



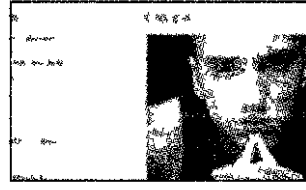
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New round of bids comes in for Bathey

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The city of Plymouth has received three proposals to develop a 16-acre parcel of property off Mill Street, including one from the developer that pulled out of a \$4.5 million purchase deal in January.

21 Century Holdings of Southfield essentially re-submitted plans to construct 180 home sites on the site at 100 S. Mill Street — between Main Street and Ann Arbor Trail — but at a

reduced purchase price of \$2.75 million. Plans still include a mix of multi-story ranch, townhomes and live/work combination units, which can be used for small business.

In a Dec. 7 letter to the city, 21 Century Holdings pulled out, forfeiting a \$25,000 downpayment. "They said the market conditions have changed since they put in their offer, and there were environmental costs associated with the clean-up of the property," City Manager Paul Sincock said.

Trowbridge Cos. of Auburn Hills

submitted a project that could net the city between \$3-\$3.6 million, depending on the approval of zoning and site plan approval, according to documents submitted by the developer.

Trowbridge is proposing 150-180 housing units on the property. Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak, in its proposal, calls for a mixture of retail and multi-family residential use. No purchase price was indicated.

Connektiv currently has two other projects in Plymouth: Hamilton Gardens, a 27-unit residential develop-

ment on Hamilton Street, and Amelia Row, an 84-unit multi-family, mixed-use development on Amelia Street.

Sincock said purchase price will only be one facet of discussions in the land sale.

"We'll discuss price when we get to a purchase agreement," Sincock said. "We'll also be concerned about the type of project and timing as part of our discussions."

As for the likelihood the city won't sell the land for \$4.5 million, Sincock wasn't concerned.

"Our objective has always been to get real, live taxpayers living there," Sincock said. "It looks like at least a couple of these bids will get us that in a relatively short amount of time."

The city gained ownership of what is generally known as the Bathey site in January 2003 after a lengthy court battle with former owner Wendell Flynn, who failed to pay \$3 million in back taxes, interest and penalties over a 20-year period.

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City working out recreation master plan

Public input sought for five-year plan

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Kevin Lipp and his family moved to Plymouth 18 years ago, one of the biggest considerations was the city's recreation program.

"My daughter, now a junior in high school, has played soccer since second grade," Lipp said. "And my son, now a seventh-grader, has played soccer since first grade. There was also T-ball and the neighborhood parks. I like the idea of my kids having choices, and being able to be active in things they want to try out. I want them to be able to try different things, to have fun with it."

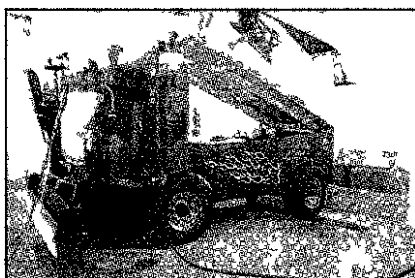
The city's recreation department is putting together its next five-year master plan, and deputy recreation director Steve Anderson said he's looking for input at a Tuesday, March 14, public workshop at the Cultural Center.

"We want input on what they'd like to see within five years on recreation, facilities, programming, advancements in leisure and athletics in the community," Anderson said.

Anderson said recreation is a broad term, and isn't limited to sports such as baseball, basketball and soccer.

"Everything from non-competitive to extremely competitive, we do everything from aerobics, yoga, dance, senior woodcarving," Anderson said. "Our goal is to serve the entire spectrum."

Anderson noted opinions aren't



Improvements include a Zamboni garage with an indoor dump for ice.

just being sought from those who use leisure or athletic programs, but anyone who is affected by recreation in Plymouth.

"Recreation just doesn't provide a program, it provides economic opportunity within the community," he said.

Anderson points to last weekend's pee wee state hockey championships played at the Cultural Center as a prime example.

"They stayed at hotels, went shopping downtown, ate at restaurants, stopped for gas, bought equipment," Anderson said. "It's not just a game, it brings money to the community."

The five-year recreation master plan has proven to be a priority, especially when applying for state grants.

"If you're looking to get money in any way, those topics have to be in your recreation master plan," Anderson said. "When we completed our current master plan, the expansion and renovation of the

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Recreation director Steve Anderson hopes to get public input on the city's next five-year recreation master plan.

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Pair first in line for judge's robes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The race has begun for the one 35th District Court judgeship up for grabs in the November general election.

Judge Ron Lowe, who has held the position for 12 years — two six-year terms — announced he's seeking re-election to the bench.

Lowe said he'd like a third term to help the court through some difficult financial times.

"We've always operated in the black and put money back into the communities," said Lowe, of Canton Township. "But that's getting hard every year. Ticket writing is down and costs are going up, so we have to keep a vigilant eye on how we are going to deal with that."

Lowe has been instrumental in developing the Teen Court, and is often in classrooms during February teaching history with his look-alike portrayal of Abraham Lincoln, a lawyer before he entered politics.

"When you empower our youth to play a valid and important role in our judicial system, they step up and achieve great results," Lowe said.

Plymouth attorney Brian Stacey said he is collecting petition signatures, and plans to file with the Wayne County clerk by early next month. The Plymouth Township resident has been practicing law for 25 years, and believes it's time to make the move to another level.

"I have a great love of the law, and it's time to move into a different aspect of it," said Stacey, 50. "I think I'd make a good judge. I'm a hard-working guy who's had his own business for 25 years."

Nominating petitions, or a \$100 filing fee, to enter the race for 35th District Court judge are due by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, at the Wayne County clerk's office in downtown Detroit. If there are three or more candidates, there will be a primary in August, with the top two candidates facing off in the general election.

The court serves the communities of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township. The position pays \$138,272 annually.

Chief Judge John MacDonald, who has been on the bench for 21 years, will be age-limited and can't run after his term ends in January 2009. Judge Mike Gerow was elected to an eight-year term in 2003.

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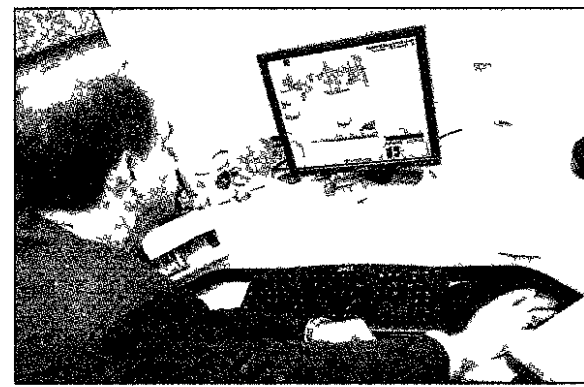


Lowe



Stacey

Technology gives police another set of eyes



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderrington operates the security camera on the site of the new township hall.

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The video shows suspects illegally dumping something out of their truck at the construction site for the new township hall, then pulling out of the security camera's view.

Seconds later, the video shows the truck backing back into camera range, followed by the arrival of a Plymouth Township police vehicle, the occupants of which were able to help catch the men red-handed with the help of a new security system set up at the site.

The closed-circuit setup, installed by Plymouth company ASC Security Systems, gives police dispatchers 24/7 access to the township hall site.

"We believe it's a good way to add protection and security to our facilities," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderrington said. "Officers obviously can't be everywhere 100 percent of the time. This is a way to give us another set of eyes."

The system — paid for by a federal grant that helped offset the cost — was first installed at the Lake Pointe Soccer Park, the township's newest recreation facility on Haggerty. There are cameras stationed at various points in the park, including a camera on the pavilion that also has an audio component.

The system is tied into the computers in the police department, where dispatchers can

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Blood drive

The Plymouth Post Office hosts a blood drive for the American Red Cross 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 22. The post office is located on Beck Road in Plymouth Township. Appointments can be scheduled, but walk-ins are also welcome.

To make an appointment or for more information, call Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111

Civil War roundtable

On March 16 the Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts noted author Samuel Martyn for an 8 p.m. lecture concerning Confederate General Matthew Calbraith Butler March 16 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

General Butler was a member of a distinguished South Carolina family. His father served with Andrew Jackson during the Battle of New Orleans and his mother's brother was Comdr. Oliver Hazard Perry. Matthew Calbraith Butler eagerly left his law practice to join Wade Hampton's Legion when his state seceded from the Union. Few individuals have led such an interesting and accomplished life having done so while securing both the love and respect of their fellow men.

Samuel Martyn has published numerous articles in Civil War Times Illustrated, The Kepi and America's Civil War. He is the author of two previous Civil War biographies, The Road to Glory and The Life of Union General Hugh Judson Kilpatrick.

The museum is located at 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth. The public is invited. Admission is free. For more information call 734-459-7324.

Mom-2-Mom sale

Plymouth Canton Mothers of Multiples sponsor a Mom-

2-Mom Sale 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, April 8 at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia, between 7 and 8 Mile roads.

Admission is \$1, and parents are asked to hold off on strollers until after 11 a.m. The department-style event features more than 30 sellers featuring baby and children's clothes, equipment, toys, strollers, car seats, maternity wear, etc.

For more information, contact Fiona via e-mail at surfacennovations@wowway.com

Teacher speaks

Dan Colligan, Canton High School history and political science teacher, will address Peace Making: The League of Nations Experiment, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13 at the Plymouth District Library.

This six-part program, "The World War I Years: America becomes a world power," is sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

Registration is requested. To register or for more information, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Hole-istic approach

Minds-N-Motion, LLP sponsors Switched-on Golf, a "hole-istic" approach to mental fitness in golf education, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, March 25 at Fox Hills Golf Course.

The course will be taught by Pamela Curlee, author of Switched-On Golf, a member of the international faculty of the Educational Kinesiology Foundation since 1990. She will share new information from the European Neurokinesiology Institute on how to integrate reflexes connected with golf.

Cost is \$110 per person (\$100 per person if you're registering two or more), and includes continental breakfast, buffet luncheon and course

Registration and pay-



Hockey honor

Kathy Barile of the Plymouth Canton Hockey Association accepts the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association's Community Service award from MRPA's Angela Verges. The award, the presentation of which coincided with the PCHA and City of Plymouth Recreation Department hosting the 2006 PeeWee B State Championships at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, is given to community-based organizations that have shown outstanding support to the community through recreation-based services. "The City of Plymouth is proud to nominate the PCHA for the highly recognized MRPA Community Service Award, deputy recreation director Steve Anderson said. "The partnership has served to improve the quality of life and contribute to spirit and welfare of the community. The Plymouth Canton Hockey Association (PCHA) and the City of Plymouth have been partners in recreational youth athletics for over 30 years since the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena was built by the City of Plymouth in 1972.

Registration and pay-

ment are due by March 17. For more information, e-mail minds-n-motion@hotmail.com or call Lucy French, (734) 459-3997, or Nancy Kelly, (734) 459-5258.

Flag series

The Plymouth Historical Museum is set to host the last three parts of the series, Flags - History and Heroes.

The Thursday, March 9 speaker will be Civil War his-

torian Bob Zaetta, who will talk about The Eddy Post and Civil War Flag. The museum collections include a large G.A.R. flag on display in the Abraham Lincoln exhibit which is from the Eddy Post and was given to the survivors and veterans of the Civil War in Plymouth. Zaetta will explain who the Eddy boys were and why this flag is so important.

On Thursday, April 13, the speaker will be Lincoln

interpreter Fred Priebe on 'The Tragedy of Elmer Ellsworth Priebe, as Abraham Lincoln, will explain who Elmer Ellsworth was and why his tragic end was so important and meaningful to Lincoln.

On Thursday, May 11, the speaker will be Kerry Chartkoff, Director of Capital Services in Lansing.

Michigan gave over 80,000 men to fight for the Union cause during the Civil War. Each unit was a Regiment and each Regiment had a Regimental Flag. These flags were more than just symbols - these flags were carried through gunfire and chaos to lead men into battle.

These symbols of bravery and loss on exhibit at our Michigan State Capital were restored and reproduced under the direction of Kerry Chartkoff so their history and their stories would be told to future generations.

All programs start at 7:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. For more information, visit the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution meet at noon Monday, March 20 at the Plymouth Historical Museum for a sandwich luncheon which serves as the club's annual meeting.

The program will include a tour of the museum. For more information, call (734) 459-4764.

Goodfellows meet

The Plymouth Goodfellows meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 at the Plymouth District Library.

The meeting will include discussion on 2005 and plans

for the group's "No Child Without a Christmas" program for 2006.

Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call (734) 453-4007.

Rummage sale

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts its annual rummage sale and bake sale 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday, March 31.

This year, the Army is offering tables for rent for any crafters or vendors who would like to showcase their wares. The cost of the tables is \$25, with all proceeds going to support The Salvation Army's World Services, a program that places missionaries in 110 countries worldwide, usually under very difficult circumstances.

The Plymouth Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main St. in Plymouth. For more information call (734) 453-5464.

Jewelry evaluation

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts a Jewelry Evaluation Clinic 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Friday, March 31 with certified gemologist Joseph DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Fine and Estate Jewelry of Grosse Pointe.

DuMouchelle will evaluate jewelry both contemporary and antique as well as silver and small art objects for history, condition and fair market value. Cost is \$8 per item.

More information can be found at the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call the museum, (734) 455-8940, to make an appointment.

Legacy tribute

The Bran Injury Association of Michigan hosts its annual black-tie-optional Legacy Spring Tribute Dinner and Auction 4:30-8:30 p.m., Sunday, March 12, at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth Township.

The evening includes a silent auction, dinner and a program celebrating the 25th anniversary of the organization. Tickets are \$130.

For information and to purchase tickets, visit www.biam.org or call (810) 229-5880.

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'Perfect storm' threatens education

State chief pushes more stringent requirements

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

State school Superintendent Mike Flanagan had this warning about Michigan's future

"It's not a coming storm, we have a perfect storm over us right now," said Flanagan, who spoke to several dozen educators at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton Tuesday. "If we don't set the standard now, I'm dead serious, I think the lights will be out by 2010."

