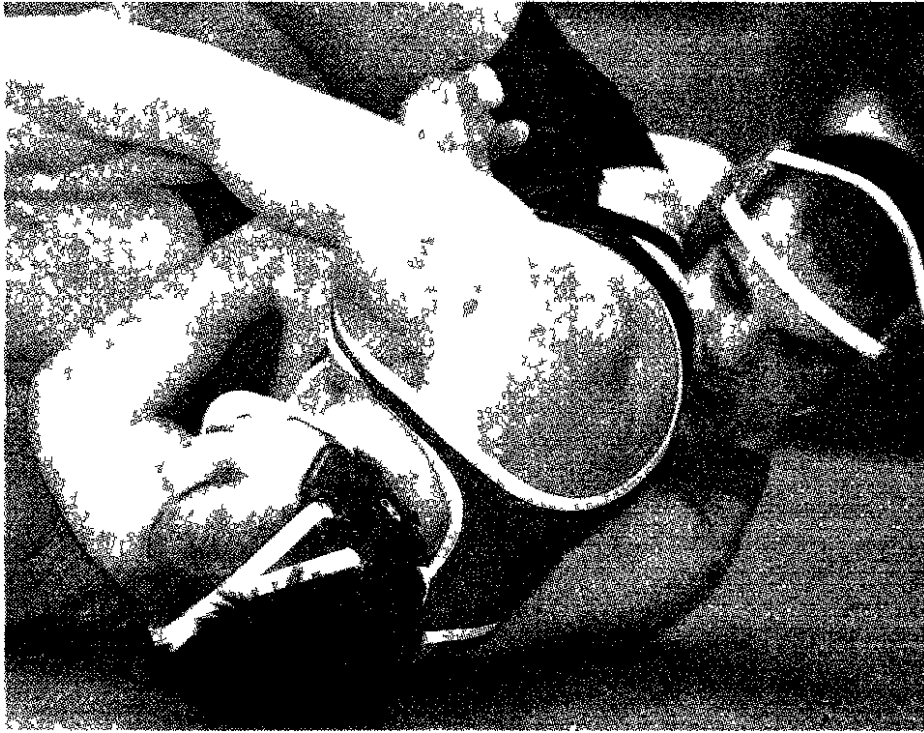
Cox pinned CC's Mike Wikter in 3:18 of the 130-pound match and allowed

his Chiefs to shock the Shamrocks, 34-30, in the regional final. The win sends Canton (28-4) — for the first time — to the state quarterfinals March 3-4 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

And Cox just shrugged it all off. "I was just trying to have fun," the sophomore said. "I felt the pressure at first, then just decided to have fun and that allowed me to relax."

He was the only one. With the crowd and both teams constantly coming to their feet, the meet see-sawed back and forth from the opening bout, when CC's

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, C3



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Joe Wilson turns Catholic Central's Ryan Brown to his back during the 152-pound match of the team regional finals at Wednesday night at Plymouth High School.

Sidelines

OLGC football

The Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) football program will hold its parents meeting for the 2006 season at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, in the school's gymnasium. OLGC is located at 1151 William St. in Plymouth.

OLGC offers teams for boys in third through eighth grades (as of the fall of 2006). Families that belong to one of the following parishes are eligible: OLGC, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Victory, St. Mary's of Wayne, St. Richard, St. Thomas a'Becket, Divine Savior, Resurrection, St. James' (third- and fourth-graders only) and St. John Neumann.

Parents of interested players should attend the meeting. Program information and registration materials will be distributed.

For more information, contact Mike Nelson at mikelson@ameritech.net, or (734) 737-9935.

Also, information about the program can be found at www.olgcfootball.net.

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 pccmyers@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.canton-mi.org or you can visit the Canton Sports Center or the Summit on the Park for walk-in registration.

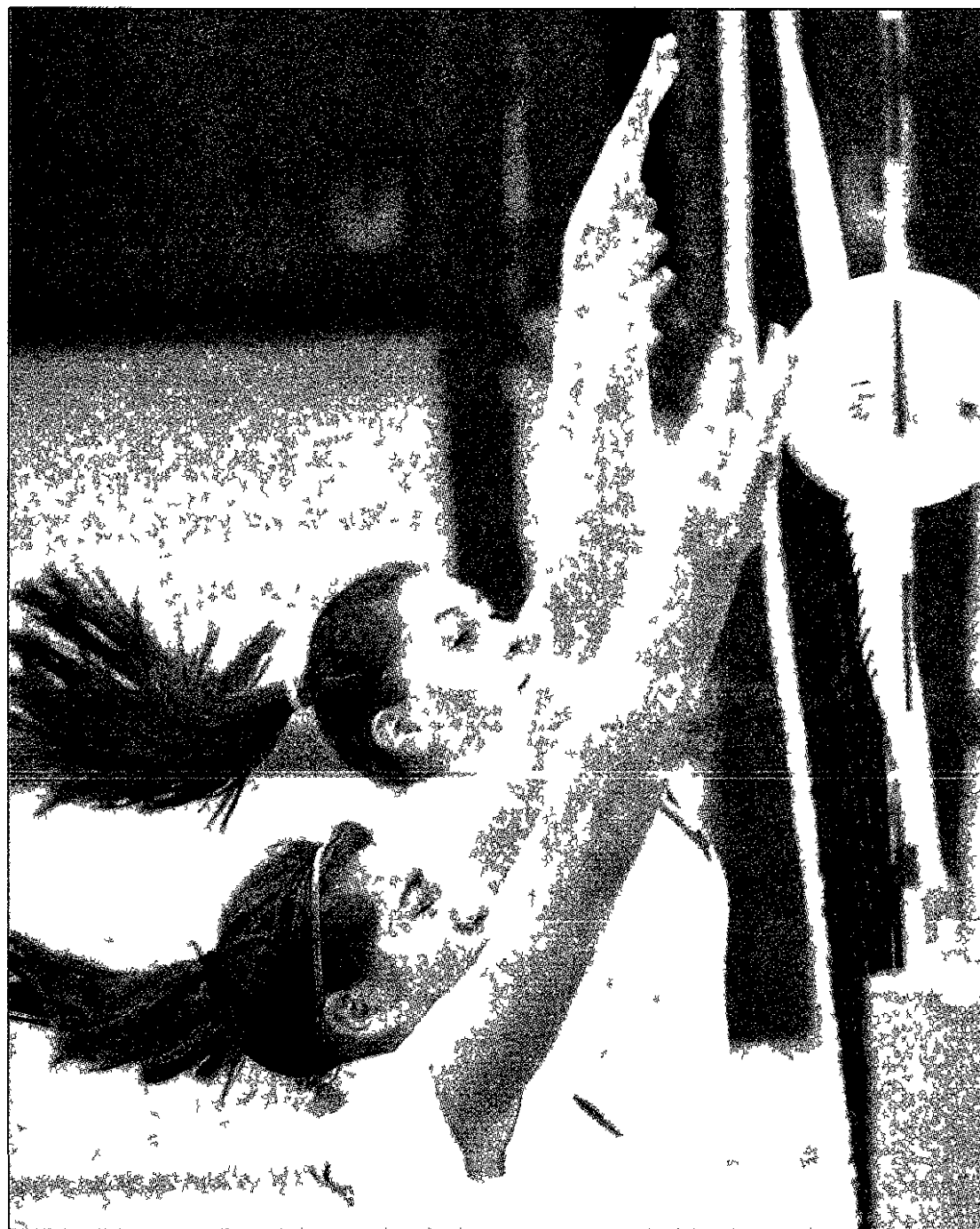
For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

Ann Arbor run

Online registration is open for the 33rd annual Dexter-Ann Arbor Run, presented by Comerica Sunday, June 4.

The featured race is the RRCA Michigan Half-Marathon Championship. Other runs include 10K and 5K run and walks. All races follow picturesque Huron River Drive to the finish on Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor.

Runners can run the river, enjoy the post-race carnival atmosphere, then take the family a block down Main Street to sample the offerings of the Taste of Ann Arbor Festival. Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Honorary chair Tyrone Wheatley will walk the 5K in support of the fund. Complete information is available at www.dexter-annarborryun.com.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A block during Monday's match against Plymouth proved to be a hair-raising experience for Salem's Jansan Falcuson (foreground) and Lauren Kurtz. Kurtz finished with nine blocks and Falcuson recorded 42 assists in the Rocks' five-game victory.

'Rally' big show

Salem overcomes 2-0 deficit to upend rival Wildcats in 5

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's volleyball team did just about everything imaginable to Salem's unbeaten conference record Monday night in the Rocks' gym.

The Wildcats spiked it, bumped it, slammed it and dented it.

Everything except break it. Plymouth soared to a commanding advantage by winning the first two games in the best-of-five match, however, the Rocks demonstrated they're as resilient as they are talented by rebounding to survive with a heart-pounding, five-game victory 23-25, 20-25, 25-12, 25-19 and 15-11.

On "Senior Night," Salem closed its Western Lakes Activities Association schedule with a perfect 11-0 mark, which earned it a top seed in Saturday's conference tournament at Lavonia Churchill. The Rocks, who had dropped just one game in conference play prior to Monday, are 39-7-1 overall.

Plymouth slipped to 6-5 in the WLAA and 29-10 overall.

"I was still confident when we were down 2-0, but I knew there were some little things we needed to tweak if we were going to come back," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We were a little out of sync the first two games and we were doing things we haven't done all season. But Plymouth

deserves a lot of credit for that. They played great."

"Our passing and serve reception were hurting us the first two games. What it came down to in the end though was our defense. Our defense stepped up in the last three games."

Plymouth may not have won, but the Wildcats definitely earned a "Dangerous When Healthy" tag. Playing in their first conference match in over a month with a full, injury-free (for the most part) roster, the Wildcats played like the team coach Kelly McCausland expected to see all season during the first two games.

"In games one and two, the girls played with the attitude that they had nothing to lose," McCausland said. "The third game was the key. We made some unforced errors and Salem seemed to get the momentum back."

"It was nice seeing what we're capable of when we have everybody healthy. Hopefully, this will carry over to Saturday."

Junior outside hitter Teresa Coppelie paced the Rocks with 31 kills and 13 digs. Playing in her last home match, senior Lauren Price notched 19 kills, 18 digs and three aces. Freshman setter Jansan Falcuson played with the poise of a senior, racking up 42 assists, 10 digs and four block assists, while junior

PLEASE SEE SALEM, C4

PCA cagers win thriller over 'Riders

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night's basketball game between Plymouth Christian Academy and Bloomfield Hills Roper started as a battle of threes and ended with a battle of Zs.

In a contest highlighted by 32 three-point-shot attempts, PCA's "Z" — sophomore guard Trevor Zinn — converted a driving layup with 8.3 seconds left to give the Eagles a thrilling 47-46 victory over the visiting Roughriders Roper's "Z" — senior guard Erk Zanser — had sliced through the lane and drained a running scoop shot over at least four outstretched arms 25 seconds earlier to put Roper ahead, 46-45.

The Roughriders failed to get off a decent shot on their final possession. With two-tenths of a

PLEASE SEE PCA, C6

Belbin, Agosto inspire skaters

Arctic Edge skaters say silver medalists are 'real people'

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Success hasn't spoiled Canton-based silver medal-winning ice dancers Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto during their march to Winter Olympics glory.

In fact, the pair are worthy of gold medals when it comes to congeniality and assisting their fellow skaters, according to a pair of local figure skaters who train with the silver medalists at the Arctic Edge in Canton.

"They're both very friendly and down-to-earth people," said 20-year-old Lavonia resident Lisa Zielinski, who has known the duo since they all trained together at the Detroit

Skating Club before moving to the Arctic Edge in 2003. "I took a ballet class with them many years ago, and they're as nice now as they were then."

"What I think is great about Tanith and Ben is that they do a lot in the community. Last year they organized a fund-raiser for the Tsunami relief effort. They're both great role models for young skaters."

Belbin and Agosto became the first United States ice-dancing team to win a medal since 1976.

Edging out Belbin and Agosto for the gold were two-time world champions Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov of Russia, who earned 200.64 points to the Americans' 196.06.

Ukrainians Elena Grushina and Ruslan Goncharov took the bronze with a score of 195.85.

Plymouth resident Torrie



Torrie Vleck



Lisa Zielinski

Vleck, 14, said neither Belbin nor Agosto let the international success they've enjoyed even before the Torino Olympics inflate their egos.

"If you walked into the Arctic Edge during the week when they were here and you didn't know who they were, you'd think they were just two average people," Vleck said. "Ben has helped me a lot with my skating and Tanith is amazing, too."

"I was really hoping they would win the gold, but silver is just as good. Everybody here is very happy for them."

Arctic Edge general manager

er Craig O'Neill said Belbin and Agosto usually arrive at the facility between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on training days.

"They usually train for a couple of hours, then they leave," O'Neill said. "They're not really into coaching yet, but it wouldn't surprise me if they got into that one day after their competitive skating days are over. They both work well with the younger skaters."

Vleck said she didn't want to find out the results of Monday's ice dancing competition until it aired on a tape-delayed basis on NBC six hours after the event was over. Unfortunately, her plan was foiled.

"I didn't even look at my instant messaging during the day on Monday because I knew if I did, I'd find out who won," she said, smiling. "But I ended up finding out they won the silver early Monday night. Even though I knew, it was still fun watching the actual competition."

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Perfect Play Inc. to host 'March Madness' clinic

Perfect Play Inc., a basketball training company whose staff consists of former NBA, NCAA and European pro players, will be hosting a 'March Madness Basketball Blitz' on Saturday, March 4, at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

The tutors of Perfect Play, including former NBA player Brandon Williams and ex-University of Michigan star Jimmy King, will host three group sessions of workouts that improve participants' agility, speed and defending and shooting skills. Other tutors include Troy Coleman, Ann Marie Carravallah, Dan Young and Sadi Washington. Along with the sessions,

there will be several skills on tests, including 'Defender Challenge,' 'Dribble Relay,' 'Three-Point Challenge' and a free-throw contest.

The times of the sessions are 8-9 a.m. (ages 10-11), 9:30-10:30 a.m. (ages 12-13) and 11 a.m.-noon (ages 14 and up). The cost is \$10 per player and only 20 players per age group will be accepted.

To register, call (734) 769-9839, send an e-mail to info@perfectplayinc.com, or visit the company's Web site at www.perfectplayinc.com.

Registration forms can be dropped off at the "Members Activities" desk at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

Penguin skaters topple Pioneers, 3-1

On Friday, the Plymouth Canton-Salem girls hockey team bounced back from just their second loss of the season six nights earlier by ousting Ann Arbor Unified, 3-1, in a game played at Yost Arena on the University of Michigan campus.

The victory improved the Penguins record to 17-2 overall and 15-2 in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League. On Feb. 18, PCS dropped a 5-2 decision to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

The Penguins and Pioneers were knotted at 1-1 with 3:12 remaining when Kristen Schwan tallied an unassisted

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goal for the game winner. Less than two minutes later Adrienne Cercone added an insurance goal into an empty net.

With just one regular-season game remaining — Saturday's match-up at Harper Wood Regina — the Penguins have clinched second place in the leagues Western Division as a first-round bye in the state playoffs, which will be held at the Arctic Edge in Canton beginning Saturday, March 4.

PCS's Lisa Ealy gave her team

a 1-0 lead against Ann Arbor 12 minutes into the game with an unassisted goal. Following a scoreless second period, the Pioneers J.J. Chronis knotted the game at 1-1 at the 10:53 mark of the third period.

The Penguins outshot their hosts, 52-21, but were stymied time and time again by Pioneer goalie Clarice Grantham. Kristie Kowalski played well between the pipes for PCS, stopping 20 of 21 shots.

The Penguins and Cranes battled to a scoreless draw through the first period before Katie Zimmerman scored with 8:43 left in the second to give her

team a 1-0 advantage. Ashley LeBlanc assisted on the goal. Cranbrook tied the game at 1-1 six minutes later on Aerial Magidson's lamp-lighter.

PCS regained the lead, 2-1, on an Ealy goal from Amy Coleman and Zimmerman, but Cranbrook netted the final four goals to notch the win.

"We didn't play really well, and Cranbrook played really well," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. Cranbrook seemed to have more energy and enthusiasm than we did. We kept up with them in the first and second periods, but in the third they took over."

Whalers silence the Storm, 6-4

The Plymouth Whalers snatched a victory from the jaws of defeat Saturday night, and in doing so remain in first place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division.

Chris Terry's seventh goal of the season with 3:15 left snapped a 4-4 tie and the Whalers went on to defeat the Guelph Storm, 6-4, in an OHL game played before 3,066 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Plymouth (28-24-1-3) needed the victory to stay in first place in the OHL West.

Saginaw (29-25-1-0) defeated Windsor, 7-3, Saturday.

Trailing 3-0 at one point in the second period and 3-1 after 40 minutes of play, the Whalers tied the game in the third on power-play goals by John Armstrong (11th) at 1:42 and Mike Letizia (12th) at 3:53. Plymouth took its first lead on another power play goal from Steve Ward (12th) at the 7:26 mark. Guelph tied the game on a power play goal by Ryan Parent at 13:42, but Terry scored the game-winner

3:03 later when he skated into the Guelph zone on the right wing and snapped a shot by Storm goaltender Jason Guy.

Guelph head coach Dave Barr pulled Guy in the final minute of play for an extra attacker and Guelph's Rafael Rotter rang a shot off the cross-bar. But Letizia picked up a loose puck at the hash mark in his own zone and scored on the empty net to give Plymouth a two-goal cushion.

After a scoreless first period, Guelph led 3-1 in the second

period on goals by Jason Pitton (26th), Matt D'Agostini (23rd) and Ryan Callahan (43rd). Andrew Fournier started the Plymouth comeback by scoring his 15th at 8:43 of the second period.

That set the stage for the third period and the Plymouth victory.

Plymouth is home on Friday when it hosts Erie at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers are set to host London on Saturday.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE TO PUBLIC BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne State of Michigan to all residents of the Charter Township of Canton that all persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. All petitions must be received in the Assessor's office by March 18, 2006 at 12:00 p.m.

The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday	March 7 2006	Organizational Meeting	4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	(No Appointments)
Monday	March 13 2006	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	(Appointments Only)	
Tuesday	March 14 2006	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	(Appointments Only)	
Saturday	March 18 2006	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	First Come First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)	

Please be advised entry into the building on Tuesday, March 14th after 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 18th can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township Hall.

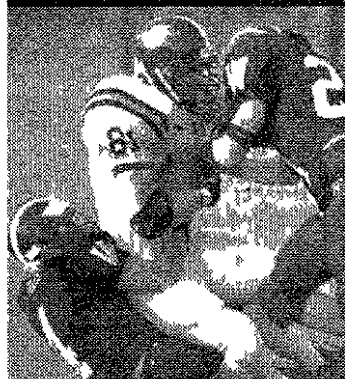
If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Charter Township of Canton

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LIKE NUMBERS?
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of them in
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Salem gymnasts oust Wildcats

Freshman Katie Koetting placed first in the all-around and won the vault and floor exercise to lead Salem to a 143.55/129.25 triumph over Plymouth Monday night in a meet held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Koetting's 36.55 all-around bested teammate Brittany Young (35.75) by less than a point. Jordan Brodehl was the lone Wildcat to break into the top six spot in the all-around when she posted a season-best score of 35.15.


Young also had a fine night for the Rocks, winning the uneven bars competition (9.0) as well as the balance beam (9.45).

The victory improved Salem's dual-meet record to 6-3 heading into today's Western Lakes Activities Association meet at Walled Lake Central High School. Plymouth slipped to

1-8 with the setback.

SALEM 143.55
PLYMOUTH, 129.25
Monday at Plymouth H.S.

ALL-AROUND 1 Katie Koetting (S) 36.55, 2 Brittany Young (S) 35.75, 3 Sarah Bugosh (S) 35.45, 4 Autumn Collins (S) 35.40, 5 Jordan Brodehl (P) 35.15, 6 Katerina Karotos 34.35
VAULT 1 Katie Koetting (S) 9.05, 2 Autumn Collins (S) 8.95, 3 Jordan Brodehl (P) 8.90, 4 Sarah Bugosh (S) 8.85, 5 Katerina Karotos (S) 8.66, 6 Ashley Brimmer (P) 8.4
UNEVEN BARS 1 Brittany Young (S) 9.0, 2 Katie Koetting (S) 8.9, 3 Sarah Bugosh (S) 8.65, 4 Autumn Collins (S) 8.5, 5 Jordan Brodehl (P) 8.4, 6 Katerina Karotos (S) 8.35
BALANCE BEAM 1 Brittany Young (S) 9.45, 2 Sarah Bugosh (S) 9.35, 3 Katie Koetting (S) 9.2, 4 Autumn Collins (S) 9.1, 5 Jordan Brodehl (P) 8.85, 6 Katerina Karotos (S) 8.25
FLOOR EXERCISE Katie Koetting (S) 9.4, 2 (tie) Brittany Young and Jordan Brodehl (P) 9.0, 4 Autumn Collins (S) 8.85, 5 (tie) Sarah Bugosh (S) and Katerina Karotos (S) 8.6
DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem 6-3, Plymouth, 1-8



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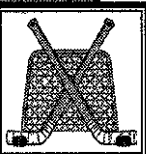
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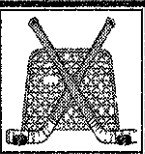
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16 local grapplers qualify to move to individual regional

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Call them the "Sweet 16" That's how many local wrestlers qualified Feb 18 for Saturday's Division 1 individual wrestling regional tournament at Southgate Anderson High School

The top four placers from each of the 14 weight classes at last Saturday's district meet at Saline High School advanced. The individual state tournament is set for March 9-11 at the Palace of Auburn Hills

Team-wise, Canton enjoyed the most productive day as seven Chiefs advanced, including Corey Phillips, who placed first at 130 pounds, and Konrad Konsitzke, who won the 145-pound division. Phillips is now 47-2 while Konsitzke stands at 43-3

They will be joined by teammates Marwan Faraj (second at 160), Donnie Laramie (third at 275), Ryan Schnettler (fourth at 112), Kiel Price (fourth at 171) and Tom Bonnell (fourth at 215)

Led by second-place finishers Steve D'Annunzio (112) and Ali Youssef (145), Plymouth advanced five grapplers into Saturday's regional. Other Wildcats moving on are Steve Korpus (third at 130), Jon Hagar (third at 145) and Danny Jammoul (third at 215)

A pair of Salem competitors earned first-place honors. Jake Bennett at 140 and Jeremy Henderson at 189. Nick Steiger (second at 119) and Cory Mervyn (third at 125) also moved on

MHSAA Division 1 Individual Wrestling Results Saturday at Saline

(The top four finishers in each weight class advance to Saturday's DI regional meet. Each wrestler's record is listed next to his name below. The names of the local wrestlers who advanced are highlighted.)

- 103 pounds 1 Ken Nelson (Redford Union) 41 6 2 Al Vellathottam (Novi) 26 4 3 Namic Kerimov (Farmington) 36 8 4 Tommy Mysnock (Stevenson) 34 12 112-1 Alex Fowler (Churchill) 15 4 2 Steve D'Annunzio (Plymouth), 33-6, 3 Trevor O'Connor (Novi CC) 20 10 4 Ryan Schnettler (Canton), 31-13
- 119 1 Antonio Cosme (Novi CC) 37 16 2 Nick Steiger (Salem), 27-16, 3 Jonny D'Anna (Northville) 20 14 4 Tim Hecksel (Churchill) 17 14
- 125 1 Mike Warren (Franklin) 40 5 2 Greg Roberts (Churchill) 30 13 3 Cory Mervyn (Salem), 27-16, 4 Jon Roos (Franklin) 40 5
- 130 1 Corey Phillips (Canton), 47-2, 2 Josh Billiau (Franklin) 39 6 3 Steve Korpus (Plymouth), 34-11, 4 Jon Paul Gaffke (Churchill) 11 13
- 135 1 Andrew Nadhir (Novi CC) 43 5 2 James Jones (Franklin) 30 9 3 Austin Phillips (Franklin) 27 18 4 Jonathan Fox (Ypsi Lincoln) 30 15
- 140 1 Jake Bennett (Salem), 41-7, 2 Robert Price (Novi CC) 39 11 3 Alex York (Stevenson) 32 12 4 Jeremy Young (Novi) 21 21
- 145 1 Konrad Konsitzke (Canton), 43-3, 2 Ali Youssef (Plymouth), 40-0, 3 Jon Hagar (Plymouth), 33-9, 4 Adam Kibner (Redford Union) 25 17
- 152 1 Sean Dong (Novi CC) 43 0 2 Tommy Coleman (Saline) 38 5 3 Luke O'Brien (Saline) 37 9 4 Nate Turco (Franklin) 33 13
- 160 1 Blake Karkoska (Franklin) 40 4 2 Marwan Faraj (Canton), 39-8, 3 John Farmer (Novi CC) 21 5 4 John Wolfe (A A Huron) 17 11
- 171 1 Cody Rize (Stevenson) 42 4 2 Josh Kelly (Churchill) 28 7 3 Joe Armstrong (Saline) 32 13 4 Kiel Price (Canton), 23-24
- 189 1 Jeremy Henderson (Salem), 32-2, 2 Matt Farmer (Novi CC) 19 6 3 Chris VanCamp (Franklin) 40 8 4 Joe Kinville (Novi CC) 12 8
- 215 1 John Kinville (Novi CC) 41 3 2 Greg Schuyler (Franklin) 33 12 3 Danny Jammoul (Plymouth), 7 2 4 Tom Bonnell (Canton), 29-19
- 275 1 Joe Everett (Saline) 35 3 2 Matt Shitekis (Redford Union) 38 5 3 Donnie Laramie (Canton), 40-6, 4 Jimmy Zak (Saline) 9 2

WRESTLING

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Andrew Nadhir stopped Canton's Corey Phillips 16-13 at 135 pounds

The biggest lead all night was nine points, and CC on three different occasions grabbed a six-point edge. But each time, Canton wrestlers got right back in it

The Chiefs voided at 145 to fall behind 9-3, but Joe Wilson earned a 17-2 technical fall to pull Canton within 9-8

When CC's John Kinville pinned Canton's Donnie Laramie in the heavyweight match, CC led 24-15. But Carl Lucke came right back and stuck CC's Barrett Schwartzlose in 1:03 at 103 pounds and Ryan Schnettler earned a 9-1 major decision over Trevor O'Connor at 112 to put Canton in front

"They bumped some kids to try to take us out in three weight classes, because (O'Connor) had beaten us twice on Saturday (at individual districts)," Canton coach Casey Randolph said. "We knew that bump was coming, and we were ready for it."

Canton's Sam Santilli beat CC's Nieko Ianni 7-4 at 119 and then the Shamrocks' Antonio

Cosme pinned Adam Fleischmann in 3:24 at 125 to set up Cox's heroics

"It was a matter of who got on their backs the most, Shamrock coach Mike Rodriguez said. "I thought we were in the running when our heavyweight pinned their heavyweight, because (Laramie) is a big guy. But somewhere along the line, we lost track of things."

The Chiefs also got major decisions from Konrad Konsitzke, who beat Robert Price 13-0 at 140 pounds, and Marwan Faraj, an 11-3 win over John Farmer at 160 pounds

The win over Catholic Central followed a 58-6 pounding of Ypsilanti Lincoln in the semi-final

Catholic Central reached the final by virtue of a 37-18 win over Livonia Franklin

Canton wrestles in the state quarterfinal Friday, March 3, likely against Rockford, which took a 30-1 record into Wednesday's regional at Grand Haven. Results of that regional weren't available at press time

The trip to Battle Creek also allows the Chiefs to achieve the three goals they set for themselves heading into the season. Set a school record for wins,



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Corey Phillips (right) ties up with Catholic Central's Andrew Nadhir during their 135-pound match in the team regional final Wednesday

win the district championship, which they did last week, and go to Battle Creek

"The kids turned it up and pulled together when they had to," Randolph said. "It's amazing the things these kids have accomplished. (But) getting there is never good enough. The first thing we'll do (Thursday) is re-set our goals."

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REGIONAL TEAM DUAL WEDNESDAY, FEB 22 CANTON 34 NOVI-CC 30

135 pounds. Andrew Nadhir (CC) d Corey Phillips (C) 16 13 140: Konrad Konsitzke (C) md Robert Price (CC) 13 0 145 Sean Dong (CC) void 152 Joe Wilson (C) tf Ryan Brown (CC) 17 2 160 Marwan Faraj (C) md John Farmer (CC) 11 3 171 Mike Carrier (CC) d Kiel Price (C) 7 5 OT 189 Matt Farmer (CC) p Alex Amberg (C) 5 09 215 Tom Bonnell (C) d Joe Kinville (CC) 7 2 275 John Kinville (CC) p Donnie Laramie (C) 15 10 3 Carl Lucke (C) p Barrett Schwartzlose (CC) 1 03 112 Ryan Schnettler (C) md Trevor O'Connor (CC) 9 1 119 Sam Santilli (C) d, Nieko Ianni (CC) 7 4 125 Antonio Cosme (CC) p Adam Fleischmann (C) 3 24 130: Steve Cox (C) p Mike Wikter (CC) 3 18

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF HEARING ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE OF HEARING given that the Plymouth Township Board of Review will meet on the following dates and times

Hearings are by appointment please call 354 3267 between 8 am and 4 30 pm for an appointment

Tuesday, March 7 9 am - Noon Organizational Meeting
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment

Monday, March 13 2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
6 pm - 9 pm Hearings by Appointment

Wednesday, March 15 9 am - Noon Hearings by Appointment
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment

Saturday, March 18 9 am 11 am First Come First Served

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed

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The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170

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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 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 special land use request as provided in Section 27 03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance

CANTON AUTO SALES SPECIAL LAND USE CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR AUTOMOBILE SALES AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17 02B 3 FOR PARCEL NO 141 99 0003 000 Property is located north of Michigan Avenue and west of Hannan Road

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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

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Vic Gustafson Chairman

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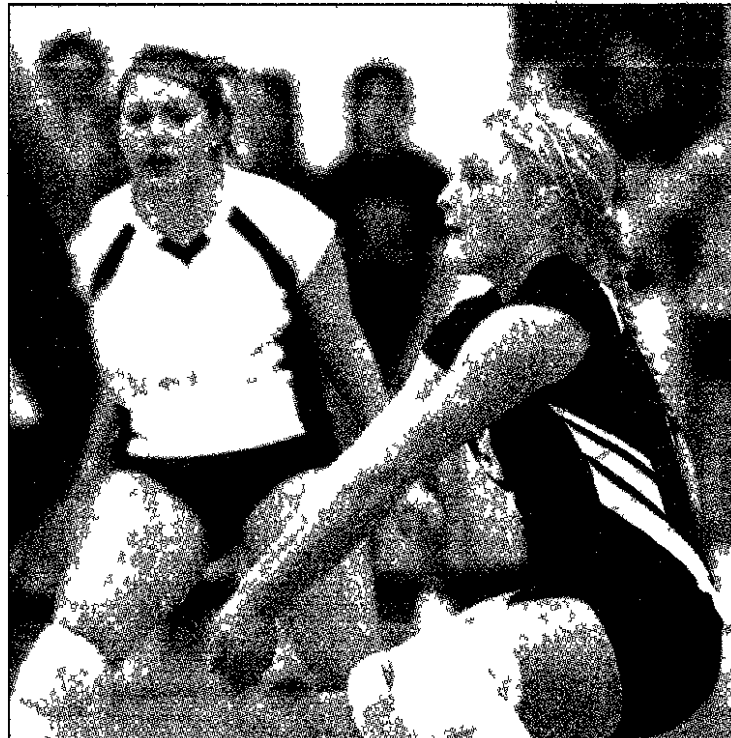
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 Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 7 p.m.
 Livonia Churchill at Salem 7 p.m.
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 Inter-City Baptist at PCA 7:30 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
 Thursday, Feb. 23
 WLAA Conference prelims at Salem TBA
 Friday, Feb. 24
 WLAA Conference diving at Salem TBA

Saturday, Feb. 25
 WLAA Conference finals at Salem TBA
BOYS WRESTLING
 Saturday, Feb. 25
 MHSAA Individual regional at Southgate Anderson TBA
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
 Thursday, Feb. 23
 Plymouth Salem and Canton at WLAA tourney at W.L. Central noon
ICE HOCKEY

Friday, Feb. 24
 WLAA cross over games at Lakes Division sites
Saturday, Feb. 25
 PCS Penguins at H.W. Regina 8 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
 Saturday, Feb. 25
 Salem Plymouth and Canton at WLAA tourney at Livonia Churchill 8 a.m.
 PCA at U.M. Dearborn Tourney 9 a.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Feb. 24
 Whalers vs. Erie Otters at Compuware Arena 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 25
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Sunday, Feb. 26
 Whalers at Saginaw Spirit 2 p.m.
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Plymouth's Lauren Stemberger receives a serve during Monday's match with Salem as teammate Brandi Swyhart looks on

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SALEM

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middle hitter Lauren Kurtz proved to be instrumental in the Rocks' game-three rally with nine blocks, six kills and one ace

Courtney Seiler (20 digs) and Nikki Mersch (17 digs) also played well for the winners

Jeanine Moise, who had missed much of the previous month with a knee injury, led the Wildcats with 14 kills and five block assists. Moise's strong play was complemented by Jackie Dorre (12 kills), Lindsay Vogelsberg (21 digs), Brandi Swyhart (21 digs), Lauren Stemberger (15 digs), Sarah Haskins (30 assists) and Brittany Hengesh (seven block assists)

"Kim Klonowski only had four kills for us, but she stepped up and did a great job in the middle for us with her blocking," said McCausland

The always-tight opening game proved to be an indicator of things to come. The widest lead by either team was three points (Plymouth led 6-3 and Salem led 9-6). With the game tied at 23-23 and Price serving, Plymouth's Janet Hanchett registered a kill to put her team up 24-23. The Wildcats won it on a Moise block.