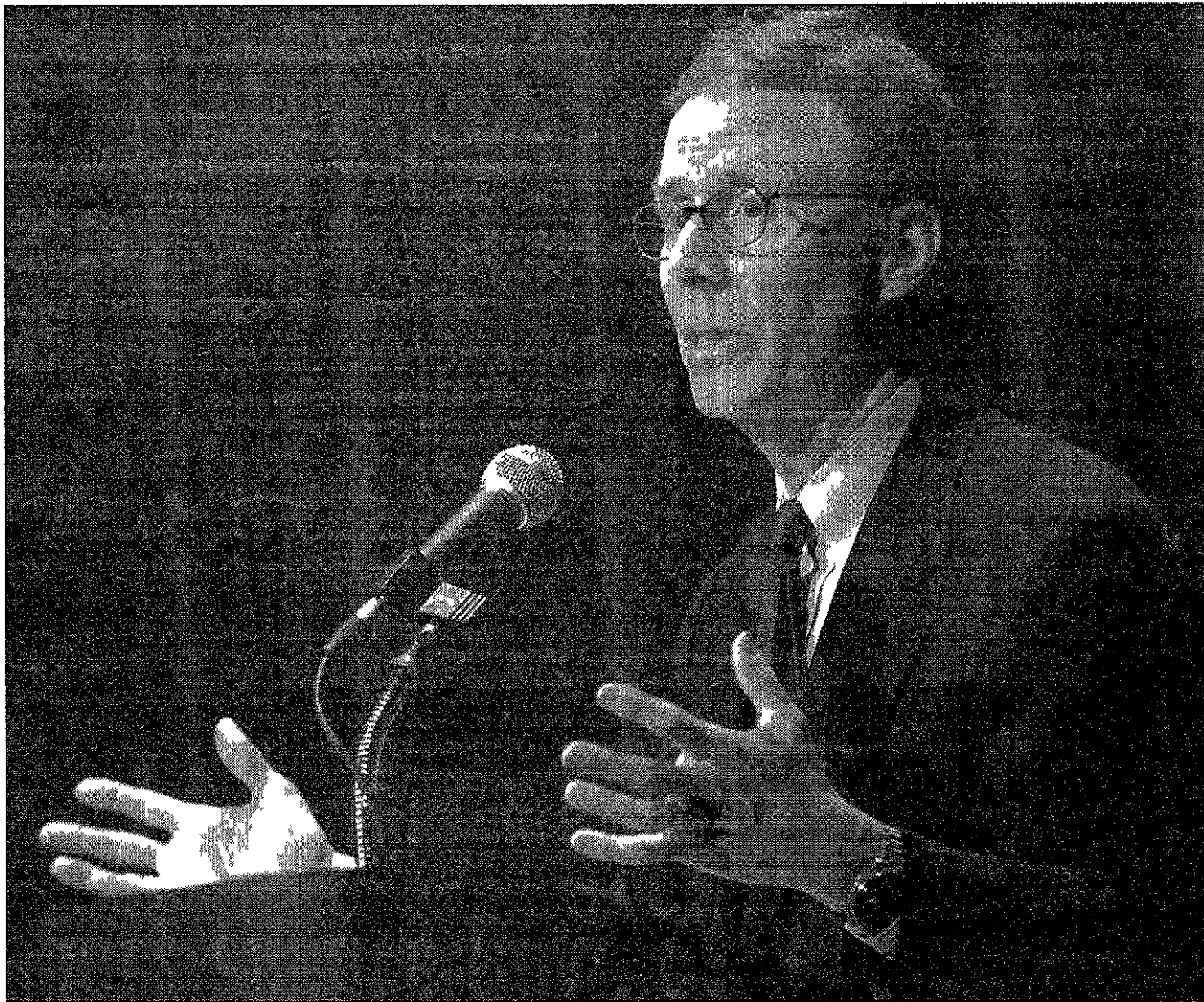
Flanagan spoke about details of the more rigorous high school graduation requirements he proposed in December, which passed the state House March 2, and are now in the hands of the state Senate.

Currently, Michigan only requires that students pass a civics class as part of the 24 credits needed for graduation. If the new standards are passed by the legislature, and signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm — which she has already indicated she will — students will need to successfully complete 16 required credits.

Flanagan said he and his staff met with education department representatives from five states that recently made the same type of curriculum changes — Indiana, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Rhode Island and Oregon — to put together the proposed Michigan high school standards.

"I believe we have the best proposal in the country," said Flanagan. "We just stole the best that others had, and listened to advice from them on what they wouldn't do again."

The measure requires students to complete four credits of English Language Arts, which is the same currently required by Plymouth-Canton



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

State School Superintendent Mike Flanagan warned the state's education system is currently facing a 'perfect storm'

Schools

The state wants students to complete four credits of math, including algebra, algebra II and geometry. P-CCS requires three credits of any math courses.

"Math is the one getting the biggest resistance," said Flanagan. "We have a state law next year that the new MEAP test at the high school will be the ACT — 18 of the 60 items on the ACT are algebra II."

The state and Plymouth-Canton science requirements are both three credits, but the state is demanding biology, physics or chemistry, and one additional course.

Teachers at the high school

park are concerned about the rigor of the requirements, and how it will affect students who want to take elective courses.

"It is considerably more rigorous for about a third of our students," said Ron Gooding, assistant principal for math, science and career tech education at the Park, who said he supports Flanagan's plan.

"Some kids who have trouble and need support, and need extra classes to get through difficult classes, that will take them out of some elective choices."

Flanagan suggested credits for foreign languages, math and science courses could be earned in middle school, leav-

ing students more time in high school for electives.

It sounds like you have a lot of room for electives," said assistant principal Sharon Streat, "but if you fail any classes, that's fewer opportunities to do what you want to choose and explore for yourself. Some of us believe that exploration is important."

Allen Elementary teacher Debbie Maloni likes the plan, but is concerned about how

much increased pressure will be put on elementary and middle school students, who could be encouraged to take tougher courses.

"I'm looking at my students who are working really hard to meet the requirements, now," said Maloni. "I do think we need tougher standards and need to change. What we're doing right now isn't working."

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School board hopefuls meet in candidates' forum

Candidates vying for two open seats on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education come face-to-face April 4, thanks to the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County.

The League sponsors a 7 p.m. candidates' forum that night in the E. J. McClendon Educational Center on Harvey in downtown Plymouth.

The forum is scheduled to last some 90 minutes, and will feature questions asked by members of the audience. The event will be videotaped and broadcast on both Comcast and WOW cable outlets several times prior to the May 2 election.

Candidates will be allowed a one-minute opening statement, one-minute responses to the questions and a two-minute summation.

Eight candidates are campaigning for the seats being vacated by current trustees Joann Lamar and Carol Saunders. Lamar is leaving to run for the 20th state House seat being vacated by the term-limited Rep. John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township). Saunders chose not to seek re-election.

The field includes 18-year-old Brandon Hynes of Canton, a 2005 graduate of Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Larry Martin, Mark Christenson, John Jackson and Dianne Gonzalez of Plymouth Township, and Steven Sneedman, Cheryl McKoy and John Nichols of Canton.

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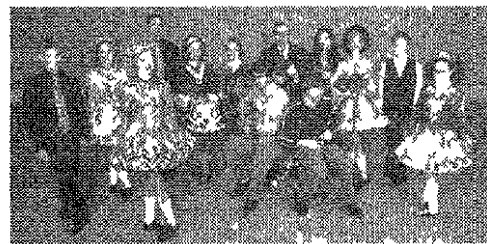
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Fund-raiser to help girl in battle with leukemia

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It only took a couple of hours for Amanda Withrow's world to be turned upside-down. That's how long it took one day last November for doctors and lab technicians to draw blood, test it and diagnose the 3-year-old with leukemia.

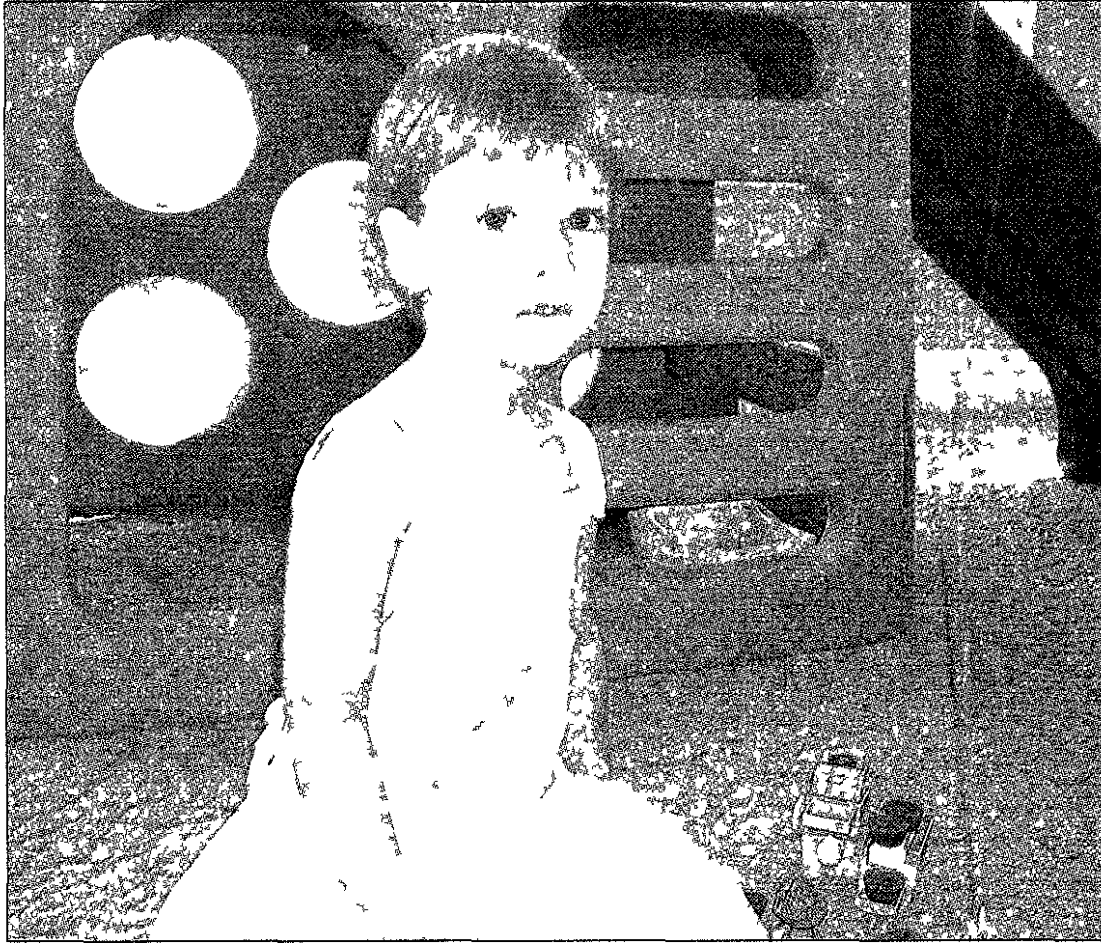
It started when Amanda's mother, Catherine Withrow, noticed two little bruises in the middle of Amanda's back. The next day there was a third. Then a fourth. Then a week later the little girl suddenly had a dark purple, plum-sized bruise on her abdomen.

That was the scariest thing ever, Withrow said. She took her daughter immediately to the University of Michigan health care center in Canton, and the physician there right away suspected leukemia. A couple of hours and a few blood tests later, the Withrows were on their way to the emergency room at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and Amanda was admitted for her first course of chemotherapy.

Amanda has acute myeloid leukemia, a very aggressive form of the disease which is only survived by about half of those who have it.

In order to fight the disease, Amanda will need a total of five courses of chemotherapy, one course is typically 10 days of drugs to kill the cancer, followed by a couple of weeks to enable her to start producing bone marrow again, then a week at home to rest and regroup before heading back to the hospital, where Amanda stays for up to 30 days at a time. Amanda has completed three courses thus far, and is for now in remission and hoping that by summer her treatments will be done.

Withrow said her family is blessed. Because she and her husband, Les, own a business



Canton resident Amanda Withrow, 3, was diagnosed with leukemia last November.

Nu-Wave Plumbing in Canton, they have the flexibility it takes so that one parent is always with Amanda, and another can be home with the couple's other four children. They're blessed to have good health coverage. And they're blessed because if the worst happens - if Amanda doesn't stay in remission and needs a bone marrow transplant - the Withrow's youngest child, 7-month-old Aidan, is a marrow match for his sister (brothers Eric, 9, and Ian, 4, and sister Alison, 7, were tested first, Withrow said).

Withrow said that because she feels so blessed, she's trying to help other families who are trying to survive leukemia.

Her involvement started simply by chance. It was just

weeks after Amanda was diagnosed that the Withrows received a letter from Canton resident Scott Spencer, who was trying to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He was preparing for his fourth triathlon, and because he'd always asked his friends and families to donate money, he thought this time he'd send a letter out to all the Canton Chamber of Commerce members. The Withrows received their letter, and not only sent him a donation, but also an emotional note explaining why Spencer's efforts to help the cause touched them so deeply.

The next thing you know, the Withrows had started raising money to donate to the society, and tonight will be holding a

fundraiser at an Ann Arbor restaurant and sports bar.

Withrow's sister, Lori Withrow, is a weekly singer and guitarist at Enzo's in Ann Arbor, and asked if she could use her regular Thursday night performance to hold a fundraiser. The restaurant owners gave her enthusiastic permission, and patrons will be able to make donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society tonight from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Enzo's is located at 3965 S State Street at the corner of State and Ellsworth. To donate online, visit Spencer's Web page www.active.com/donate/tntm/tntm1SSpencer1, or TriforAmanda.blogspot.com.

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Canton Home Expo deemed a winner

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Cheryl Kitze of Canton and her husband, Kevin, visited the Canton Home Improvement Expo Saturday. They paused to visit with neighbor Karen Kruszka, who was staffing the Canton Newcomers table.

"Very nice," Kevin Kitze said of the fifth annual event in this format at the Summit on the Park. "I think people like to do business with their local vendors."

His wife agreed. "Just wanted to see all the different booths and displays," she said.

The couple was among many people who visited the March 4-5 event presented by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division along with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

Building Official John Weyer said the event gives information on permit requirements and construction work, "just a good way to share questions and information. It's great for the residents and the general public."

The event featured Murray Gula of WJR radio both days. "It's really nice that he helps us out with the show also," Weyer said. "It's just a real well-received and positive event for the community. It's just a good way to get ideas."

There was also a Parade of

Homes of some 30 Canton homes. Those attending were given a map to the sites. It's just a win-win for the development community, Weyer said, adding that builders have found their sales improve as a result of the Parade of Homes.