Salem led the second game 17-16 before Plymouth ripped off a decisive 6-0 run that was sparked by five straight service points (including four aces) from Vogelsberg

The Rocks stayed alive by winning game three due in large part to the serving of Falcuson (six straight points during one stretch) and the powerful front-row play of Coppellie and Price, who combined for seven game-three kills

With the score tied at 9-9 in game four, Salem took control with five straight points behind the serving of Price and Kurtz's blocking. The Rocks sent the match into the fifth game on sizzling kills by Coppellie

Salem never trailed in the fifth and deciding game, which was highlighted by five kills each by Price and Coppellie

STEVENSON 3, CANTON 0: Maria Mezzadri had a dozen kills and a pair of aces and Amber Sharp added 18 digs as Stevenson swept Canton, 25-18, 25-12, 25-13, in a Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball match

Amanda Alpert chipped in eight kills and four aces, Theresa Hamilton had four kills and three aces and Ashton Judis contributed 18 assists for Stevenson (35-9-3 overall, 9-2 conference)

"Stevenson has a good, solid team," said Canton coach Kristi Drinkhahn. "Kelsey Bailey had a phenomenal match for us"

Bailey recorded 10 digs, five kills and five assists. Lisa Western contributed five kills, four assists and six digs, and Marie Martin chipped in with four kills, five digs and two block assists

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings
February 14, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday February 14 2006 at 1150 Canton Center S Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Roll Call Members Present Bennett Caccamo Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Staff Present Director Minghine Director Durack Director Santomauro Director Conklin Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda adding G-27 VVF Equipment Grant Agreement to the General Calendar Motion carried unanimously Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes of January 17 2006 Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Regular Board Minutes of January 24 2006 Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Study Minutes of January 31 2006 Motion carried unanimously Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments Dr Landa Olsen Van Buren Public Schools wished to thank Clerk Terry Bennett and staff for the assistance on the upcoming election on February 28 2006 for a new Van Buren High School located on Howe Road Dr Olsen stated two (2) additional Town Hall meetings will take place before the election on Wednesday February 15 2006 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday February 21 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren High School Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented Motion carried unanimously

Expenditure Recap for February 14, 2006

General Fund	101	\$ 715 326 18
Fire Fund	206	112 411 65
Police Fund	207	276 885 56
Summit Operating	208	113 736 32
Street Lighting	219	18 511 39
Cable TV Fund	230	5 288 22
Twp Improvement	246	1 182 50
E 911 Utility	261	333 63
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	766 81
Federal Grants Fund	274	4 012 69
Auto Theft Grant	289	500 03
Downtown Dev Auth	294	27 311 10
Cap Proj Summit Const	402	261 32
Cap Proj Road Paving	403	96 588 88
Golf Fund	584	11 296 22
Water & Sewer Fund	592	704 951 98
Trust & Agency Fund	701	5 706 00
Construction Escrows	702	9 977 45
Post Employ Benefits	736	42 711 63
Total - All Funds		2,147,754 56

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED LEISURE SERVICES COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN AND FORMAL ADOPTION OF THE PLAN (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to open the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. on the proposed Leisure Services Comprehensive Master Plan and formal adoption of the plan Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m. on the proposed Leisure Services Comprehensive Master Plan and formal adoption of the plan Motion carried unanimously Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following resolution adopting Canton Leisure Services Comprehensive Master Plan Roll Call Vote Ayes Bennett Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Nays Caccamo Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION, Canton Leisure Services, Comprehensive Master Plan Resolution of Adoption Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton

WHEREAS the Leisure Services Department of the Charter Township of Canton has developed a Comprehensive Master Plan which describes the physical features existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities during the period between 2006 and 2010 and WHEREAS a public comment session was held on February 14 2006 to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions ask questions and discuss all aspects of the Comprehensive Master Plan and

WHEREAS the Leisure Services Department of the Charter Township of Canton has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the leisure needs of the community and WHEREAS after the public hearing the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees voted to adopt said Comprehensive Master Plan NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees hereby adopts the Canton Township Leisure Services Comprehensive Master Plan as a guideline for improving Leisure Services for the residents of the Charter Township of Canton BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources I Terry Bennett Charter Township of Canton Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and original copy of a resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting thereof held on the fourteenth day of February 2006 Thomas Yack Supervisor Terry Bennett Clerk CERTIFICATION The undersigned being duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton does hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at a meeting of said Township Board of Trustees held on February 14 2006 Terry Bennett Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. AMEND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR MERS PENSION COVERAGE FOR THE AFSCME UNION (ACSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the attached resolution changing the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan Defined Benefit Pension Program (MERS) effective date from February 1 2006 to April 1 2006 for the AFSCME Union Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF MICHIGAN DEFINED BENEFIT PROGRAMS

The **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** of the **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**, whose fiscal year is January 1 to December 31 desires to make available to its eligible employees benefits provided by the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan (MERS) as authorized by 1996 PA 220 Benefits available are those provided under the Plan Document of 1996

IT IS RESOLVED that pursuant to the Initial Actuarial Valuation dated _____ by MERS actuary MERS benefits stated in Section I below are to be provided to the following employee division Canton Full Time AFSCME Union Local 3860 Employees **Please note If no Initial Valuation has been done by MERS' actuary on the specific benefit program (or combination of programs) selected below or the Initial Valuation is more than one (1) year old at the time MERS' coverage becomes effective as provided under Section 4 of this Resolution, then, per Retirement Board requirements, this resolution will not be implemented until a current actuarial valuation is done by MERS' actuary and necessary supporting contribution rates certified.**

1 Benefit programs/formulae selected are B 4/F55(15)/FAC3/V 10
2 The required employee contribution is 5.0 %
3 1 Prior service credit with this municipality/court rendered previously by each covered employee in the division is subject to and shall be credited as provided under Section 2C(3) of the MERS Plan Document and MERS Initial Actuarial Valuation and Supplemental Valuation Procedure (as approved by the Retirement Board on September 28 1999) whose respective terms are incorporated by reference

Choose only one:
A X All prior service from date of hire
B Portion of prior service (actual service up to years) or %
C Prior service proportional to assets transferred
D No prior service (if D selected go to Section 4)

3 2 The Initial Valuation discloses the actuarial reduction in the employer's future contribution rate that will occur where assets of a preceding qualified plan (whether defined benefit or defined contribution plan) and/or other source are transferred to MERS
3 3 In all asset transfers the employer shall furnish MERS with all necessary and specific information required by MERS on the allocation of employer and employee contributions and investment earnings along with taxable and nontaxable status on the employee contribution portion

4 The effective date of this Resolution for making deductions for the employee contributions specified above and for the payment of necessary employer contributions to MERS as required in the Plan Document, shall be the same date that MERS coverage begins which is **APRIL 1, 2006**

5 For municipalities Plan Section 41 requires adoption by affirmative vote of a majority of the governing body for courts see Plan Section 41A A complete copy of the fully executed collective bargaining agreement (if applicable) and certified copy of the complete official minutes or other official authorizing action for the open meeting at which this resolution was adopted must be forwarded to MERS with this resolution

Certified this day of _____ BY TITLE
Clerk of Canton Township Terry G Bennett

Item 1. AMEND RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE

DATE FOR MERS PENSION COVERAGE (ACSD)
Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the attached resolutions changing the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan Defined Benefit Pension Program (MERS) effective date from January 1, 2006 to March 1 2006 for POAM (Police Officers and Public Safety Service Officers) Firefighters, Police Captains (Deputy Chiefs) and Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Motion carried unanimously

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IT IS RESOLVED that pursuant to the Initial Actuarial Valuation dated _____ by MERS actuary MERS benefits stated in Section I below are to be provided to the following employee division CANTON POLICE OFFICERS AND PSSOS **Please note If no Initial Valuation has been done by MERS' actuary on the specific benefit program (or combination of programs) selected below or the Initial Valuation is more than one (1) year old at the time MERS' coverage becomes effective as provided under Section 4 of this Resolution, then, per Retirement Board requirements, this resolution will not be implemented until a current actuarial valuation is done by MERS' actuary and necessary supporting contribution rates certified.**

1 Benefit programs/formulae selected are 2 8 Multiplier V10/FAC3/F50(25)
2 The required employee contribution is 6.0 %
3 1 Prior service credit with this municipality/court rendered previously by each covered employee in the division is subject to and shall be credited as provided under Section 2C(3) of the MERS Plan Document and MERS Initial Actuarial Valuation and Supplemental Valuation Procedure (as approved by the Retirement Board on September 28 1999) whose respective terms are incorporated by reference

Choose only one
A X All prior service from date of hire
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4 The effective date of this Resolution for making deductions for the employee contributions specified above and for the payment of necessary employer contributions to MERS as required in the Plan Document, shall be the same date that MERS coverage begins which is **March 1, 2006**

5 For municipalities Plan Section 41 requires adoption by affirmative vote of a majority of the governing body for courts see Plan Section 41A A complete copy of the fully executed collective bargaining agreement (if applicable) and certified copy of the complete official minutes or other official authorizing action for the open meeting at which this resolution was adopted must be forwarded to MERS with this resolution Certified this day of _____ BY TITLE Clerk of Canton Township Terry G Bennett

RESOLUTION FOR CHANGING MERS BENEFITS
In accordance with the MERS Plan Document of 1996 the **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** Municipality Number 8233 adopts the following benefits for **CAPTAINS - 20** (Reporting Unit No MERS Division No and Name)

A division is defined as an employee or group of employees covered by the same benefit program and the same employee contribution program Each division has a specific MERS number and name such as Div 10 General Admin and is part of a Reporting Unit such as 01

Supporting	Supplemental	Valuation	is	date

BENEFIT MULTIPLIER From 2.5% To 2.8% Effective Date March 1, 2006
EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE New Rate 6.0%

I CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE WAS ADOPTED BY THE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** February 14, 2006
BY TITLE Clerk of Canton Township Terry G Bennett

RESOLUTION FOR CHANGING MERS BENEFITS
In accordance with the MERS Plan Document of 1996 the **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** Municipality Number 8233 adopts the following benefits for **FIREFIGHTERS - 05** (Reporting Unit No MERS Division No and Name)

A division is defined as an employee or group of employees covered by the same benefit program and the same employee contribution program Each division has a specific MERS number and name such as "Div 10 General Admin and is part of a Reporting Unit such as "01"

Supporting	Supplemental	Valuation	is	date

BENEFIT MULTIPLIER From 2.5% To 2.8% Effective Date March 1, 2006
EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE New Rate 6.0%

I CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE WAS ADOPTED BY THE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** February 14, 2006
BY TITLE Clerk of Canton Township Terry G Bennett

RESOLUTION FOR CHANGING MERS BENEFITS
In accordance with the MERS Plan Document of 1996 the **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** Municipality Number 8233 adopts the following benefits for **SERGEANTS & LIEUTENANTS - 02** (Reporting Unit No MERS Division No and Name)

A division is defined as an employee or group of employees covered by the same benefit program and the same employee contribution program Each division has a specific MERS number and name such as Div 10 General Admin, and is part of a Reporting Unit such as 01

Supporting	Supplemental	Valuation	is	date

BENEFIT MULTIPLIER From 2.5% To 2.8% Effective Date March 1, 2006
EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION RATE New Rate 6.0%

I CERTIFIED THAT THE ABOVE WAS ADOPTED BY THE **BOARD OF TRUSTEES** February 14, 2006
BY TITLE Clerk of Canton Township Terry G Bennett

BUDGET AMENDMENT-FEDERAL GRANTS FUND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (ACSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Federal Grants Fund for the Community Development Block Grant program

Increase Revenues \$15 520 98
Increase Appropriations \$15 520 98

This budget amendment decreases the Federal Grants Fund budget from \$239 222 to \$223,701 02 Motion carried unanimously
Item 4 CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR 2006 BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS (CLERK) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the blank purchase orders to Printing Systems for \$8 000 (101 191 740 000) for election supplies and Election System and Software for \$13 000 (101 191 818 000) Contracted Services for election programming and supplies Motion carried unanimously

Item 5 APPROVE LEISURE SERVICES BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2006 (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize blanket purchase order list for Leisure Services Department for 2006 Motion carried unanimously
Item 6 APPROVE LEISURE SERVICES BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2006 (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the attached blanket purchase order list for Leisure Services Department for 2006 Motion carried unanimously

Item 7 SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CHRISTMAS IN ACTION (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs (on April 23 2006 and removed Sunday May 7 2006) for the Christmas in Action Work Day April 29 2006 Motion carried unanimously

Item 8 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL LIBERTY FEST PARADE AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN MDT ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter that the Board of Trustees of the

Charter Township of Canton does hereby approve the Fifth Annual Liberty Fest Parade for June 17 2006 beginning at 9:00am and ending at approximately 11:00am that Michigan Department of Transportation is hereby requested to grant permission to close Ford Road at Canton Center to Lilly Road The Charter Township of Canton will assume liability for any damage claims which may arise as a result of the road closure and Supervisor Yack is hereby designated and authorized to sign the road closure permit on behalf of the Township Motion carried unanimously

GENERAL CALENDAR Item 1 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CHERRY OAKS PLAZA PHASE II (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for site plan for Cherry Oaks Plaza Phase II Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Site Plan for Cherry Oaks Plaza Phase II
WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. John Gargaro has requested site plan approval for Cherry Oaks Plaza Phase II to be located on Lilly Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads identified as tax EDP # 055 99 0016 003, and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval conditioned upon receipt of confirmation that the hedge screen along the north property line is acceptable to the adjacent property owner and that notes are added to the landscape plan regarding screening of utility meters and disposal containers as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. John Gargaro to approve the site plan for the proposed Cherry Oaks Plaza Phase II subject to the aforementioned conditions and any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof **Item 2 CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR SINGH SABHA TEMPLE (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Singh Sabha Temple Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Site Plan for Singh Sabha Temple
WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr. Bryan Amann has requested site plan approval for the Singh Sabha Temple to be located on Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads identified as tax EDP # 112 99 0025 000 and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Bryan Amann to approve the site plan for the proposed Singh Sabha Temple subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof **Item 3 CONSIDER PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR CLARIDGE PARK (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for preliminary PDD for Claridge Park Roll Call Vote Caccamo, Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Motion carried Clerk Bennett removed herself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Preliminary PDD for Claridge Park
WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Preliminary Planned Development District approval for Claridge Park located on 32 acres on the west side of Denton Road north of Geddes Road and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the preliminary PDD plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL subject to completion of the items listed in the analysis and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed preliminary PDD plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Preliminary Planned Development District for Claridge Park located on the west side of Denton Road north of Geddes Road on Parcel Nos 120 99 0010 704 120 99 0011 702 120 99 0012 702 120 99 0013 702 AND 120 99 0014 702 (part of) subject to completion and submittal of the identified items prior to consideration of the final PDD and all other regulations of the Township **Item 4 CONSIDER PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR RIDGEWOOD MANOR (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for preliminary planned development for Ridgewood Manor Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Preliminary PDD for Ridgewood Manor
WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Preliminary Planned Development District approval for Ridgewood Manor located on 212 acres south of Geddes Road and west of Barr Road and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the preliminary PDD plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL subject to completion of the items listed in the analysis and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed preliminary PDD plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Preliminary Planned Development District for Ridgewood Manor located south of Geddes Road and West of Barr Road on Parcel Nos 122 99 0002 000 122 99 0003 000 122 99 0005 701 122 99 0006 000 122 99 0007 000 122 99 0008 000 (part of) 122 99 0011 000 123 99 0003 000 123 99 0004 000 123 99 0005 000 123 99 0015 000 subject to revisions and completion of the items identified in the analysis and subject to all other regulations of the Township **Item 5 CONSIDER PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR GRANDVIEW ESTATES (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for preliminary PDD for Grandview Estates Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Preliminary PDD for Grandview Estates
WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Preliminary Planned Development District approval for Grandview Estates located on 166.5 acres located south of Geddes Road between Denton and Barr Roads and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the preliminary PDD plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL subject to completion of the items in the analysis, and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed preliminary PDD plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Preliminary Planned Development District for Grandview Estates located south of Geddes Road between Denton and Barr Roads on Parcel Nos 121 99 0012 000 121 99 0013 000 121 99 0014 000 121 99 0015 001 121 99 0015 002 121 99 0024 002 121 99 0025 000 121 99 0026 000 121 99 0027 000 121 99 0028 000 121 99 0029 000 121 99 0030 000, 121 99 0032 000 121 99 0033 000 121 99 0034 000 122 99 0038 000, 124 99 0001 000 124 99 0002 000 124 99 0003 005 124 99 0004 000, 124 99 0010 000 subject to completion and submittal of the identified items prior to consideration of the final PDD and subject to all other regulations of the Township **Item 6 CONSIDER PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT FOR SOCIETY PARK (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for preliminary planned development for Society Park Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

Preliminary PDD for Society Park
WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors have requested Preliminary Planned Development District approval for Society Park located on 191.62 acres north of Geddes Road and west of Denton Road, and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the preliminary PDD plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL subject to completion of the items listed in the analysis and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed preliminary PDD plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby APPROVE the Preliminary Planned Development District for Society Park located north of Geddes Road and west of Denton Road on parcel nos 119 99 0001 000 (part of) 119 99 0002 001 119 99

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MU to offer new PE minor

This fall term, Madonna University will offer a new physical education minor for students interested in earning a secondary teaching certificate or coaching high school sports.

The University forecasts this new minor will attract local high school athletes who are interested in studying the human body, health and wellness and kinesiology and, who will go on to seek coaching positions.

Chuck Henry, a full-time faculty member who runs the Athletic Departments "Champions of Character" pro-

gram at MU developed the PE minor and will also be teaching several courses.

"Data from our student surveys revealed an interest in this minor," Henry said. Many students believe this will be an important, positive factor in seeking out a teaching position.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor statistics, teaching jobs are expected to continue to grow 2004-2014, especially among secondary schools as baby boomers continue to retire.

Opportunities will vary by geography and subjects taught

Median annual earnings of kindergarten, elementary, middle, and secondary school teachers ranged from \$41,400 to \$45,920 in May 2004.

Madonna University is a liberal arts university for men and women. The main Livonia campus is conveniently located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia and offers 70 career-oriented undergraduate and 22 master's degree programs. Classes are also offered at the Orchard Lake Center and the Downriver Center in Southgate.

Call Chuck Henry at (734) 432-5591

PCA

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second left, PCAs defense forced a jump ball. With the possession arrow pointing its way, Roeper got another opportunity, but Zinn swatted the ball out of harm's way during the Roughriders' desperation out-of-bounds tip play.

The victory evened PCAs record at 9-9 overall and 3-6 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division. The setback was costly for Roeper (12-6 and 7-3), which dropped two games behind Inter-City Baptist in the hunt for the MIAC Blue title.

PCA coach Doug Taylor said Zinn was the No. 1 option for the game-winning shot.

"We practice end-of-the-game plays like that about once a week," Taylor said. "Trevor is a great ball-handler and he made a nice move and shot to win it." Roeper coach Ernie Righetti

declined comment following the game.

The Eagles launched 24 triples and made 10 Junior guard Matt Saagman, who finished with a game-high 16 points, buried 4-of-9 shots from beyond the arc while Zinn, who netted 14, drained 3-of-7 treys.

"Our game plan coming into the game was to shoot a lot of threes," Taylor said. Roeper had a size advantage on us inside, so we thought we had a better chance from outside.

Considering how under-sized and inexperienced we are compared to them, I thought the kids did a nice job.

The times we did get in trouble tonight offensively were the possessions when we didn't make four or five passes and didn't make their match-up zone move. When we did make the passes, we shot for a lot higher percentage." Roeper defeated PCA, 55-42, two weeks ago.

Eagle junior guard David Koscielny hit three triples and finished with nine points while

Deyvn Govan contributed six points and six rebounds before fouling out with 3:37 left.

Junior center Jordan Robinson paced the Roughriders with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Senior forward Perry Keydel added 10 points and eight boards while Zinser, who lit up the scoreboard with 22 points in the two teams' previous meeting, was held to eight points by the Eagles' box-and-one defense.

The game was tight throughout as Roeper grabbed a 13-12 lead after eight minutes before PCA rebounded to secure a 23-22 advantage at the intermission.

The drama filled fourth quarter featured five lead changes.

PCA hit 18-of-42 field goals (42.8 percent) and 1-of-4 free throws. Roeper connected on 16-of-48 from the field (33 percent) and 12-of-18 freebies (66 percent).

The Eagles return to action Friday when they host Inter-City at 7:30 p.m.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH 2006 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW SESSIONS

The City of Plymouth will be conducting the 2006 March Board of Review and will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 for an Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and appointments from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Review session will begin:

- Wednesday March 8, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Tuesday March 14, 2006 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday March 15, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Monday March 20, 2006 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed. Hearings are by appointment only. COMPLETED 2006 BOARD OF REVIEW PETITIONS ARE NECESSARY and must be submitted to the Front Office located on the First Floor of City Hall before an appointment can be made. The Deadline for submitting petitions for all persons wishing to appeal in person before the Board of Review is Wednesday, March 15, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.

A resident or non-resident taxpayer may file a petition with the Board of Review without the requirement of a personal appearance by the taxpayer or a representative. An agent must have written authority to represent the owner. Written petitions must be submitted by Wednesday, March 15, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.

Copies of the notice stating the dates and times of the meetings will be posted in local newspapers.

All Board of Review meetings are open meetings in compliance with the "Open Meetings Act."

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact (734) 453-1234 ext. 253 or 252.

Linda J. Langmesser
City Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 03/03/06 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

Shurgard Storage of Canton North *2101 Haggerty Rd* Canton* 734 981 0300		
2032	Hamilton	Household Items
4207	McGhee	Household Items
4209	Hayes	Household Items
4253	Diaz	Household Items
4294	Jacobs	Household Items
5218	Wilkins	Household Items
6003	Hall	Household Items
7002	Gregory	20 Flatbed Trailer
9040	Dean	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Canton South* 45229 Michigan Ave* Canton* 734 398 5416		
5147	Coger	Household items
5143	Davis	Household items
4036	Frederick	Household items
2015	Hlavacek	Vehicle/h hld items
4016	multi racial	Learning/dev
4110	Purnell	Household items
4205	Tigmer	Household items

Shurgard Storage of Dearborn*24920 Trowbridge*Dearborn*313 277 2000		
1172	Carr	Household items
1220	Fowler	Household items
2060	Crawford	Household items
2290	Dodson	Household items

Shurgard Storage of Livonia*30300 Plymouth Rd* Livonia*734 522 7811		
101	Mason	Household Items
201	Lyons	Household Items
2121	Taylor	Household Items
3003	Lawless	Household Items
3014	Robbins	Household Items
3020	Donaldson	Household Items
3080	Northington	Household Items
3120	Karpanowski	Household Items
4130	Flumerfelt	Household Items
9043	Marks	Household Items

Shurgard Storage of Taylor*9300 Pelham Rd* Taylor*313 292 2950		
3057	Burch	Household
3033	Compeau	Household
6011	Farrag	Household
3082	Height	Household
9068	Hinojosa	Household
9092	Kellerman	Household
6070	Manville	Household
6109	Rogers	Household
3036	Ryan	Household
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Transportation Center Roof Replacement**. A pre bid meeting will be held on Friday, February 24 at 10:00 a.m. at 1002 Mill Street, Plymouth, MI. After the pre bid specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan of the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2006, and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE Transportation Roof Replacement Bid, Plymouth Canton Community Schools, 454 South South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
THOMAS WYSOCKI Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO 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, March 9th, 2006 for the following:

WEED CUTTING SERVICES

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

TERRY G BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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0003 001 119 99 0007 000 120 99 0002 000 120 99 0003 000 120 99 0004 701 120 99 0006 000 120 99 0009 001 120 99 0015 000 AND 120 99 0016 000 as presented subject to completion and submittal of the identified items prior to consideration of the final PDD and all other regulations of the Township. **Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WATER METERS AND METERING CONTROL DEVICES FOR 2006 (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to accept the bid from Etna Supplies Company and approve a purchase order not to exceed \$865,101.00 and authorize the Public Works Division to purchase 200 - two inch water meters, 600 - one inch water meters, 600 - 5/8 X 1/2 inch water meters, 2000 Radio Read Transceiver Units (MKU's) and associated support control equipment during the 2006 calendar year. Funding to come from FY2006 Account# 592 006 111 0003. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo, Nays: Caccamo. Motion carried. **Item 8. CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLES FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of One (1) 2006 GMC 4X4 2500 pickup at \$19,135.00 from Red Holman GMC under the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Agreement all to be funded from the Water and Sewer Fund. Motion carried. **Item 9. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE \$6,000 INVOICE FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR CANTON'S STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT, (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to authorize payment of the invoice in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Canton's Storm Water Discharge Permit. Fees were budgeted in account number 101 445 928 0000 Storm Water Permit Fees. Motion carried. **Item 10. CONSIDER ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION ON CANTON CENTER ROAD SOUTH OF SUMMIT PARKWAY (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the dedication of a 60 foot road right-of-way for the Canton Center Road parcels for Tax Numbers, 71 109 99 0001 000 71 109 99 0002 000 71 109 99 0003 000 and 71 109 99 0004 000 and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the attached waivers and quit claim deeds. Motion carried. **Item 11. CONSIDER ACCEPTING NORTHWEST CONSULTANTS INC., PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CANTON CENTER & GEDDES INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to accept the proposal submitted by Northwest Consultants Inc to provide professional engineering services for the Canton Center & Geddes Intersection Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$50,889 (account no. 403 506 803 0000) and to provide inspection at the rate of \$432 for an 8 hour day if determined necessary. Motion carried. **Item 12. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF COMPUTER FORENSICS EQUIPMENT (PSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of the computer forensics system, ERED with upgrades from Digital Intelligence, 1325 Pearl St., Waukesha, WI 534186 for an amount of \$6,849 including shipping. Police Capital Outlay Account # 207 301 977 2580 Computers item # 14 Computer Workstation. Motion carried. **Item 13. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF SIX (6) 2006 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTORS ASSIGNED TO PATROL (PSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of six replacement patrol interceptors from Signature Ford 3942 W Lansing Road, Perry, MI 48872 through the Macomb County Bid #23 05 in the amount of \$124,842.00. Police Capital Outlay 207 301 977 2580. **Item 12. Vehicle Replacement (6)** Motion carried. **Item 14. APPROVAL OF TPOAM CLERICAL UNION CONTRACT (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Canton Township and the Canton TPOAM union to run from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2008. Motion carried. **Item 15. APPROVAL RESOLUTION ADOPTING MERS PENSION PLAN FOR TPOAM CLERICAL UNION (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the resolution adopting the Municipal Employees Retirement System of Michigan Defined Benefit Pension Program for the Canton TPOAM Union Employees. Motion carried. **Item 16. RESOLUTION DEFINING A DAY OF WORK FOR MERS RETIREMENT PURPOSES (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the resolution which defines a day of work for the Canton TPOAM Clerical Union employees as eight hours for MERS retirement purposes. Motion

carried. **Item 17. AMEND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLAN (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following amendments to the Charter Township of Canton Employee Retirement Plan: 1) To remove the current two loan limit; 2) To provide for withdrawal of after tax employee voluntary contributions; and 3) To allow the Plan Administrator to offset costs by deducting funds from the employee's account. Motion carried. **Item 18. APPROVE THE AMENDED NATIONWIDE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the amended and restated Nationwide 457 (B) Deferred Compensation Plan document. Motion carried. **Item 19. LEASE RENEWAL FOR HUMAN SERVICES CENTER (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve renewal of the Lease with Growth/Works for the operation of the Human Services Center for a three year term beginning March 1, 2006 and ending February 28, 2009. Motion carried. **Item 20. PURCHASE 48 DELL BRAND DESKTOP AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS, 5 HEWLETT PACKARD/COMPAQ BRAND FILE SERVERS & MICROSOFT SQL SERVER 2005 SOFTWARE (FINANCE)** Motion by Caccamo supported by Yack to table the purchase of 48 Dell brand Computers, 5 Hewlett Packard Compaq brand file servers and 1 Microsoft SQL Server License for a total price not to exceed \$125,350. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, Yack, Zarbo, Nays: Kirchgatter, McLaughlin. Motion carried. **Item 21. AWARD CONTRACT FOR THE 2006 CANTON LIBERTY FEST FIREWORKS (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to waive the bid process and to award the contract for the 2006 Liberty Fest fireworks display to Wolverine Fireworks Display Inc, 205 West Sedlers Road, Kawkawlin, MI 48631 in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 and charge the expense to the Recreation Budget Contracted Services Special Events Account #101 691 818 4000. Motion carried. **Item 22. APPROVE GENERIC UPGRADE AND JOB TITLE FOR A. LOCKMONDY (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the generic upgrade for Amy Lockmondy retroactive to December 21, 2005. Motion carried. **Item 23. RENEW LAWN AND CEMETERY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR 2ND YEAR OPTION (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to renew the 2006 lawn and cemetery maintenance contract of Metro Tech Landscaping, 6851 Merriman Road, Romulus, MI 48171 in the amount of \$50,275.80. Motion carried. **Item 24. APPROVAL OF LEISURE SERVICES PARTNERSHIP/ SPONSORSHIP POLICY (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Leisure Services Partnership/ Sponsorship Policy #006. Motion carried. **Item 25. APPROVE LEASE EQUIPMENT FOR PHEASANT RUN GOLF CLUB (LSD)** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to waive the normal bidding procedures and authorize the lease of maintenance equipment for Pheasant Run Golf Club to W.F. Miller Co, P.O. Box 605, Novi, MI 48376 in the amount of \$24,719.39, with expense charged to Pheasant Run Golf Club account #586 756-983, 0000 capital equipment and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the lease on behalf of the Township. Motion carried. **Item 26. CREATE AND FILL FOR A CONTINUING PART-TIME CLERICAL POSITION FOR THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to create and fill a continuing part-time position in the Supervisor's office pursuant to the TPOAM contract. Motion carried. **Item 27. QVF EQUIPMENT GRANT AGREEMENT (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the grant agreement between the Charter Township of Canton and the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of State for the Qualified Voter File Infrastructure Upgrade (QVF) Digitized Signature Refresh Project and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement. Motion carried. **OTHER SUPERVISOR** Yack stated there will be a Study Session on February 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. Administration Building, First Floor Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan 48188. **ADJOURN** Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center 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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Canton advances to WLAA semis

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night's rematch between the Canton and Walled Lake Northern basketball teams may have lacked the drama of Friday night's one-point, last-second Chief victory, but it made up for it in importance.

Canton advanced to the semifinal round of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament by knocking off the host Knights, 61-53. The Chiefs, who improved to 14-4 overall and 10-2 in the WLAA, will host Walled Lake Central in Friday night's semifinal showdown. The Vikings, who upended Canton, 64-54, on Jan. 17, advanced to the WLAA semis by walloping Westland John Glenn, 70-40, on Tuesday.

"We know Walled Lake Central has a very good team and that we'll have to play our best to move on," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "I know they'll be ready to play and we will, too."

Junior center Ryan Waidmann, whose layup with three seconds left lifted the Chiefs over Northern on Friday, victimized the Knights again with 14 points and six rebounds. Canton's balanced attack also featured strong efforts from Andre Bridges (11 points and four assists), Andy Larsen (11 points), Steve Paye (11 points, seven rebounds and four assists) and Josh Butler (nine points).

Nick Bortz scored a team-high 15 points for the Knights, who slipped to 8-9 overall and 5-7 in the WLAA.

"We hit five threes tonight, which helped open up our inside game," said Paye.

The Chiefs led 30-25 at the half before extending their advantage to 45-34 with eight minutes to play.

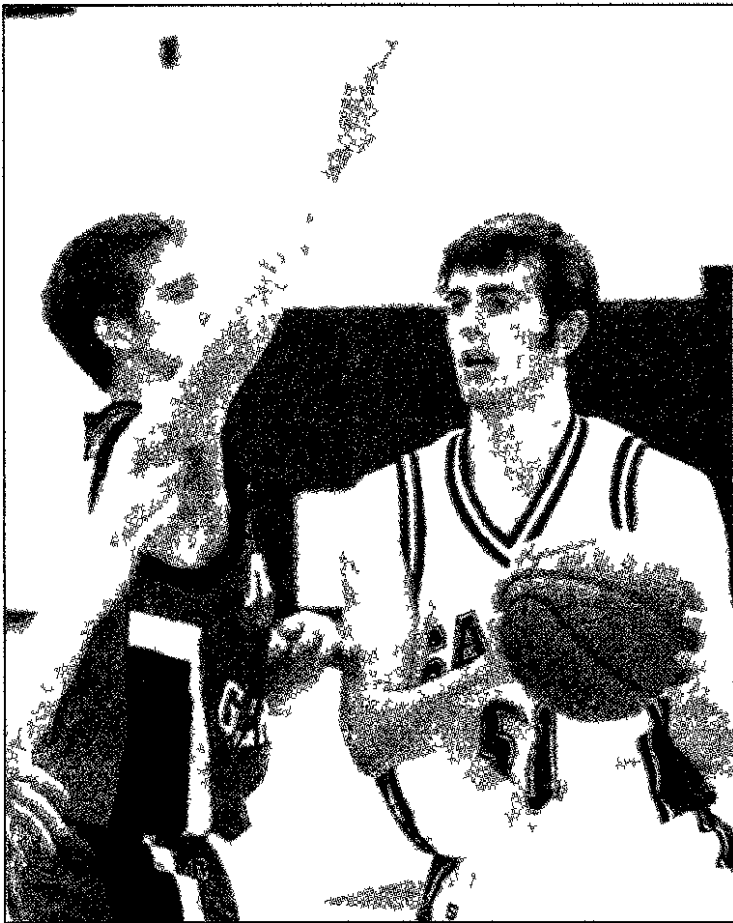
Canton struggled from the line, nailing just 10-of-19 shots. Northern, on the other hand, connected on 6-of-7 free throws.

SALEM 52, WAYNE MEMORIAL 47: Sophomore guard Grant Stone scored 19 points and junior forward J.P. Truesdell contributed eight for the victorious Rocks, who improved to 4-14 overall and 4-10 in the WLAA. The Zebras slipped to 3-10 and 4-15, respectively.

"A lot of players played and they all contributed, which is what you like to see at this point in the season," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We played well defensively. When we played them Friday night, they had eight threes, but tonight we held them to three. They have great quickness and they take it to the glass well and we were so conscious of that Friday that we gave them too many open shots from the perimeter. We did a better job defending the outside shots tonight."

Mike Lee paced the Zebras with 14 points. John Hill added 13.

Wayne led 16-8 after one quarter and 22-21 at the half. The contest was knotted at 35-all with eight minutes left before Salem built a seven-point advantage down the stretch. Stone helped the



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem junior forward J.P. Truesdell, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored eight points in the Rocks' 52-47 victory over Wayne Memorial Tuesday night.

Rocks secure the lead by sinking 6-of-8 fourth-quarter free throws.

Salem hosts Livonia Churchill on Friday. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m. **PLYMOUTH 65, LIVONIA CHURCHILL 56:** Sophomore guard Brandon Roberts scored 16 points — 12 coming on four triples — to lead the Wildcats to a convincing victory over the visiting Chargers. The win improved the Wildcats' overall record to 7-11. Churchill slumped to 1-17.

"It was a nice team win for us," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "All 11 players played and everybody scored." The 65-point night matched a season high for the Wildcats. "We shot the ball well tonight and played better defensively, even though we gave up more points than we have recently," Van Wagoner said. "Our press was effective tonight."

Complementing Roberts on the offensive end were senior forward Josh Le Duc (13 points, 10 rebounds), LaBroderick Caldwell (eight points) and Alex Harvey (seven points).

Brad Evans netted 13 for the Chargers, Ryan Rosenick added 12 and the team's leading scorer, Joel Hall, tallied 11, all in the fourth quarter. Larry Wilson chipped in with 10. "They only missed four shots in the first quarter," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "They got off to a good start. We made a couple of good runs, but (Plymouth) got off too fast for us."

Plymouth led 18-10 after one quarter and 37-23 at the half. The Wildcats led by as many as 20 in the third quarter. The Wildcats travel to Wayne on Friday to tangle with the Zebras.

CANTON AGAPE 60, YPSI CALVARY CHRISTIAN 44: Derek Leathers racked up 17 points

and 13 rebounds to lead the Wolverines to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division win over host Calvary Christian Jack Anleitner (16 points) and Terrell Pierce (14 points and 12 rebounds) also turned in stellar performances for the winners. Doug Birk and Aaron Perceod both twined eight points to lead Calvary.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOOP EVENTS

Canton Leisure Services will be offering a 3-on-3 basketball tournament and hoop shoot competition Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Summit on the Park gymnasium. Registration for the hoop shoot begins at 9:30 a.m. The 3-on-3 teams must be registered before 11 a.m.

Kids between the ages of 8 and 15 years old are eligible to compete in the hoop shoot contest, which gives competitors 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court. The Canton winners will advance to a regional competition. The entry fee for the 3-on-3 tournament is \$45 per team. Pre-registration prior to the day of the event can be completed at the Summit. The tournament, which is for boys and girls who are in grades third through eighth, will begin at noon. Teams are guaranteed two games and division winners will receive awards. Contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600.

FOOTBALL MEETING

The next meeting of the

Plymouth Wildcats Football Booster Club will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, in Room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current and future Wildcat football players are encouraged to attend the meeting. The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

YOUTH GOLF

Plymouth's Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center will serve as one of 105 national qualifying sites for the 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt competition. The event, a free golf skills competition for kids between the ages of 7 and 14, will be held Thursday, July 20, at 4 p.m. at Fox Hills.

More than 35,000 youngster throughout the country are expected to compete in the DC&P.

Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October. Visit www.TheGolfChannel.com

YOUTH HOCKEY

Youth hockey players can skate on the same ice as the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers and have fun at the same time.

The Compuware Sports Arena is gearing up for its 2006 Youth Spring League, a house league that runs from April 1-May 31. Sign-up costs run from \$210 (mum-mites and mites) to \$220 (squirt) and \$235 (pee wee).

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. Call (734) 453-6400.

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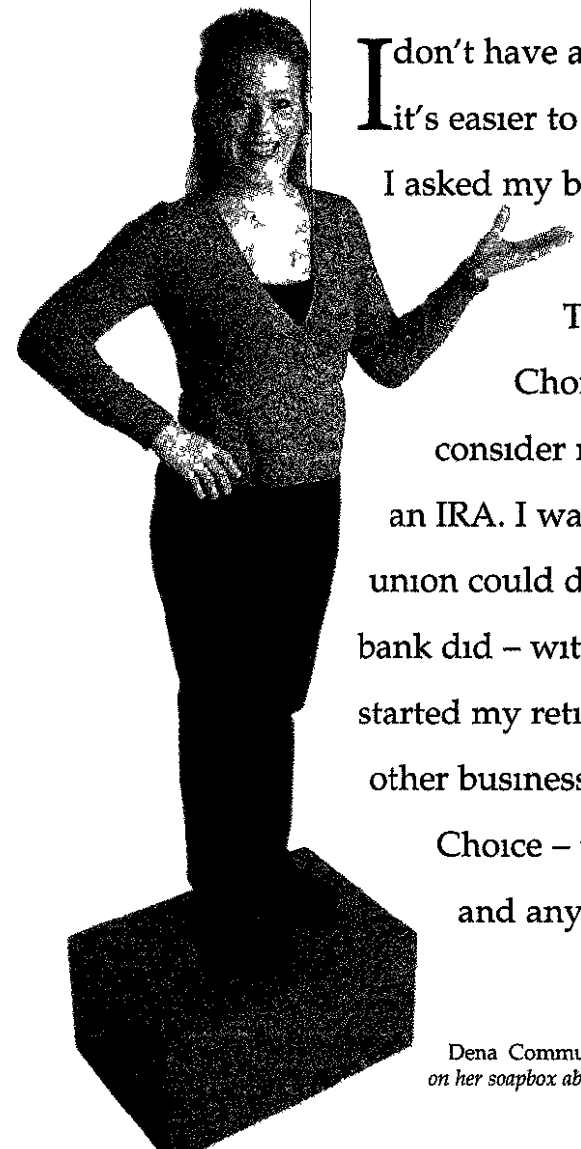
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ASHLEY ANN WIBEL
Age 21, of West Bloomfield February 20 2006 Beloved daughter of Rick and Toni Cherished sister of Roy Dear granddaughter of Marjorie Wibel and Anthony (the late Anna) Anselmo A student at the University of Michigan Ashley also volunteered as a summer camp counselor at Arbutus/ Hayo-Wenta Friends may visit Thursday, 3-5pm and 7 9pm at the Puxley Funeral Home Godhardt Tomlinson Chapel Keego Harbor Funeral Home 10am Friday from Advent Episcopal Church, 3325 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield Memorials to the church are appreciated

CHESTER V. BARION
Age 85, February 20 2006 Former General Manager of Ford Parts & Service Division North America Vice President of Ford of Europe, World War II Navigator and War Hero Husband of Donna Father of Phyllis, Vincent and Doris Step father of Lisa, Erik, Brenda, Julie and Jeffrey Uncle of John LeClair and survived by five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren Funeral service, Wm R Hamilton Co., 820 E Maple Rd., Birmingham, Friday February 24th at 10:00 A M Visitation Thursday 6 8 30 P M Tributes may be made to charity of choice

HELEN T. BURKE,
Age 78 died peacefully with her family at her side in Vero Beach Florida She is survived by her husband Charles J Burke her children, Maureen and Garrett and her grandchildren Jordan and Elizabeth In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to Ovarian Cancer National Alliance, 910 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20006 (202) 331-1332, www.ovariancancer.org Arrangements are under the direction of Strunk Funeral Homes Vero Beach, Florida

JOHN VINCENT MITCHELL
February 18 2006 Age 18 of Livonia Beloved son of Harold and Christine Dear brother of Katie (Mark Stralka) Mitchell Loving grandson of Elaine and Vincent Mitchell and the late John and Helen Kearney Visitation was at the Harry J Will Funeral Home in Livonia Celebration of Life Mass Thursday 11am at St Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road Livonia, instate 10 am In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the John V Mitchell Scholarship Fund Contact the funeral home for details 734-591-3700

KATHLEEN E. LUTKUS
Kit, February 20, 2006 Longtime resident of Farmington and Farmington Hills Graduate from Eastern Michigan University and University of Michigan Former Kindergarten teacher at Longfellow School in Hazel Park Wife of the late Daniel F Lutkus Survived by two daughters - Judy Duda of Goodrich, MI and Jane Gertz of Farmington Hills three grandchildren and two great grandchildren Graveside services 11 00 AM Thursday at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy MI Memorials may be made to the Hazel Park Lions Club Scholarship Fund, 24105 John R Hazel Park MI 48030 Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home Farmington Hills www.mccabefuneralhome.com

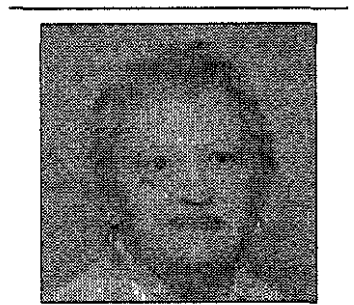
MARTHA M. SCOTT
February 16, 2006 of Wayne Beloved wife of the late William Dear mother of Christine Scott Shaffer, Mike (Muriel), Jeffrey (Karen) and Theresa Bazin (Robert) Loving grandmother of Cheryl (Jim), William (Shannon), Keri (Bob) Michael Matthew and Kelly Great grandmother of Taylor, Ethan, Lydia Green and Sean Funeral Services were held Monday, Feb 20, 2006 at the Harry J Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave Wayne

PATSY RUTH PICKENS
Age 74 died February 16 2006 at her home in Troy Mrs Pickens was born August 24 1931, in Kansas City, Missouri Formerly of Birmingham Mrs Pickens was a member of the Birmingham Athletic Club and the Village Club She enjoyed golfing and playing bridge Mrs Pickens was a member of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham Mrs Pickens is survived by her husband Hunter E daughter, Ann Pickens Clark (Nicholas), and sons Hunter D Pickens and Will Pickens She is also survived by her grandson Alexander and sister Cissy Howell Visitation was held Sunday along with a Service of Remembrance A memorial service will be held in March at First United Church in Birmingham Memorials appreciated to Hospice of Michigan, 400 Mack Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48201 or charity of donor's choice



ROBERT ARTHUR HUSTED
Age 53, February 20 2006 Beloved husband of Kerry Dear father of Marshall and his fiancée Laurie Brother of John (Linda) Husted and Ken Husted Uncle of Jenny Husted Visitation Thursday, 12 - 9 pm and Friday 10 to 12 noon followed by a 12 noon funeral service at Querfeld Funeral Home, 1200 Oakwood Dearborn

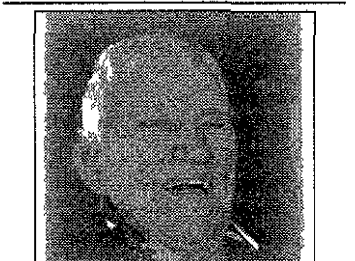
DONNA K. (McKINLEY) ZIMMERMAN,
Feb 20 2006 age 76 Beloved wife of Paul Dear mother of Jeff Dan (Beth) & Patti (Ted) Grandmother of Jeff, Susan Jared, Stephame, Jackie, Mark & Erik sister of Dick Derald & Dneise Service Fred Wood Funeral Home (Rice Chapel) 36100 5 mile one mile W of Farmington Rd Friday 11 00 am Visitation Thursday 3 9 pm



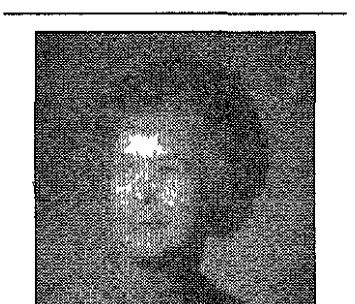
ANN M HENRY
Age 82 of Plymouth died February 20 2006 She was born March 15 1923 in Detroit She was a devoted member and volunteer at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth She is survived by her children Susan Wooley Janet Baron David (Carolyn) Henry Joann (Frank) Garzarella Nancy Snow Daniel (Marla) Henry and Frederick Henry 15 grandchildren 13 great grandchildren her sister Rose Lutz and her brothers Frank (Barb) Schaller and Al Schaller She is preceded in death by her husband Robert Edward her son Robert Henry her sons in law Bill Wooley and Roger Snow her brother Michael Schaller, and her brother-in-law John Lutz Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church 47650 N Territorial Plymouth Friday 10 30am Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am Visitation at Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth, Thursday 2 9pm Scripture Service Thursday 7pm Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association

PATRICIA A. LEWIS (nee DeBruyne)
Age 64 passed away Feb 21 at the long term care home in Howell, which is being renamed for her The Pat Lewis Care Home Her passing culminates her journey through Alzheimer's Disease She was born on Nov 16, 1941 in Ann Arbor MI to William and Monica (Otto) DeBruyne Patti graduated from St Thomas High School in Ann Arbor and attended U of M On September 9 1961 she married Jack Lewis in Ann Arbor They lived in Royal Oak MI for many years before relocating to Muncie IN, New Jersey Dayton OH and then following her diagnosis of early onset Alzheimers Disease to Novi, MI Patti's credit union career began in the Royal Oak Postal Employees Credit Union Her greatest love was her family Patti is survived by her devoted husband Jack their four wonderful children Michael of Commerce Twp, MI, Kathy (Craig) Wolf of Hobe Sound, FL, Steve of Atlanta, GA and Scott (Lynn) of Wolverine Lake MI and six beautiful grandchildren Kelsey and Kyle Lewis, Adam and Shane Wolf and Kaitlyn and Rachel Lewis her father Bill DeBruyne and sister, Betty (Tom) Hazel of Ypsilanti, along with many dear friends and extended family members We will miss Patti's warm heart gentle manner and easy smile The family wishes to thank everyone for their love and support Visitation will be Thurs Feb 23 4-8 pm with services on Friday Feb 24 10 am at Muehlig Funeral Chapel Ann Arbor Bural will follow at Old St Pat's Cemetery on Whitmore Lake Road Memorial contributions may be made to the Pat Lewis Care Home 205 Francis Drive, Howell, MI 48843

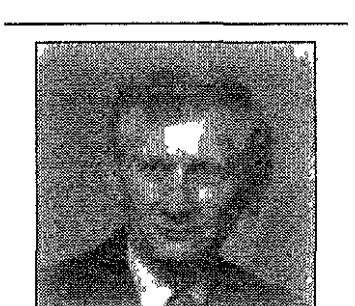
GEORGE M. LOSIE
Of Howell MI Age 92 died Sunday February 19 2006 at Glacier Hill Nursing Center in Ann Arbor He was born August 25, 1913 in Big Rapids, MI the son of Earl J and Ethel M (Wood) Losie He graduated from Redford High School in Detroit MI in 1931 and joined the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC) that summer and worked in Riggins ID He became a social worker for the Old Age Assistance Bureau and then during WW II he worked as a Lathe Operator and continued until his retirement on his 72nd birthday His greatest loves were his wife and children and the building of their summer home in Leland MI George married Dorothy Lucille Schwartz on October 16 1936 and he is survived by their daughters Judith Maser of Novi MI, Dotie Beare of Howell MI and Mary Jane (William) Rutla of Shelby Twp MI brother Earl J Losie of Atlanta, GA grandchildren Matt (Julie) Maser of Northville, MI Bart (Kristy) Maser of Thousand Oaks CA David Beare of Fort Smith AR, Temma (Michael) Severino of Holt MI Jeffrey (Reene) Rutla of Troy MI Todd (Colleen) Rutla of Warren, MI and Kim (BR) Bohan, Wesley Chapel FL and great grandchildren Blake and Brandt Bohan, Ian Aaron, Michael Rutla, Matthew and Michael Maser and Benjamin and Alaina Maser George was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy and brothers Charles F and James E Losie A Celebration of George's Life will be held 11 00 AM Friday, February 24 2006 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home Lamb Chapel in Howell (517-546 0100) with John Entenman officiating Interment will follow at North Farmington Cemetery Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Michigan envelopes will be available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends from 5 8 PM Thursday Please sign George's guest book and share a memory with his family at www.borekjennings.com



FRANK CHRZANOWSKI
Died peacefully February 15 2006 Born August 6 1924 Preceded in death by his wife of 48 years Dorothy (Bonnie) Meredyk and two brothers Robert and Basil Surviving are his children Frank Mary McKenzie Linda Olejniczak and Donna Crossley nine grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren Also surviving are sisters Rita Pearl Julia Bantau Betty Pampa Jean Cengel and Joanne Scott A World War II survivor Mr Chrzanowski was a parish ioner of St Raphael Catholic Church for over 50 years Frank was an avid bowler receiving several trophies and awards He will be buried with military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan on March 23 2006

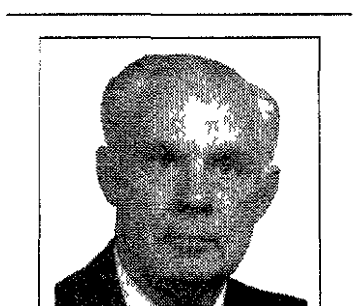


ROSEMARY S. CHAPMAN
Age 79 of West Bloomfield formerly longtime resident of Brooklyn NY passed away on February 20 2006 She was born on July 17 1926 to Frances and Theodore Stevens of Brooklyn NY and was the middle of three sisters (Catherine and Frances CSJ) who both preceded her in death Rosemary is survived by her four children, Joseph (Claudia) James (Bonnie) Steven (Sonja), and Rosemary (Robert) Belke and was a very proud grandmother of ten Rosemary was a former employee of the New York office of the FBI and a dedicated employee of over 38 years at St Josephs College in Brooklyn New York She was an excellent cook and enjoyed hosting many family get-togethers She was also accomplished at knitting and created countless sweaters and afghans for friends and family Rosemary will always be remembered for her generosity and courage, particularly in the three years following her stroke A memorial service will be held 2 00 PM, Friday February 24th at Sunrise Assisted Living of West Bloomfield, 7005 Pontiac Trail West Bloomfield, MI 48323 (248) 738 8101 A funeral mass will take place at 10 00 on Saturday, February 25th at St Williams Catholic Church 531 Common St Walled Lake MI 48390 (248) 624 1421 Interment will take place at a later date in Rockland Lake, NY The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Sunrise of West Bloomfield Helping Hands & Odyssey Hospice for their kindness and support



JOHN ROMEO LANZON
Age 78 died February 20 2006 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease He was born March 30 1927, in Gary Indiana grew up in Detroit raised his children in Garden City, and spent his later years in Novi and Port Huron He served in the United States Army during World War II being stationed in the Aleutian Islands He began his professional career with the Brumung Company rising to the position of Division Manager, and he held other management positions with Address Multigraph and OCE He was an avid golfer and ballroom dancer His tall lean stature and wavy hair cut a striking appearance particularly on the dance floor He was a kind generous fun loving man, a true friend and a devoted family man loved and relied upon by all who knew him, with a keen mind and a wonderful sense of humor He is survived by three loving children, Cheryl Nowak Karen Lanzon and Craig (Angela) Lanzon his grandchildren Mark Nowak Alex Lanzon Matthew and Jennifer Evans the mother of his children Laura Lanzon his sisters Jean Schroder Sally (Bill) Schepke, Shirley Meissner and Linda Kozak his brothers Richard (Veronica) and Roger Lanzon his sister-in-law, Pauline Kachemba his brother-in-law Robert Pena and many nieces and nephews Wilma Kinney who provided care in his later years and many close friends will miss him Funeral from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church 47650 N Territorial Plymouth Saturday 10 30am Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am Visitation at Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main, Plymouth Thursday 4 9pm and Friday 1 9pm Prayers Friday 5 30pm Memorials may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation or Superior Woods Healthcare Center

VALERY ANNE MOSBORG
Age 46 passed away Saturday February 18 2006 in Orange Park FL She received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 1981 and her Master's Degree in Health Administration in 1988 She served in the US Navy as an OR Nurse and was stationed in California Tennessee, Japan and NAS White at NAS she deployed to Saudia Arabia for Desert Shield/Storm While deployed she became severely ill with Hemorrhagic Fever and was airlifted back to the U S and was medically retired in 1995 While in the Navy she received the Meritorious Unit Commendation Award National Defense Service Medal Southwest Asia Service Medal and Kuwait Liberation Medal She was preceded in death by her parents John and Helen Stymelski She is survived by her husband of 13 years Dave Mosborg children Cynthia and Alexander and numerous family members and friends The family will receive friends from 5 00 8 00 PM, 5 30 PM Rosary Thursday February 23 2006 at JACKSONVILLE MEMORIAL GARDENS FUNERAL HOME 111 Blanding Blvd Orange Park, FL Funeral services in celebration of her life will be held at 2 00 PM Friday February 24 2006 at Orange Park United Methodist Church 2051 Park Avenue Orange Park FL with Rev Matt Berryman officiating Interment will follow in the Garden of Prayer at Jacksonville Memory Gardens In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Women's Military Memorial P O Box 560 Washington DC 20042 0560 Soul Food Ministry at Orange Park United Methodist Church or Valery Stymelski Mosborg Nursing Scholarship Fund in c/o Robert Beatty First National Bank 1775 Eagle Harbor Parkway Orange Park FL 32003



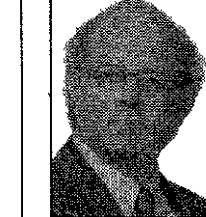
THOMAS EDISON TRAINOR,
An 81 year-old engineer and pilot passed away peacefully in his home on Feb 17 2006 from respiratory failure complicated by Post Polio Syndrome Mr Trainor was born in Olivet Michigan in 1925 and graduated from the Olivet High School Just before turning 18 he contracted polio which he survived but it left him with one paralyzed leg and other difficulties Upon recovery from polio he attended and graduated from Western Michigan University While at WMU he learned to fly airplanes He joined the Flying Broncos and attended several flying competitions where he won awards for his flying skills He met Valta Dingman while teaching shop at the high school in Lakeview Michigan They wed in 1952 and moved to Royal Oak Mr Trainor worked at Chrysler as an engineer This included time in the Redstone Missile division as a modeler He retired in 1987 In 1953 he bought his first airplane a 1936 Aeronca C 3 Eventually he acquired the remaining factory inventory of Aeronca K and Aeronca Engine parts one of which is on display at the EAA Pioneer Museum in Oshkosh WI He was restoring his third K when he passed away He is survived by his wife, 5 children one sister and 5 grandchildren His wife is Val Trainor of Troy His children are Tim Trainor of Muskegon, Sally Trainor King of Eatonville WA Terri Trainor Clark of Troy Nancy Trainor Otto of Lansing, and Todd Trainor of Brighton Memorial service is scheduled for 11 00 a.m Saturday March 4th at the Congregational Church of Birmingham in Bloomfield Hills at the corner of Woodward and Cranbrook Road Condolences can also be left at www.aeronca.com/k The family asks that any contributions be sent to Beaumont Hospice 1200 Stephenson Hwy Troy, MI 48083



Attorney to address religious issues in the workplace

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Attorney George Mesritz isn't the only one to notice an increase in religious discrimination claims filed against employers U S Equal Employment



Opportunity Commission statistics show the total number of charges received between 1992 and 2005 nearly doubled (www.eeoc.gov/stats/religion.html)

A spiritual awakening among born again Christians and a diversified workforce are forcing employers to address religious issues before they reach litigation One of Mesritz's cases involved the discharge of an employee who was told not to talk about his religion during work time He didn't follow the directive and was fired

Even though the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination against employees based on religion, the case was dismissed in Jackson County and the decision upheld on appeal The employee had been discussing religion in a work area and had been warned

A principal at Miller Canfield law firm in Detroit, Mesritz has been handling labor and employment cases for nearly 30 years, 18 at Miller Canfield As part of the firm's Morning Update training and education program designed for employers, the longtime Birmingham resident discusses Religion in the Workplace 8-8 45 a.m Wednesday, March 8, in the firm's office at 150 W Jefferson, Suite 2500, Detroit For those unable to attend, the presentation will be available over the Internet

DEALING WITH RELIGION
"Employers are more and more having to deal with religious issues at work," said Mesritz "One of the reasons for the increase is that more and more employees are comfortable bringing religious issues to work"

Employers are faced with issues such as what do you do when an employee feels compelled to share the Word based on their religious principles and other employees don't want to hear it Employers need training on that to properly balance rights of employees'

According to Mesritz, the most common religious issue in the workplace involves practices and requests not to work on Saturdays, Sundays or overtime because of religious restrictions The Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires employers to provide 'reasonable accommodation' for religious practices unless doing so would result in 'undue hardship' for the employer

"Employers should get some advice in dealing with these issues because they can be very difficult," said Mesritz, who represents employers exclusively "The objective is a productive, harmonious work force and avoiding escalating problems which can lead to litigation If the company has their own human resources department they should look to them for advice on how to deal with religious issues"

The Morning Update program has provided ongoing training for employers on a variety of topics for the last five years This is the first time anyone who's interested will be able to sign on to the Internet for Mesritz's lecture In addition to allowing 10 to 15 minutes of questions at the end of the educational session, visitors will be able to receive answers via the Internet For access information, contact Virginia Herrick, Miller Canfield seminar and events coordinator, at (313) 496-7548 or send e-mail to herrick@millercanfield.com

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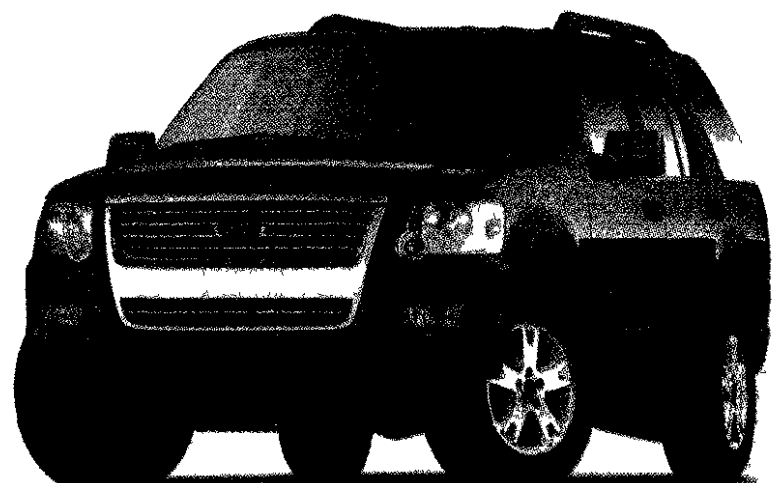


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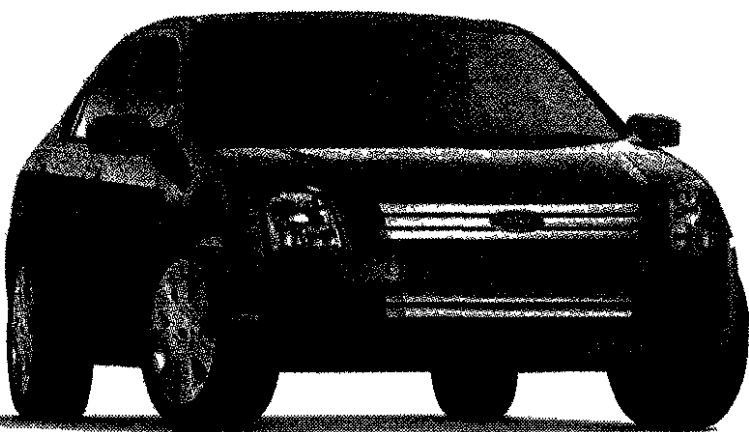


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Couples find real estate and marriage go together

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Noel and Lee Bittinger know how important it is to get along in a marriage. That strong marriage has kept them going over the last couple of decades working together as Realtors.

It's very difficult to do, said Noel, who owns RE/MAX Classic of Canton with her husband. All we talk about is real estate. It's all business.

They were married about a year before going into the field. The Bittingers, who have no children and have two dogs, agree a compatible marriage is a must for a harmonious working relationship.

'He does the brokerage end of it,' said Noel Bittinger, who now recruits agents and lists properties. They have three buyer agents to show homes, while Lee operates the business in general.

I'm one of his Realtors, basically one of the many Realtors, she said. She's asked most often how the two get along working all day and then going home.

It's a very common question. She finds they can bounce ideas off each other. The Canton residents can 'build each other up and be better at what we do.'

When they were showing houses, the Bittingers went separately, although they were in tandem for listing appointments. More recently, they've divided their job duties more.

Another couple working together are Realtors Mike and Mary Gladchun of RE/MAX on the Trail in Plymouth. They met as students

'We like it because we enjoy being together all the time.'

Mike Gladchun
RE/MAX on the Trail

at Eastern Michigan University and now work as agents and own the Plymouth business.

'We like it because we enjoy being together all the time,' said Mike Gladchun, who's been married to Mary 28 years and in business since 1983. He attributes their success to working together.

'We do lunch together, we do dinner together.' They've always enjoyed real estate and don't mind the time it requires.

'It's really consumed us for the past 14 years,' he said. 'It's time-consuming, but we enjoy it.' The Gladchuns of Plymouth Township have no children, but do have lots of nieces and nephews.

Last year, they decided to enroll in flight school at Metropolitan Airport, where he finished in October and she's finishing now. That's a diversion they've enjoyed and helps them get up North more quickly.

The Gladchuns sell in the I-275 corridor, Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi. He has a sales and marketing background, which helps, and praises Mary's people skills.

'It's not for everyone but it's great and works for us,' he said. 'It's a win-win-win all the way for us. We're extensions of each other and just enjoy being together.'