Jim Perkins of Plymouth Township visited Saturday with wife Susan, stopping at the Plymouth Nursery booth in the Summit. "We're out looking for landscaping and kitchen cabinets and ideas," he said. "We like working with local merchants."

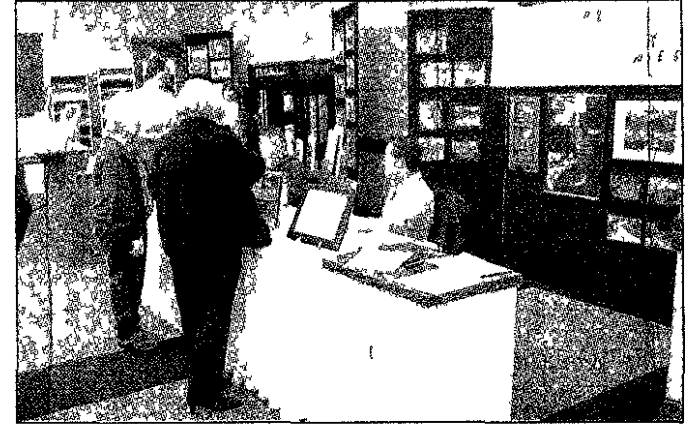
Perkins was eager to get outdoors as winter ends.

"I've had spring fever a couple of months ago," he said with a smile. "Next stop is the golf show, wherever that is."

Keith Swayze, nursery/greenhouse manager for Plymouth Nursery, was glad to help the Perkins. "This is our third year" at the expo, Swayze said. "It's a great kickoff to spring for us. We do get some business from this. It's been a good show for us."

The Newcomers' Kruszka was pleased with turnout and interest, noting they have a 7 p.m. April 5 speaker at the Sunflower Clubhouse who's an interior designer featured at the expo.

"You don't have to be new to be a Newcomer," she added. "Anybody is welcome. There's really been quite a crowd coming through. Spring, everybody's itching to get their projects going."



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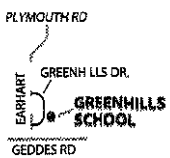
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Bennigan's to host St. Patty's Day benefit

Bennigan's Grill and Tavern of Plymouth hosts a St. Patrick's Day fund-raiser Feb. 17 to benefit two programs that provide children of Northern Ireland an opportunity to grow in tolerance and mutual respect by experiencing the American way of life.

The event is being organized with the help of the Ladies Order Ancient of Hibernians, a local charitable Irish-American group dedicated to helping Irish causes. The Ulster Project and Project Children are programs dedicated to promoting peace and unity in Northern Ireland by allowing Catholic and Protestant children to get to know one another, accept their differences, and stress cooperation rather than confrontation.

Each program brings Irish teens and children to the United States for a four-week period during the summer. While here, they stay with host families and experience the culture and lifestyle of average Americans.

From this they see how Americans have learned to live and work together regardless of origin, religion, or creed. The hope is that these children will return to Northern Ireland and share their observations with friends and family to promote tolerance and acceptance of others.

These are two great programs that really can make a difference in the lives of these children," said Tim Patino, general manager of the Plymouth Bennigan's. "I thought it would be a worthy cause to support on St. Patrick's Day and help people understand the true spirit of the day. In America, it has become a day to drink green beer and wear silly hats. But it's much more than that to those with Irish heritage."

The two programs differ in several ways, Patino said. Project Ulster brings Irish teenagers ages 14-16 to America and stay with a host family. While here they work on community service projects such as Habitat For Humanity and local soup kitchens. During the project, they are mixed into small groups of half Catholic and half Protestant teens.

Due to social and religious barriers in Ireland, many of these teens have not encountered others from different backgrounds. During their time together, they develop mutual trust and understanding of each other and friendships evolve. After the teens return home, reunions and meetings are planned which allow these friendships to continue to develop and bring together their friends and families to spread cooperation and understanding.

Project Children brings youths from ages 10 to 14 over to stay with a volunteer host family. During their stay, these children live with the families and experience all that America has to offer. Much more than a vacation, their visit opens their eyes to the diversity and mutual respect that Americans take for granted, according to organizers of the program.

"These children live with hate and fear everyday of their lives," said Kattie Higgins, host family volunteer and member of the Ladies Order of Ancient Hibernians. "When they come here to stay they are able to see that there is a different, more peaceful way to live. This is only a small way to impact the troubles in Northern Ireland through the kids. If they can only realize that we are all the same no matter what we believe in, maybe we can change the attitudes of next generation. It may be the best way to give them a chance at some peace and harmony in their lives."

The fund-raiser consists of the 'Green Eggs and Ham Brunch' buffet 8-11 a.m. Friday, March 17. The cost of the brunch is \$7.99 per person, with proceeds going to help fund both organizations.

For more information on the Ulster Project visit www.ulster-project.org. To learn more about Project Children, go to www.projectchildren.com.

TECHNOLOGY

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keep an eye on them.

When construction on the new township hall began, township officials also set up the security system at the site. While no one watches the cameras on a 24-hour basis, the system has the ability to alert officers if there is activity on the site.

If something does occur, the security system also gives police the chance to review

video and collect evidence.

"You don't depend on it solely, but it's another tool for us," Tiderington said. "It allows us to catch people in the act, and it also allows us to collect evidence at the site."

Once the department is into its new facility, Tiderington thinks the security system could be expanded to help the department protect local businesses who already have security systems of their own.

Car dealerships having trouble with thieves, for instance, or other construction sites experiencing problems could

'You don't depend on it solely, but it's another tool for us.'

Tom Tiderington
Plymouth Township police chief

provide the police with their individual Internet Protocol (IP) address, which would give dispatchers access to that company's security system.

Gus Semaan, owner of ASC Security Systems, said there's a lot to like about the system.

It supplements the resources the police department has available," Semaan said. "We've always got 24/7 real-time recording of events, while we can virtually alert police to activity on those sites. It's proactive and reactive."

While Tiderington knows the system will never be a full-time security blanket for local businesses — "We're not going to be a 24-hour-a-day security option for business," he said — he does think the idea would help law enforcement do its job. And, while some naysayers may suggest this is a big

brother thing, Tiderington insists it would never be used except with permission from businesses or in open areas such as parking lots and parks.

"These cameras won't be placed to watch anyone," the chief said. "Technology is so relevant at this point, if it's just a matter of typing in an IP address, it just makes sense for us to do it. It gets additional security into facilities and parks, and makes the community safer through technology."

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Suspect swipes electronics from CVS

Plymouth Township police are looking for a well-dressed suspect who walked into the CVS on Ann Arbor Road March 1 and allegedly walked out with electronics materials.

The theft took place around 10:35 a.m., when the suspect, described as a white male in his early 40s, around 6-feet tall and weighing approximately 180 pounds, entered the store at 40900 Ann Arbor Road.

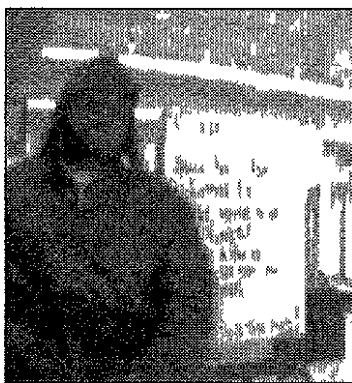
According to township police the man, whom witnesses described as nicely dressed in a black suit, black shoes and gold necktie, removed some \$1,000 worth of electronics. According to reports, the suspect left the store, making no effort to pay for the merchandise, and set off the theft alarms.

Police said the suspect then got into a light-colored SUV, perhaps a Ford Explorer or Expedition, and fled the scene.

Anyone with information can contact Plymouth Township Police Detective Marc Hoffman, (734) 354-3240.



Plymouth Township Police are looking for this man, caught on CVS security cameras in connection with the alleged theft of some \$1,000 worth of electronics.



Plymouth Township Police are looking for this man in connection with Tuesday's robbery at the Charter One bank branch inside the Kroger on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon.

Charter One hit - again

For the third time in a few months, the Charter One bank branch in the Kroger store on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township was robbed Tuesday.

Around 4:05 p.m., a black male, whom witnesses described as 6-foot-1 and some 250 pounds, approached the teller and presented a note and said, "Give me the large bills,"

according to Plymouth Township police. The suspect, wearing a black jacket, black pants, white shoes and prescription-style glasses, walked out of the bank without further incident. He was also wearing a black hat with a possible wig underneath the hat, police said.

Anyone with any information about the incident can call Plymouth Township Police

Detective David Hayes, (734) 354-3244, or Crime Stoppers at (800) Speak Up (773-2587).

Gas station robbed

Plymouth police are investigating the third armed robbery in just over a month.

Sgt. Al Cox said a tall, thin white male wearing a blue ski hat, sunglasses and a blue ski jacket robbed the Mobil gas station at the corner of Mill Street and Plymouth Road about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday. "The suspect pointed a black, semi-automatic handgun at the clerk and took \$400 from the cash register, and several cartons of cigarettes," said Cox. "We tracked him with a K-9 unit to Holbrook and Pearl, where we lost the scent, probably where he got into a car."

Cox said the description is very similar to a gunman who robbed the Hungry Howie's pizza restaurant on Main Street on Feb. 4 and Feb. 26.

"It's frustrating because we try to be proactive," said Cox. "We're taking this personally."

RECREATION

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Cultural Center was in it. In 2002, we were able to capture \$650,000 from the state.

Anderson said the existing master plan guided his department in making improvements to the recreation program.

"Everything from expanded programming, improved facilities at Massey Field, improved soccer fields, neighborhood park improvements, he said.

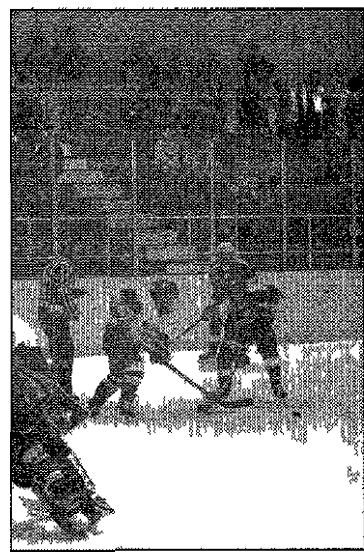
Lipp said he plans on attending the session, and would like to see the city invest in a new pool.

"An outdoor pool would get a lot of use in the summer, Lipp said. 'I think they should consider it.'

Anderson said Lipp isn't alone in his desire for a pool.

"The most recurring theme that pops up in surveys and talking with people that come through our office is a community pool," Anderson said. "It was also rated very high in the last master plan."

Tuesday's master plan study



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth Cultural Center hosted a statewide hockey tournament last weekend. Here the Keewenaw Bay Cougars battle the Mount Clemens Falcons. The city of Plymouth is getting ready to do a recreation master plan for the next five years.

session is not limited to city residents. Anderson suggested calling his office at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302, to help determine how much seating is necessary.

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Whether your budget is large or small, this store is a must see. Why shouldn't you be in on what professional Interior Decorators know? Recherché is the place you start! Whether you're looking for a new dining set, a mantel clock, or an original oil on canvas, Recherché will likely have something for you to consider. Lamps, candles, unique art glass, and clocks galore are just a sample of the items that you will find. And if they don't have it, they can likely order it.

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Music boosters get 'craft'y

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters learned a few things from last year, when they hosted their first Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble

That's why the boosters are confident this year's event, set for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 11, will be an even bigger success

Everything was new last year, so in a way it was easier this year, co-chair Cathy Beattie said. "But we also added more things this year, so it was still a challenge."

Organizers have added a couple of things, changed a couple of things and enhanced some existing elements for the second-annual show at Canton High School. For instance, they introduced music into the first show, it worked out well, so there will be even more this year, provided by students from the school's music programs and other local musicians.

The music will be used as background, to enhance the event, not to overwhelm it, Beattie said.

Last year's show included an auction, for which organizers went around town soliciting donations for auction items.

This year, items from some 100 exhibitors actually taking part in the ensemble will be auctioned off in a "tin can" auction.

Since the "Tin Can" auction will represent items from exhibitors, not only can they buy tickets to win the items, but those items also represent what's at the show," Beattie said.

It's also good advertising for the exhibitors. We advertise their products and where they're located within the show.

Cookbooks will be on sale, breakfast and lunch items will be available, and the event also includes a bake sale, a food court and (for the first time) a coat check.

Lessons learned last year should help draw even more than the 1,500 people who attended last year's show, Beattie said. They sent postcards to their exhibitors, who could then forward the cards



Student musicians will provide music, as Andrea Carson did last year, for the Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble March 11 at Canton High School.

CRAFTY EXHIBIT

■ What: Plymouth Canton Music Boosters Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble

■ When: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 11

■ Where: Canton High School

■ How much: Admission is \$2

■ Why: Proceeds benefit the Plymouth Canton music program

■ Features: Some 100 exhibitors in a juried show featuring local art and handmade crafts. Music throughout the day, bake sale, food court.

on to potential customers, inviting them to the ensemble. Exhibitors also told them they'd prefer a shorter show, which is why this year's event has been shortened by two hours.

According to Beattie, everything at the show is handmade, original, unique items, including everything from photography to florists, from pet to children's items. The

items range from soap and stained glass to ceramics and "lots of jewelry."

"We're appealing to a wide range of people," Beattie said. "We're covering a very wide range of items that should appeal to a large group of people."

Organizers are hoping to draw at least as many people as they did last year. The ensemble has quickly become one of the boosters' biggest fund-raisers (the other one is the Great Lakes Invitational band competition). Beattie said the fund-raisers are important because not all of the costs are covered by the school district's budget.

"It doesn't cover what we need to go on our trips, taking kids to competitions and nationals, and buying instruments," Beattie said. "We do a lot of things with the money, so it's very critical. Without it, the kids wouldn't be able to do the things they're able to do."

The other thing organizers like about the ensemble is it allows artists to support the arts.

Everyone in the show are artists and craftsmen," Beattie said. "They're supporting the band, which is also the arts. It works very well."

Admission to the show is \$2.

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This year's Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble is expected to draw some 100 exhibitors, such as Canton's Christine Popoff.