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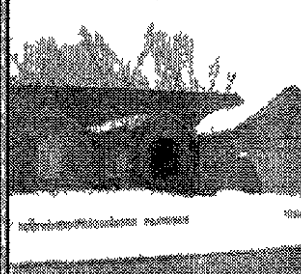




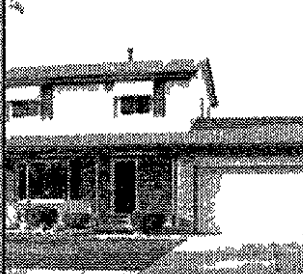
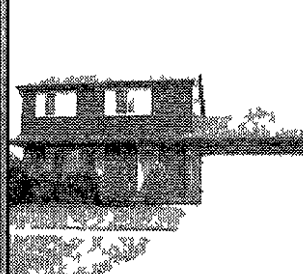






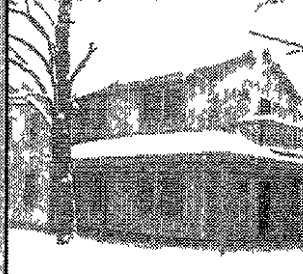





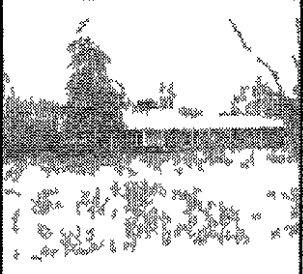

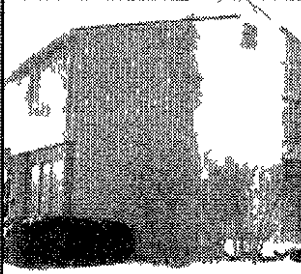

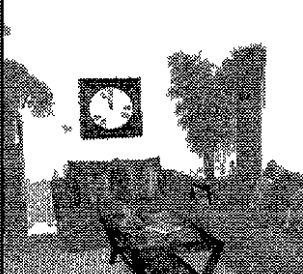







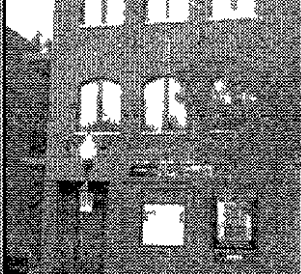







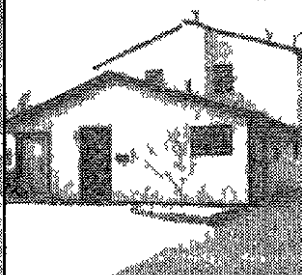
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 <p>BIRMINGHAM \$152,900 Everything updated! 2 BR condo near park & Somerset Collect on. Upgraded kitchen w/ granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, dishwasher, refrigerator, DW & Tuscan tile floor. HDWD flr & plantation shutters in LR & DR. Updated bath in Pottery Barn chic. MLS# 26025794 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$850,000 1.13 acre private lot! First floor master suite w/ 13x13 sitting room w/ unique ceilings, granite counter tops, family room open to kitchen w/ 42 cabinets, 4.5 car garage. Jack & Jill bath. In w/o w/bar office rec rm & full bath! MLS# 26020569 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>CANTON \$550,000 Custom estate w/ 2 story grand entry w/ ceramic floor, gourmet chef's kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances & ceramic floor. Formal DR & LR library w/ bay window. Master suite w/ tray ceiling, bath w/ 2 WC. Prof. finished bsmt & central vac. MLS# 26012943 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$399,500 Best value in Canton! Exceptional 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/ 3 car s/e garage. Huge gourmet kitchen, nook which is open to you, enormous FR w/ soaring ceiling, nrg & gas FP. You will love the year round sun room! MLS# 26020295 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$395,000 Dramatic 2 story foyer w/ ceramic tile, lib w/ 2 way FP to FR, grmt kit, bft nook w/ DW to deck w/ gazebo & paver patio. Crm mid t/o formal DR, butlers pantry, mstr ste w/ vaulted ceiling, nrg gas FR, huge WIC & glam bath. MLS# 26016123 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$349,900 Why build? Almost brand new 4 BR 2.1 BA colonial in Central Park w/ Plym/Can Schoos Spacious kt & nook. FR is large & open to nook. Lux master suite 3 ca s/e ent y garage. Prof and scaping w/ paver patio. MLS# 26024369 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$322,500 Sunflower spacious ranch on a very premium private lot backing to trees. Great kitchen w/ oversized nook. FR w/ FP. Formal DR. Lux master suite w/ fashion bath. Fabulous finished basement. Must see! MLS# 26020281 734 453 6800</p>
 <p>CANTON \$300,000 On picturesque private setting w/ mature trees backing to commons with view of pond. Hardwood floors in kitchen, nook, foyer, & powder room. 2 story foyer, freshly painted interior w/ vinyl clad windows & p. In Bsm't w/ full bath. Bar. MLS# 26024469 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>CANTON \$300,000 Popular Central Park sub! Open floor plan w/ HDWD flrs, grmt kit w/ DW, WIC & bath. FR w/ vaulted ceiling & gas FP. Grmt kit w/ breakfast bar, dbl oven & s/s appls. lib w/ bay window, formal DR, w/ crm mid & 1st flr Indry. MLS# 26016118 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$235,000 Updated colonial in popular Country Acres sub! Prof Indscpd w/ oversize fenced yard, grmt kit w/ DW, huge FR w/ 2nd drw & FP, formal DR, huge mstr ste w/ glamour bath & WC. Updates new roof, AC windows, DW & baths. MLS# 26016141 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$234,900 Spacious 3 BR 2.5 BA detached condo w/ loft, 2 story private entry, Cathedral ceiling in master plus private bath & WIC. Covered front porch, formal LR & DR, large FR, kitchen w/ oak cabinets & eat n nook. Comm pool. MLS# 26023930 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$208,900 Spacious 2 story w/ g fenced yard & p of landscaping. Formal LR, FR w/ brick FP & DW to new patio, grmt kit w/ eat n nook, custom oak staircase, mstr ste w/ french doors & WIC. Updates furniture, windows & carpet. All appls. MLS# 26016143 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$200,000 Franklin Palms Estates sub! Prof Indscpd w/ fenced yard, shed, 2 tiered deck & new 5 person hot tub, new gourmet kitchen w/ all appls. Breakfast nook, huge FR w/ FP & DW to patio, oversized master suite & part fin LL. MLS# 26016153 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>CANTON \$190,000 Perfect location w/ fenced yard backing to commons, open floor plan w/ formal LR, gourmet kitchen open to FR w/ ceiling fan & all appls. Breakfast nook, huge FR w/ FP & DW to patio, oversized master suite & part fin LL. MLS# 26016153 734 453 6800</p>
 <p>CANTON \$120,000 Ranch condo w/ open floor plan. Gourmet kitchen, breakfast bar, vaulted GR w/ ceiling fan & DW to private balcony overlooking woods, dining room, master suite w/ WIC & large glamour bath, freshly painted & neutral decor. MLS# 26016122 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>DEARBORN \$114,900 Nice & Priced Right! Brand new roof, freshly painted interior and exterior, kitchen w/ oak cabinets, vinyl windows, copper plumbing & hardwood floor under the carpet. Prof. finished bsmt could be used as a rec rm. Vinyl deck. MLS# 25090119 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>DEARBORN HGTS. \$215,000 Immediate Occupancy! Great Rm w/ Gas Fp, Med oak Cabinets, Mstr Bath, W/ Jetted Tub, Hwd Flr, Ceramic Tile In Foyer & Hallway, 2nd Flr Laundry Deck, Unfn Bsm't, W/ Bath, Rough Ins, Ca Sprinklers & 2 Ca Att Garage. MLS# 26014779 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>DEARBORN HGTS. \$94,900 Seller to Credit Buyer Up To \$4000! Accepted Price & Terms. Nest Unit In Comp ex'l New kitchen, white cabinets, New Ceramic Firing, hwdwd flrs, Ref'n shed, New Guest Bath & Full Bath, Newer Windows, Full Bsm't, C/a. MLS# 26021993 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>DETROIT \$79,900 Great Home Near Dearborn, New Roof, Newer Vinyl Windows, Hardwood flrs, Large 2.5 car Garage & Deep Yard, Well Cared For Home Needs Some Updating, Estate Sale Home To Be Sold As is, Seller Will Escrow Money For New Furnace. MLS# 25173274 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>FARMINGTON \$285,000 Bank owned, well kept updated colonial in the historical area. Family room has hardwood floors and stone fireplace. Sale as is. Call listing agent for office package. Call listing agent for info on drive way. MLS# 26000498 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$535,000 2 story foyer w/ hwd flr, half bath & kit, bridge overlooking 2 story finished ceiling & wet bar, kit w/ tons of cabinets w/ Corian counters, sun rm, fn bsm't w/ 2nd kitchen, wet bar, rec rm, bath & office w/ closet. MLS# 26007615 248 347 3050</p>
 <p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$375,000 Formal Dining Rm w/ wainscoting, New Kitchen w/ new cabinets & Counters, Family Rm w/ built in shelves, wet bar, Frp, French Drs To 2 Tiered Deck, Finished LL, New Tea Off Roof, Windows, Furnace, Siding & Driveway! MLS# 26019560 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$365,000 4 BR colonial has 2 story foyer w/ HDWD flrs, grmt kit w/ island & oak cabinets, Open floor plan w/ formal LR w/ vaulted ceilings & Palladian window, FR w/ gas log FP, 1st flr indry, mstr w/ huge WIC & bath w/ jetted tub. MLS# 26013525 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$340,000 Open floor plan eat n kitchen w/ island leading to oversized deck. Family room w/ nat flrs & add doorway. Library w/ bay window & built in vng rm. w/ bay window, dining rm, Newer driveway, walk porch, roof A/C furnace. MLS# 26024733 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$219,900 Lovely 3 BR 5 BA brick ranch w/ 1228 sq ft features LR w/ FP, kit w/ HDWD flrs, nook & dbl wall to deck, Spacious BR's in basement & 2 car garage. Updates kitchen, baths, cof fu nace, HWF electrical & plumbing. MLS# 26026150 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>FARMINGTON HILLS \$199,900 Country Living In The City On Approx 1 Acre Newer Central Air Furnace & Windows, Hardwood Floors, Kitchen w/ nook, newer carpeting, Family Rm, Can Be Used As 3rd Bedroom, Newer Landscaping, Home Warranty incl. MLS# 25084372 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>GENOA \$675,000 Kit w/ 42 hckoy cabinets & granite, low frg FR w/ cath ceiling & gas FP, 1st flr mstr library w/ chie y built in nook, daylight bsm't w/ FP & bath, rough ins, huge 1st flr Indry, 3.5 car garage, paver patio, standard woodwork. MLS# 26022088 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>GRAND BLANC \$84,900 Updated w/ Pergo Wood Floors, New Furnace, New Central Air, New Hot Water Tank, 2 Great Size Bedrooms, Low Assoc Dues incl Snow Removal, Lawn & garbage & Water. A. Appliances incl Perfect Move In Condition & Clean. MLS# 26023270 248 347 3050</p>
 <p>HAMBURG \$239,000 Lovely 3 BR 2 BA colonial on 1 acre w/ mature pines, features kitchen w/ pantry nook & doorway to huge deck, FR w/ replace finished basement w/ FR, new roof, 2 car garage, shed & sprinklers. Move n. MLS# 26023895 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$290,000 Foyer w/ new flrs, living rm w/ cove ceiling, new kitchen w/ corian island, cabinets, galore, large eat n nook w/ drwal to deck, 3 full baths, mstr ste w/ new mstr bath, fn bsm't, new electric, plumbing, furnace, windows. MLS# 26015007 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$250,000 Located deep in the sub on a .81 acre parklike setting, open floor plan, 2 full baths on main floor, stone wall, fireplace in living room, family room w/ 2nd flr, hwdwd flrs, covered ceilings, Anderson windows, Full bsmt. MLS# 26022408 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>LIVONIA \$127,500 Spacious Ranch On Large Lot w/ Oversized 2.5 Car Garage, Updated bath, Roof, Fpd Up, Garage, Doo, Gta, Furnace & Energy Efficient Windows, Copper Plumbing, 1 Year Home Warranty, Low Traffic, Curbside, Street. MLS# 26005694 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE \$645,000 Hwd flrs on entire 1st level, 2 story foyer w/ circular staircase, 2 story FR w/ 2 way FP to kt w/ 42 cherry cabinets & Corian counters, rear staircase, unfn deep walkout w/ bath, rough ins on private lot, Ext a high garage dr. MLS# 26020391 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE \$319,900 Newer roof, furnace, air conditioning and windows. Kitchen updated include granite countertops, ceramic tile and cabinets. Huge 20x19 deck opening to nice sized backyard. All M/D appliances. MLS# 26000095 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>NOVI \$825,000 Dramatic 2 story grand entry w/ HDWD flr, grmt kit w/ light maple cabinets & HDWD flrs, dbl oven, butlers pantry, formal DR & LR, lib w/ french drs & sunroom, mstr ste w/ tray ceiling & bonus sitting rm, Prof. fin LL. MLS# 26019710 734 453 6800</p>
 <p>NOVI \$500,000 Kitchen w/ hwdwd flr, dbl oven, formal living rm & dining rm w/ vaulted ceiling, library, master suite w/ 21x8 w/c mstr bath w/ frg garden tub, dual vanities, fabulous finished LL, w/ theater rm, full bath, cedar deck. MLS# 26022989 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>NOVI \$235,000 Hardwood flrs thru out, 2 story living rm, dining rm, family rm, w/ new \$5,000 Fieldstone fireplace, mstr bdrm w/ c Bath, Access Part, F'n shed, Bsm't w/ entertainment nook, new vinyl clad windows, 2 1/2 car garage, w/ loft. MLS# 26011857 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$475,000 Build to suit condo in downtown, includes granite counters, tiled Braam cabinets in cherry or maple, appliances, HWFS, ceramic baths, custom tile, closets, recessed lights, pvc balcony, elevator access & rooftop deck. MLS# 26024070 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$239,900 Talented seller has perfect y prepared home for new owner. Gorgeous ceramic & counter showcase the remodeled kitchen, FR, shed LL, w full bath, Roof & siding (2005). Large fenced off w/ brick patio backs to creek. MLS# 26023581 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$220,000 2 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths, Anderson cabinets, w/ downdraft, maple cabinets, maple flrs, upgraded granite, built in shelves, n study, loft, unfn daylight bsm't, great rm w/ built in cabinets, center & triple cath ceiling in mstr ste. MLS# 26009843 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH \$199,500 Premier location backing to mature woods, updates no. furnished kitchen, new baths, new carpeting, tile HDWD kitchen & FR, newer flrs, AC, Delightful clubhouse & pool. All appls, nrg, nrg gas & water. MLS# 26020694 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>SALEM \$575,000 2.5 acres on end of court & surrounded by woods, Grand entry & gourmet kitchen w/ HDWD flrs & island, Huge vaulted room w/ wet bar, granite & HDWD flrs, GR w/ gas FP & formal FR w/ rec d lgs, mstr ste w/ glg fan & WIC. MLS# 26010860 734 453 6800</p>
 <p>SOUTHFIELD \$149,900 Private setting surrounds this lg updated home. Mstr bdrm has fp or use it as a den. Oak kitchen opens to grt rm and to deck & paver patio. LR/DR has flp hwdwd flrs & covered ceilings, oversized 2 car garage. MLS# 25175741 248 347 3050</p>	 <p>SUPERIOR \$274,900 Almost new Platte Carrington w/ maple cabinets, island & HDWD flrs, nkt, mstr ste w/ vaulted ceiling & ux bath w/ w/h pool tub. New light fixtures & s/s appliances are included. Home situated in quiet sub w/ ponds & pool. MLS# 26021371 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>SUPERIOR \$245,000 Platte Braymore, more less than 1 year old, Contemporary floor plan w/ vaulted ceilings, huge FR w/ FP, private master suite w/ full bath, neighborhood nestled in 53 acres of preserve, Community pool & playground. MLS# 26022977 734 453 6800</p>	 <p>WESTLAND \$149,500 Mnt condition, totally updated 3 BR colonial, 2 full bath, 2 car garage, newer roof, furnace & CA kitchen, double doors, 1st flr bath & neutral carpet, beautiful landscaping, recently painted & appliances stay. MLS# 26022360 734 453 6800</p>			

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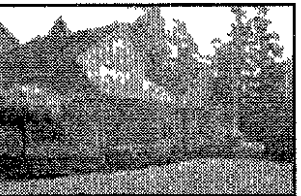
MOVE IN CONDITION Maintenance free home w/ immediate occupancy 2 or 3 bedrooms finished lower level central air 2 car garage & a new furnace Quiet street in great neighborhood \$99 900 (C 729PA)



ATTENTION INVESTORS! 4 unit brick building w/3200 sq ft All units rented except for 1 Updated plumbing & 2 newer furnaces Seller is extremely motivated & says lets make a deal!! \$90 000 (P 088PR)



COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT Opportunity knocks! Own a commercial building in Plymouths Olde Village! Great income possibilities for a great price with 2 units plus storage Large lot Call for details \$373 000 (P 446ST)



CONDO LIVING AT ITS BEST! Spectacular view of the woods from every room in this 2 bedroom 2 bath end unit Master w/separate tub & shower 1st floor laundry a private study w/French doors 2 car garage cathedral ceilings and a fireplace \$310 000 (P 865WE)



GREAT VALUE A quiet dead end street & great fp set the scene for this 1230 sq ft home Many improvements inc kitchen driveway patio 2 full baths w/tile & new doorwall Oversized 2.5 car garage w/9ft door Immediate Occupancy Home Warranty included \$134 900 (P 057W1)



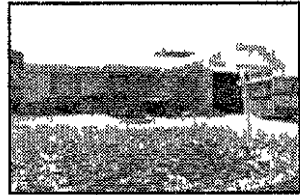
START PACKING! Spacious 4 bd bungalow w/1.5 baths Move in condition Enjoy freshly painted rooms newer oak kitchen updated baths updated carpet pergo windows furnace electric & roof 165 ft deep fenced yard w/2.5 car garage Call today \$144 900 (P 450AC)



NO CAR NEEDED! This 2 bedroom ranch condo is within walking distance to everything Kitchen w/appliances common basement pool laundry facilities new carpet and paint in the city of Plymouth \$69 900 (C 450AN)



OUTSTANDING RANCH Well maintained home conveniently tucked away but close to everything 3 spacious BR large eat in kit w/all appls LR w/ vaulted ceiling master w/WIC & BA 1.5 car detached gar fenced yard and Livonia schools! Turnkey home you must see \$149 900 (P-468BE)



CONSIDER THIS 3 bedrooms 2 full baths family room fireplace attached 2 car garage a basement w/glass block windows sprinkler system and award winning Livonia schools sounds perfect doesn't it? \$175 000 (C 729BU)



Vacant Land LINCOLN SCHOOLS 10 acres & can split lots Close to 94 x way Ann Arbor Eastern & Eagle Crest golf course Lots are surrounded by new subdivisions Ready for your builder to build your dream home! Call today for more info \$660 000 (P 000CA)



CUTE NEW CONDO Gorgeous newer condo on a low traffic street Clean bright and neutral decor Direct access garage Stove and refrigerator included Why rent when you can own in a sought after Canton area? \$159 900 (C 885CA)



START 2006 FRESH! Like new 1st floor condo in Cherry Hill Village Built in 2004 2 bds 2 full baths GR w/gas fp hwd floors private patio & courtyard 1st floor laundry full bsmt CA & 2 car garage w/opener Pack your bags immediate occupancy! \$1395/month (P 525CO)



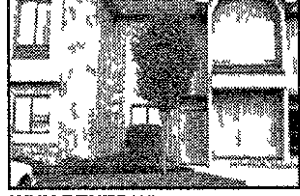
INVESTORS SPECIAL 3 Bedroom Brick Home w/ unfinished basement 2 car garage Needs a little TLC! Motivated Seller Getting out of the landlord business Great Location near expressway and shopping Home sold as is \$167 000 (P 206CR)



QUALITY CONDO Moderately priced best describes this covered entry home w/loads of trimmings 9ft ceilings autumn maple crowned cabinets in culinary kit engineered floors 9ft ceiling bsmt w/egress window 13x12 raised deck PFL & all major appls \$209 900 (C 484GL)



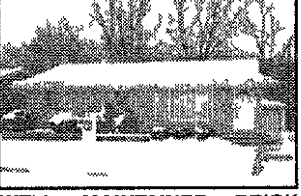
BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH Plymouth Township charmer Treed corner lot 2 car attached Garage many updates inc new Kitchen cabinets c tops & Pergo Updated furnace C/A & roof Full basement 3 spacious bedrooms & 1.5 baths A great value \$219 900 (P 375LA)



WHY RENT? When you can own this beautiful condo with a sunny east west exposure All new light fixtures large storage/laundry room fresh paint & carpet updated kitchen 2 bedrooms and 2 baths \$124 000 (P 567LI)



A WELCOMING HOME Well maintained brick ranch in Livonia Updated bath windows roof and water heater Nice fenced yard shed and 2 car garage Partially finished basement Put this one at the top of your list! \$164 900 (C 961LY)



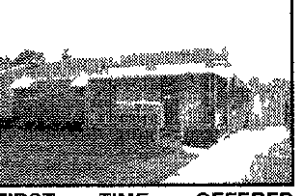
WELL MAINTAINED BRICK RANCH Neutral decor t/o in this Canton ranch 3 bdrms 1.5 bath open floor plan w/gas fireplace 2.5 car Garage w/workbench & great storage space Close to xways schools & shopping \$1 450/mo (P 488OR)



ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS! Why build new when this one is just over a year old w/all the finishing touches Nicely landscaped w/ sprinklers & deck on a premium elevation lot Many upgrades t/o including kit flooring fixtures and more Imme occu Huron schools \$245 000 (C 681OR)



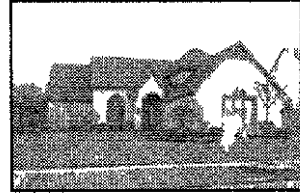
SHINED TO PERFECTION This fantastic Canton ranch home features open floor plan GR w/ cathedral ceiling & gas fp formal DR & large eat in kit 3 bds incl a mstr ste FFL fin'd bsmt rec area & lots of storage Landscaped yard & brick paver patio \$244 900 (P 656RI)



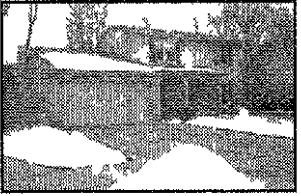
FIRST TIME OFFERED Maintenance free brick ranch featuring newer windows a finished basement newer roof fenced yard updated kitchen with appliances hardwood floors & a home warranty! Can't be beat! \$139 000 (P 825SA)



HOUSE BEAUTIFUL IN CANTON Absolutely stunning home offering many upgrades like granite in the kitchen top of the line carpeting marble surrounding the fireplace cherry wood floors Call to see it today! \$274 900 (C 550SC)



UNEXPECTED FIND 3 BR 3.5 bath home w/grand entry & soaring ceilings that flow into the spacious GR w/tp & built ins Gourmet kit w/ designer cabs granite ceramic flrs & nook FF mstr w/cath ceilings & bath w/oversized tub Meticulously landscaped yard \$449 900 (P 837ST)



A MUST SEE! Beautiful colonial on private treed lot New kit w/ Pergo flrs & maple cabs Updated FR w/ceramic trim private carpet Deck overlooking wooded priv yard New Wallside wndws newer tear off roof/6 panel doors Home warranty \$234 900 (C 693WA)



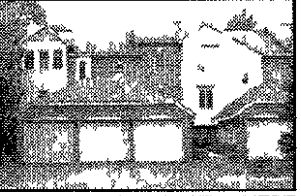
PRICED BELOW MARKET! Magnificent 4 bedroom 2 bath colonial in popular Cobblestone Ridge on a premium lot siding to woods Numerous upgrades including an expanded bedroom 3 car garage stone fireplace & more Quick Occupancy \$389 900 (P 885WA)



FORMER MODEL HOME Pristine clean 3 bedroom ranch with 2 baths and a large great room floor plan Dining room with doorwall to deck and a private fenced yard Great location Better hurry this one wont last \$199 900 (C 047WE)



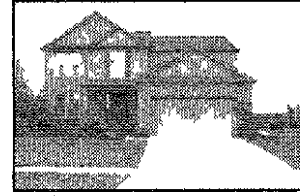
THIS ONE WON'T LAST Brick ranch with 3 bedrooms on a quiet street in Livonia New roof furnace & central air Fabulous 3 season room in a very pretty fenced yard Just move in and enjoy \$159 900 (P 863WE)



PLYMOUTH'S BEST KEPT SECRET Walk to town & take in all Plymouth has to offer from this delightful private complex 2 bd 2.5 baths & GR w/gorgeous view Marble surround gas fp 2nd floor Indry 2 balconies & plenty of storage space Imme Occu! \$177 900 (C 806YO)



ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE Great home on a large lot kitchen & Bath have been updated & newer carpet installed throughout Beautiful hardwood floors & large master bedroom This one wont last long! \$129 999 (C 815BO)



PULTE CHARMER 4 BR 2.5 BA Pulte Colonial Trad floor plan w/ lg kit featur ng light cabs island pantry & all appls Separate family rm & formal dining rm or flex as a private den Mst ste w/ high ceilings & luxury size bath w/ WIC 1st fl laundry w/washer & dryer \$279 900 (P 692CL)



CANTON RANCH Spacious ranch 1940 sq ft 3 bedroom 2 bath Prestigious master suite w/ tray ceiling walk in closet & private bath Large Deck for entertaining screened in porch bay windows & skylight Handicap accessible A must see! \$339 900 (C 878ED)



SIMPLY SPLENDID This sparkling clean & neutral Canton colonial is sure to compliment any decor Impressive 2 story foyer well appointed kit w/breakfast nook & oak cabinetry Family room w/gas fp Excellent location in the sub sidewalks sprinklers & much more \$279 900 (C 243FA)



GREAT LOCATION Charming bungalow in a great location Nicely updated w/ immediate occupancy 3 bdrms basement garage & all appliances included Great Value! A MUST SEE! \$104 900 (C 358FI)



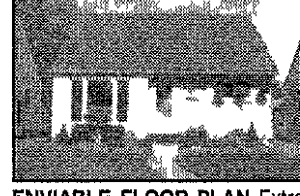
INVITING RANCH/DOUBLE LOT Updates abound in this outstanding ranch with a new oak and ceramic kitchen cathedral ceilings new windows roof and furnace Attached mechanics dream garage All on a huge lot Just move in and enjoy! \$149 900 (C 933GI)



CLEAN AND CONTEMPORARY Livonia ranch with many quality updates! Gorgeous finished basement remodeled heated Florida room newer central air furnace carpeting and light fixtures Home warranty too! \$179 999 (P 600HA)



JUST LISTED! 3 bedroom beauty situated on over 2 acres in Van Buren Township! Attached oversized 2 car garage finished basement 2 fireplaces and lots more Call for details \$299 900 (C 615HU)



ENVIABLE FLOOR PLAN Extra large master on the upper level and 2 bedrooms on the main floor Hardwood floors new windows new roof kitchen w/ nook doorwall to fenced yard w/ hot tub & 2 car garage \$125 900 (C 468IN)



SMART START A great place to begin building equity in this totally updated 3 bedroom ranch on an extra deep lot Nice oak kitchen with appliances deck overlooking a fenced yard and a 1st floor laundry Cute bright and cheerful \$119 900 (P 143KA)



BRING YOUR SUNGLASSES! You'll be dazzled by this sparkling 4BR/2.5BA home in a great neighborhood! New windows flooring fresh paint fireplace nice landscaping & large floor plan Call for more info today!! \$227 500 (C 600LA)



IMMACULATE RANCH 3 bd 2 ba basement & garage Neutral & freshly painted t/o Large bright Kitchen cozy Family Room w/ beamed ceiling gas fireplace & doorwall to Deck Abundant oversized closets 1st floor laundry & freshly painted t/o Don't wait! \$209 000 (P 215LA)



BEAUTIFULLY GROOMED One acre parcel with this immaculate 3 bedroom home Large country front porch hardwood floors fireplace formal living room doorwall to private yard and nearly one full acre to call your own Great location \$199 500 (C 248MA)



HOME SWEET HOME Comfortable colonial with a large family room off of the updated kitchen w/lots of cabinets Hardwood floors oversized garage vinyl windows and more! 3 block from the elementary school \$165 900 (C 835MO)



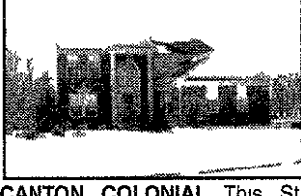
UNMISTAKEABLE APPEAL Open floor plan GR w/gas fp & recessed lights Spacious kit w/ island hwd all appls & adjoining breakfast room w/view FF mstr ste w/ private bath & soaking tub plus 2 bds & loft on the 2nd floor A great golf course community awaits you \$404 900 (C 146OV)



UNBEATABLE PRICE Immaculate townhouse features vaulted ceiling att'd garage daylight basement 2nd floor laundry all appliances stay 2 bedroom 2.5 baths & basement is plumbed for additional bath Much more to see call today! \$159 999 (P 878SU)



SCENIC POND VIEWS Beautifully decorated 3 bd home set on a premium lot backing to scenic pond Cherry cabs t/o master bath w/double sinks & corner jetted tub Daylight basement prepped for bath formal Living & dining rooms A must see! \$324 900 (P 223BO)



CANTON COLONIAL This St James colonial is loaded with upgrades Built in 2002 extensive use of Crown molding & hardwood flooring Freshly painted & ready for it's new owner \$325 900 (P 670BR)



LIVONIA CONDO Nice floor plan offering 2 bd 2 baths & 1100+ sq ft Cathedral ceilings gas fireplace covered balcony & all appliances stay Home warranty provided for buyer A must see! \$140 800 (P 866FI)



ABSOLUTE PERFECTION! Pride of ownership shows in this 4 bd Quad Updates include roof siding gutters oak entry door furnace AC hwh oak Kitchen paver patio c tops carpet & more Partially finished basement & Plymouth Canton schools \$244 000 (P 366HI)



VERY WELL KEPT! Beautiful colonial in great sub Backyard opens to field & is in walking distance to park Kitchen has new Corian & flooring Some newer vinyl windows new carpet in Living & Family rooms A must see! \$211 900 (C 360LA)



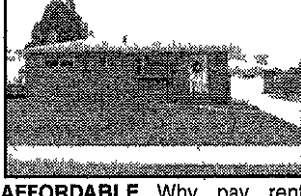
COUNTRY FEEL Have space & convenience in this Plymouth Township ranch 3 bds lots of updates Deck w/hot tub & located on a half acre lot A must see! \$235 000 (P 850MA)



MOVE IN CONDITION Great end unit condo in Westland w/Livonia schools 2 bd hardwood floors brand new carpet & all appliances included Centrally located w/plenty of lawn space for outdoor enjoyment \$89 900 (P 940MA)



PLYMOUTH COLONIAL Desirable Hough Park Over 2500 sq ft w/4 bedroom 3 baths formal dining 1st floor laundry recently added Great Room & 3 car garage Great neighborhood! \$494 900 (C 490MA)



AFFORDABLE Why pay rent when you could own this beautiful 3 BR brick ranch Home has been lovingly cared for & offers 6 panel doors newer carpeting updated Kitchen floor stove & fridge 2 car garage & a huge backyard Home warranty included for the lucky buyer \$154 900 (P 607MA)



GREAT STARTER This 3 bd 2 bath brick home on a quiet tree lined street New windows to be installed & \$1 000 painting allowance to buyer at closing \$125 900 (C 021ME)



GREAT COURT LOCATION Move in ready! Newer Canton 3 bd colonial Neutral t/o bright open Kitchen w/island family room w/tp 1st floor laundry & large master suite with 2 walk in closets 2 car Garage patio & interior court location \$249 800 (P 448MI)



FLAIR, FASHION, FUN! Canton colonial Formal DR flanked by columns 2 story GR w/cast stone & marble fp cherry cabs designer ceramic & paint Paver patio curved staircase side entry garage bridge overlooking Great Room So much more to see \$389 000 (P 110NO)



COUNTRY ESTATES Gorgeous home with cherry stained plank floors on 1st floor Custom Family Room w/built ins formal Dining Room Living Room Master Suite w/spacious WIC & full bath \$357 900 (P 985QU)



GORGEOUS EXECUTIVE HOME Everything you would expect & more 4 bd home in golf course community Open floor plan w/many decorator updates Extensive granite in gourmet Kitchen spacious finished bsmt paver patio hot tub & more Too much more to list Call today! \$412,000 (C 626SA)



TANGLEWOOD CONDO Finally a condo in prestigious Tanglewood Sawgrass complex This rare find offers wood floors Kitchen w/double oven fireplace large Master Suite WICs 3 bd 2.5 baths & a 2.5 car Garage Come see! \$369 900 (P 526SA)



GREAT HOME Outstanding colonial w/marble flooring in foyer & Kitchen Huge master suite w/ vaulted ceiling fireplace WIC bath w/double sinks & soaking tub Great neighborhood \$251 900 (C 881TA)



CANTON LAND 31.52 acres of prime property in Canton Township with Plymouth Canton schools Water and sewer are at the street Lots of possibilities call today for more info \$5 040 000 (P 000WA)



JEWEL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD Ready to move in! Totally new kit w/ granite new cabs dishwasher & microwave Stunning ceramic tile flooring from foyer thru kit Beautiful new bathroom w/tile New carpet & bath t/o w/crown molding \$145 000 (P 602WVO)



INVESTMENT DUPLEX Super opportunity for an investment Steps from EMU campus at the old water tower 2 units already rented for the semester Newer furnaces siding hwh's exterior doors & excellent parking behind house Call for more details. \$199 500 (P 218SU)

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Contribution raises legal issues

Q Our timeshare condo board is thinking about making a contribution to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Katrina since some of our members live in the area. While I think it is a good cause, I am concerned about the precedent - what do you think?

A Most of the time the condo documents and articles of incorporation of the association will define the purposes of the condominium which are generally limited to taking care of the condominium premises and issues directly related to the maintenance and operation of the condominium. While the cause may be just the association would not have in my opinion the authority to make such a charitable contribution. Moreover it would set a bad precedent as who has determined one good charity as opposed to another. Obviously a personal contribution that individual members of the association make would not be a problem. You should write the board of directors and advise them that unfortunately they have committed an ultra vires act and may be



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held accountable for the contribution if the association makes it. **Q** Our purchase agreement provides that we accept the property 'as is' except as otherwise provided in our disclosure statement. We have now found that there are problems with the representations made on the disclosure statement. Do you think we have a chance to collect from the seller because of roof problems that we now experience are moldy?

A I think you have a good argument based upon a recent Court of Appeals decision which affirmed a jury verdict for plaintiff for damages arising from mold caused by a leaking roof in a condominium pur-

chased from a seller even though there was an 'as is' clause in the purchase agreement. The court found that the plaintiff was entitled to rely on the defendant's representation in the seller's disclosure statement that the roof did not leak. Testimony in that case was deemed sufficient to create a factual question regarding whether the defendant had knowledge of a prior roof leak but represented that there was no such leak.

In the seller's disclosure statement. Therefore I would seek an attorney's advice in connection with this claim.

Robert M Meisner is a lawyer and author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$995 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He wrote *Condo Living A Survival Guide to Buying Owning and Selling a Condominium* available for \$2495 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For information call (248) 644 4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Sep 26 30 2005 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities addresses and sales prices.

Canton		Garden City		Livonia		Plymouth		Westland	
2170 Antique	\$303 000	5715 Arcola	\$133 000	20025 Antago	\$120 000	42522 Lakeland	\$205 000	1390 Virgil	\$215 000
48556 Antique	\$174 000	31026 Birchlawn	\$188 000	20138 Antago	\$160 000	12271 Landers	\$420 000	37180 Baker	\$303 000
2159 Arcadia	\$168 000	31445 Donnelly	\$164 000	16750 Bell Creek	\$330 000	8855 Mayflower	\$270 000	1425 Beatrice	\$132 000
42942 Arlington	\$225 000	28467 Florence	\$149 000	9830 Berwick	\$203 000	47024 N Territorial	\$490 000	34508 Bock	\$141 000
43151 Avon	\$223 000	30762 Ford	\$160 000	20251 Brentwood	\$165 000	40110 Newport	\$130 000	30569 Bradford	\$137 000
43230 Barchester	\$237 000	6728 Hawthorne	\$144 000	14089 Brookfield	\$150 000	40619 Newport	\$102 000	6715 Caribou	\$139 000
43417 Barclay	\$325 000	28444 Kathryn	\$160 000	16359 Country Club	\$248 000	40525 Pinetree	\$205 000	31263 Cooley	\$150 000
40420 Blytheheld	\$196 000	28674 Krauter	\$114 000	14364 Denne	\$193 000	301 Pinewood	\$125 000	8021 Coventry	\$117 000
40456 Blytheheld	\$170 000	32105 Windsor	\$138 000	14096 Ellen	\$220 000	49948 Plymouth	\$175 000	313 Daniel	\$178 000
40474 Blytheheld	\$158 000			14224 Ellen	\$200 000	49844 Pointe Xing	\$190 000	36538 Deer Run	\$190 000
40510 Blytheheld	\$202 000			30490 Elmira	\$157 000	305 Red Ryder	\$275 000	39286 Dillingham	\$193 000
2353 Brookhaven	\$228 000			18928 Filmore	\$124 000	375 Red Ryder	\$205 000	39343 Dillingham	\$200 000
5825 Castlegate	\$330 000			18849 Floral	\$150 000	377 Red Ryder	\$235 000	6230 Ferrana	\$242 000
8330 Chatham	\$210 000			18910 Floral	\$105 000	381 Red Ryder	\$233 000	37068 Gilchrist	\$160 000
7606 Chichester	\$288 000			15980 Gary	\$255 000	385 Red Ryder	\$350 000	37157 Gilchrist	\$134 000
8737 Columbia	\$247 000			15992 Gary	\$308 000	43075 River Bend	\$268 000	38688 Glenwood	\$184 000
1557 Commodore	\$189 000			19033 Gillman	\$135 000	649 S Harvey	\$181 000	2078 Goffview	\$233 000
575 Constitution	\$200 000			28519 Gita	\$225 000	1199 S Sheldon	\$177 000	33300 Hidden	\$256 000
645 Constitution	\$235 000			276 N Village	\$40 000	13440 Saint Andrews	\$120 000	541 Lansdowne	\$223 000
432 Cornell	\$270 000			3376 Napier	\$237 000	11500 Spicer	\$269 000	1566 Leslie	\$147 000
49199 Dominion	\$491 000			8413 New Haven	\$458 000	11625 Spicer	\$219 000	32551 Mackenzie	\$167 000
1986 E Roundtable	\$237 000			8612 New Haven	\$403 000	11721 Sycamore	\$147 000	29036 Manchester	\$100 000
6974 E Spring	\$280 000			8156 Newbury	\$191 000	9060 Tavistock	\$225 000	2543 Muirfield	\$246 000
2662 Emly	\$390 000			8192 Newbury	\$186 000	263 W Ann Arbor	\$190 000	6115 N Berry	\$129 000
8125 Endicott	\$201 000			44430 Newburyport	\$130 000	51278 W Hills	\$405 000	6025 N Crown	\$125 000
8145 Endicott	\$196 000			1609 Orchard	\$118 000	12964 Wendover	\$315 000	8599 N Hubbard	\$110 000
8185 Endicott	\$196 000			7220 Parkway	\$260 000	12413 Woodgate	\$178 000	7417 N Wildwood	\$149 000
8286 Endicott	\$171 000			2264 Pincroft	\$197 000	780 York	\$170 000	34514 Nancy	\$164 000
2057 Franklin	\$136 000			45208 Prestbury	\$215 000	1074 York	\$185 000	8265 Opal	\$312 000
43999 Fredericksburg	\$190 000			47932 Red Run	\$356 000			8355 Rickie	\$178 000
45605 Graystone	\$168 000			42721 Redfern	\$235 000			1859 S Karle	\$115 000
42272 Hartford	\$230 000			3380 Riverside	\$232 000			38514 Shelby	\$316 000
1576 Heron	\$242 000			8101 Rolling Meadows	\$150 000			181 Stephanie	\$210 000
39728 Hillary	\$180 000			360 Roosevelt	\$250 000			30550 Stewart	\$163 000
45585 Holmes	\$255 000							30580 Stewart	\$158 000
42307 Jennings	\$219 000							35300 University	\$150 000
45015 Lemont	\$216 000							37190 Vista	\$329 000
42524 Lilley Pointe	\$125 000							38190 Warren	\$206 000
42533 Lilley Pointe	\$126 000							38716 Watson	\$318 000
46621 Maidstone	\$245 000							31231 Windsor	\$132 000
48318 Manhattan	\$460 000							7507 Woodview	\$79 000
6428 Marshall	\$325 000							7662 Woodview	\$84 000
44977 Middlebury	\$354 000							7572 Woodview	\$79 000
1418 Mistwood	\$165 000								
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Timothy Phillips

are unique - and often fascinating - stories. Regarding mortgage funding, I have written in the past that one size certainly does not fit all, and that there are different loans for each season of a

person's life. Despite all the variables and client diversity, however, I find that all of us have two profoundly simple things in common. We each have a place to live, and we each work to pay our bills - the largest of which is presumably our rent or our mortgage payment. From that common ground, we each are faced with two important questions: Should we rent a place or should we own a home? If we choose to own, how long should we take to pay for it?

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For most, renting for the long term is frankly a very poor financial choice. Thus, the only significant decision is whether we want to have lower monthly mortgage payments for a very long time, or whether we want to completely own our homes much sooner. Borrowers can own their homes many years earlier either by selecting a shorter-term mortgage or by voluntarily paying additional money towards their loan's principal every month. An extra \$100 per month towards the principal of a \$100,000 30-year mortgage will shorten its term by about 10 years. Alternatively, choosing to

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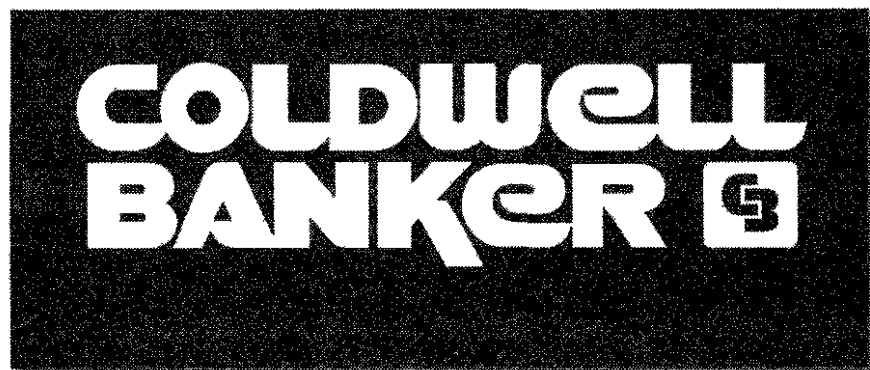
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NEW 1700 sq ft Berkley 4 bed 3 full bath Colonial immediate occupancy \$224 900 810 560 6030

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1100 sq ft 3 bdrm updated kitchen granite counter tops C/A vinyl windows garage Below appraisal \$234 900 or make offer 810 931 2105

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Sharp 4 bdrm 2 1/2 baths 2000 sq ft Features lg master suite library spacious kitchen huge rec room front porch & deck \$499 900 (248) 593 4962

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3 bdrm 2 bath on Rugby in Birmingham Estates very motivated seller price/drop to \$324 000 Will sell quickly at this price Call for apt 248 635 5456 audio tour 888 531 9906 ext 350

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3 bdrm full bsmt 2 1/2 garage New carpet Double lot Appliances home warranty Best offer over \$125 000 810 231 3639

Farmington Hills 3145

\$90K IN UPDATES!

3 bdrm 2 1/2 bath remodeled brick ranch w/new roof w/dws garage front door lighting C/A 2 1/2 garage sprinkling system & more! \$255 000 OPEN SAT & SUN 1 5 Quakertown sub 39127 Meeting House Lane S/6 Mile E/Haggerty Call 248 563 5649

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10 year old 3 bedroom 2 bath Ranch Great room Vaulted ceilings \$214 995 (21WH)

Century 21 Hartford South 734 464 8400

BEAUTIFUL RANCH located in popular sub 3 bdrm 3 bath Many updates Finished lower level w/ing area 2 car garage Full bath Great fenced yard 2 car attached garage \$235 600 Century 21 Mt. Carmel Transfers Service 248-551-6700

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S/5 Mile W/Newburgh Spectacular 3 bedroom brick ranch completely remodeled newer features include roof kitchen cabinets carpeting Florida room 2 car attached garage basement Asking \$219 900 (RC34HOU)

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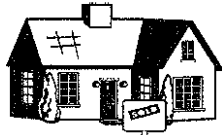
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Oakland County 3540

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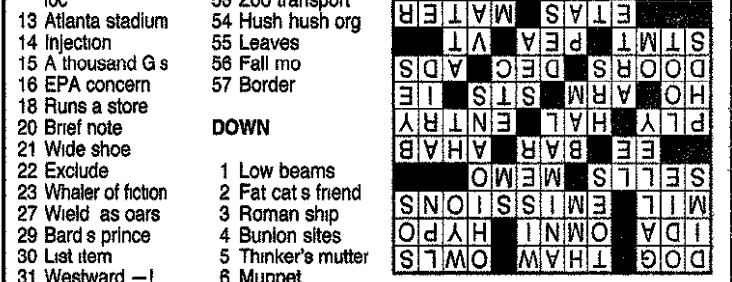
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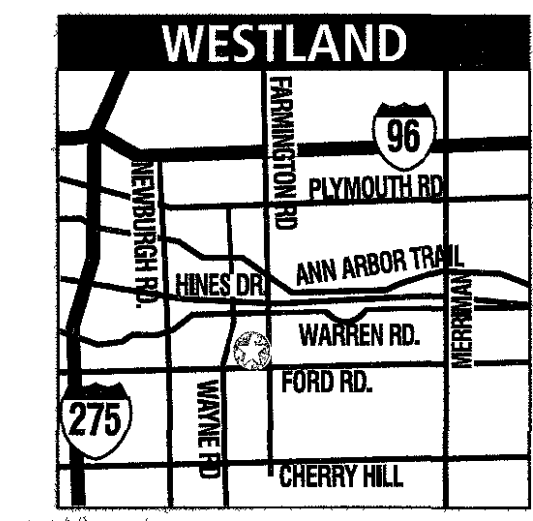
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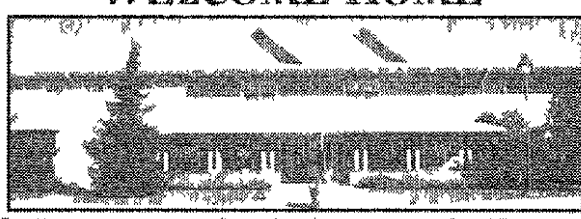
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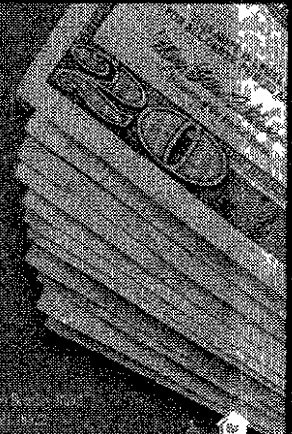
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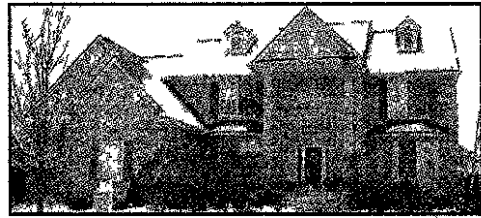
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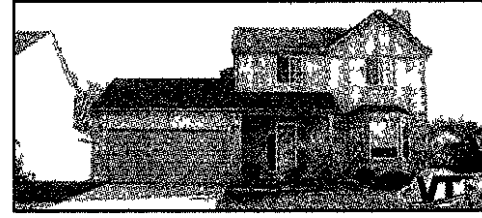
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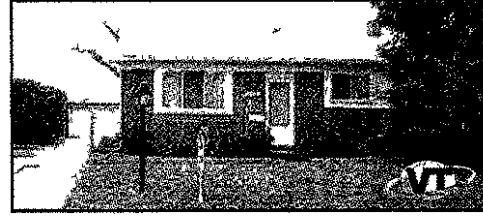
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Stylish Newer Canton Colonial! Sizable Family Room with gas fireplace and recessed lighting Open flowing kitchen large dining room with doorwall to deck and wooded view Wide open basement (26005791) \$234 900



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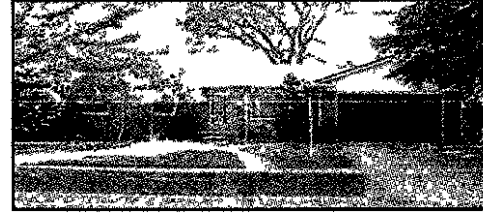
PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
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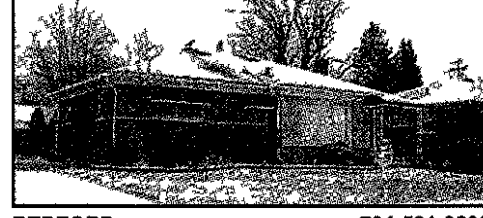
NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
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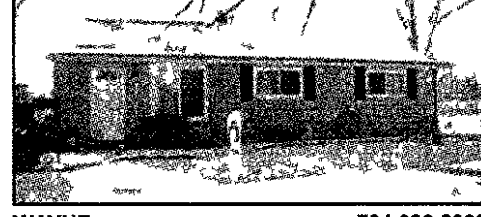
REDFORD 734-591-9200
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CANTON 734-455 7000
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LIVONIA 248 348 6430
Except onal contemporary home in Livonia Think Frank Lloyd Wright!! 1/2 acre newer kitchen w/granite counters stone fireplace sky lights attached 2 4 car garage A one of a kind home 349 6200 (26002791) \$296 500

NOVI 248 348 6430
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CANTON 734-455 7000
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LIVONIA 734 591 9200
Great 3 BR 2 BA 1490 sq ft bungalow in Livonia on a double lot 2 car 2 story garage Beautifully treed lot a split table for the next owners LG eat in kit & formal dining room lg master BR to (2802238) \$161 500

PLYMOUTH 734-591 9200
4 bedroom 3.5 bath Cape Cod High end upgrades incl hand milled 5 inch natural oak plank hardwood floors maple cabs granite ctrs BA ncl hgh end cerm tile Raised brick paver patio & more! (2602266) \$445 000

WESTLAND 248-851 1900
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! 3 BR 2.5 BA Livonia schools 1st floor laundry hdwd new carpet Open floor plan hgh ceiling dual staircase Deep bsmt Mrs Clean lives here totally move in condition (25150977) \$289 000

CANTON 734-455 7000
NORTH CANTON CONDO! Great buy on ths 2BR 1.5BA Canton Condo w/bsmt Needs work but has great potential Two story townhouse style end unit (25172868) \$109 900

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WESTLAND 734-591 9200
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BEAUTIFUL BRICK 4 BR CAPE COD HOME Kitchen w/table space opens to FR with natural fireplace FR leads to brick paver patio C/A 2.5 baths Party Fr bsmt 1st floor BR 349 6200 bh (25080502) \$271 500

NORTHVILLE 248 348 6430
OWN A LITTLE PIECE OF HEAVEN! 3 5 acres Beautiful property Secluded yet close to everything Custom built ranch Tons of upgrades Granite kitchen amaz ng LL w/2020 additional sq ft 349-6200 BH (25166299) \$570 000

PLYMOUTH 734 591 9200
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CHARMER 3BR/1.5BA Tr level LR FR New kitchen all appl stay washer/dryer Satiny hardwood floors abound 2 car gar Newer furn & vny windows Deep lot Court setting (26021424) \$222 900

WESTLAND 248-348-6430
Very Nice! Very neutral Very nearly new! 3 BR 2.5 BA Colonial w/profess onally fin bsmt Built In 2001 home is brght neutral & in move in cond tion Newer sub w/ sidewalks & close to everythng 349 6200 bh (25156459) \$189 900

FARMINGTON HILLS 734 591 9200
Spacious 2000 sq ft ranch on 3/4 acre lot Prime locat on Large kitchen overlooking 4 seasons room Living room with fireplace California Closets (26007709) \$215 900

NORTHVILLE 248 348 6430
LOVELY CONDO IN COVES OF NORTHVILLE! Contemporary 2 BR 2.5 BA w/vIEWS of pond Huge GR w th fireplace opens onto deck All appliances incl Direct access to 2 car garage w/lots of storage 349 6200 (25009355) \$179 900

REDFORD 248-348-6430
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WESTLAND 734-591 9200
Major updates have been done New kitchen offers raised oak panel cabs w/vny floors Both baths are new with ceramic tile sinks to ets & fixtures 90+ efficient furn new windows All appl stay (26015935) \$174 900

FARMINGTON HILLS 734-455 7000
COUNTRY DREAM RANCH! Picture perfect brick home on large lot (close to 1/2 acre) with a park like setting 3BR FP A/C 2 car garage Rebuilt n 1999 (26011623) \$192 815

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REDFORD 734-591-9200
Cute & Clean 3 BR bungalow w th rec room Garage with workshop Recently decorated Nice hardwood flooring furnace & more (25181068) \$119 900

WESTLAND 734-591 9200
Great Local on Well maintns ned 2 BR 1.5 BA condo (end unit) Kit features granite counter tops Living Rm has FP for the cool winter evenings bsmt & attached garage Livonia Schools (26006125) \$149 900

THE TRUE COLORS OF GOSSIP



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Gossip is widely thought to be negative and to reflect poorly upon the speaker. What is its role at work?

Kevin Kniffin, University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Letters and Science honorary associate fellow, and David Wilson, professor of Biological Sciences and director of the evolutionary studies program EvOS, State University of New York at Binghamton, write in Human Nature, a professional publication, that "gossip include(s) positive and negative talk about commonly associated people." They maintain that it creates value for both the individual and group, that it can reshape a person's behavior or prompt the rejection of it altogether.

Another paper in press at the Journal of Applied Social Psychology agrees with the two-sided perspective on gossip in the Human Nature article. Francis McAndrew, professor of Psychology and Environmental Studies, and then-student Megan Milenkovic of Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., maintain that "gossip can serve as a strategy of status enhancement and function in the interests of individuals." However, it also can serve as a vehicle for "information about others that can give us guidance for leading our own lives and/or increased feelings of self-worth serv(ing) as both a form of

antisocial behavior and as a means of controlling antisocial behavior."

IN PRACTICE
McAndrew and Milenkovic maintain that gossip that serves the individual is judged less severely than "gossip that occurs in response to the violation of a social norm." In other words, they do not perceive all gossip as negative.

Outside of scholarship, however, there is a marked tendency to view it as negative. For example, Michelle Reina of the consulting firm Chagnon & Reina Associates Inc., in Stowe, Vt., has researched the issue of trust in more than 100 organizations. She views gossip as a trustbuster. "Gossip contributes to distrust and mistrust," she says. "It occurs when people choose not to speak directly to an individual with sound intent or give the person the benefit of a doubt."

Anna Maravelas, president of Thera Rising Inc., of St. Paul, Minn., says to stay away from gossip, for these reasons:

- Gossipers engender mistrust
- Your relationship with the target will suffer
- The target will find your pleasant behavior to his face hypocritical
- Gossip creates stress in individuals and groups
- The victim will probably retaliate in 96 percent of cases
- The negativity of gossip damages your health

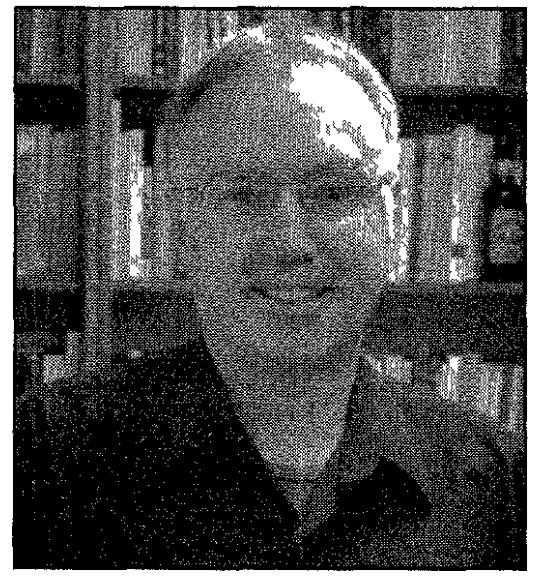
Reina points to the harmful intent behind gossip or its (unintentional)

potential negative impact. Gossip doesn't exist "when there is the presence of positive intent and people are being responsible for what they're communicating," she maintains. Gossip arises when people are irresponsible and driven by negative intentions. She perceives its destructive nature, when compelling people to doubt themselves, wonder if they're trustworthy or question why others would be speaking about them in this manner.

Maravelas follows the dictionary definition of gossip as "personal or intimate rumors or facts, especially when malicious." Non-negative chattiness doesn't qualify as gossip from her perspective. "In Minnesota, we call this 'visiting.'" The word "gossip," at least in the Midwest, conveys (negativity)."

Doesn't helpful information transmitted as gossip at work have a role in the workplace, much as information not transmitted in the same manner? It may be a little more difficult to disentangle, but its core value remains. For example, if a person discusses negative information about his company to alert people to the need for change, that is gossip that is helpful.

How do you know when to pass along information to another person? Drane Dawson, CEO of downtownwomensclub.com, a professional network and career website for businesswomen, advises you to restrain yourself unless the information is available



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publicly. McAndrew and Milenkovic view gossip as extremely complicated. "People actively seek information about others that will be most useful in social competition," they write. "We seek exploitable, damaging information about high status people and non-allies, we actively disperse status-enhancing information about our allies, and we keep a very watchful eye on our friends." Information from this vehicle seems to be the source of a problem in gossip.

Yet, gossip itself doesn't have to be. (Dr Mildred L. Culp comments upon the workplace in national media. Copyright 2006 Passage Media.)

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Lexus has made its web site the most useful for new-vehicle shopping among all auto manufacturers, with Pontiac and Suzuki finishing in second place, according to a semi-annual survey by J.D. Power and Associates.

The other top performers in order were Hummer, BMW, Kia, Saab, Mazda, Subaru and Mercury. The worst rankings were achieved by Volkswagen, then Audi, third-worst was Mercedes-Benz, then Chrysler, Saturn, Infiniti, Volvo, Nissan, Mini and Jeep rounded out the bottom ten makes, in reverse order, in J.D. Power's research.

At a time when 57% of new-vehicle buyers visit at least one manufacturer web site before buying a new vehicle - and most visit several manufacturer sites - how an auto maker performs online is more important than ever. In marketing terms these days, you could almost say it's crucial.

"Our improving performance is part of a dedicated philosophy and focus that's simple. When the majority of auto shopping is happening on the web, you'd better make sure that your web site is built to facilitate that the best way you can," said Mark-Hans Richer, marketing director for Pontiac.

Lexus, the Toyota luxury brand, "scores at the top by upsetting the fewest shoppers," says Dennis Galbraith, senior director of digital marketing for Westlake Village, Calif.-based J.D. Power. Only 6% of Lexus.com visitors in this survey rated it poorly, the strongest result ever noted for lack of disappointment in any site.

On the other hand, the lowest finishers in the survey were troubled by slow speeds, Galbraith said.

Lexus provides information at quick speeds for users whether they're on a broadband or a dial-up connection, Galbraith noted. "Fundamental for us since the beginning has been to try to make the site as robust as possible but not limit the average consumer's ability to get information quickly," says Robyn Pisz, national interactive and relationship-marketing manager for Lexus. "We'll be serving up lot more multi-media on the site in the future, such as videos. And with our audience being predominantly broadband, we can provide them with more of that type of experience."

The brand also strives for simple, straightforward



The 2006 Pontiac Solstice.

web design that is friendly to its market of mostly boomer and older consumers, Inouye said. That includes larger vehicle images, better fonts and other improvements to optimize the fact that the resolution of computer screens is improving. "Older consumers want to see details," she said.

Galbraith also complimented Lexus's decision to provide ample definition of technical terms. "It's like reading something complex with an imbedded dictionary to help you," he said.

Pontiac.com's strength is "easy navigation," Galbraith said, including a "flyout" design that allows visitors to delve into model details directly from the home page. "We think through the site the way a shopper would," said Richer.

For example, the site recently moved to the home page its link to information about trade-in appraisals. "In the past we buried it somewhere in the site because it didn't seem as sexy as other things," he said. "But we've found that it's very important to consumers to know what their current car is worth, and it facilitates the online-shopping process."

Richer conceded that, not long ago, marketers were trying to add more sizzle than sizzle online. We still believe in sizzle, he said. (And the fact that Pontiac.com can feature a model as intriguing as the new Solstice roadster on its site helps a lot in the sizzle department.) "But first and foremost, web-site activity

is about shopping. You have to take care of that before anything else."

Pontiac's greater focus on the web is underscored these days by its partnership with Google. In a promotion that's been going on about a month now, Pontiac refers to Google in its TV ads, making it the first major marketer to refer to the king of search engines in its mainstream advertising, Richer said. And in local advertising, dealer groups urge viewers to "Google Pontiac."

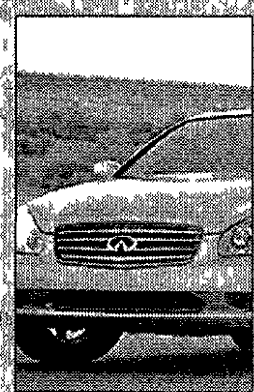
It's already driving a certain level of behavior and comparisons that work in our favor," Richer said. "Leads are up 50% and search queries are up 100% because of it."

Saturn's showing in the study underscored the fact that ease of web use and a brand's larger marketing purposes don't always completely coincide. Saturn ranked fifth from the bottom, Galbraith said, in part because the Skye model that it featured on the home page during early November, when the survey was conducted, ran small. Saturn instead focused on a large image of a Christmas package from Target Stores.

But the brand's promotion with Target - to provide a \$500 gift card for the store as a bonus with a vehicle purchase - was a very effective promotion," said a Saturn spokesman. "We had a year-over-year sales increase. Moreover, he said, Saturn went back to a larger vehicle picture after the holidays."

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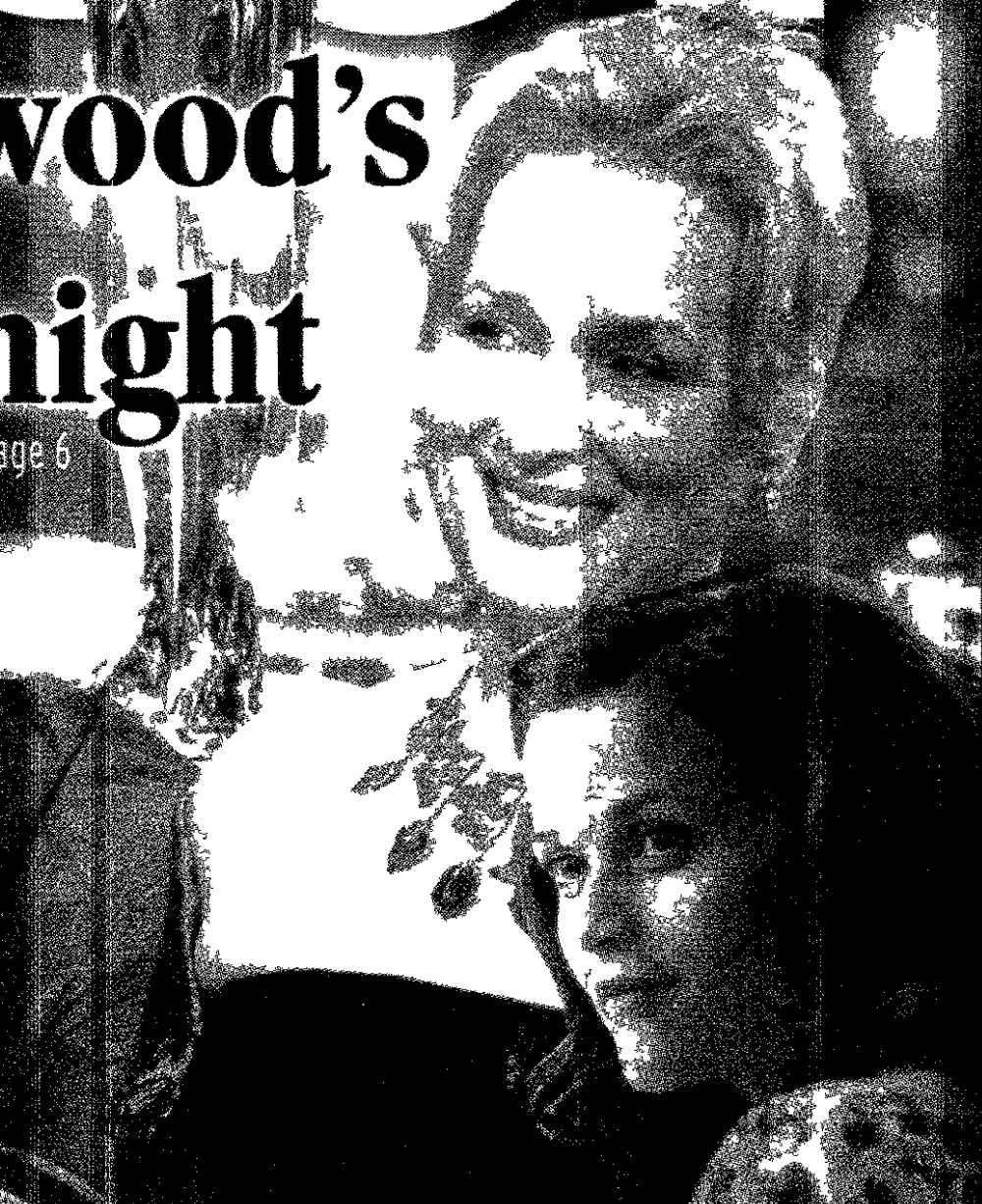
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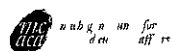
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Loss in sight

UMMA's major Asian art exhibition gropes with grief

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

There's an Asian art explosion at the University of Michigan Museum of Art. The Ann Arbor museum's newest exhibit, *Landscapes of Longing: Journeys Through Memory and Place*,

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What: *Landscapes of Longing: Journeys Through Memory and Place*
When: Through April 2

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.
Where: University of Michigan Museum of Art, 525 S. State University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor.
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components are

■ Andô Hiroshige's *53 Stages of the Tôkaidô*, a presentation of a famous series of woodblock prints depicting the Tôkaidô, Japan's great coastal road with views of the countryside

■ Hiroshi Sugimoto's *Time Exposed*, a display of 50 of Sugimoto's short-exposure photographs of seascapes from around the world

■ *The Idyllic Retreat in Chinese Landscape Painting*, a collection of landscapes by Chinese artists from the 14th- to early 20th-century that idealizes nature

■ *Passage to Angkor: Photographs by Kenro Izu*, a presentation of the Japanese photographer's works depicting the monumental stone temple mountains of the Khmer Empire of ancient Cambodia as they appear today

"The landscape theme was almost accidental," Graybill said, explaining that each of the four exhibits was a project the

subsumes four exhibits in one and continues through April 2

"We try to get real balance in projects and programs, and it was time to have a major Asian art exhibit at the museum," said Maribeth Graybill, senior curator of Asian art at UMMA, the state's largest holder of Asian art

The exhibit's

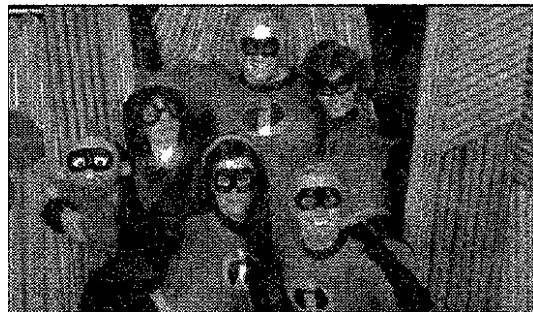
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DETROIT SOUND

BLOWOUT SHOWCASES CITY'S MUSICAL DIVERSITY

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Hoping you might stumble across Detroit's next big band?