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OUR VIEWS

Model reading for learning, enjoyment

Why can't Johnny read? That question has been debated for decades in schools, legislatures and courtrooms

No one seems to have come up with the answer, despite a lot of speculation and finger pointing in all directions

As recently as 2004, only 30 percent of eighth-graders read at or above grade level, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress

Now there's a newer question: Why doesn't Johnny want to read?

Even students who can read — and that's probably most young people in our circulation area — don't seem to want to read. How many teenagers would rather shop at the mall, play computer games or chat with their friends online than read a novel for pleasure?

We know of college students who purchase textbooks but rarely open them. Reading the assigned texts is seen as a last resort to passing a class.

Reading a newspaper is even more out of the question. An Oakland University journalism instructor polls her introductory news writing students on the first day of every class. Almost without exception, they get their news in sound bytes from the radio or TV. We wonder how they can make informed decisions in the voting booth.

Schools and libraries will host special activities and events this month to celebrate March Is Reading Month — and for good reason.

Reading is tied to success in school and later life. Students who struggle with reading — or who simply don't read — have more difficulty in school because all subjects require some reading. Those who barely pass or drop out of high school and don't further their education suffer economically. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, college graduates earn almost double what high school graduates earn over the course of their lifetimes — \$2.1 million compared with \$1.2 million.

The reason Johnny doesn't want to read may be as difficult to answer as why some kids can't read. More than likely, it's not one but many factors, including the number of modern-day distractions competing for their attention.

But parents can make a difference. They can set a good example by reading themselves — to be informed and to be entertained.

Children have a way of modeling their parents' behavior when they grow up. Let's hope when they do, they discover that reading is one of the joys of life.

Tougher standards make perfect sense

It is hard to argue against strengthening high school graduation requirements. Southeast Michigan — and, indeed, the world — is becoming an increasingly competitive environment where post-secondary education is no longer seen as an option, but rather a requirement for success.

As Michigan's manufacturing base continues to erode, the dream of transitioning from high school into a good-paying factory job is fast becoming a pipe dream.

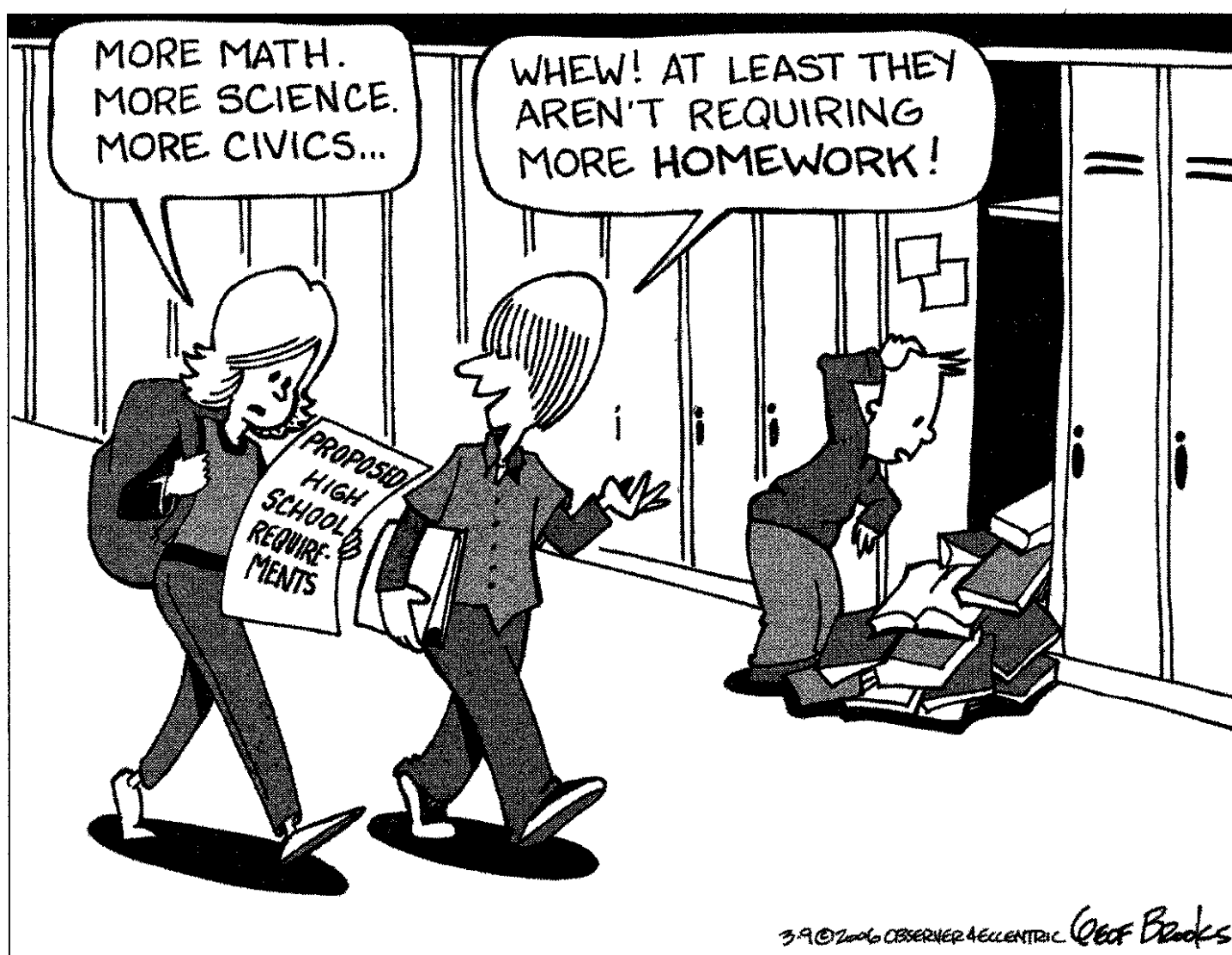
Many of the emerging sector careers in information services, computer technology and the medical field will demand an education grounded in math, science and — thanks to an ever-shrinking planet thanks to technology — foreign language.

A pair of bills currently working their way through the state Legislature would set uniform, minimum graduation requirements for all Michigan high school students. If approved, students would have to have four credits in math and English, three in science and social studies and one each in arts and physical education.

Still being debated is a requirement for two credits of foreign language. Regardless of what is eventually adopted, foreign language is an entrance requirement of many universities and is a must for any college-bound student's transcript.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is hoping the new measures are approved in time to implement them next fall. That may be an overly aggressive plan, but the new mandates will help assure that all students in Michigan have equal access to a quality education, and help boost the governor's vision of doubling the number of students receiving some sort of post-secondary education.

The majority of school districts in Oakland and western Wayne counties already have their own strict graduation requirements that either meet or come close to meeting the new state mandates. It makes perfect sense to spread that good fortune to students throughout the state.



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LETTERS

Property value concerns

It has been brought to my attention that in a previous letter to the editor of the *Plymouth Observer* ("Good ol' boys," *Plymouth Observer*, Feb. 9) regarding ordinance violations and property values, I mistakenly used the words "industrial dumping" to describe the dumping of trash, debris and building materials from outside sources.

I had no intention of alleging the meaning of the legal term and its connotation to Mr. Herriman's activities, and there was never intent to do harm to Herriman & Associates. For any misrepresentation that may have occurred, I publicly apologize to Mr. Herriman, president of Herriman & Associates.

However, except for mistakenly using the term "industrial dumping," the facts outlined in my letter of Feb. 9 are accurate. These facts cite the efforts of residents to have existing Plymouth Township zoning ordinances enforced. The purpose of the ordinances, in part, is to help prevent the impairment or depreciation of land values and development, and to afford protection to related or adjoining residential properties.

The protection of residential properties becomes even more important when a business is located in a residential area.

Sonia Mayer
Plymouth Township

Who's bullying?

I read today's story ("Activist targets Slavens with info request," *Observer*, March 2) and have a few comments.

Just how am I "bullying" Mark Slavens? I've never met the man. I requested public documents. Michigan law stipulates taxpayers have a right to see these documents. As a reporter, you request public documents every day. Are you "bullying" people by requesting public information? Of course not. It's a lame attempt by Slavens to portray himself as a victim and divert attention away from the content of the documents. The *Observer* shouldn't have let Slavens — a public official who is paid with public money — get away with it.

The fact that Slavens (or someone on his behalf) has — with great indignation — made a routine FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request public, is a huge red flag. The *Observer* and taxpayers should be concerned about it.

Had my request been quietly fulfilled and everything was on "the up and up" the big bad Republican activist (me, I guess) would have wasted his time. The overreaction to a routine FOIA request sure makes Slavens look like he's guilty of using public tax dollars for private gain.

I have not yet been contacted by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on the \$11,000 figure. (They obviously prefer to work through the media.) If, in fact, that is what they're claiming my FOIA request costs, Slavens (or someone on his behalf) is clearly trying to stonewall the issue and keep his docu-

ments out of the hands of taxpayers. \$11,000 is simply a silly amount of money to pay someone (why not an intern?) to assemble the requested information.

If the PCCS really pays people that kind of money for what is essentially a photocopying job, is it any wonder why classrooms lack basic supplies?

Mike Murray
Murray Communications
Okemos Mich.

Maybury thanks

The Voices for Maybury Farm would like to thank everyone who supported our recent fund-raiser for the farm. It was a great success.

Thanks to everyone who donated photos and purchased old farm keepsakes. Now we would like to use the money for a tangible item(s) that you, our supporters, would like to see donated to the farm. A few of our ideas include fire protection, water protection/sprinkler system, entrance gate with raised garden, benches/bike rack/water fountain, pay a vet service/vaccines, spaying or gift certificate for feed store.

If you have other ideas, or like one of ours, please contact us through www.voicesformayburyfarm.com, e-mail our president at sharpemom.com with "fund-raiser suggestion" in the subject line or just drop us a note to Voices for Maybury Farm, 143 Cady Centre, #109, Northville, MI 48167.

Our next meeting is 3:30-5 p.m. March 18 at the Northville Public Library. Everyone is welcome.

Joyce Stowell
Northville

Serious problem

Iran could be a more serious problem in the near future. Bush must stand fast and act to protect Israel, the United States and the rest of the world.

The wet pants among us must join with the American citizens to support the administration in the ominous days ahead.

Is there a chance we can stand as one nation and this time face the most dire of threats?

We must prevail. It will take intelligence, strength, purpose and unity. A prayer by those whose beliefs do not include the killing of all who are not Christians and Jews is suggested.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

DDOT was winner

The Detroit Department of Transportation experienced its busiest period in memory in the four-day Super Bowl XL period Feb. 2-5.

During those four days, 816,221 people rode regular DDOT routes and special shuttles — the equivalent of moving almost the entire population of Detroit, all without incident.

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Our Park and Ride shuttles made 9,775 trips, carrying 391,462 passengers over the four-day period — an average of 40 riders per trip. DDOT employees went above and beyond the call of duty, averaging 14-hour shifts to keep our transit operation running full-time. In addition to the shuttle riders, we also carried almost twice the usual number of riders on our regular routes on Saturday, with ridership on those routes totaling more than 137,000 as compared to a normal Saturday of 71,000 riders.

The unprecedented influx of passengers into the downtown area did produce some bumps in the road. During peak hours there were lines for shuttles, just as there were lines during peak periods for the NFL Experience, Winter Blast activities and restaurants and bars.

The lines were longest between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m. Saturday night when the Winter Blast, the NFL Experience, concerts and other venues were closing. It is amazing to me that the lines for all these Super Bowl-related events can be hailed as a sign of how popular the event was, while lines for DDOT shuttles have been cited in such a negative manner.

I am appreciative of the riders who were patient as our drivers, transit ambassadors on the streets and our staff worked to accommodate everyone who wanted a ride home.

I am also grateful to our partners who assisted with transit operations including the Detroit People Mover, SMART, Transit Windsor, Fairlane Town Center, Detroit Zoo, Macomb Mall, Northland Mall, Detroit City Airport, Wayne State University and Eastern Market Association.

DDOT's team succeeded in meeting an unprecedented demand for service for this world-class event that made all of us proud to be Detroiters.

Norman White
director
Detroit Department of Transportation

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QUOTABLE

"Many people don't expect this to happen in Plymouth, but it can happen anywhere. We do have a safe community, a good police department with good response times, but they shouldn't lull themselves into becoming lazy. Retail establishments should take basic security measures, such as locking back doors, having well-lit parking lots and training employees how to react by just giving the robber what he wants."

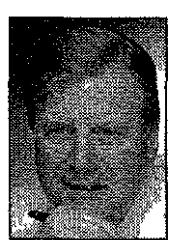
— Plymouth Detective Jamie Grabowski, on caution retailers should show amid the recent spate of thefts in Plymouth

Raising taxes isn't anathema, but pols need to show courage

Ah, conventional wisdom. The great thing about it is that it provides an easy guide on how to behave without really having to think very hard about what you're doing. Endlessly reminding your kids to "eat your vegetables" is one example. "Don't go out without putting on a coat, you'll catch cold," is another.

Those are harmless enough. But the risk of applying conventional wisdom to important public policy matters is our politicians' well-developed and cowardly tendency to allow conventional wisdom to harden into dangerous dogma.

Take taxes, for example. The conventional wisdom is that voters don't like increasing taxes.



Phil Power

True enough. But the dogma in Lansing is that any politician who advocates any increase in any tax, even for a compellingly good purpose, is dead meat.

The dogma stems from 1983, when Jim Blanchard had just taken over as governor. The state was in deep recession and the state's budget deficit was at an all-time high. Blanchard proposed a temporary increase in the state income tax.

Two Democratic state senators, Phil Mastin from Oakland County and David Serotkin from Macomb, provided the necessary votes to adopt the tax hike. Both were recalled, resulting in a Republican domination of the state Senate that has lasted to this day (The tax hike, incidentally, worked perfectly, wiped out the deficit and then was soon rolled back to the original levels).

But the legend of that recall explains in large part why our political masters in Lansing continually shy away from considering any increase in state revenues for any purpose, good or bad. "We couldn't possibly do that," legislators squeal. "We'd be killed in the next election." Sadly, that passes for leadership in Michigan today.

But are the voters really that mindless?

Two recent polls cast doubt on the total acceptance of the anti-tax dogma that has paralyzed so much of our political life.

A recent national *New York Times*/CBS poll asked whether people would favor increasing the gasoline tax, 85 percent said no, 12 percent said yes. Big surprise! But when the question was framed to indicate an increased gas tax was a way to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil, 55 percent agreed. And when asked whether they would support a tax gas that would help reduce global warming, 59 percent agreed.