Your chances are pretty good at The Ninth Annual Blowout

The four-night music festival and bar crawl, slated March 1-4 in Detroit and Hamtramck, showcases solely Detroit bands and musical artists

"It's the largest local music festival in the country," said the event's producer, Anthony Morrow. "There are larger festivals, but not in terms of all local music. And that's something that we're very proud of."

Over the four nights of the festival, which kicks off with a pre-party at Detroit's Majestic Theatre complex, more than 200 bands will per-

form

The music continues March 2-4 in Hamtramck with 20 venues putting on shows simultaneously. Shuttle service is planned, but many of the venues are within walking distance of one another. All performances and venues are age 18 and over, and a \$15 wristband covers entry to all shows all four nights.

Last year, the event drew about 8,000 attendees, said Morrow. "It's grown incredibly. And it's grown pretty organically, too."

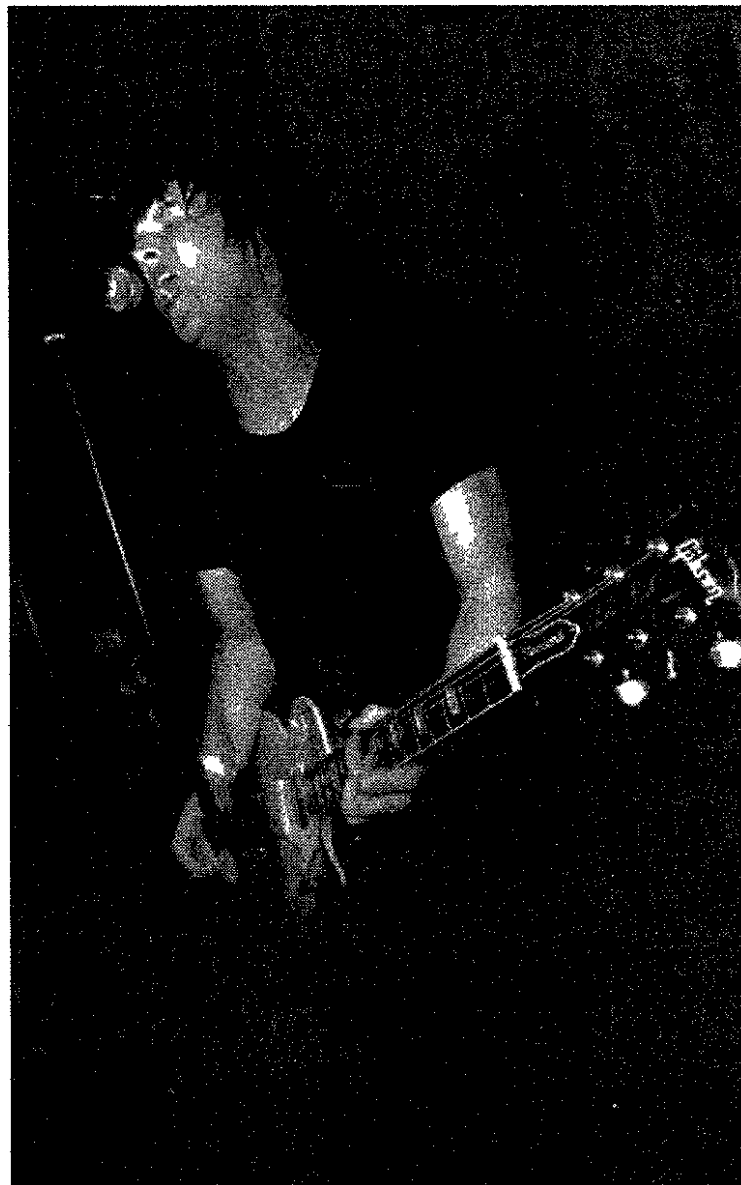
The first Blowout showcased 60 bands at six Hamtramck venues.

The event's founders wanted to create an event like South by Southwest, the famous walkable music festival that goes up annually in Austin, Texas, and has musicians across the country sending submissions in hopes of getting a show slot.

But Blowout represents the Detroit music scene in all its incarnations, from garage rock to folk.

"The scene is so diverse. If you said, what is the Detroit music scene, in the '60s, it was Motown. What is it now? It's everything," Morrow said. "And hopefully, we've got the best or the most influential in those categories."

Past performers include Eminem, The White Stripes, The Von Bondies, The Sights, His Name is Alive, Obie Trice, The Dirtbombs, Detroit Grand Pubahs, Howling Diablos, Paradime, Motor City R&B Pioneers and The Hentchmen. Plenty of unknown or lesser-known



COURTESY OF THE HOLY FIRE

Singer-guitarist for The Holy Fire, Sean Hoen.

PLEASE SEE BLOWOUT, D7

Magic Kingdom, superheroes mix in Disney production

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Old and beloved Disney stars blend with wild newcomers as the superheroes of *The Incredibles* meet the superstars of the Magic Kingdom in Disney/Pixar's latest Disney on Ice Production

At this show, *The Incredibles* family takes colorful journeys to *It's a Small World*, *Haunted Mansion*, *Jungle Cruise*, *Pirates of the Caribbean* and more

The Incredibles in a Magic Kingdom Adventure - on ice - comes to the Palace of Auburn Hills, Wednesday-Sunday, March 1-5

The story is about what happens when the Parrs (a.k.a. the Incredible family) try to blend in with the world and mask their super powers while having fun at the Magic Kingdom. But of course, throughout the trip, their powers somehow slip out. It's wild, silly, witty and fun.

And, like many Disney/Pixar shows, it involves audience interaction which creates celebratory energy in the theater.

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This show is an experience of the entire family because it features a new story created with Disney and Pixar characters in original situations with hilarious outcomes, said Kenneth Feld, producer. Children will be totally engaged. Not only will they experience the bubbling excitement of going from attraction to attraction (seeing the Magic Kingdom on ice), but by using their Incredi-bands, they contribute to the climactic surprise ending.

The show has moments of subtle adult humor, but the show should remain interesting and colorful enough to keep kids dancing in their seats.

Elaborate stage settings help portray each part of the park.

There's a dizzying effect for the *Mad Tea Party Ride*. Later the family goes deep into the jungle in the *Jungle Cruise* and the detailed lighting helps take families there.

Creators of the show said they used their own Magic Kingdom memories while writing it.

I went to the Magic Kingdom for research, and I wanted to show audiences its finer details - the lamp posts, the flower pots, the pretty benches - as well as how families experience the park and interact with one another, said director Patty Vincent. "Being at the park turned me into a kid again, and I wanted to give everyone that same feeling." Singing, skating, dancing,



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Landscapes of Longing is linked to three other exhibits continuing through April 2 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art in Ann Arbor

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museum had under consideration for exhibition. Our thought was, these projects share an artist experiencing loss.

Of course, each exhibit has distinct features and takes a different approach to challenging the viewer to consider how and why we respond to landscapes and natural beauty the way we do.

Hiroshige's woodblock prints are the single most reputed woodblock print series in Japan and, in portraying one of Japan's most famous coastal highways, conveys an idealized vision of landscape,

travel and time, said Graybill.

In contrast, Sugimoto's seascape photographs take a minimalist view and by capturing every wave and undulation of the sea's surface at different times of day show us how time can be haunting. And while the *Retreat* landscapes idealize nature and speak to man's tendency to seek out natural beauty to purify and cleanse the soul, Izu's photographs depict how time and neglect has ravaged ancient Cambodian mountains.

The theme of loss or longing is compelling to viewers because it transcends culture, nationality, ethnicity and social and economic class, said Graybill. It's universal. The landscape is devoid of cultural cues.



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interaction interspersed with the far more rousing, dramatic and, honestly, better-performed sequences with the dogs. As it is, the film still is a decent story of endurance and companionship that offers some glorious snowy vistas, a good dose of action and eight very cool-looking four-legged heroes. PG for some peril and brief mild language. Two and a half stars out of four.

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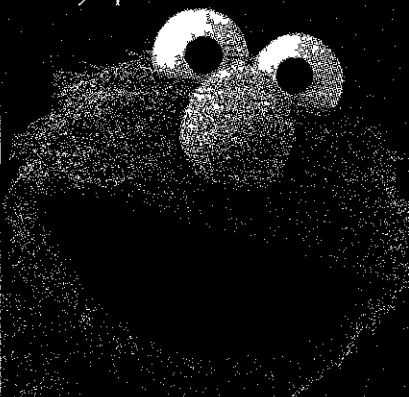
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Will *Brokeback Mountain* take all the gold? Will *King Kong*, *Syriana* and *Walk the Line* be snubbed?

Was *Capote* remembered enough for Philip Seymour Hoffman to take the Oscar for his stellar performance? Is Reese Witherspoon the favorite for *Walk the Line*, or will Judi Dench get the nod for her great role in the lesser known *Mrs. Henderson Presents*?

And we're not forgetting other male contenders like Terrence Howard, Heath Ledger, Joaquin Phoenix (he can sing!) or David Strathairn. And with incredible performances by Felicity Huffman, Keira Knightley and Charlize Theron, the winner for best actress is anyone's guess. What are your predictions?

The nominees for the 78th Annual Oscar Awards is on **Page D13**

Use your Oscar knowledge to pick the winners in several categories. Readers who predict the most winners will be placed in a drawing to receive movie passes, dinners and other goodies.

We're making it a little easier on you by eliminating, respectively, the tougher categories — because most of us haven't seen the nominees for "Best Short Documentary" and other more obscure categories.

Deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, March 3 Detroit time. The Oscar winners will be announced Sunday, March 5.

Contest winners will be named in the Thursday, March 9, issue.

Study the following categories, and vote by going online. Once you're there don't forget to include your name, city, daytime telephone number and e-mail address. Visit www.hometown-life.com



BEST MOVIE NOMINEES

***Brokeback Mountain*:** A story of secret love between two cowboys that lasts for years.

***Capote*:** An account of Truman Capote's research for his book *In Cold Blood*, and the relationship he forms with murderer Perry Smith.

***Crash*:** Several people of different racial backgrounds crash in one incident. Society's stereotypes affect everyone involved.

Good Night, and Good Luck. Broadcast journalist Edward Murrow works to bring down Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

***Munich*:** In 1972, 11 Israeli athletes were murdered at the Munich Olympics. Based on the true story of the aftermath and those involved.



Pictured clockwise from top left are Philip Seymour Hoffman in *Capote*; Rachel Weisz in *The Constant Gardener*; Matt Dillon and Thandie Newton in *Crash*; and Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter voice the animated film *Corpse Bride*.

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Motor city twang

REVIEW

Not everything that comes out of the Motor City is rock 'n' roll, kids Deadstring Brothers are a perfect example of that

With *Starving Winter Report*, the Feb. 21 debut release on Bloodshot Records, Deadstring Brothers' album can best be described by using the now-popular phrase of 'insurgent country,'

reminding you just how diverse Michigan's musicians really are. Hailing from Detroit, the group is composed of members Kurt Marschke, Masha Marjeh, Philip Skarich, Travis Harrett and Ross Westerbur.

The album opens up with *Sacred Heart*, one of my top tracks, a song that has just the right hint of rockabilly blues and country twang. *Talkin' Born Blues* makes me want to dust off my cowboy hat (if I had one) and run to my local honky tonk (if there were any around here) for a night of dancing and drinks. *Moonlight Only Knows* has such a peaceful, slower feel to it that I long for a pickup truck and a drive through the country on a Sunday afternoon. Overall, the entire album does an excellent job keeping that mix alive and well, and has almost a timeless, "classic" feel to it, making it just as listenable 30 years ago as it is today.

If there's anything you must know, Deadstring Brothers are further proof that there's nothing to be scared about when a friend gives you a "country" CD, insurgent or not. Check them out when they hit Detroit, as part of a national tour, on March 31 at the Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Alicia Dorset needs a cowboy hat. Tell her where to find one at adorset@hometownlife.com



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Johnny Headband performs March 1 at the Blowout pre-party

The Holy Fire's harder-edged Detroit sound is getting noticed

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

The Holy Fire's start was subdued and unassuming — a studio project that net a six-song EP in 2004.

In December 2005, the Militia Group, an indie label, signed the four-member band. Since then, a second EP has been recorded and the group has been touring outside Michigan and even managed to snag a coveted showcase at the upcoming South by Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas.

The Holy Fire is set to release its new EP at the 18 and over pre-party of the Ninth Annual Blowout, March 1 at the Majestic Theatre complex in Detroit. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the band performs at 11:15 p.m.

"There was never any anticipation of that. It was kind of a do-it-yourself sort of ethic," said bassist Nathan Miller, 31, of Royal Oak. "We put out our first EP ourselves."

Apparently, the rest of the band, singer-guitarist Sean Hoen, 27, drummer Nick Marko, 26, both of Dearborn,

UP AND COMING

What: The Holy Fire releases its new EP *In the Name of the World* at the Ninth Annual Blowout pre-party.

When: Wednesday, March 1, doors open at 8 p.m., band plays at 11:15 p.m.

Where: Majestic Theater Center, 4120 Woodward, Detroit.

Tickets: Pre-party (18 and over) \$15 wristband good for all Blowout shows. EP \$8. For information about The Holy Fire, visit www.theholymfireband.com. For show information, visit www.metrotimes.com/blowout.

and guitarist Eric Maluchnik, 25, of Pontiac, feel the same way. "Music is always just something that I've done and never had any anticipation about. I would be doing it either way," said Miller. After playing the Blowout, The Holy Fire heads out of town to perform in Chicago, Seattle, Portland, Los Angeles and Phoenix before its South by Southwest show on March 16.

"If we hit the road, and we

BLOWOUT

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bands will be on the roster since Blowout organizers reserve the majority of slots for groups that have yet to play at the event.

How the event integrates the Detroit music is especially obvious at the pre-party because several groups perform in one large venue.

"You'll have all different musicians and different genres together, hip hop guys next to a folksy girl with a guitar and the guy with tattoos and piercings. It's cool."

In the end, it's a celebration of Detroit sound and Detroit music.

"That sounds really simple and cliché. But it is," said Morrow. "You'll go one night, and you're gonna see an experimental art band, a folksy American band, ska and punk."

Hey, you might even see Detroit's next White Stripes, too.

DETONATE

What: Ninth Annual Blowout, a four-night, age 18 and over music festival showcasing more than 200 metro Detroit musical artists at 20 venues.

When: Blowout Pre-Party with numerous bands, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 1; festival continues March 2-4. See schedule for show times.

Where: Blowout Pre-Party, Majestic Theater Center, Detroit; music festival continues at multiple venues in Hamtramck. See Blowout Sites for a full listing of venues.

Tickets: \$15-\$20 wristband provides entry to all venues on all four nights, available at Blowout Pre-Party and starting March 2 at all participating Hamtramck venues from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Show schedule, wristbands and other details available now online at www.metrotimes.com/blowout.

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COURTESY OF THE HOLY FIRE

The Holy Fire drummer Nick Marko

expose ourselves to people with our sound and the way we go about music and our heart, we can span across many genres of music from punk to metal to ska," Miller said, agreeing, although hesitantly, that descriptions categorizing the band as indie post-hardcore fit the bill.

"You know there's always going to be categories of music. The way I categorize music is good music and bad music."

Likewise, Miller doesn't buy into the idea that The Holy Fire is drawing attention away from Detroit's garage rock scene, saying, "We're just trying to do something different."

Commentators note a U2 influence in The Holy Fire sound, but The Replacements, Fugazi and The Afghan Wigs are the group's influences.

The new EP, titled *In the Name of the World*, contains six tracks and was recorded in Michigan and New York with Flaming Lips bassist Michael Ivins serving as producer.

Miller's favorite track is *Dreams to Spend*.

"It's an anthem that anyone can relate to," he said. "The theme of the record is anthems that anybody can relate to, hence the name."

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Premium experience

McDonald's touts it with a kick

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Count it - more than 600 million pounds of premium chicken per year sold in the United States

Such stats make McDonald's the leader in servings of chicken strips and chicken sandwiches in the U.S. food service industry

McDonald's touts these quick service chicken figures while, at the same time this month, it introduced its Spicy Premium Chicken Sandwich. The new menu addition could drive these chicken figures higher, as the one-time only burger-and-fries chain embraces chicken, a reflection that today, Americans are eating more chicken than beef

Chef Dan Coudreaut, McDonald's director of Culinary Innovation and Culinary Institute of America grad, explained the company's expansion of its chicken offerings. "McDonald's is both market- and guest-driven

"Today, bolder and intense flavors are preferred by many Americans. We were missing this in our menu

"It's not just about spicy but about



depth of flavor and we believe we've achieved that by using chipotles and cayenne pepper in both the marinade and coating of the new Spicy Premium Chicken Sandwich (\$3.29)"

HOT AND SPICY

At a total of eight ounces with four ounces of hot-from-the-fryer chicken, the McDonald's Spicy Premium Chicken Sandwich weighs in at 510 calories and 15 grams of trans fats

It lives up to advertising. It's crispy, real chicken breast with mayo, fresh tomato and lettuce, on a honey wheat roll, that takes on the appearance of a small baguette. It's spicy and if you like spicy food, you'll like it. It's not ear-ringing spicy, but in the range of a fresh medium-spicy salsa, as a point of comparison

If spicy is not your thing, best bet for a premium chicken sandwich is to stick with McDonald's Classic, Ranch BLT and Club, which were introduced to the menu late last summer

OTHER PREMIUMS

Since rolling out its premium salads in



McDonald's Spicy Chicken Sandwich is crispy, real chicken breast with mayonnaise, fresh tomato and lettuce, on a honey wheat roll, that takes on the appearance of a small baguette

April 2003 and adding Newman's Own regular and low-fat salad dressings, Coudreaut believes that McDonald's is addressing a healthier eating trend and the more sophisticated tastes of Americans

Since introduction, McDonald's has served 400 million-plus salads, the equivalent of 800 million servings of veggies

"We purchase 16 different baby greens annually," Coudreaut said. "Depending on seasonal availability, McDonald's salads contain them

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Countdown Calendar

Stay on track with wedding planning.

Use this checklist to ensure your wedding goes off as smoothly as possible

10 to 12 Months Before

- If you haven't done it already, this is a good time to announce your engagement and introduce your respective families
- Book reception hall and church
- Put together your guest list. Don't forget to ask your parents whom they'd like to invite as well
- Determine your budget and start saving!

6 to 9 Months Before

- Book the florist, caterer, DJ, band and photographer
- Inform any guests who will be traveling significant distances of the date of your wedding. The earlier your guests can book a flight, the less expensive it will be
- Order gowns for the bride and bridesmaids, as some manufacturers require a few months to ship to bridal shops
- Ask someone such as your priest or rabbi to be the officiant of your wedding
- Book your honeymoon!

4 to 5 Months Before

- Decide on wedding invitations, of which there are many styles to choose from
- Start hunting for a wedding cake by sampling a number of different bakeries and their style of cakes before ultimately making a decision
- Confirm that all of the bridesmaids have ordered their gowns
- Start looking for a tuxedo for the groom and groomsmen
- If you haven't done so already, purchase your wedding rings

- Let any other people you'd like to participate in your wedding (ushers, readers during the ceremony, etc.) know of your intentions

2 to 3 Months Before

- Finalize your guest list and mail out your invitations
- If your guest list includes a considerable amount of people who are spread out geographically, mail the invitations as close to 12 weeks in advance as possible
- Finalize menu choices for your guests
- Track down wedding accessories such as the ring pillow, candles, etc.
- Decide on and purchase gifts for bridal party, groomsmen and parents of the bride and groom
- Confirm that all groomsmen have ordered their tuxedos
- Finalize all transportation, both to and from the wedding and to the airport for your honeymoon.

1 to 2 Months Before

- Schedule the first bridal gown fitting
- Finalize the readings you'd prefer during the ceremony and mail them out to anyone who has agreed to do a reading
- If your family prefers to host a small gathering for close family and friends after the wedding rehearsal, the night before the wedding, this is a good time to order any food or drinks you might want to serve that night or make a restaurant reservation

3 to 4 Weeks Before

- Confirm your honeymoon arrangements
- See if your wedding rings are ready
- Get your marriage license
- Check the guest list to see who has and hasn't RSVP'd
- For those who have yet to RSVP, you might want to contact them so you can get a closer idea of what the head count will be
- Prepare and order your wedding program around this time

1 to 2 Weeks Before

- Get a final attendance count and submit it to the caterer as soon as possible
- Provide a final seating chart to the caterer and venue
- Pick up the wedding gown and tuxedo
- Make sure the wedding party picks up their attire
- Finalize your vows and confirm all wedding day details such as transportation, photo schedules and addresses
- Don't forget to pack for your honeymoon!

The Day Before

- Rehearse for the ceremony
- Make any final confirmations
- Get some sleep so you'll look good in all of your wedding day photos!



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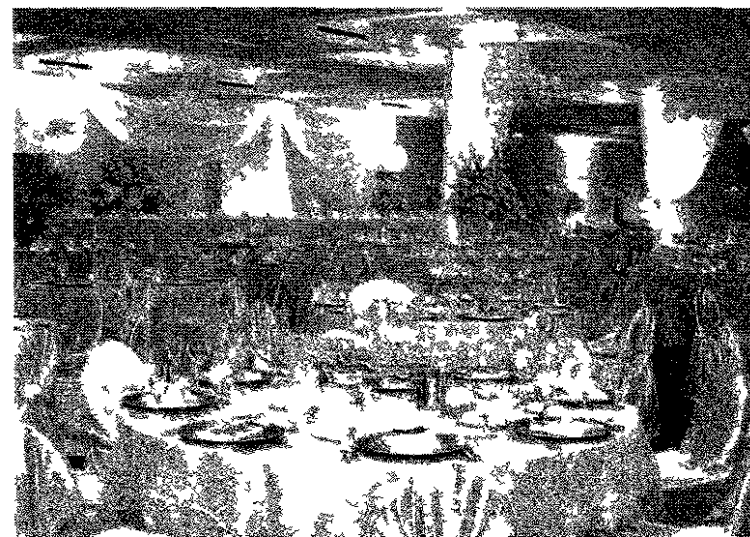
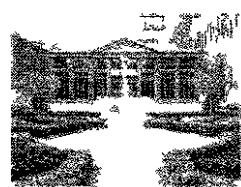
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Today's Couples Pledge Their Love in Platinum

Current wedding trends run the gamut from destination nuptials to bridesmaid gowns in deep hues to ethnic celebrations and ceremonies. However, when it comes to selecting engagement rings and wedding bands, the tried and true tradition of choosing Platinum remains stronger than ever.

Power of Platinum

Engagement and wedding ring sets in Platinum have maintained their title as the white hot trend for couples saying "I do." Why does Platinum continue to dominate the wedding scene?

It is the most precious of all metals, explains Michael O'Connor, Jewelry and Fashion Expert and Television commentator. Noted for its purity, beauty and strength, Platinum has a natural white luster that enhances the sparkle of diamonds and other gemstones.

Therefore, after making the investment in a colorless diamond, a Platinum setting will not affect the purity of the diamond in a negative way. Similarly, after investing in a colored gemstone, Platinum will not cast any other color into the stone, and thus the stone will stay true to the radiant color intended. Jeweler to the stars Neil Lane, who designed Kate Hudson and Reese Witherspoon's Platinum wedding day rings, agrees that there is no substitute for Platinum.

Platinum has a unique cache about it that appeals to celebrities, he says. Platinum symbolizes romance



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and beauty and has set the standard for celebrity weddings.

Platinum is a very rare metal — 30 times rarer than gold — making it the coveted treasure of discerning couples from Rodeo Drive to Main Street.

Platinum — while more expensive than other precious metals — is well worth the investment, says O'Connor. Most couples spend a tremendous amount of money for one wedding day on items that will not last, but an investment in a Platinum engagement ring

and wedding ring will celebrate their union and last a lifetime.

Given the unique attributes of this precious metal, it is not surprising that it has come to signify emotional connections and lasting bonds, particularly among women. In fact, according to an independent research study, 76 percent of all brides-to-be agree with the statement: "Platinum is the only metal that I would choose or the one I would choose above all others for my engagement ring." Some of today's most popular celebrities agree that Platinum is the must-have choice for engagement and wedding rings. Recent high-profile couples that have pledged their love in Platinum include Britney Spears and Kevin Federline, Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony, and Kevin Costner and Christine Baumgartner.

Making Memories

Whether you're proposing or reciting vows, Platinum is the perfect accompaniment to these occasions.

Popping the question: This year, designers and marrying consumers are favoring Platinum engagement rings with intricate embellishments from Tacori, Martin Flyer, and Scott Kay. Settings are enhanced with hand-carved custom designs, filigree, and inset stones. Romantic details such as engraving, pave, and weaving are also in vogue.

Art deco and vintage-inspired Platinum engagement

rings continue to remain popular choices among the fashionable crowd. Designers Kirk Kara, Verragio, and A. Jaffe combine antique style bands with modern touches, including large cushion or princess cut center stones surrounded by micro-pave diamonds. Contemporary styles include tension set in Platinum bands from Steven Kretchmer, where the stone appears to be floating, as well as several stackable engagement rings from Martin Katz or Suna Bros. with a variety of diamonds.

Whether you select a classic or contemporary style, colored stones will certainly personalize the ring. From rubies and sapphires to opals and tourmalines, bright gemstones and colored diamonds from Alan Friedman, Beaudry, and Peter Norman & Co. are turning up in trend-setting engagement rings. Since Platinum is one of the few naturally white metals, it allows these fabulous gems to sparkle from afar. Separating a large colored center stone with two thin bands is another option for stylish brides.

Three-stone or single solitaire rings will always remain coveted items among brides who want simplicity and timeless elegance. Precision Set, Memoire, and Jeff Cooper have perfected the style with complementary eternity bands.

Bands of Love

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Thick and heavy Platinum bands with geometric details from Furrer Jacot and Lieberfarb are increasingly popular among men who appreciate durability yet want the rugged or sleek style.

Beyond Rings

Platinum goes beyond the wedding couple. It can be enjoyed by attendants and parents as well. Platinum necklaces, cufflinks, earrings, pendants, bracelets, tiaras, barrettes, combs and hairpins designed by Erica Courtney, Suzanne Felsen and Neil Lane are hot this season for the bride and her entire bridal party. Short and long cluster earrings with diamonds or other gemstones are a new trend. Cuff bracelets with strands of diamonds as designed by Daniel K are in vogue. Creating the layered look with Platinum pendants is hot this season. New designs run the gamut from geometric objects like circles or squares to hearts and religious symbols.

Grooms and their attendants are selecting brushed cufflinks mixed with small diamonds or engraved with their initials from Cede and Platinum watches by A. Lange & Sohne or Kubik.

For more information on Platinum bridal jewelry trends, to order a buyer's guide or to find a Platinum retailer in your area, visit www.preciousplatinum.com.

The Four Cs of Diamonds

Cut, Color, Clarity and Carat Weight

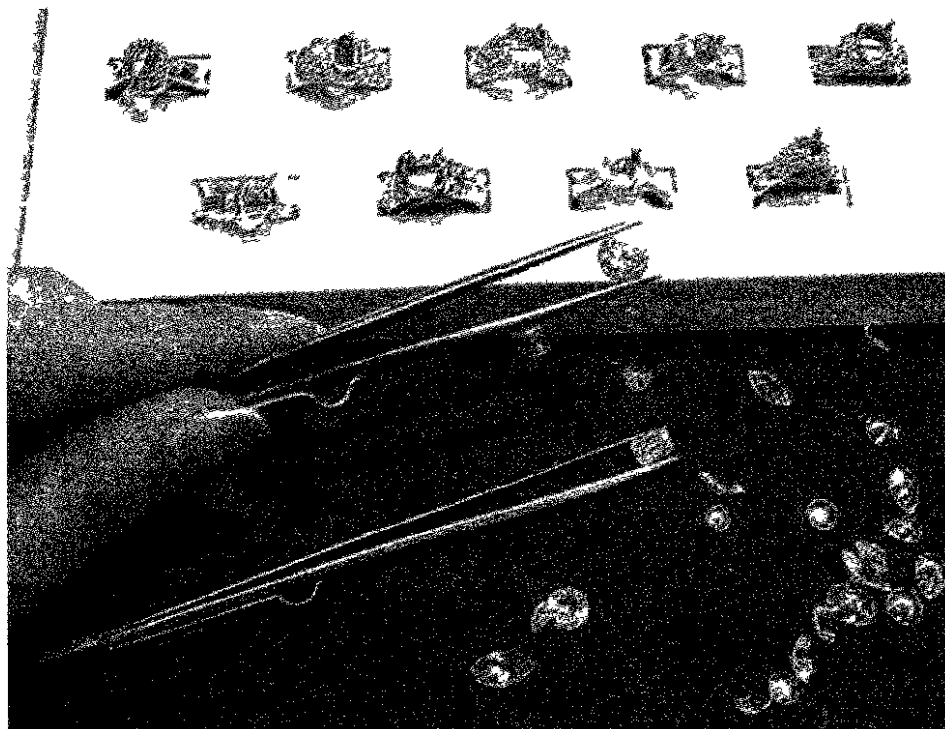
According to jeweler Harry Winston's printed diamond guide, here are the things to keep in mind when considering each of these four factors:

Cut — Diamonds — whether they're big or small — need to be cut to the proper proportions to allow light to reflect inside. Stones cut too deep or too shallow will have poor brilliance.

Color — The Gemological Institute of America grades diamonds on a color scale of D through Z, with D being colorless and the most desirable. Moving down the scale, diamonds tend to become more yellow. The ratings do not, however, apply to fancy colored diamonds. Rare yellow, pink and blue diamonds are among the most sought-after stones.

Clarity — Typically, the greater the number and size of the flaws, the lower the clarity grade and the less rare the diamond. The best rating is FL for flawless, which means the diamond is without any of nature's birthmarks, called inclusions. The lowest rating is I, noting that imperfections such as crystals, clouds and feathers are visible or included.

Carat Weight — Each carat is equal to 100 points. Larger diamonds are more valuable because they're found less frequently in nature, but diamonds of equal size vary in value depending on their brilliance.



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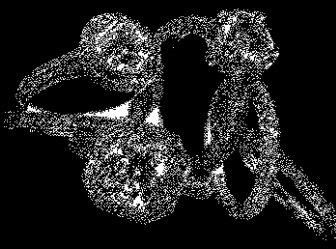
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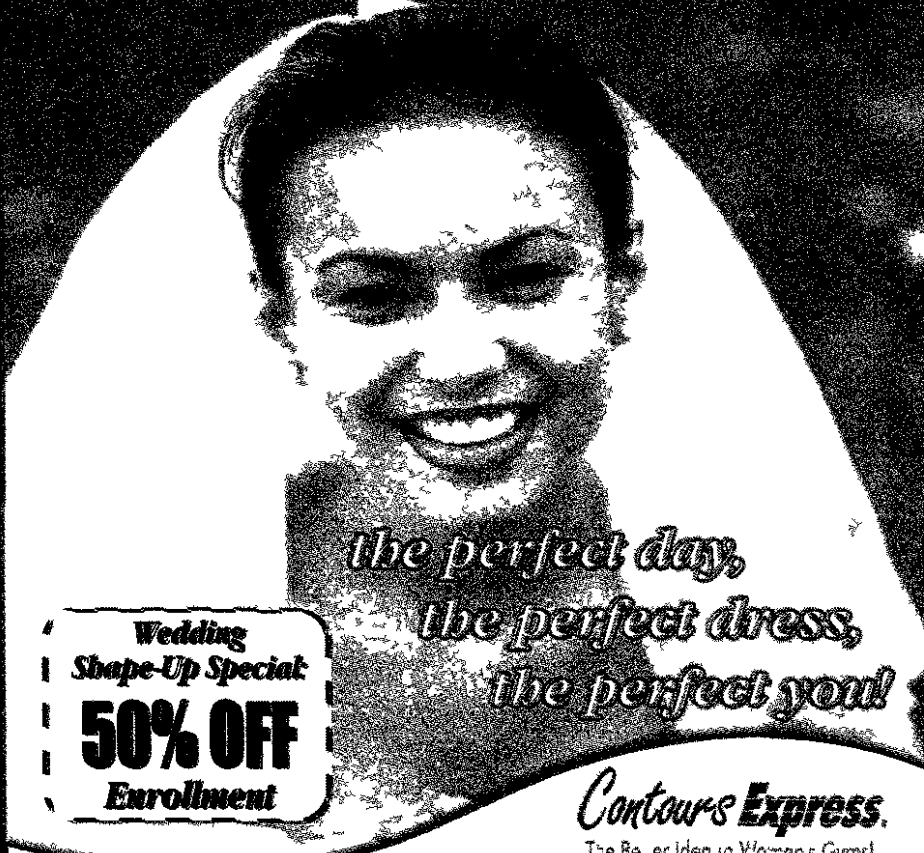
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Traditional Wedding Party Roles

A wedding can be a wonderful and memorable experience for all involved. That's why you ask friends or relatives to share in the event and serve in your wedding party. Your offer is a wonderful honor one that goes with it varying degrees of responsibility depending on the role each person will be playing. To help you decide who to ask to be in your wedding party here is a list of titles and responsibilities for each participant's role.

Maid of Honor

The maid of honor is a role typically filled by a sister or very close friend. It is the equivalent of the groom's best man. The maid of honor's role, therefore, is typically very involved. Among her many responsibilities, the maid of honor accompanies the bride on shopping trips for her wedding dress while also planning the bridal shower, bachelorette party and coordinating the bridal party gift for the bride. Also, the maid of honor helps the bride get dressed on her wedding day, holds the groom's wedding ring during the wedding and may also help in the writing of invitations. The maid of honor will also typically act as a witness to the wedding and dance with the best man at the reception. If the woman you're asking is married, her title will be matron of honor.

Best Man

Perhaps the most well-known responsibilities of the

best man are organizing the bachelor party and giving the toast at the reception. But the best man, who is typically a brother or best friend of the groom, also has a slew of other responsibilities. In addition to helping the groom choose his tuxedo and get dressed before the wedding, the best man coordinates the couple's gift from the groomsmen and takes care of the newlyweds' transportation to the airport after the reception or the next morning. The best man may also hold onto any payment that's due to the reception site or the donation for the house of worship and take care of any final financial details. He also holds the bride's wedding ring during the ceremony.

Bridesmaids

Along with walking in the wedding procession, bridesmaids attend the shower and contribute to the bridal gifts. Bridesmaids, who are typically sisters or friends of the bride or groom, also dance with the groomsmen during the reception. To be further involved, each can be given specific roles like reading a religious passage at the ceremony, providing assistance with choosing wedding vendors or helping to address wedding invitations.

Groomsmen

Groomsmen are the male equivalent of the bridesmaids, typically having nearly identical responsibilities. Sometimes, groomsmen can act as ushers for

guests arriving at the ceremony. Groomsmen walk in the wedding procession and attend and help organize the bachelor party as well.

Flower Girl

If the bride has a sister who is especially young, that sister typically fills the role of flower girl. Since most flower girls are very young, their responsibilities are generally limited to carrying a basket of flowers during the procession and, depending on the bride's preference, tossing flower petals on the ground to mark the bride's entrance.



Ring Bearer

Like the flower girl, the ring bearer is a very young member of the family. Only the ring bearer is a male. The ring bearer's role is to carry a pillow with the rings sewn on it during the procession. Some couples choose to have the ring bearer and the flower girl walk next to one another during the procession.

Parents of the Bride

The bride's parents may be responsible for hosting the wedding, if they will be completely financially responsible for the event. In some cases, the father of the bride escorts his daughter down the aisle alone, but in other instances or in religious ceremonies, both parents may accompany the bride. In all cases, it's her preference. The mother of the bride may help fund or contribute to the planning of the bridal shower if the Maid of Honor needs assistance. These parents may also foot the cost of an engagement party or dinner to meet the groom's family.

Parents of the Groom

The groom's parents should host a rehearsal dinner prior to the wedding. They may also choose to contribute to the wedding if they desire. In most cases, the groom's parents have limited responsibilities, but can be involved as much as the wedding couple would like. Traditionally, the groom's mother confers with the bride's mother on what color gown she is wearing, so as not to go with the same shade. The groom's parents may walk down the aisle in advance of the rest of the wedding procession and take their seats.



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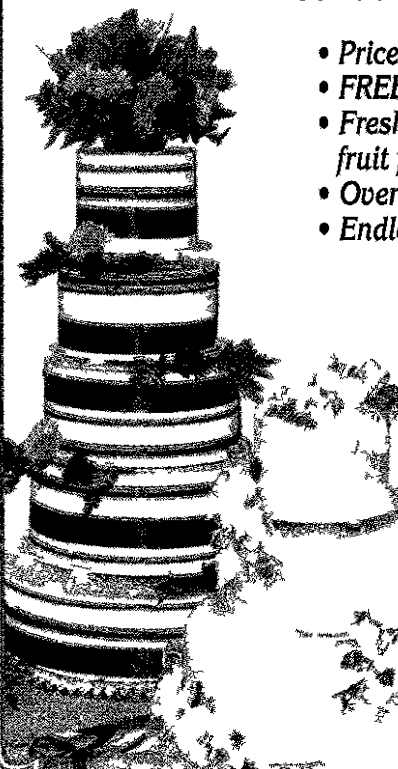
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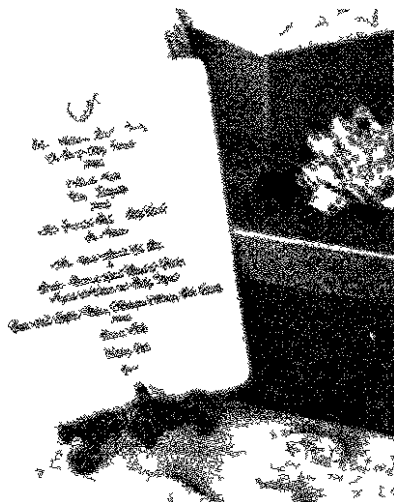
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Wedding Invitation Etiquette

In the wake of e-mail instant messages and the like formal writing in many cases has gone by the wayside. Rarely are people addressed by proper names even in the corporate climate.

However for a wedding it is commonplace and appropriate to dust off the etiquette rules book and word invitations with a formal flair — particularly if you are celebrating with a formal affair. Remember an invitation serves as a visual statement of the tone of your wedding. The weight of the paper, the wording, the font and the color all provide clues as to what type of event you will be hosting. A cream white or ivory invitation on a heavyweight card stock, a Roman font and engraving all denote a formal wedding ceremony.



Invitation Wording

Traditionally invitations are issued by those who are hosting the event (who are financially responsible for the wedding). In years past the parents of the bride customarily hosted the wedding and as such issued invitations. Today many couples choose to pay for most if not all of the wedding and therefore it can be proper for them to issue the invitations themselves. In all cases the invitation should be written in the third person. Here are some sample wedding invitation phrases particular to the respective hosts or hostesses involved.

Bride's Parents'

Mr & Mrs John Smith
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Jennifer Marie Smith
to
Mr David Peter Stevenson

Bride's Parents with Groom's Parents Included

Mr & Mrs John Smith
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Jennifer Marie Smith
to
Mr David Peter Stevenson
son of
Mr & Mrs Robert Stevenson

Both Families Hosting'

Mr & Mrs John Smith
and
Mr & Mrs Robert Stevenson
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of
Jennifer Marie Smith
to
Mr David Peter Stevenson

Honoring a Deceased Parent

Mrs John Smith
requests the honour of your presence
at the marriage of her daughter
Jennifer Marie Smith
(Also daughter to the late Mr John Smith)
to
Mr David Peter Stevenson

Bride and Groom Hosting

The honour of your presence is requested at the
wedding of
Jennifer Marie Smith
to
Mr David Peter Stevenson

In most cases the invitation itself is inserted within an inner envelope. On this envelope you can write the informal name of the recipients, e.g. Aunt Jane and Uncle Frank. This inner envelope is then placed within a larger mailing envelope. On the outer envelope use only the formal names of the recipients, e.g. Mr and Mrs Francis Jones.

More Tips

Here are some other tips concerning addressing envelopes.

- **Abbreviations** Do not use abbreviations except for Mr, Mrs or Ms.
- **Doctors** The word Doctor should always be written out except when the doctor is the wife of the invited couple. Then write Mr Joseph Wilton and Dr Amanda Wilton.
- **Attorneys** When Esq follows the name of an attorney Mr or Mrs shouldn't precede the individual's name, e.g. Albert Anthony Roberts Esq.

Envelopes

Once invitations are received the task of addressing them to recipients awaits. Formality should carry through on the envelopes as well, meaning all invitations should be hand addressed or professionally calligraphed. Mailing labels or typewritten envelopes are not used in a formal wedding.

- **Unmarried Couples** List each invitee on a separate line.
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The Classic Bride

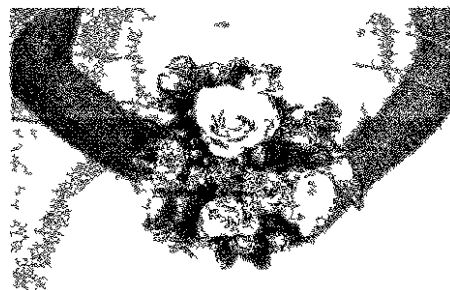
Silver screen star Grace Kelly comes to mind when you think of the classic bride. Simple, sophisticated and timeless. She follows all the rules of wedding etiquette and she takes tradition seriously. The classic brides current celebrity role model might be someone like Jessica Simpson, who walked down the aisle carrying a bouquet of stephanotis in 2003. White roses or stephanotis with pearl pins in the center are the ideal flowers for the classic bride's bouquet. The classic woman's bridesmaids carry cascading roses in shades that match their dresses. Her groom and ushers sport rose and baby's breath boutonnieres. Long stemmed white roses in tall vases that allow guests to see one another make for traditional, tasteful reception centerpieces.

The Modern Bride

This bride is up on all the hottest wedding trends and she's more than happy to include them in her big day. She is in vogue and willing to think outside the box. Debra Messing, the Will and Grace star who carried a tall bouquet of calla lilies at her wedding in 2000 to

Flower Power

Pick petals to suit your style



screenwriter Daniel Zelman is someone the modern bride can emulate. When it comes to the bouquet, she should consider single flower monochromatic nosegays or calla lilies in white or a bright color. Calla lilies in various shades from yellow to crimson are ideal for the modern girl's attendants. Her groom might stick with the traditional rose boutonniere or simply a silk handkerchief tucked in his front pocket, depending upon the affair's degree of formality. Wildflowers for centerpieces or towering trays of cookies or another conversation piece are key signs of a modern bride.

The Glamorous Bride

Diva is the first word that comes to mind when you hear about the glamorous bride. Everything she does makes a dramatic statement. And her flowers — or lack thereof — are no different. Think Melania Knauss, who wed Donald Trump in January 2005. She clutched rosary beads in lieu of a bouquet as she walked down the aisle solo. A glamorous bride who

prefers to make a statement with flowers should choose something like orchids, peonies, giant peonies or black magic roses. This bride often chooses more sleek and simple flower arrangements for her bridesmaids — if she includes them — because she should be the center of attention.

The Romantic Bride

She wants to be a princess for a day and often wears a big, frilly dress with lots of regal details. The late Princess Diana is her role model. The romantic bride chooses flowers that are cascading and pastel. Consider dahlias, a baby's breath cloud or a nosegay in a silver or gold cone-shaped vase called a tussy-mussy. Tea roses are a great choice for the bridesmaids, and the flower girl wears a wreath of baby's breath in her hair. Decorative reception flowers should be soft and demure in color.

The Beach Bride

This girl knows when the surf's up and she wants to smell the salt of the ocean when she says "I do." Beach brides often dress in a slinky dress with little detail. Therefore, the bouquet should be eye-catching. Mira Sorvino carried a burst of tiny white and yellow blossoms when she got married on the Italian island of Capri overlooking the Mediterranean. Something like spiky blue veronica with hydrangea, white amaryllis, sunflowers or birds of paradise can make a statement. The groom wears linen and goes sans flowers. The bridesmaids are more likely to have a tropical flower in their hair than in their hands. Reception décor that features shells in lieu of flowers make for fitting centerpieces.

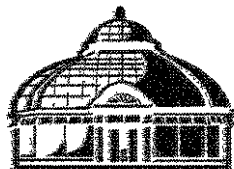
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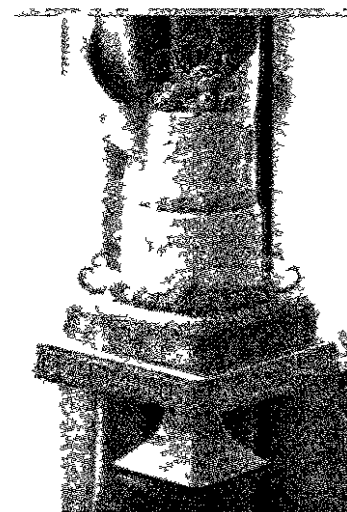
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Flower Tips and Trends

David Calcaterra of Thrifty Florist shares his tips and observations for the 2006 bride

- Think bright Oranges yellows reds and other vibrant colors are the biggest wedding trend this year (think Christina Aguilera's recent wedding) These colors offer visual impact and a vibrant backdrop to any setting

- Fresh as a daisy The most popular flower right now is the Gerbera daisy in any color Their simplicity and cheerfulness make them versatile for bouquets centerpieces and other arrangements

- It's Hip to be Square! Brides are eschewing the traditional fishbowl vase or silver urn in favor of sleek sophisticated square shapes in various materials such as glass metal or colored acrylic

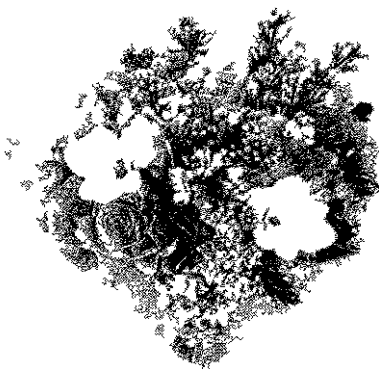
- Flowers aren't going solo in arrangements anymore Stones marbles submergible lights and even rice are showing up to add refinement to arrangements

- Know your budget Centerpieces can be the most expensive wedding arrangement followed by brides maids bouquets (depending on the size of the wedding party) church flowers and the bridal bouquet Being creative with the materials and flowers you use in your centerpieces will give you more freedom to splurge in other areas

- A bride's bouquet should be smaller than her waist size to ensure that it will fit her frame When meeting with your florist ask them for the quantity of stems and the head size of the flowers they are planning to use so that you can be sure of the size of the bouquet

- When choosing the bouquet colors for the brides maids it is best to blend the colors of the flowers with the color of the dresses For example if the dresses are lavender then the bouquets should be made up of shades of lavender For heightened drama accent the arrangement with a dark purple flower

- Keep color and style consistent throughout the wedding Bringing your wedding invitation to your floral consultation will give your florist an idea of the style and colors you like so that they can incorporate them into their arrangements



Preserve Your Bridal Bouquet for a Lifetime

Wedding day memories are preserved in a photo album and maybe a video Your wedding dress is preserved in a box Don't forget to add your bridal bouquet to the list You spent a lot of time and money to ensure the floral arrangements were perfect Keep that memory alive by having your bouquet professionally preserved

There are three bouquet preservation methods

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- 2 Pressing Selected blooms are pressed and flattened with a flower press and then framed
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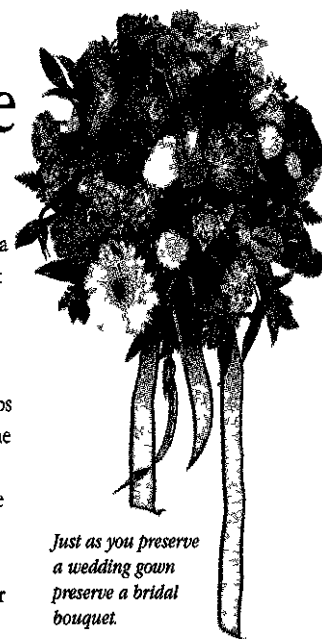
It's best to make bouquet preservation arrangements before the wedding Ask to see samples of the preservationist's work so you can get an idea of how your flowers will look Inquire about prices Costs vary but it will always be less expensive to preserve a few blooms instead of the full bouquet

The fresher and healthier the flowers the prettier they will look preserved Consider leaving your actual bouquet in a safe place during the reception Have the

caterer store it in the refrigerator or stick the stems of a hand tied bouquet in water Then at the ceremony toss another bouquet instead These steps will ensure that the flowers will be in their most pristine state come preservation time

Ask if the preservationist can pick up the flowers the day of your wedding or the very next day If you can't do it yourself give the bouquet to a trusted bridesmaid who can bring it to the preservationist for you or mail it to one that's further away

Your bouquet can become a decorative keepsake in your home Put it in a glass or acrylic dome and mount it on a wall Choose a tabletop frame style that can adorn your living room table Perhaps you can have your wedding invitation program or vows framed alongside the arrangement However you display it preservation methods will let you enjoy your bridal flowers for a lifetime



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beautifully frosted wedding cake remains the most traditional way to top off a reception meal Whether it's adorned with flowers laced with whimsical colored frosting or dotted with edible pearls Jamie Stefanovski of Le Cakery Bake Shop offers tips on concocting the wedding cake of your dreams

- Look for a bakery that has a wide variety of photos or 3 D cake models you can browse ranging from traditional and elaborate to simple and modern
- Be aware that many cake shoppes also welcome brides to bring in cake designs they've seen in magazines and on the Internet
- Most cakes can be altered to suit your design theme Bring in color swatches so bakers can coordinate your cake to the color scheme you have chosen for your wedding

• The price of your wedding cake depends on the complexity of the design you choose but many places including La Cakerie Bake Shop have a handful of designs for as little as \$1 95 per serving

• Most cake shops include the price of delivery and set-up in the serving price however a slicing fee is usually extra

• While it is important to have a beautiful wedding cake it is just as important that it tastes wonderful Make sure your bakery offers samples and set aside time to try each one

• In addition to the standard white cake wedding cakes can be made yellow chocolate and marbled or with more exotic flavors like cherry strawberry banana hazelnut or virtually anything your taste buds desire

• Basic buttercream is the most popular frosting at La Cakerie but other choices include mousse chocolate fudge and chocolate butter cream

• Be aware that in addition to frosting between layers of cake you can try other fillings like homemade custard strawberry raspberry fresh fruit and more

- Call your cake shoppe in advance to order samples of any cake batter with or without filling
- When placing your wedding cake order give a three month notice This gives the bakery a chance to plan other cake orders around the baking decorating and delivery of your cake It also gives enough notice to order special parts for you cake if necessary
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Catering to Your Needs

Choosing the right caterer for your wedding is oftentimes an involved and difficult, yet important, decision to make.

The process of choosing the right caterer is one decision couples must not take lightly as everyone in attendance will be affected by who you choose to cater your special day This will more than likely be the most expensive part of the wedding so here are some tips to make it go smoothly

- Perhaps the main thing a couple must consider when choosing a caterer is their budget Whether you choose a sit down dinner or buffet style the type of food and the number of guests dictate the price
- If you're unsure of what to offer your guests ask a caterer to offer some suggestions and see if it's possible to sample a few dishes from the



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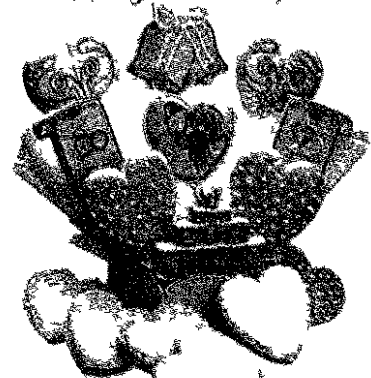
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- Check references You can be referred to a caterer via a friend or coworker who is married or you can ask any caterer during an interview to supply you with references

- Before committing to a caterer reach an agreement on all fees any extra charges or insurance and what the payment schedule will be like

- Negotiating price can be difficult since most caterers will provide you with an estimate based on 100 guests even if you have fewer guests coming Discuss what the caterer's fee for fewer guests might be if there is any at all Also ask what the fee will be if you need to add more guests after reaching your agreement or if the fee can be lessened should certain guests decide they are unable to make it In many cases after you've confirmed your guest list refunds are not available for guests who don't show up for the reception and don't get a plate

- Make sure you have a cancellation policy in writing as well should the caterer need to back

out for any reason

- Consider how many catering employees you want at the reception In general guests are seated in groups of eight or 10 so having one server for every eight to 10 people is a good way to go

- Make sure you know what you're paying these servers and be sure to have that in writing as well

- Make sure that the gratuities for the staff and the taxes are included in the price After your wedding is over, the fewer hidden and extra fees the better

- See what types of decorations the caterer offers if any Table settings floral arrangements for each table and color schemes should all be open to discussion Ask if tableware and linens are included as part of the estimate or the agreement Believe it or not these can get pretty pricey so knowing what they are ahead of time can help you avoid any surprises

- Most caterers do not provide a cake with their estimate Find out if they recommend any vendors and the types of cakes styles and flavor you may select



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A Stress-Free Guide to Seating Plans

Do you enjoy puzzles? Well, when you engage in the task of creating seating plans that's just what you'll be doing—tackling a puzzle. Only you won't get a finished picture after fitting all the pieces into place. Rather, you'll be rewarded with a wedding reception that goes smoothly for most involved. Follow an organized plan to make easier work of a challenging task.

The first thing you should do once you have the final head count for your reception is to make a seating chart. Draw large circles to represent the tables, dance floor, musical entertainment and entrances. (Or get a preprinted seating chart from your reception hall.) Don't forget to find out how many guests can fit at each table. Then write everyone's name on a card or sticky note so you can play musical chairs!

Another option is to go high-tech. There are now wedding-planning software packages that have a seating-arrangement tool. Store guests' names and digitally manipulate where they will be seated.

In general, place guests in spots that suit them. Your friends will want to be near the band, bar or dance floor. Keep the elderly away from the band or DJ's speakers. Family and friends should be closest to your table. Acquaintances and your parents' friends should be placed farther away. Separate people who do not get along. Place handicapped guests in easily accessible spots that are close to exits.

As the happy couple, you have a few seating options. You can sit at a head table or dais, which is traditionally long and straight and faces the reception tables. Arrangement at the table can vary. The bride and groom usually sit front and center, with the maid of honor on the groom's left and the best man on the bride's right. The other attendants are seated male and female.

Still, you can stray from the norm. You can have the wedding party and their dates sit at one table while you and your new spouse sit at a table for two at the front of the room. You can also sit at a table with only the maid of honor, best man and their dates. Or you can sit at a table with your parents. Do whatever fits your style and makes you most comfortable.

Parent seating is flexible, too. Both the bride's and groom's parents generally sit together near the newlyweds. Siblings not in the wedding, grandparents and other relatives may also sit nearby. If your parents are divorced or don't get along, separate them. Your mother and her guests can sit at one table and your father can have his own table on the other side of the room. If you're unsure how to seat them, consult both your parents and in-laws to see what would they would prefer.

For family seating, it seems natural to sit people of the same side of the family together to guarantee that they'll be comfortable. Or mix and match. Consider sitting the bride's cousins with

the groom's cousins so they can get to know each other. Put family members with a history of squabbles on opposite sides of the dance floor—you'll be happier for it.

Seating friends allows you more creativity. You can sit people who know each other together or you can play matchmaker by seating singles who have never met at the same table. Some opt for singles and couples tables, while others feel this seating creates awkwardness. Again, don't forget about people who don't get along. If your two college buddies aren't on speaking terms, now isn't the time to try to patch things up by seating them at the same table.

Sometimes there are just some people who don't fit anywhere—your friend from camp, your boss whom you didn't think would show. Whatever the case may be, avoid seating all the random guests at one table; they'll know they're the misfits. Get creative. Consider ages, interests and marital status.



Now that you have everyone in place, identify each table. You can keep it simple with numbers or letters, or identify tables by themes or colors. Guests' names and their table assignments should be placed on place cards. (Consider having a calligrapher write these cards, or print them on your computer.) Set them in alphabetical order on a table near the entrance.

You can't please everyone with the seating assignments, but you can try your best to make everyone enjoy hearing the words "Please be seated!"



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Tux Terminology for the Groom-To-Be

Though the bulk of wedding day attire attention typically focuses on what the bride is wearing, grooms also have important choices to make when it comes to what to wear on their wedding day. And just like brides have many different styles from which to choose with respect to their gowns, so do grooms when it comes to their tuxedos.

While a groom's wardrobe decision typically does not involve as much forethought or time as a bride's, he should keep in mind several factors before choosing a tuxedo. These include the degree of formality and the time of the event in addition to the style of the tuxedo itself. For instance, if the event is going to be ultraformal, then a traditional tuxedo complete with a tuxedo vest and tie is the most appropriate choice. Grooms going this route can also choose to add a top hat, cane and even tuxedo gloves as accessories. However, at less formal weddings, this would clearly not be the best option. To help you make the right decision, here is a list of some tuxedo terminology that should help you make a more educated choice.

- **Single-breasted** Any man who has ever put on a suit, be it a tux or a business suit, likely knows that single-breasted means a suit with a single

row of buttons down the middle. This has become the more popular choice of late and is appropriate for men of all body types. Single-breasted suits come in many styles, however. You can order a single-breasted tuxedo with either one button or two, with the choice typically depending on the groom's height (taller grooms usually prefer two buttons, while shorter grooms like one button). Grooms can also order three- or four-button single-breasted tuxedos. These are generally only good for men who are particularly tall or thin, as larger men should avoid the three- or four-button tuxedo.

- **Double-breasted** As one might infer, the double-breasted tuxedo is one with two rows of buttons as opposed to one. Typically, these work best with heavier grooms, as double-breasted suits tend to hide girth and appear more comfortable.

- **Cutaway Tuxedo** These go well with men of all statures. Cutaway refers to the front edges of the coat sloping diagonally from the waist and forming tails in the back. These are the most appropriate option for daytime weddings.

- **Tails** Tails are mainly reserved for ultraformal and traditional weddings. Featuring a severe

break between front and back, tails should be avoided by shorter or stockier grooms.

- **High or Low Vest** High vests are typically good for taller men with longer torsos, as they extend up the torso higher than a regular vest and go well with a high-button coat. Low vests are more appropriate for most men and can be worn by men of all body types.

- **Peaked Lapel** An extension of the coat collar, the peaked lapel is often a good choice for a shorter groom, as it typically makes the body appear longer and leaner.

- **Shawl Collar** Unlike a traditional collar, shawl collars do not come to a point, making this a difficult choice to make depending on body type. In general, a wider groom will want to stick with a wider shawl collar, as a thin collar will make him look larger. Similarly, a more svelte groom should stick with a thinner collar, as a wider one will have a cartoonish effect.

- **Mandarin or Banded Collar** Again, this depends on the body type. This is the collar type that appears to not be a collar at all, as it just wraps around the neck without any protruding

points and is never worn with a necktie. For grooms with short or thick necks, this style should definitely be avoided, as it will appear as though you are bursting out of the top of your shirt. A more slender groom, though, can wear a mandarin collar.



Choosing the right style of tuxedo can depend on how formal the event and what time it's taking place.

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- 6 Ask if the proofs are included
7. Ask to see testimonials from previous couples
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Go Digital

Technology brings new possibilities to wedding photography

Photos and story by Jim Morpew

The digital revolution that has occurred over the last few years has taken the wedding photography world by storm. Couples now have a dazzling array of choices that simply weren't available with film — having images posted online for out-of-state relatives to see. DVD slide shows with music and coffee table style albums are just a few of the new products offered by professional photographers.

Images can now be manipulated and enhanced in dramatic ways that include black & white, sepia, selective color, montages and more.

Digital wedding albums may now include words from a favorite poem or song combined with wedding day images to yield a very personalized keepsake.

With all of its advantages, digital also presents a few challenges. Proper exposure is vital. If a digital image is overexposed, the detail in the highlight areas begins to disappear. That means a bride's dress will become a white blob and details like beadwork and lace will be lost.

Digital files themselves are vulnerable to computer crashes, viruses and accidental erasure. For maximum protection, a studio should back up all wedding files to disks and to off-site storage.

Full service or bare bones?

Some couples are attracted to the lower cost of having a photographer cover the event and just give them all the images on disks. This option works if you're prepared to take on the task of finding a good printer, designing the layout and finding the right album and supplies to do the job. You may find in the end that your savings are less than expected. If you're not comfortable doing it yourself, a full service studio will handle all the details for you.

Above all, don't try to cut corners by having a friend or relative take your wedding photos. There is a lot more to capturing a wedding day and telling a story with images than just walking around snapping random photos. It's not worth the risk. You don't get any



do overs with a wedding, so save your friendship and hire a professional that guarantees their work.

In the end, the important factors in selecting a wedding photographer remain the same. Look for someone with the experience to produce the style you want, a good personality and someone who respects that it is your day.

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A Day at the Spa is Growing Bridal Party Trend

By Wendy White

These days bachelorette parties aren't the only chance for bridesmaids to bond. More and more brides and their maids are gathering for a day of pampering before the big day.

Metro Detroit spas are responding by creating special deals for bridal parties.

According to Heidi Dale, marketing manager of Orchid Day Spa in Birmingham, spa days are a chance for gals to relax and get glam. The Orchid Wedding spa package includes a Swedish massage, paraffin mani/pedi and light lunch. Complimentary champagne rounds out the decadence.

We have a menu from Aunt Olive's down the street and we let them order whatever they want. They start in the morning, have lunch and go back to have more treatments, Dale said.

Andrea Ubom, owner of The Franklin Spa, said it's common for maids of honor to organize spa days and collect money from bridesmaids to spoil the bride.

The Franklin Spa's Bridal Bliss package includes a paraffin mani/pedi, a massage or facial and lunch from the Franklin Grille.

Ubom's Spa to Go packages deliver indulgence straight to the bride's doorstep — or hotel room.

That is the trend now. It's all the rage, Ubom said. It's less drama. Brides and bridal parties are already stressed out, so they prefer you to come to them. We bring everything necessary for spa treatments from

tables and towels to seats.

If you decide to book some massage table time, here are some tips:

- Scope out spas for the atmosphere you want. Pay attention to everything from the lunch menu and robes to the lounge area and music.
- Arrange deals and discounts beforehand based on the number in your party.
- Consider a spa and salon in one facility so you can get hair and makeup tests done in the same place.
- The bride may choose to host the spa party and purchase a single spa service as her gift to each

bridesmaid. Or, bridesmaids can organize the getaway and treat the bride.

- Invitations should be sent via e-mail or mail. Include a menu of spa services and pricing. Attendance is optional because of the expense.
- Consider gift bags stocked with cosmetic and fragrance samples, costume jewelry, eye masks or CDs of relaxing music.
- Microdermabrasion and micropeels should be done at least two weeks prior to the wedding day. Waxing or facials with extractions should be done a week in advance. Mani/pedis should be done the day before.



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Wedding Day Hairdos — and Don'ts

When couples go over their list of priorities for wedding planning their appearance probably ranks very highly among other items such as booking the ceremony finding a reception site and picking out wedding bands. While attire that fits your frame and personality can enhance your best assets also keep in mind that the right wedding day hairstyle is key to completing the look.