Here's a case where a politician's terror at being smeared as a tax lover overcomes rational discourse. Our present national gas tax is 18.3 cents per gallon, unchanged since 1993. But gas prices do affect consumer behavior. The slide in demand for big SUVs that has helped tear up our automobile industry was provoked by \$3 gas.

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Only when the price of gasoline reaches the \$3.50- \$4 range will large numbers of Americans demand cars that run on ethanol or offer hybrid power trains. And when demand shifts like that, our auto industry will quickly offer all kinds of innovative ways to cut imports of foreign oil, reduce global warming and (aha!) sell more cars.

In Michigan, a recent survey by Public Sector Consultants makes the same point. Eighty-one percent of state residents would favor a tax increase to maintain or improve school programs, while 76 percent would favor a tax hike to fund early childhood education.

The conclusion? That the public "will support increased taxes" and that "Michigan residents believe that tax dollars spent on local schools represents a good buy and they reject the contention that lower taxes are more important than maintaining educational services and programs."

The key point coming out of both surveys is that people do not reject higher taxes out of hand. They are willing to consider raising taxes if the purposes for them are worthwhile. Amazing!

The politicians, for their part, are living in an ossified world of political dogma, scared of how their opponents might smear them if they ever displayed leadership and contemptuous of the intelligence of the public whose votes they covet.

With Michigan headed into an election this November, you can bet your bottom dollar the politicians of neither party are going to talk about what long-term benefits increasing taxes might bring.

Sadly, all that does is postpone until next year a real discussion of how we are going to avoid becoming a terminally damaged state depending on a floundering and declining rust-belt economy. With each passing month without action, it seems less and less likely that we'll find a plausible way of getting out of the jam we're in.

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

Anonymous letters to editor lack accountability and credibility

The unsigned letter to the editor made its way around the office, like many of them do. They are passed around, sometimes discussed, then filed away (in the circular file under the desk) because we can't use them, no matter how much we wish we could.

This particular letter was a gem. The letter writer had been poking around cantonvoice.com, a Web site launched by Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo in order to get more people involved in local government, he said. Caccamo described the site as a communication tool, and bristled when Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack called it "entertainment."



Carol Marshall

The writer was upset because Caccamo posted a "blonde joke." It was probably the cleanest blonde joke I've ever read, but she (I'm assuming for no good reason that the writer is a woman) took offense and signed the letter from, "Blondes for the Recall of Todd Caccamo." She questioned whether or not posting such an item is productive on a site that Caccamo claimed is a "communication tool."

Her letter is lighter than some. We received one recently from a reader who seemed to be trying to link a local gas station owner to terrorism. Others point out details in our stories which they think are inaccurate. Still others are simply ramblings from people who think, for example, that Free Masonry is a demonic cult (no kidding — we got a letter like that).

Some of the unsigned letters are merely water cooler conversation starters, but there are others we really wish we could print, or at least follow up with the letter writer. That's unfortunate because newsfolk love letters to the editor. They're signs that people are paying attention, and they serve as compliments because a letter to the editor was written by someone who took time out of his or her day to offer us feedback.

Whenever someone speaks up from behind the curtain, or when they're in the shadows and can't be identified, their comments just can't carry the same weight as those which

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are signed by their creator. Not that I'm an expert on anything (really, I'm not), but my byline gives me creds. It says that I'm willing to stand by what I'm writing, and that means that I've asked credible sources for information and have to the best of my ability conveyed truthful and accurate information. Usually, I get it right. Sometimes I get it wrong, depending on the source. But I own it.

Message boards filled with posts by unknown authors don't meet the same standard. The contributors criticize officials, blast the media and even disparage other users on the board, all from the safe anonymous place which allows them to say whatever they want without necessarily exercising responsible or thoughtful behavior. Few stand up to show their faces, and even fewer raise a hand to become part of the solutions to the problems they're discussing.

So to answer "Blonde's" question — don't take it too seriously. It's entertainment. But feel free to come out of the shadows and give me a call anytime to discuss it, on or off the record. You'll find my number right at the bottom of my stories.

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Newspaper-in-Education Activity Column

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Madonna nursing students win 7 state awards

Madonna University undergraduate nursing students outshined other participants at the Michigan Nursing Students Association 2006 Convention held in mid-February as they received seven out of eight awards. With 52 participating chapters, Madonna University beat out stiff competition at the event which was held at the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids.

These students were devoted in providing service to those in need and set about it in a variety of ways," said Fran Jurcak, the nursing students' adviser and the Faculty Award recipient. "Areas of service included food banks, fund-raising efforts for hurricane victims and community service organizations. We even had several students who volunteered to rebuild homes in Florida during winter break. Their awards were well-deserved."

The Madonna University Nursing Students Association (MUNSA) Board of Directors for the Winter 2006 Term are Josette Sanow, president, Heather Teschendorf, first vice-president, Kyle Farr, second-vice president, Kristina Cunningham, secretary, Maryann Abughannam, treasurer, Christina Hood and Sara Schmid, community co-chairs, Morgan Wall, legislative chair, Stephanie Gage and Pam Zywiol, image and breakthrough, Molly Teschendorf and Ashley Honkanen, fund-raising, Kristy Bock, membership, and Morgan Wall, liaison to MNSA. Jurcak, a nursing professor, served as the faculty advisor. All board members are elected and volunteer their time.

I really enjoyed sponsoring and assisting with the Christmas for Kids each year," said Josette Sanow, the MUNSA president. Sanow, a Canton resident, was responsible for leading monthly meetings, updating members and assisting with planning events and projects.

Following is the list of awards received: the Community Health Award, the Hurricane



Madonna University undergraduate nursing students took home seven awards from the Michigan Nursing Students Association 2006 Convention. Pictured, (back row, left to right) are Kristy Bock, Stephanie Gage, Maryann Abughannam, Josette Sanow, Kristina Cunningham, and Sara Schmid. Front row are Ashley Honkanen, Christine Hood, Fran Jurcak, Heather Teschendorf, Lindsey Cecil, Morgan Wall. Not pictured are Kyle Farr and Kim Holda.

Relief Award, the Poster Award, the Chapter Achievement Award, the Chapter President Award and the Faculty Adviser Award. Ashley Honkanen also won a \$500 scholarship for most individual points in the 'Be Healthy, Live Fit' campaign.

Jurcak says that being recognized for the president's award, the chapter award and the faculty adviser's award was most significant to the University due to the time and effort that went into the community service projects. Several projects included fund raising, which were redirected funds back into local communities. I think volunteering in a community

makes a difference," commented Christine Hood, co-chair. "My greatest success is being able to interact with people in the community and experience the joy in having done something for them."

Hood has worked in her own community delivering meals in the Detroit area as part of Focus HOPE. A Farmington resident, Hood also organized a Habitat for Humanity group that went down to Martin County, Fla., to rebuild an area devastated by the hurricane.

For more information on the Madonna University's College of Nursing and Health, call (734) 432-5717.

Commissioner challenges county's role in SBT effort

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

While Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson is going ahead with a petition drive to repeal the state's Single Business Tax, a political opponent has accused him of improperly using county resources to advance the effort.

County Commissioner David Woodward (D-18) has filed a complaint with the Michigan Department of State alleging that county assets, including the executive's staff's time, have been used to promote the ballot drive in violation of state campaign finance laws.

At a press conference Tuesday morning, Patterson said the accusation that his campaign to repeal the SBT misused county resources was frivolous and without merit — the kind of partisan politics to be expected in connection with a politically charged effort like his ballot drive.

"There is no factual basis for Woodward's complaint," he said. "It shouldn't surprise people that a tax-and-spend liberal like Woodward would file a specious complaint. He is a paid mouth-

piece for the Democratic Party."

Woodward is the chair of the Oakland Democratic Party. Patterson called him "a coward" for leveling the charges while Woodward was out of town.

To illustrate his point, he presented Deputy County Executives Gerald Poisson and Phil Bertolini to refute the claim that county resources were used in the ballot drive.

Poisson said section 57 of the Michigan Campaign Finance Act has provisions allowing for the free expression of elected officials and the dissemination of factual information and operations performed on an elected or appointed official's personal time.

Bertolini pointed out the creation of the Web site and his paying to set up the site prove the county's involvement in the repeal of the SBT drive was nonexistent.

"All of the work was done on my own time. I did that because I believe in the project itself," he said. "We took great lengths to ensure all resources that were used were private."

In general, Patterson said the drive to repeal the SBT would go on as planned.

Bear Hug charity holds fund-raiser

The Bear Hug Foundation's signature fund-raising event, The Hibernation Celebration, will take place on Saturday, March 25, at the Masonic Temple's Crystal Ballroom in Detroit. The event includes dinner, dancing, casino games and a silent auction. Tickets are \$125 per person and proceeds benefit the Bear Hug Foundation.

The Bear Hug Foundation, a non-profit children's charity, provides at-risk, underprivileged and special needs children the opportunity to engage in outdoor-based experiential learning and adventure-focused activities. More than 1,500 children between the ages of 6 and 16 from primarily low income areas of metropolitan Detroit have participated in Bear Hug Foundation's three day, two-night residential summer camp program in Northern Michigan since the formation of Bear Hug Foundation in 2000.

Each group's experience is custom designed to deliver basic components of life-skills training, feature positive peer interaction and to encourage individual self-growth, communication, cooperation and trust.

The Hibernation Celebration's Silent Auction will offer an opportunity to bid on prizes, including admission for two to the Saab Aero Performance Driving Academy at Road Atlanta, Red Wings Hockey Tickets, Private Pilates Sessions, Spa Treatments, and much more.

To learn more about the Bear Hug Foundation, please visit www.thebearhugfoundation.org.

To purchase tickets to the Fourth Annual Hibernation Celebration, contact Jennifer Kellman Fritz at (248) 594-7000.

Schoolcraft hosts an evening with NASA

Get an insider's look into how the national space agency uses today's computer and photographic technologies to increase the safety of space travel on Tuesday, March 14, at Schoolcraft College.

Brad Lawrence, computer science lead for the United Space Alliance, NASA Kennedy Space Center, will speak about how NASA integrates high definition film and cutting-edge film analysis to study shuttle launches and spot problems. These technologies were keys to localizing the cause of the 2003 crash of the space shuttle Columbia.

The presentation begins at 7 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus, and is free and open to the public.

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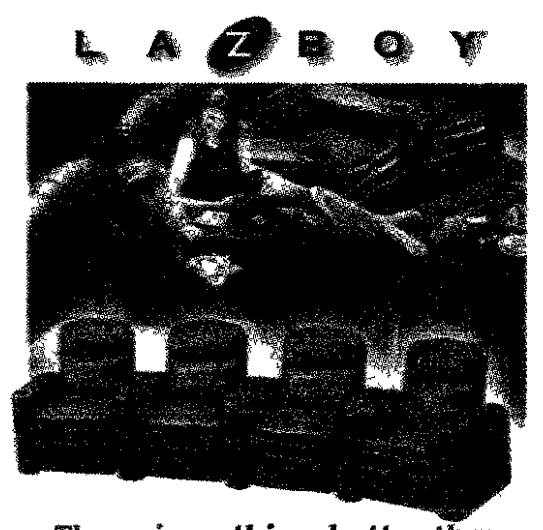
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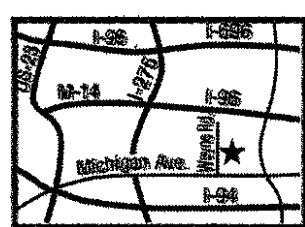
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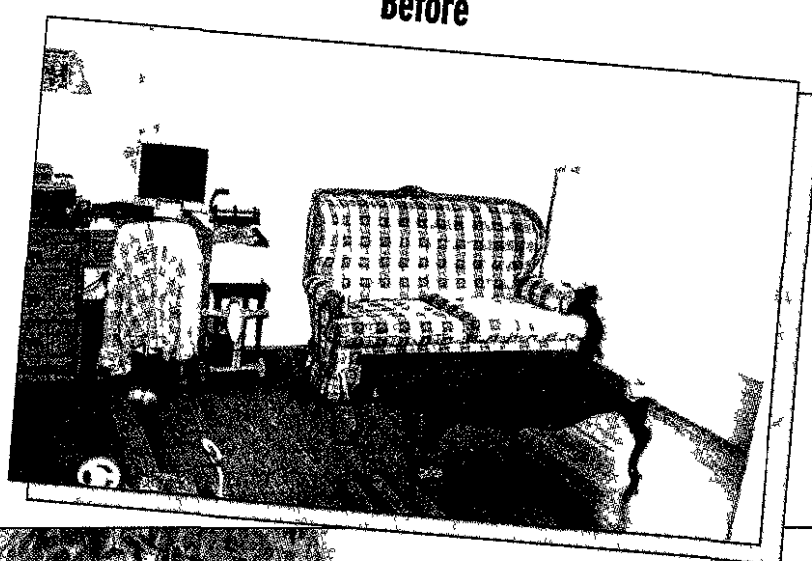
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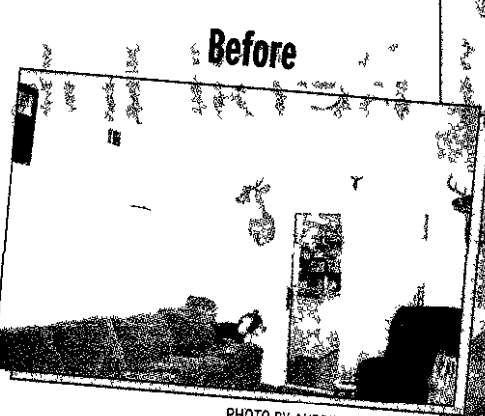
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After

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The front room of Jay and Julie Sheppard of Livonia has a much more cozy look and feel after the suggestions from designer Richard Yanity were implemented. The above photo shows how the room looked before Yanity's "redesign."



Before

Before the redesign, the family room walls were almost entirely bare.



After

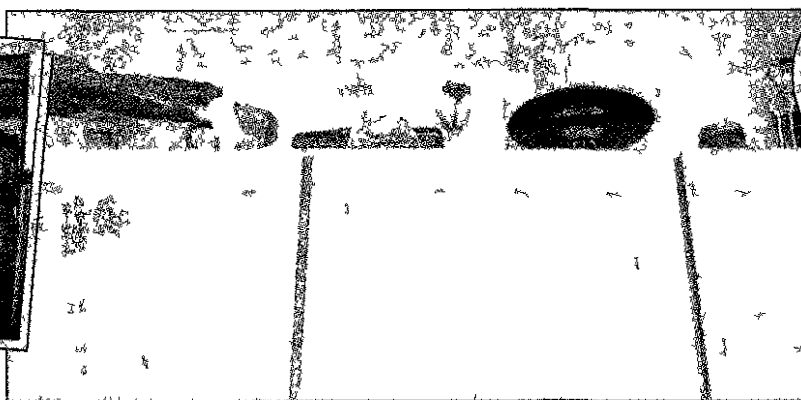
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Homeowner Julie Sheppard talks about the process of having designer Richard Yanity come and help rearrange what the family already had into a more appealing display.



Before

Before the redesign, pots and pans were stored on top of cabinets and could be seen from other rooms. Now a platter standing on the counter against the wall adds color to space that's open in this photo.



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Such ideas as displaying items on top of cabinets that are typically kept in cupboards, and using an inverted bowl as a "cake" on a stand, help the appearance in the kitchen area.

Room 'fluffer' arranges different kind of home improvement

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Clark Kent and Richard Yanity are both quick-change artists of sorts. Kent, of course, turns into Superman. Yanity may not be faster than a speeding bullet, or more powerful than a locomotive. But the Livonia resident rapidly turns entire rooms into super settings.

Yanity's business, Richard's Decor, offers "home staging on a budget." Yanity calls himself a home "fluffer" who can give a home a fresh look by working with what is already available.

"People don't realize what they have in their closets," he said. "Don't think you won't use it. Don't be afraid to experiment."

The new look can help make the home more appealing to buyers while fitting the lifestyle of the residents.

If the residents aren't selling the home, the "redesign" can give them more pleasure and comfort.

FRESH LOOK WANTED

Julie Sheppard called Yanity last month.

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See related article, Page B3, for other suggestions.

New online services demonstrate advantages of renting music



Tech Savvy

Rick Broda

For anyone with even a passing interest in music, it's hard to ignore the siren songs of online subscription services.

I've written about them before, but two newcomers - AOL Music Now (musicnow.com) and Virgin Digital Red Pass (virgindigital.com) - merit another look.

For a low monthly fee, these services afford unlimited access to their million-plus song libraries. Actually, Music Now promises 15 million songs, while Red Pass boasts 2 million - the most of any online store.

As a subscriber, you can stream music to your PC (which is not unlike listening to the radio) or download songs to your hard drive.

Depending on your plan, you may also have the option of copying downloads to your

portable player, which is the feature that excites me most of all.

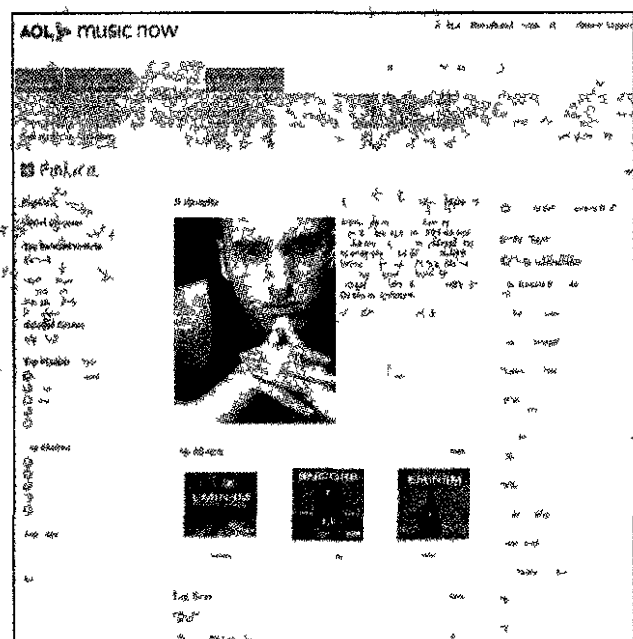
Put simply, for about the price of a CD per month, you can pack your MP3 player with all the music it can hold.

(Sorry, iPod users - you're still stuck with iTunes, which currently has no equivalent subscription option. But read on for a prediction about that.)

What you can't do is copy downloaded songs to blank CDs. For that, you have to buy the tracks outright, usually at the rate of 99 cents apiece.

As a subscriber, you're basically renting music. Cancel your subscription and eventual-

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To listen to any of the 15 million songs available on AOL's new Music Now service, all you need is a Web browser.

Accents

Webkinz

Meet the Webkinz, a cuddly collection of plush animals that combines the play value of a stuffed animal with the interactivity of the Internet.

One of the animals is shown here.

The plush toys are available at four of the



six English Gardens stores - the locations in Dearborn Heights, Royal Oak/Troy, Clinton Township and Eastpointe.

The 8-inch animal is \$9.99 and the "lil-kinz" 6-inch animal is \$7.99.

Each Webkinz animal comes with a secret code to unlock a Web site that transforms the toy into an online pet.

Children receive a biography that tells them all about their Webkinz and an adoption certificate.

Fun games and trivia quizzes enable pet owners to earn Kinzcash to build their own virtual house, complete with uniquely designed rooms.

The Web site, www.webkinz.com, is carefully designed to prevent youngsters from revealing personal information and doesn't permit tracking or third party usage.

Locations of the English Gardens stores that carry Webkinz are in Dearborn Heights, 22650 Ford at Outer Drive (phone (313) 278-4433).

In Royal Oak/Troy, 4901 Coolidge Highway (phone (248) 280-9500).

In Clinton Township, 44850 Garfield at Hall (phone (586) 286-6100); and

In Eastpointe, 22501 Kelly at Nine Mile Road (phone (586) 771-4200).

Wet emergencies

"It is that time of year when winter rains can be heavy and unpredictable, often causing leaky roofs and flash-flooding," says Morris and James Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features. "If you get caught off-guard and



how to handle a 'wet emergency'.

"First, use a wet-dry vac to pick up as much as possible. Be careful, as water and electricity don't mix."

"Then peel back the carpet, discard the pad, roll it up (to avoid tearing) and take it outside. Lay it out flat and dry the bottom side first. Then use a fan to dry the floor area."

"Often carpets can be cleaned and reused, but pads will need replacing."

wind up with wet floors and soggy carpets, here's

BROIDA

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ly your downloaded tracks will no longer play
To some, that's a weird prospect. But if you can live with one more monthly fee in your life, you're sure to love these services.

RED PASS

Red Pass hurts the least. Its \$7.99-per-month price tag, which includes support for portable players (many services, including Music Now, charge extra for that), is the industry's lowest.
Plus, Red Pass has some nifty features not found elsewhere.
Within the Virgin Digital Player (the software required to access the service), you can subscribe to a "fan ring" (i.e., a mailing list) for your favorite artists. You can turn an album into an instant playlist. And you can click Surprise Me to immediately start listening to a random artist.
In short, Red Pass offers lots of great tools for browsing and discovering music. I would say it's unsurpassed in that regard.
If you own a compatible portable player (one that meets the PlaysForSure spec - see playsforsure.com for details), you can tap into even more cool features.
For instance, with one click you can download an artist's entire library to your player, or even a whole genre of similar artists (though make sure you have plenty of space on your player, as this usually

turns out to be a lot of songs).
What I don't like about Red Pass is the Virgin Digital software. It's buggy and not always intuitive.
Thankfully, there's a prominent Ask the Expert button you can use to send questions to tech support. In my experience, they usually respond within an hour or two.

MUSIC NOW

Software isn't a problem with AOL's new Music Now service - there isn't any. You access it via your Web browser, which is a huge advantage for anyone who travels a lot or uses multiple PCs.
Basically, anywhere there's an Internet connection, you can listen to songs, playlists and Web radio stations.
Without having to install a single program, I've listened to Music Now at work, the airport, a Web cafe, and my folks' place in Florida.
The service does allow you to download tracks instead of just streaming them, but you just have to install a small utility. You can then organize and play the songs in Windows Media Player 10.
The latter is also used to copy tracks to a PlaysForSure-compatible portable player. However, that privilege costs extra - \$14.95 per month instead of \$9.95 for the basic service.
Although that's almost double what Virgin Digital charges, it's closer to the

going rate among competing services. Napster and Rhapsody, for instance, have the same pricing structure.

One complaint I have with both Music Now and Red Pass is the lack of podcast support, which I now consider essential. iTunes and Yahoo Music Engine offer that enviable capability.

SUMMARY

To summarize, Red Pass has awesome pricing, excellent selection and some slick discover new music features, but the software needs work.
Music Now costs more but lets you tap its music library - and your personal playlists - from just about anywhere, which is really cool.
I think you'll have a blast with both services, but you should definitely try before you buy - sorry, rent.
Virgin Digital lets you try Red Pass free for 14 days. AOL gives you a full month to put Music Now through its paces.
One final note for iPod users: My Spidey sense is telling me that Apple will finally add a music-subscription option to iTunes in the next month or two. Stay tuned!
Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld* 5th Edition and *101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

Let's talk about dryers, cleaning refrigerators

The other night after playing a hockey game in the over-90 league, I proceeded to meet the players in an Irish pub owned by a Polish chap who serves up a mean hamburger and ginger ale.
There sat several great hockey players of years past at the table, and each had a request or suggestion for the newspaper column. I said I would comply only if I could give



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

them credit for the subject matter.
Ralph Gagnon (not related), also an appliance repair technician, suggested that I inform consumers to start buying electric dryers instead of gas.
His contention was that a gas dryer costs more to buy than an electric one and that the utility rates are pretty well equal these days.
He also said that most dryer fires occur in gas dryers than electric models. He said that gas dryers can introduce carbon monoxide into a home if the gas burner isn't working properly.
His closing comments on this subject went something like this: "Why don't you tell your readers the way it is instead of trying to be the nice guy all the time?"
(Note: Some guys don't relax for several hours after playing a hockey game.)
I switched from right wing at the table to left wing Charles Hanshaw, who was just chomping at the bit to get his 2 cents in.
Chuck wanted me to tell you folks that you should clean out your refrigerator very thoroughly once in a while.
He cleaned his but a terrible smell remained inside. It got so bad that he had to call Ralph to come over and check it out.
Ralph pulled out a head of lettuce that was inside one of those zip-lock bags and had been tucked into the crisper drawer probably since last Thanksgiving Day. Once the lettuce was removed, the odor was gone.
Chuck washed the inside with pure tomato juice and

argued that the odor shouldn't be able to travel through a plastic bag.
Well, Chuck is wrong, and he will have to learn to bend down to check out the crisper drawer contents or buy one of those bottom-mount refrigerators.
(It's no wonder he is always kicking the puck instead of using his hockey stick. He can't bend over any more.)
Then there is the gentle, unassuming Mike Miller who is so good at cross checking anyone in front of the net. He thought I should write another column about the uses of vinegar.
Right away, Charles wanted to know if vinegar can remove the coffee stains on the plastic handle of his coffee maker.
Mike said he always uses vinegar for cleaning just about anything around the house.
Ralph said he drinks it to help him when he has an upset stomach. A couple of teaspoons of apple cider vinegar in a cold glass of water has helped him for years.
Of the three friends sitting with me, Mike was the most considerate in asking me what I wanted to write about in this column.
I said, "hockey." It's the only thing that's keeping me alive these days. I tried quitting for a year and darn near died.
I also said, "the front-load washing machines." The last few months I have made it known that I don't like them. I think it's a big con job all the way down the line.
Consumers are calling and writing me in increasing numbers before they go shopping for a new washer and when they do, they tell the salesperson my feelings. Now, even the salespeople are calling me.
I close this subject for now with these words: If your needs have to do with making your laundry room a thing of beauty, OK, your choice. If you want to watch how much you spend and buy a washer that washes clothes, OK, my choice. Stay tuned.
Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

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Basement ceiling project involves more than budget

Gloria of Livonia writes: "I am planning to refinish my basement this year and am wondering about the most cost-effective way to finish the ceiling. I want it to look nice, but don't want to spend a fortune. Any suggestions?"

There are many ways to finish a basement ceiling. It can be as simple as painting the exposed joists and duct work, drywalling the ceiling, or using acoustic ceiling tiles.

Before I go over each one of these, you need to decide the finished look you want to have and the need to access pipes and duct work, as well as your budget.

If you are unable to make up your mind on the design of the basement, this is a good time to call in a qualified interior designer or contractor to discuss this.

It is a good idea to have an interior designer draw up the plans for the basement, then work with the contractor to make sure the basement is finished as it was designed.

PAINTING

Obviously, painting the ceiling is the least expensive. In many finished lower levels, this is adequate and serviceable, and it also works great for basements with lower ceiling heights because no additional material is being added to an already low ceiling.

This painted look has a casual urban style and isn't recommended for high-end basements.

If you choose to go with painting the ceiling and all the exposed joists, plumbing and duct work, I recommend having it professionally done. It is messy and should be done before any other final finishes, such as wall paint or carpeting, have been installed.

DRYWALL

Many homeowners choose to use drywall to give the newly finished lower level a look that is just as nice as the rest of the home.

This ceiling treatment will provide some noise insulation and looks great with recessed lighting. The look is clean and uncomplicated.

Even for the do-it-yourselfer, drywall can be a daunting, messy and time-consuming task, and it is more expensive than just painting the ceiling.

Another downside to drywall on the basement ceiling is that it limits access to any duct work, wiring or plumbing. This could be a huge problem down the road. A small plumbing leak can lead to very costly repairs before

you are even aware there is a leak at all.

TILES

Another common ceiling treatment for the basement is suspended acoustic ceiling tiles. A large grid is installed along the entire ceiling area, and tiles are placed within the grid.

Tiles come in many sizes and styles. They provide good sound absorption and flexibility in design.

Ceiling tiles also provide access to any pipes, wiring or ducts. If a plumbing leak does occur, only one or two tiles need replacing and this is a very simple task.

The look and the price of acoustic tiles are quite varied. The standard styles don't usually have the upscale look of finished drywall, however, acoustic tiles have come a long way.

I encourage you to go on the Armstrong Web site to check out the new products in this category.

LIGHTING

When making your ceiling decision, keep in mind the type of lighting you would like in your basement.

If you decide on just painting the ceiling, then track lights, lights on a monorail system or other contemporary lighting will look good.