For help finding the right style consult a professional stylist who has years of experience creating beautiful wedding day looks. To get you started here is some advice from Damian Carney international artistic director of hair product manufacturer Joico



A professional stylist can work with you to create a hairstyle that fits your wedding theme and coordinates with your gown and accessories.

who offers these dos and don'ts for wedding day style

DO consider the entire picture which includes a style that fits the theme of your wedding and is cohesive with the rest of your look. When you've come up with a theme — i.e. classic contemporary casual etc — discuss your plans with your stylist. He or she can suggest hairstyles that will complement the theme you'd like to achieve.

DON'T feel you have to emulate everything you see in bridal magazines. If the look of the moment is free flowing tresses but you prefer a sleek tight bun go with what you like. Your stylist can offer variations such as escaped tendrils or pins and other accessories to add distinct appeal.

DO highlight your personality. Although you want to look radiant and special on your wedding day don't wear a hairstyle that isn't you. In other words if you're known for your pixie cut don't feel the need to grow out your locks just because you'll have more style possibilities. Similarly don't fight what nature gave you. Embrace your ringlet curls rather than trying to

flatten them out for your wedding. Understandably you will want to look special on your wedding day but take care to ensure that you are recognizable when you walk down the aisle.

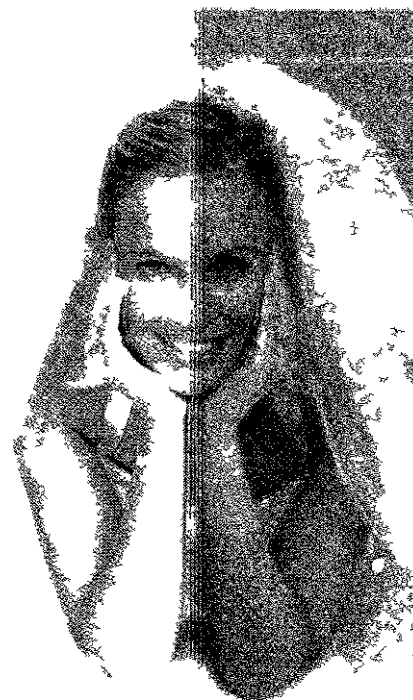
DON'T compete with your gown. The lines and flow of your gown should be paralleled with the lines of your hairstyle. A simple sheath gown works well with a tailored upswept chignon while a princess gown with lots of tulle may work better with long cascading waves.

DO practice your look prior to your wedding. Set up a rehearsal with your stylist and finalize your style. Take a photo so that he or she will have it for reference. This is your big day so don't be afraid to voice your opinion and say what works for you and what doesn't. Ultimately styling decisions are up to you so don't feel pressured to go the way your stylist suggests.

DON'T leave your wedding day hairdo to chance. The right products like those from Joico can help keep your style looking beautiful throughout the day with minimal retouching. To give hair a volume boost texture and shine consider Amplifier Volumizing Mousse that holds without weighing down hair. For dramatic looks and shine, Gripper Spray Wax allows you to create hair artistry. And to tame flyaways and frizz while imparting a lustrous shine to hair rely on

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Finding Just the Right Wedding Gown for You

A bridal gown is the most important item of clothing a woman will ever wear. That's why it's important to make sure your gown is timeless. Too many brides – including the late Princess Diana – choose gowns that become dated.

Keveza offers tips on how to shop for a dress that will stand the test of time.

- Finding a wedding gown should be the first step in wedding planning after reserving a venue. The rest revolves around your dress – the flowers, the décor, bridesmaid dresses, Keveza said.

- Your gown should reflect where you are getting married. If you're getting married on a beach in a ball gown encrusted with jewels, that's inappropriate. Mind you, if you're going to get married in large cathedral, you need a dress that has presence, Keveza says. A general rule is the longer the train, the more formal the wedding.

- Before you step into a bridal salon, do your research. Pick up *Martha Stewart*, *InStyle*, *Brides*. Look on Internet sites such as romonakeveza.com, theknot.com and modernbride.com. Tear photos from magazines or download and print them out. You'll notice you gravitate to a certain fabric and silhouette, Keveza said.

- Make an appointment before you visit a bridal salon. Keveza recommends booking a one-hour slot and trying on no more than seven dresses at the most. I would keep it down to four or five, the reason being afterward it all becomes a blur. It's hard to remember what you've tried on.

- If you fall in love with a dress you see in a magazine, try it on despite the cost. It's like a guy you never had a second date with. You always wonder, Keveza said.

- When you find the right dress, stop looking. My theory is finding the right dress is like finding the right guy. When you know you know.

- Don't worry that the dress shopping experience will end too soon. You'll still have that bridal experience coming back to the shop and looking for your veil, shoes and lingerie, Keveza said.

- Find your wedding dress 9-12 months before the wedding date. Couture bridal houses like Romona Keveza are booked eight months out, and even if you purchase ready to wear, finding that dress a year ahead of time takes the pressure off planning every

Romona Keveza Couture Designer Aims for Timeless Elegance

By Wendy White

Romona Keveza is one of the most recognized labels in designer bridal wear. Her name is synonymous with elegance, sophistication and timeless modernism. Keveza's gowns have been featured in countless national magazines and on television programs such as *The View*, *E! Entertainment* and *Live with Regis and Kelly*.

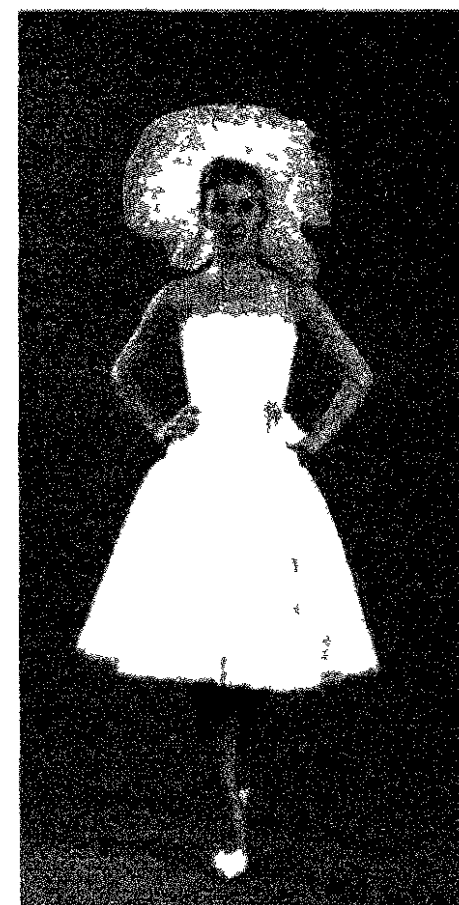


Romona Keveza

Keveza recently hosted a trunk show at Marshall Field's Somerset. We caught up with her to ask about the philosophy that goes into her award-winning designs.

How did you get started designing bridal gowns?

I actually started as a retailer and I catered to very high-end clients. One of my clients was getting married and she did not want the kind of frilly dresses that were very popular in the 90s. She wanted something clean and understated. She fell in love with a black evening gown that I had made and asked if I could make it for her in white satin. I said no. She said I'll pay you \$5,000 and I said yes. I



started investigating the marketplace and found there were a lot of brides looking for timeless silhouettes and that's what got me into bridal. I started my bridal company in 1999.

Where do you work?

We're based in New York, right in the garment district. Our studio looks more like an art gallery. It's a 5,000 square foot loft. You walk in and it almost looks more like a hip nightclub than a fashion studio.

What is your design philosophy?

When I got into this business it was very important to me to design gowns that would withstand the test of time. We all have friends who look back on their wedding pictures and say that was so 1995. Their gown is already dated. In fact, Princess Diana was quoted in her biography as saying that every time she showed her wedding pictures to friends she would pray before she opened the book: Please God, let the dress shrink!

You have said that the wedding dress is the most important clothing purchase a woman will ever make.

We will be immortalized in our wedding gowns. You look back on photos of your mother and grandmothers in their gowns — they're passed on for generations. I want to be able to create a gown that when a woman looks at her wedding pictures 10, 20 years from now, she will think she could still wear it.

What inspires you?

Timeless icons: Jackie Kennedy, Audrey Hepburn and Grace Kelly — there's a reason why they're timeless.



You look at photos taken of them 50 years ago and they look current. If you look at some of the actresses today, some photos from 5, 6 years ago are already dated. In fact, many actresses today try to emulate the style of these classic icons. Certain styles stand the test of time. Women who knew these secrets inspire me.

What are some fabrics that never go out of style?

Satin is a staple. That's always going to be a fabric that will stay in style depending on how it's designed. Lace — at the moment, Chantilly lace is very popular. It's soft and delicate. Alençon lace is always timeless. Fabrics today that are coming back are reminiscent of 1930s wedding gowns, like silk charmeuse, a very beautiful fabric and very much on trend at the moment. Other fabrics are silk chiffon — it has a very soft, ethereal look, and of course, silk organza. Throughout bridal history, these have always remained very classic.

What are some styles that remain timeless?

Strapless, of course, is very popular right now. It's been popular for the last 60, 70 years, straight across or with a subtle sculpted shape. You have your ball gown. Right now, in my collection, my ball gown allows a woman to show off her figure but still feel like she's wearing a wedding dress. It has a low drop waist that hits at the thigh, shows off the derrière beautifully, and then goes into a dramatic ball gown skirt, inspired by couture styles of 1950s such as Christian Dior.

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Ulla-Maija



This fitted column dress by Ulla Maija explodes with color and shape as pink gazal drapes and gathers from the knee



Wedding Gown Trends

New Styles make Brides Beautiful

Classic gowns with a modern edge are all the rage with brides this year. Watch for touches of color, dropped waists and form-fitted bodices that give way to full bottoms featuring mermaid cuts or trumpet skirts.

Designer Monique Lhuillier remains a favorite of top fashion stylists, editors and celebrities. Her romantic bridal collections are handmade of imported fabrics, hand-beaded laces, exquisite embroideries and the finest silk, satins and chiffons.

Ulla Maija is known for signature slim silhouettes along with grand gowns, all made from luxury fabrics, trims and techniques.

Amy Michelson is another designer to watch. Her gowns are described as embodying a soft sensuality infused with modern confidence.

Here's a look at current trends, courtesy of Roma Sposa in Birmingham.



Velvet ribbon trimmed with crystal defines the waist of this A-line V-neck Lhuillier dress.

Monique Lhuillier



Liquid silk charmeuse is accented with a blue sash and matching brooches in this Amy Michelson design.



Amy Michelson's elegant fitted gown features rose garden lace over latte silk charmeuse with a fitted neckline.



Silk flowers adorn the shoulder of this ornate Lhuillier creation, and cascade from the waist of the hand-tufted skirt.



This white, dropped-waist silk dress by Monique Lhuillier has a lingerie-seamed Chantilly lace bodice and a full A-line tulle skirt. A smoke velvet ribbon with pearl button closure and gazal floral corsage add finishing touches.

Amy Michelson

Honeymoon Trends Include Avoiding Hurricane Season

Each year the list of top honeymoon destinations for U.S. travelers has remained fairly stable but the biggest trend in 2006 will be couples planning their honeymoons around the hurricane season. This means that Atlantic and Caribbean destinations will be on the receiving end of more deliberate and cautious honeymoon planning. Couples insistent on honeymooning at a destination inside the hurricane belt may even alter their wedding dates to reduce or eliminate the possibility of getting caught by Mother Nature.

Couples are definitely more concerned about hurricanes than at any time in my 20 years in the travel business, said Neal Kraemer, president of thehoneymoon.com. I expect these recent storms to affect couples' destination choices the next couple of years.

Here are some other trends popping up in the honeymoon market:

Honeymoon Registries

Registries like thehoneymoon.com allow wedding guests to buy specific components of the honeymoon as wedding gifts, like shore excursions, parasailing, spa services, and tours. These are becoming more popular

as couples getting married these days often have many of the basic household necessities that comprise a traditional gift registry.

Destination Weddings

These combine the price of the wedding and honeymoon into one and are especially popular with second marriages.

All-inclusive Packages

All-inclusive honeymoons remain popular because of their prices. They include food, drink, entertainment, and most activities at both all-inclusive resorts and on cruises. Beware of extra charges for such things as motorized water sports and shore excursions.

Cruises

The typical seven-day cruise includes four ports of call.

Cruise ships can steer around hurricanes, an added benefit for couples honeymooning during the June-September hurricane season.

Package Trips

Going through a travel agent can secure significant savings because they buy airline seats in bulk and then bundle hotel and car rentals into the total price.

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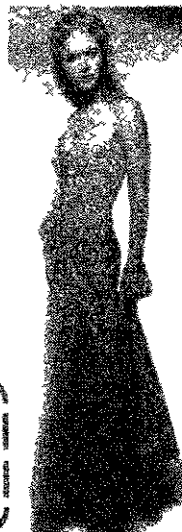
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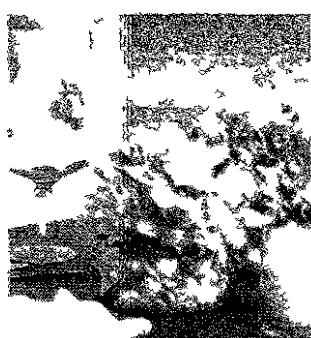
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May last year, McDonald's introduced its apple and walnut salads. Now, McDonald's is the largest purchaser of apples in the U.S. - 54 million in the last eight months of 2005, with some of them coming from Michigan.

TRANS FATS

Early this month, McDonald's got named once again for the high level of trans fats in its fries.

Here's my take on it:

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City bites

Here is a list of other area restaurants

FARMINGTON HILLS

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33316 Grand River Farmington (248) 478 2355
Fresh American ingredients prepared to order for Euro and Asian inspired dishes. Small plates \$4-\$14. Reservations recommended. No handicap access to lower level location.

Tutto Bene

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

P.F. Chang's China Bistro

17905 Haggerty Road (248) 675 0066
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average main course. Reservations recommended.

Five Restaurant 44045 Five Mile Rd (inside The Inn at St. Johns) (734) 414 0600
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ROCHESTER

Europa Bistro 543 N. Main St. in River Square Center Rochester (248) 650 1390
French and Italian. Lunch sandwiches and salads \$7-\$10. Dinner main dishes with choice of soup or dinner salad all under \$20. Child (under 10) portions \$5-\$7. Reservations Recommended.

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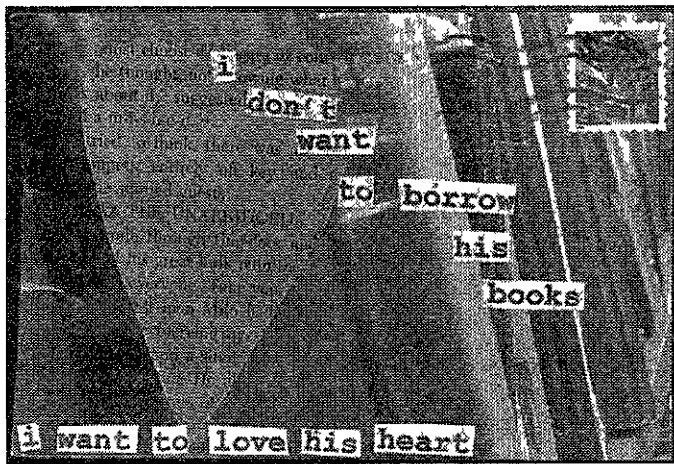
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■ <http://shopping.netsuite.com/s/n/c/433275/> Turn your favorite CD covers into

framed art. The site sells CD jewel case display frames. For \$19.95 the kits contain nine frames and you choose from a



People of all ages post their secrets at www.postsecret.blogspot.com/

variety of colors like princess pink, strawberry red, bone white, citrus, black and more. Decorative clips and adhesive strips are included. The site also shows creative hanging ideas.

■ <http://postsecret.blogspot.com>

This site has become so popular it's been featured on National Public Radio, on many national news shows and there's even a *Post Secret* book (by Frank Warren) available through Amazon and



Motel is just one of the interesting bands to check out on Myspace.com. Myspace.com has become a great resource in promoting underground music.

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Post Secret can be hard to hand to handle.

Submitted postcards, to the site owner in Maryland, reveal the hidden sadnesses and secrets of our neighbors.

Be warned, the site is riddled in emotion because participants share deep secrets that are funny, sad, dark, very often painful, but also hopeful. Sometimes the content is sexual and regretful.

Some submitted postcards are about abusive pasts or depression. Others are about lost love and moving forward. The cards have also been exhibited at art galleries. Some examples of the anonymous mailings:

"Sometimes I worry there isn't anything left out there to discover."

Another reads, "He's falling in love but I've been planning to break his heart since we met."

Another said, "No one in the office today knows that it's my birthday."

A funny card shows a stick figure of a postal worker. "I fear your mailman is stealing the best cards."

Those are the mild ones. New secrets are posted every Sunday.

■ Myspace.com - Find old friends, find new friends, make your own space that

includes your interests, photos, favorite songs, post blogs – all for free. (Parents you can control who tries to contact your kids, go to Myspace.com for details.)

■ <http://www.myspace.com/motelmusic> or www.motel-music.net

For us *Filter* folks, we use Myspace to discover new music from around the globe. A good band we've recently discovered is Motel, based in France. You can hear them on the above link.

Motel is a duo that creates electro-psychedelic sounds.

Described on Myspace as 'a blend of the bewitchment of the '70s, the coldness of the '80s and the break beats from the '90s, all in all it's 30 years of influences which go together nicely to create something modern.'

Plus there's a Detroit connection. Motel lists The Stooges and Iggy as two of their top eight Myspace friends.

Go listen to Motel to see that Myspace is about more than girls in bikinis.

■ <http://www.myspace.com/easyaction>

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Mardi Gras, Detroit style Celebrating Fat Tuesday

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Maybe it's the economy, maybe it's Katrina, but Mardi Gras in Detroit doesn't seem to be as big this year.

But that doesn't mean there aren't any parties.

If you're looking for beads, music and Mardi Gras celebrations, here's just a few to consider.

■ A Mardi Gras Party features the Polish Muslims at The Lafayette Grande on 1 Lafayette in Pontiac.

Wear your mask and celebrate Fat Tuesday at Catholic Social Services Inaugural Mardi Gras Party featuring the Polish Muslims band, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28. Admission is \$40. The festive evening includes a buffet dinner catered by The Traveling Chef, cash bar, a raffle of celebrity Mardi Gras masks, a silent auction, live entertainment and dancing. All proceeds from the evening benefit Catholic Social Services to assist at-risk children and families in Oakland County. For more information visit www.essoc.org or call Sarah Krueger, CSSOC agency relations associate, at (248) 333-3700, Ext. 3302, or e-mail her at kruegers@cssoc.org.



■ Bartini Gras Live, 41570 Garfield just south of Canal in Clinton Township, 7 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, Feb. 28, with a live broadcast on 106.7 FM (The Drive). Party band Rockstar will perform and many, many beads and masks will be given out.

The Drive will award prizes to the guest who comes in wearing the most beads. The second will be for the best Mardi Gras costumed reveler. Beer specials and a special Cajun menu will be featured. Visit www.bartinis.net or call (586) 228-0465.

ELECTRONIC FESTIVAL IN JEOPARDY?

Techno pioneer Kevin Saunderson says he will not return to produce Detroit's annual electronic music festival in late May at Hart Plaza, throwing the future of the event into question, according to the Associated Press.

Last year, Saunderson signed a three-year contract to produce the event, which in 2005 was called FUSE-In Detroit's Electronic Movement. Its previous incarnations were as the 'Detroit Electronic Music Festival' and 'Movement'.

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Screenprints

The Art of Screenprint at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$3 \$6 (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

Dutch Prints

Newly opened exhibit featuring recent additions to University of Michigan Museum of Art collection through March 26 525 S State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

Actors Acting

Exhibition of photographer Howard Schatz's portraits March 17 April 29 (opening reception 7 p.m. March 17) Museum of New Art 7 N Saginaw Pontiac lecture and book signing 7 p.m. Thursday March 16 Center for Creative Studies Wendell W Anderson Jr Auditorium 201 E Kirby Detroit www.detroitmona.com/howardschatz.htm or call (313) 259 7003

ART GALLERIES

Art Leaders Gallery

Reel Romance exhibit of movie posters through March 15 33030 Northwestern Highway West Bloomfield (248) 539 0262 www.artleaders.com

Sisson Gallery

Following the Thread Narratives in Fiber with JoAnn Giordano and Anne Krneck through March 3 Henry Ford Community College MacKenzie Fine Arts Center 5101 Evergreen Dearborn (313) 845 6485

Washington Street Gallery

Adrienne Kaplan's current paintings in acrylic and watercolor through March 12 120 East Liberty Ann Arbor call (734) 761 2287 or visit www.wsg.art.com

Ambient Gallery

Detroit Sky a solo exhibition of work by Darcel Deneau through March 11 17728 Mack Avenue Grosse Pointe (313) 882 8888 or www.ambientgallery.com

Sherry Washington Gallery

New collages and drawings by Benny Andrews entitled *Delivering Justice* and depicting the mailman who led the civil rights movement in Georgia through March 31 The L B King Building 1274 Library Street Detroit (313) 961 4500 or www.sherrywashingtongallery.com

Lemberg Gallery

New Work with Sharon Que and Sandra Osip through March 28 23241 Woodward Ferndale (248) 591 6623 www.lemberggallery.com

Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration urban views exhibition with Arms Christo Mersheimer Murphy and others 11 a.m. 5 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 32782 Woodward Royal Oak (248) 647 7709

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Oakland Community College

Student Art Show Paintings ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus at Woodland Hall Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Farmington Community Library

The Heart of a Woman watercolors and drawings by Barbara Eko Murphy presented during American Heart Association's women's heart month in February now through March 2 Farmington Community Library 23500 Liberty Farmington (248) 553 0300

Flatlanders Art Galleries

Four solo exhibitions drawings of Mille Gulbeck prints of Marc Folk drawings of Niki Havekost and paintings of Dan Stewart exhibited through March 12 (517) 486 4591

ART ETC.

Artrageous 2006

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Detroit Symphony Orchestra

The Sound of Music Feb 23 26 \$15 \$66 Max M. Fisher Music Center 3711 Woodward Detroit \$25 (313) 576 5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

Young People's Concert Series

Musical Fairytales with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday Feb

25 the Music Box with Kids Zone activities \$10 26 Max M. Fisher Music Center 3711 Woodward Detroit \$25 (313) 576 5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

Plymouth Symphony

Fifth and final concert of 60th anniversary *Diamond Jubilee* season The Planets Music of the Spheres 8 p.m. Saturday March 11 Our Lady of Good Counsel Church corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth \$17 for adults \$15 for seniors students up to 12th grade admitted free to all subscription concertists visit www.plymouthsymphony.org to purchase tickets contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451 2112

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Fat Tuesday event

Mardi Gras Party benefits Catholic Social Services with the Polish Muslims band 6 10 p.m. Feb 28 at The Lafayette Grande 1 Lafayette Pontiac Advance tickets are \$40 per person no purchases at the door Wear your mask Buffet dinner included (248) 333 3700

COMEDY

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DANCE

Power Center

Japanese theater and dance troupe Pappa Tarahumara presents *Ship in View* 8 p.m. Feb 23 \$16 \$36 121 Fletcher Street University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor call the University Musical Society at (734) 764 2538 or outside the area code at (800) 221 1229 or visit www.ums.org

FAMILY

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *A Journey to Our Future* is now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John R Detroit \$6 \$7 call (313) 577 8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org

FILM

Detroit Film Theatre

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Professors of Jazz at MSU with Kevin Mahogany 8 30 p.m. and 10 30 p.m. Friday Feb 24 Max M. Fisher Music Center 3711 Woodward Detroit \$25 (313) 576 5111 or www.detroitssymphony.com

Mardi Gras Party

Wally's Warehouse Waifs perform 3 6 p.m. Sunday Feb 26 Knights of Columbus Livonia 19801 Farmington Road (between Seven and Eight Mile roads) cash bar and light menu advance tickets \$15 smoke free room dancing and costumes encouraged bring parasol or they will be available to purchase for tickets and information call Bill Knowles at (248) 478 0172

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Jazz and dinner

Kind of Blue Tuesdays at Lola's Harmonie Park Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet the shows help talented local musicians to play one by one with the core group Jam sessions begin at 9 p.m. every Tuesday Located at 1427 Randolph Street in Detroit's Harmonie Park For dinner reservations or for more information please call (313) 962 0483

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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 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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Current exhibits include *Behind the Scenes 50 Years of Disneyland* 9 30 a m to 5 p m daily \$10 \$14 20900 Oakwood Blvd west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre For more information call (313) 982 6001 or visit www.hfm.gov

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is it's a Nano World Permanent exhibits include planetarium nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills general admission is \$5 \$7 planetarium \$1 \$3 (248) 645 3200 or www.cranbrook.edu

Detroit Historical Museum

Reflections The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection an exhibit of Supremes costumes through April 2 5401 Woodward Detroit admission is \$3 \$5 (313) 833 1805 or www.detroithistorical.org

Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History

Gridiron to Greatness African Americans in Professional Football through March 26 315 East Warren Avenue Detroit \$5 \$8 members and children under 3 free (313) 494 5800 or www.maah.detroit.org

Detroit Science Center

Premiere of Magnificent Desolation Walking on the Moon narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time* \$6 shows run indefinitely Museum hours are 9 a m to 3 p m Tuesday



PARTY TIME

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SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Photo exhibition

Freedom Celebrating African American Soldiers and civil rights events at Wayne State University's Cultural Arts Center 42 W Warren Detroit through Feb 24

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Automotive and ad art

Automotive Exhibit Drawing Power Motor City Ad Art in the Age of Muscle and Chrome through March Detroit Public Library Skillman Branch Library 121 Gratiot Avenue free (313) 628 2750

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Workshop on teaching about animal protection environmental preservation and cultural issues March 25 26 Detroit Zoo's Ford Education Center 8450 W 10 Mile Road Royal Oak \$180 before Feb 27 \$220 after Feb 27 \$70 for students both days visit http://www.IIHEd.org/programs/sowing_seeds.html for information or call (207) 785 2224

Motor City Brass Band

Band celebrates 10th anniversary with concert 3 p m Sunday March 5 at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave Dearborn tickets \$12 for adults \$10 for seniors and students and free for children 12 and under call (313) 943 2354

THEATER - COLLEGE

Bonstelle Theatre

William Shakespeare's *Othello* opens 8 p m Friday March 3 and continues through March 12 \$11 \$14 3424 Woodward Detroit (313) 577 2960 or visit www.theatre.wayne.edu

Hilberly Theater

Electra by Sophocles runs through March 23 Wayne State University campus 4743 Cass Avenue Detroit \$15 \$28 and \$10 student rush tickets call (313) 577 2972 or visit www.hilberly.com

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By William Shakespeare opens 8 p m March 3 runs through May 4 \$15 \$28 Hilberly Theatre Wayne State University campus Detroit call (313) 577 2972 or visit www.hilberly.com

THEATER - COMMUNITY

CSRO Productions

Sylvia a comedy by A R Gurney Feb 24 March 12 Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p m and Sunday afternoons at 2 p m at the Historic Burgh 26060 Berg Rd in Southfield admission is \$10 with a discounted price of \$8 for attendees who are 50 and older and children 12 and under (248) 796 4645

Farmington Players

The Pagans Ann Noble's heartwarming celebration of the humanity and humor of a volatile Irish family whose interactions are stormy and affectionate 8 p m (except Sundays 2 p m) Feb 23 26 and March 2 4 tickets \$13 regular price \$10 on Thursdays (248) 553 2855 theatre is located at 32332 W 12 Mile Rd Farmington Hills visit www.farmingtonplayers.org for more information

Avon Players

Love Sex and the IRS play about an IRS auditor who visits a couple that isn't married and the woman of this couple is actually a man March 3 5 10 12 and 17 and 18 Friday and Saturday performances start at 8 p m Sunday matinees begin at 2 p m tickets for the show are \$14 and can be reserved by calling (248) 608 9077 The theater offers a \$12 student/senior discount rate for Sunday matinees Avon Players is located at 1185 Washington Road one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills

Birmingham Village Players

Ten Little Indians Agatha Christie's mystery classic 8 p m March 10 11 17 and 18 and 2 p m March 12 and 19 Village Players Playhouse 34660 Woodward Birmingham

\$15 (248) 644 2075 www.birminghamvillageplayers.com

South Lyon

Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite* presented by The Phoenix Players March 10 12 and 17 19 (Friday performances at 8 30 p m Saturday and Sunday performances at 4 p m) at South Lyon Theatre 126 E Lake Street in South Lyon tickets \$15 include \$5 off dinner at Bistro 127 tickets can be purchased online at www.thephoenixplayers.org or purchased by mail by calling Laura Smith tickets chairperson of The Phoenix Players at (810) 220 7963

April, Mae and June

World premiere comedy by Edward J Thomas opening Friday Feb 24 8 p m performances Fridays and Saturdays through March 25 at Broadway Onstage Live Theatre 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer (8 1/2 Mile Road) in Eastpointe tickets \$16 \$14 for Feb 24 performance (586) 771 6333

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Jeff Daniels *Guest Artist* through March 18 The Purple Rose Theatre 137 Park Chelsea \$25 \$35 call (734) 433 7673 or visit www.purpleosetheatre.org

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Robin Givens stars as Roxie Hart in *Chicago* March 5 Fisher Theatre 3011 W Grand Blvd Detroit \$32 50 \$72 call (248) 645 6666 or visit www.nederlanderdetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

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Syncopation through March 5 207 Wilson Hall on the campus of Oakland University Rochester Hills \$20 \$36 call (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com

Breathe Art Theatre

Hedwig and The Angry Inch March 3 4 at the Loop Nightclub in Windsor and March 10 26 at Detroit's 1515 Broadway most performances slated at 7 p m and 8 p m \$12 and \$20 call (519) 980 0607 in Windsor or (313) 965 1515 in Detroit

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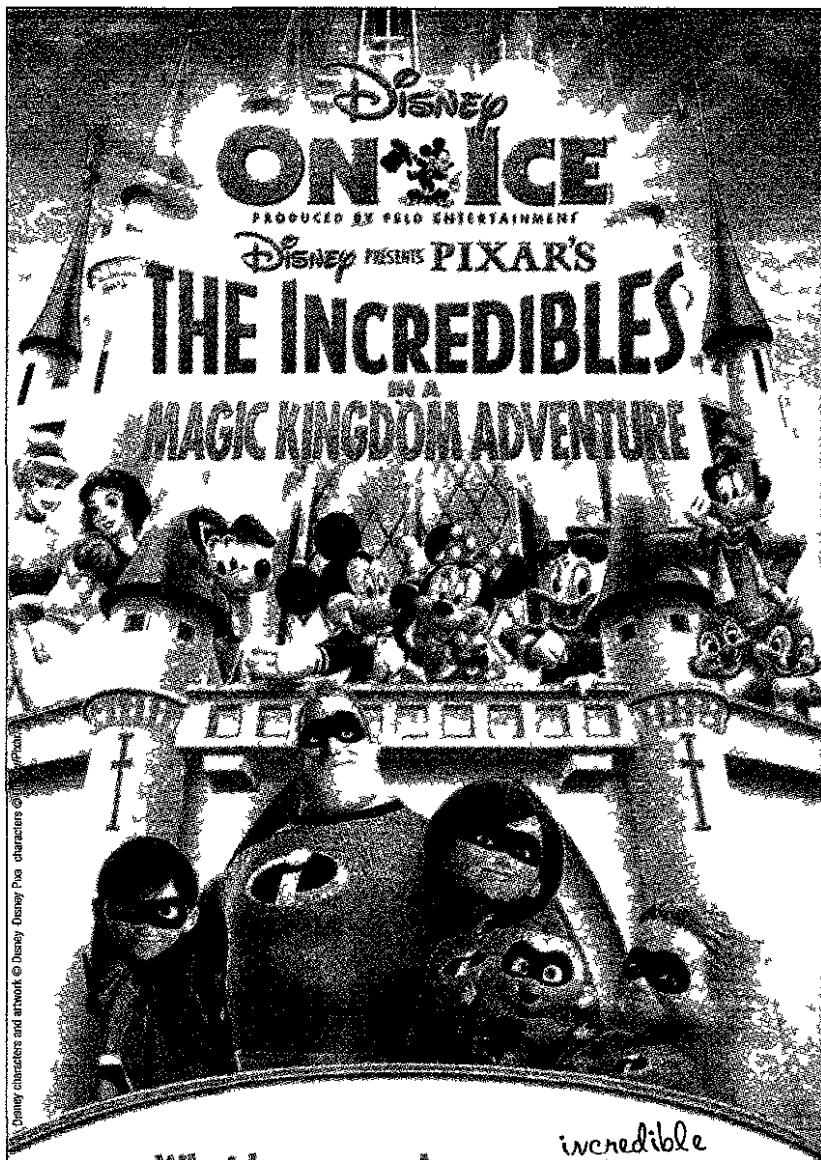
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