Hidden lights recessed around the joists can also provide adequate lighting with a very hip style.

If you choose a finished drywall for the ceiling, you can install just about any kind of light as you would elsewhere in your home, providing you have the ceiling height available.

When using ceiling tiles, you can still install recessed lights, as well as fluorescent light fixtures.

Fluorescent lights give off a great deal of light, but are usually not terribly attractive. These can be used in conjunction with recessed or decorative lighting elsewhere in the basement.

Don't fall into the trap of finishing your lower level with only the budget consideration in mind.

You can do a beautiful space using design principles and applying the same amount of effort as you would in remodeling your living room.

There is a tremendous amount of potential for the unfinished square footage in the basement.

Take your time, put together a complete outline of your plan, and make good decisions for how you intend to use your newly finished lower level. The rewards will be worth the effort. **TERRI GUASTELLA**, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com

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at her mother's suggestion.

The Sheppards - Julie, her husband Jay, and their four children (ranging in age from 1-1/2 to 13 years) - were going to sell their Livonia home and wanted it to have a fresh, new appearance.

In the front room, a love seat, a floor lamp, and a desk with an office chair were lined against one wall. A coffee table was by the love seat.

Against the opposite wall, a chest of drawers stood snugly between two shelving units. Another unit was against a third wall. Next to the front door was a cube-shaped storage ottoman.

"I wanted it to be more like a sitting room," Julie said.

In the kitchen, pots and pans were stored in view on top of the cabinets along one wall.

The adjacent dining room held a table surrounded by wooden chairs. (The Sheppards would switch the front room and the dining room around for holidays.)

A large sofa, a recliner and an entertainment center were in the family room, which is next to the dining room.

The walls were bare, except for Jay's fishing plaques and hunting trophies on one wall and for a clock placed on the opposite wall on a spot almost up to the ceiling.

Yanity began rearranging items and suggesting ideas immediately upon first entering the house, according to Sheppard.

His enthusiasm for his work was evident as he explained the redesign to visitors last week.

"In my head I have all these ideas," said Yanity, co-manager of the new House of Lights/Design Emporium scheduled to open in Livonia this month.

CHANGING

In the front room, Yanity put the love seat on an angle and stood a tall plant behind it in the corner.

Out went the coffee table (too big for the space, he said), storage ottoman, office chair and one shelving unit.

In came a trunk from a child's room to replace the table, and pieces from other rooms - a round area rug, a set of nesting tables, and a chair with a needlepoint design on the back and seat. A pillow of a color matching the green in the rug was put on the love seat.

The desk wasn't moved. One of the wooden chairs from the dining room replaced the office chair.

The chest of drawers was moved to the wall opposite the front door, where the shelving unit had stood. A Parsons chair was brought in and placed next to it, creating an appealing vignette.

"I never would have thought you could get two more chairs in here," Julie said.

The nesting tables were put under a window and topped with a small lamp.

This window setting, framed by the drapes, makes another charming vignette. So does the trunk, topped with a runner and basket of flowers

An antique family photograph on one wall, and two large wicker baskets on the floor, are other attractive additions to the room.

In the kitchen, Yanity switched the pots and pans to the top of the cabinets on the opposite wall, where they couldn't be seen from another room.

In their place, he arranged such attractive elements as a speckled pitcher, and a cake plate (with a bowl turned upside down on it to look like a cake).

Mugs that match the pitcher could have been displayed as well.

A colorful platter was brought down to the counter and placed against the wall.

The shelving unit from the front room was moved to the dining room, to show assorted collections and mementos as well as fill space on the wall.

"It draws the eye into the room," Yanity said.

The clock was moved from the family room to a lower position on a dining room wall.

Adding more color to the family room, a quilt was placed on the sofa and large pictures hung above it. Smaller pictures were hung at lower levels on other walls.

"I like things at different eye (levels)," Yanity said.

One of the children's chairs and a doll were put in a corner by the floor lamp from the front room. The ottoman from the front room was also brought here.

"I'm very pleased. I love it," Sheppard said of the redesign.

The Sheppards spent about \$20 for picture frames because of the redesign, Julie said.

"Other than that we didn't spend a cent."

"I got five storage boxes and only needed one box."

CONSULTATION

Yanity said he usually comes for a consultation and then returns to carry out the redesign.

The consultation includes learning what the residents want done, and what is put away in closets or elsewhere in storage that could be displayed.

Residents shouldn't clean things up before he arrives for the consultation, Yanity said, it gives him a better idea of their lifestyle.

Yanity charges \$50 for the consultation, and around \$40 an hour after that.

The latter price depends on a variety of things, such as the size of the home and how much preparation (unpacking things, for example) is required.

"It takes usually about four

MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT YOU HAVE

Richard Yanity offers the following 10 ideas for redesigning your home using what you already own.

■ **Eliminate paper clutter.** It's easy to say. That's something I need to work on - but for someone coming into your home as a guest or buyer, paper clutter is an eyesore.

Tip: Put it somewhere. Find a place in a drawer or cabinet where you can access the paperwork easily. Use file folders with labels to find the material easily.

■ **Look at your home realistically.** Are you captivated when you walk in the front door? Are there focal points that are hidden from view? Is your front room inviting?

Seek options, such as angling furniture instead of pushing a couch against a wall. Invent new ways to create triangulation for conversational units within the room.

■ **Go into your attic and storage areas.** Bring out crystal and pictures of family members. Don't be afraid of taking art from other rooms.

Introduce your grandma's Victorian chair in a room. If it doesn't work, put it somewhere else and even create a setting for it with other pieces from the same era.

■ **Work to accessorize.** Do things in odd numbers, not just in a pair.

Remember height and balance. There should be something tall and something short so it is visually pleasing.

■ **Hang pictures.** There is no rule of thumb, but generally speaking, hanging a painting low is better than, say, hanging it a foot from the ceiling. Create clusters for smaller art works.

■ **Think of the genre and era of the pieces.** You can also mix for an eclectic look.

■ **Try an area rug in front of your sofa** to balance the room and bring color into the room.

■ **Create settings.** Books can work well as accessories with picture frames to create library settings.

■ **Use plants and floral arrangements.** Plants, either live or silk, can provide life to the room.

Change floral arrangements for each season of the year. Pastels work well for spring, and vibrant orange and red colors create a feeling of autumn after Labor Day.

■ **Use fabrics for window decor.** Pick colors that match your furniture, or fabrics that bring color to the room.

Drape fabrics over valances. If you're buying special-order upholstery, ask to buy additional fabric from the manufacturer. You can even use the arm caps from chairs as a centerpiece in the drapery design.

hours," Yanity said. "I'm pretty fast."

The Sheppard house was completed in three to four hours, he said.

"It all pulled together quickly."

Yanity started redesigning early. When he was 8 or 9 he would rearrange the basements of his friends' houses when he went over to play, he said.

His background includes managing Newton Furniture stores in Bloomfield Hills and Livonia, designing the Master Lighting store in Canton, designing Christmas displays

at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia, and working as a Christmas designer at Marshall Field's (formerly Dayton-Hudson).

He was owner and home designer of the Imagination Shop at Wonderland in Livonia in the 1970s.

Yanity practices what he preaches. He turned a closet at his home into a wall unit.

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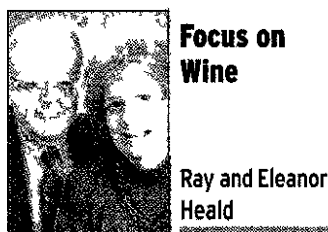


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Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Catch the magic of a mellow merlot

When merlot began its climb in wine popularity a decade ago, it was for its mel low, juicy, plump, lush and elegant fruit characters

Now, particularly in California, merlot is being grown on hillside vineyards where the grapes tend to make a darker and powerfully structured wine, akin to cabernet sauvignon In fact, it's sometimes difficult to distinguish one of these blockbuster merlots from cabernet sauvignon

If you like the blockbuster style, grill a steak or order one in a restaurant and enjoy your merlot If you like the plush style with more finesse, read on for some food matches But whatever you do, don't follow advice from the film *Sideways* to drink anything but merlot!

MAKING A MATCH

The fruity, ripe berry- cherry and plum nature of an elegant merlot makes it a candi date to match with fish, especially salmon Dark-fleshed fish such as tuna or marlin, also harmonize well

Roast lamb, lamb shanks, rabbit chicken game birds stews, pork and mildly spiced sausages all have an inherent sweetness that pairs them well with merlot

Softer blue-veined cheeses such as Blue Castello or Saga Blue, Brie de Meaux, Camembert, Chaumes, Esrom, Fontal, Gouda, Havarti, Mimolette, Saint-Andre and sharp Cheddar all make excellent pairings with merlot

Grilling meat or poultry

PLEASE SEE WINES, B6

WINE PICKS

The following merlots are food friendly and mellow and will be sensational with braised lamb shanks and creamy garlic mashed potatoes as a dinner for family or friends Really good oak aged Merlot with gobs of fruit structure and generous finish cost \$20 or more Read on we did find a few less expensive

Outstanding:

2002 Raymond Napa Valley Reserve \$24
2003 Sebastiani Alexander Valley \$24

Excellent:

2003 Burgess Napa Valley \$22
2002 Silverado Napa Valley \$28

Very Good:

2004 Bored Doe (South Africa blend of merlot cabernet sauvignon malbec and petit verdot) \$17

2003 Murphy-Goode \$20

2002 Markham \$22

2003 Kenwood Jack London Vineyard \$25

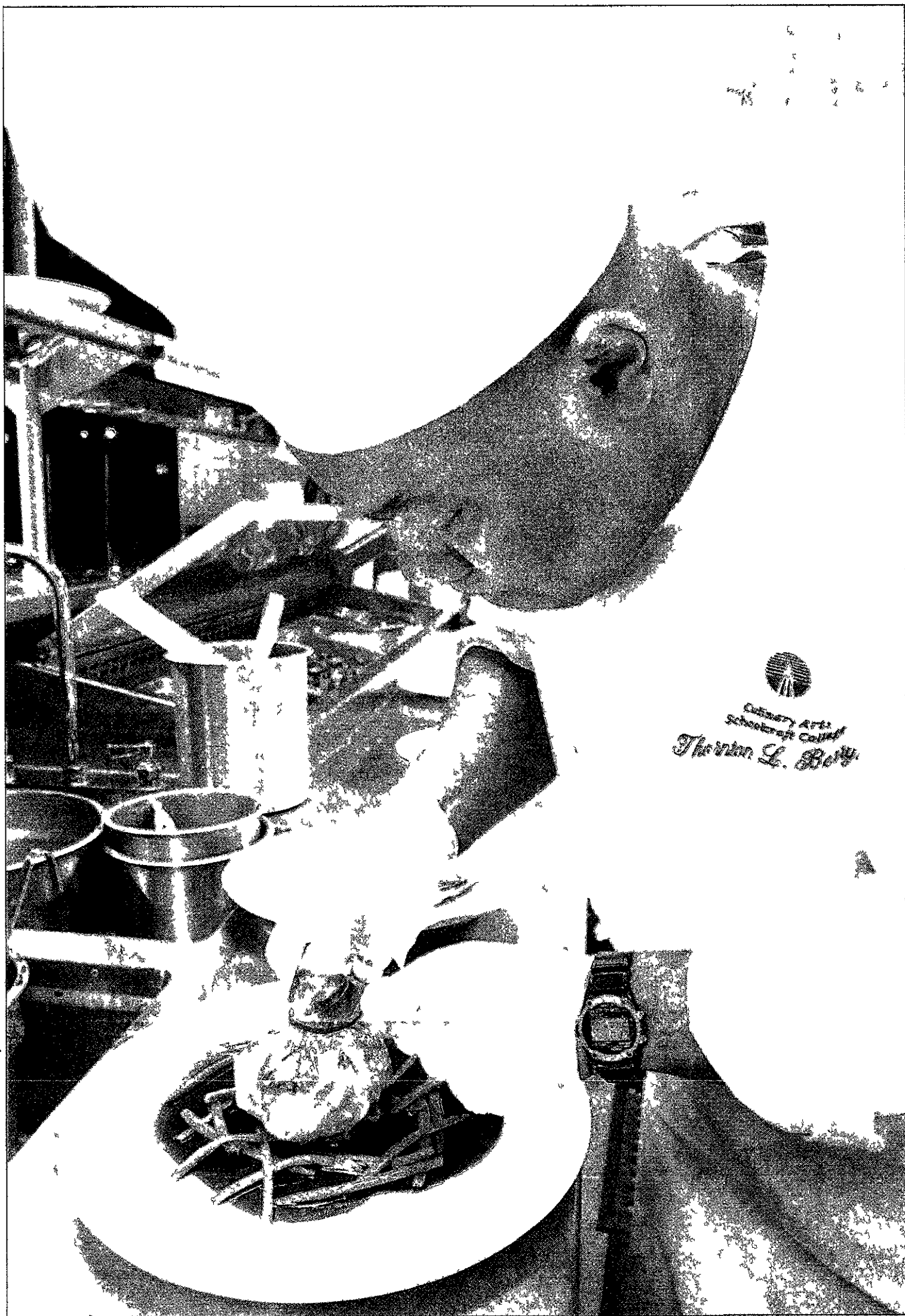
2002 Chateau St Jean Sonoma County \$25

2002 Rutherford Hill Napa Valley \$25

Wallet friendly:

2001 Michel Lynch (Bordeaux) \$9
2003 Cellar No 8 \$10
2004 McManis \$10

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



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Thornton L. Berry Jr a Brigade student at Schoolcraft College, finishes plating Stuffed Filet Mignon en Croute with Roquefort cheese, onion and bacon shallot sauce

Fine dining, fine fund-raiser

VisTa Gala promises excellent menu

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The meal starts with a roasted vegetable salad "Piperade" with white asparagus, tomatoes and lemon, spinach cream and ricotta cheese toast.

That's an appetizer created by chef Shawn Loving

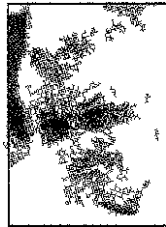
Chef Dan Hugelher follows with white endive and pan-roasted chicken livers with applewood smoked bacon and shallots, and red wine vinaigrette

Then there's spicy beef satay, skewered flank beef, Boston bibb lettuce, cucumbers,

micro lemongrass, micro mint, opal and green basil, julienne of red onion and nuom chac, a dish created by Kevin Gawronski, certified master chef

NO CONSTRAINTS

All these chefs are Schoolcraft College instructors, and that's just a small part of the menu for the VisTa Gala on March 25 at the college



Haight

PLEASE SEE GALA, B6

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE VISTA GALA

Where: American Harvest Restaurant VisTaTech Center Schoolcraft College 18600 Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile roads Livonia

When: 6:30 p.m. Saturday March 25

Tickets: \$150 per person for the black tie fund raiser Profits support culinary arts program

Information: (734) 462 4400 Ext. 5008

OTHER VISTA GALA DETAILS

The Matt Michaels Trio will play contemporary jazz

Dinner concludes with an auction of a dinner for 50 with wine at the American Harvest Restaurant The meal will be prepared by the chefs and students in the culinary arts department and has a retail value of \$5,000.

The winners of a special prize drawing will take home either dinners for two at the American Harvest or complimentary use of various Jaguar vehicles The grand prize winners will receive a gift certificate worth \$5,000 toward the purchase price of a new 2007 Jaguar \$K convertible, a limited edition model

Charlie Trotter to visit local market

Charlie Trotter is coming to town

The eight-time winner of James Beard awards for the Chicago restaurant that bears his name and author of 10 cook-books will be visiting Papa Joe's Gourmet Market in Birmingham Saturday, March 11, to showcase his certified organic sauces, marmalades and vinaigrettes

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Trotter will be signing copies of his latest books *Workin' More Kitchen Sessions with Charlie Trotter* and *A Cook's Book*

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. chefs from



Trotter

the Charlie Trotter's restaurants demonstrate the Charlie Trotter sauces and products for home cooks to spice up their own menus

Some of the sauces to be featured are

■ Organic Ginger-Soy-Hijiki Sauce - This combination of ginger, soy sauce and hijiki seaweed gives fish, poultry meat and noo-

dles an Asian flair It also can be used as a marmalade for meats, vegetables, a dipping sauce for wontons or simply brushed on during grilling

■ Organic Mustard Steak Sauce - Simply pour sauce on top or lightly baste the meat while on the grill Serve with

PLEASE SEE TROTTER, B6

Side dish

New menu created

The owners of Station 885 in Plymouth have created a new menu

The menu features traditional beef, pizza and pasta selections, and now includes more salads, seafood, chicken and veal items include filet mignon, New York steak and prime rib, along with chicken Milanese salad, Cobb salad and Caesar salad Seafood selections include Chilean sea bass with a tequila citrus compound butter and crab cakes with a chipotle airole

The restaurant also features a Sunday brunch, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is located at 885 Starkweather in Plymouth Its Web site is www.station885.com and phone number is (734) 459-0885

More salads added

First Wendy's introduced salad bars, then convenient salads to go and more recently Garden Sensations, a line-up of fresh entree salads

All Wendy's U.S. restaurants are rolling out three new Garden Sensations™ salads spinach chicken, chicken Caesar and southwest taco

The spinach chicken salad features crisp romaine lettuce and baby spinach leaves topped with marinated chicken, chopped egg and grape tomatoes The salad comes with sweet and sour bacon dressing (2.5 grams of fat) and garlic croutons served on the side The spinach chicken salad is a source of protein, iron, vitamins A and C and a good source of calcium and dietary fiber

The chicken Caesar salad is made with fresh romaine lettuce, chunks of tender chicken breast, grape tomatoes and shredded parmesan cheese Creamy Caesar dressing and garlic croutons are served on the side

The southwest taco salad, which replaces the taco supreme, features Wendy's chili, shredded cheddar cheese, diced tomatoes atop a bed of mixed greens This salad is served with ancho chipotle ranch dressing and seasoned tortilla strips which were both very popular in test markets Sour cream is also served on the side

The suggested retail price for each of the salads is \$4.19 The three new salads are joining the popular Mandarin chicken and chicken BLT salads in the line

Pistachios 'Go Nuts'

A free consumer brochure features a selection of recipes from noted chefs whose expertise has been exercised on behalf of pistachios, and dishes using them

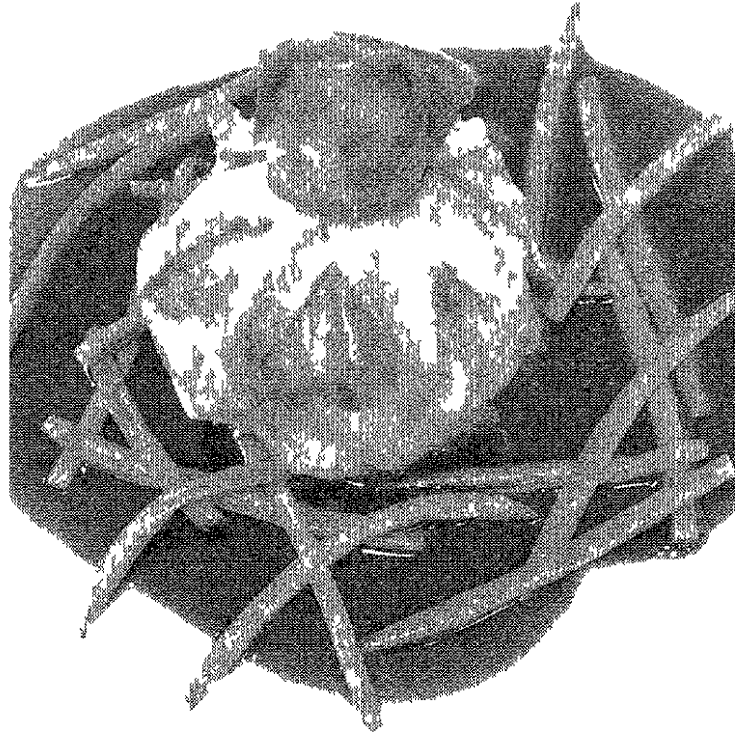
The 40-page brochure, *America's Top Chefs Go Nuts for California*

Pistachios, is offered by the California Pistachio Commission Their brochure was assembled with contributions from a team of 19 chefs from around the nation

Dishes the chefs created for the brochure range from entrees to desserts, from salads to side dishes The brochure is illustrated with color photos and it is available by visiting <http://www.pistachios.org>

VISTA GALA MENU - 2006

Roasted Vegetable Salad "Piperade" with White Asparagus, Tomatoes and Lemon Spinach Cream - Ricotta Cheese Toast Chef Shawn Loving	Opal and Green Basil, Julienne of Red Onion, and Nuom Chac Chef Kevin Gawronski
Asia Bar Assorted Japanese Sushi Korean, Thai and Vietnamese Appetizers Chef Jeffrey Gabriel	Peking Duck Breast Pomegranate Molasses Reduction with Sansho Peppers Filled in a Chinese Crepe with Hoisin Sauce Chef Kevin Gawronski
Filet of Salmon "Prudhoe Bay Caviar Sauce" Chef Daniel Hugelier	Roasted Lamb Loin in a Wild Mushroom Crust French Green Beans and Roasted Teardrop Tomatoes Lamb Juice with Fresh Rosemary Chef Marcus Haight
White Endive and Pan Roasted Chicken Livers Applewood Smoked Bacon and Shallots Red Wine Vinaigrette Chef Daniel Hugelier	Soft Shell Crab with Gruyere Cheese Capers and Browned Lemon Butter Red Wine Sauce Chef Marcus Haight
Lobster Bratwurst on Brioche Bun with Creamed Leeks, Tomato and Micro Herbs Chef Brian Polcyn	Lobster Martini with Lemon Granite Chef Kelli Lewton
Cherry Wood Smoked Loin of Berkshire Hog with Tellicherry Black Pepper Spaetzle and Roasted Organic Baby Vegetables Chef Brian Polcyn	Black Angus Prime Beef Tenderloin Sliced and served atop Seasoned Corn Salad Garnished with Lawry's Seasoned Golden Shallot Rings Chef Kelli Lewton
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Spicy Beef Satay Skewered Marinated Flank Beef, Boston Bibb, Cucumbers, Micro Lemongrass, Micro Mint,	Assorted Artisan Breads Chef Jeffrey Gabriel and Chef Brenida Halberg



Stuffed Filet Mignon en Croute with Roquefort Cheese, Onion and Bacon Shallot Sauce is one of the dishes prepared by the Brigade students at Schoolcraft College
BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

STUFFED FILET MIGNON EN CROUTE WITH ROQUEFORT CHEESE, ONION AND BACON SHALLOT SAUCE

Beef in marinade
8 7 ounce filet mignons (7 ounce)
1/2 onion diced
6 bay leaves
7 rosemary sprigs
12 thyme sprigs
15 black peppercorns crushed
1 cup balsamic vinegar
2 cups olive oil

Marinate the filets for 12-24 hours

Filling
12 bacon slices diced

Render the bacon till just crisp but still slightly pliable

1 1/2 cups Roquefort cheese
1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
Salt and black pepper

Add to above and mix well
Put the mixture into a pastry bag and pipe into the cut hole to fill the center of the fillet

Beef topping:
8 bacon strips

Lay bacon on a sheet pan and cook till almost crisp.

2 onions julienne
2 tablespoons olive oil

Heat the pan to a very hot temperature and add the oil
Add the onions and brown them well (The onions should be slightly dried out)

Filet preparation
8 beef filet mignons in marinade
2 tablespoons corn oil
Salt and black pepper

Remove the beef from the marinade Pat dry with paper towel and season with salt and black pepper Heat a saute pan very hot Add the oil and wait till the oil is smoking Add the filets and sear on all sides Remove from the pan and cool on a cooling rack Cut a hole on the side of the filet and cut a pocket in the center of the beef with a boning knife Pipe the cheese mixture into the filet

Assemble
8 feuille de brie pastry (or substitute your favorite crepe recipe)
1/2 cup melted butter

Butter both sides of the pastry Place the stuffed filet in the center of the pastry circle Top with 1 tablespoon of the onion mixture and cover with a bacon strip Wrap the filet with the pastry by bringing up the sides of the feuille de brie and forming a bag around the filet Tie together with a string with a bow knot Bake at 425° F until the meat reaches an internal temperature of 120° F Remove the string and replace the string with a blanched chive Serve immediately

Recipe courtesy of Marcus Haight executive chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College

GALA

FROM PAGE B5

The fund-raiser is a black-tie optional event with profits supporting Schoolcraft's Culinary Arts Department

"It's one of the better menus because we don't put constraints on the chefs," said Bruce Konowalow, director of the culinary arts department

"To compare it to the Taste of the NFL (a Super Bowl event of eateries from NFL cities that was held in Novi), which was a variety of things that can range from pulled barbecue pork to more top-of-the-line dishes, well, this event will be all top of the line, across the board"

All of the chefs develop the menu items for the event and the culinary students, including those in the Brigade program taught by chef Marcus Haight, work on the dishes

VisTa Gala raises funds for the Schoolcraft Foundation, which in turn gives students scholarship money, some of which goes to the culinary arts students

"It's big, it's huge," Konowalow said of the event's importance to the scholarships "It's the major fund-raiser for the department and helping support the students and the Foundation"

There are 492 students in the culinary arts program Konowalow expects about 200 to 250 people will attend the event While the department receives some discretionary funding, the event helps raise funds for travel for the Salon team, which competes every year

This year, the team just won the state championship and will travel to the regionals at the end of March

"Schoolcraft covers all the costs of transportation, funds and lodging," Konowalow said

STROLL THE KITCHENS

VisTa Gala is a unique event, Konowalow said

"It's a strolling event, where the guests can mingle in the

kitchens, socialize and they're actively participating in helping the scholarship fund It's a chance to get close to the people affected by their attendance at the event

Marcus Haight, Schoolcraft instructor and certified executive chef, prepares students for high-end cooking that will be served at VisTa Gala with the Brigade program he teaches, a postgraduate program at Schoolcraft

Undergraduate students cook for the event under the tutelage of the other Schoolcraft instructors, too

This year's 11 Brigade students were placed on six seven-week rotations for most of the 45-week program Students work at stations for soups and sauces, pastry, salads, fish, grill and roast

"They get an elongated period for each station," Haight said, using the soup and sauce station as an example "On Tuesday, they'll get a new menu that they'll work on for the week on prep duties They'll develop six sauces each day and they'll master them by Friday"

The student working the grill will perfect cooking methods on a variety of cuts and meats, including filet, veal chop, squab, quail and guinea hen

One week is a demonstration week, where Haight demon-

strates and the students follow A second demonstration week follows, with students doing more advanced hands-on demonstration in butchering, and advanced cooking techniques such as poaching and pastry

The 45th week is a trip to France, where students eat at seven different restaurants (some three-star, others two-star) that epitomize French cuisine, Haight said

Students check out the cheese shops, food stores and markets and French culture, Haight said

"We'll go to Taillevent for lunch, meet the chef, see the wine cellar," Haight said "It's more of an appreciation for their roots of training and techniques at Schoolcraft and that they can see the trends of what they're doing now"

"It's seeing what they're going to see in the restaurant business and open their eyes to what they can achieve, and the different possibilities for their careers," Haight lets the students lead the group in Paris after he leads them for the first day

"It forces them out of the box," Haight said "If they want to work in Paris, the flight and getting around on the subway won't put them off"

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DINNER CALENDAR

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Chef creates Southwestern cuisine at home show

Chef Angus Campbell from the Hospitality Education Department of Grand Rapids Community College will teach and demonstrate Southwestern cuisine at the Michigan Home & Garden Show at Ford Field March 10 - 12.

Campbell will prepare grilled chicken burrito with cumin mayonnaise, a shrimp basket with chile pasilla sauce, beef empanada with lime cilantro avocado sauce and adobe chicken beggar's purse with ancho chili dipping sauce. He can be seen at the show on Friday and Saturday at 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with an additional morning show Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and on Sunday at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Show hours are from noon - 9:00 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday.

Here are Campbell's recipes he will be preparing:

ADOBE CHICKEN BEGGAR'S PURSE WITH ANCHO CHILI DIPPING SAUCE

Adobe Chicken Beggar's Purse

- 4 sheets phyllo pastry
- 1/4 cup onion minced
- 1/4 cup celery minced
- 1/2 cup mixed peppers, fine diced
- 1 tablespoon garlic minced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup cooked chicken, small dice
- 1/2 cup cooked chorizo sausage, small dice
- 1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 1 green onion, blanched
- 1/2 teaspoon cilantro, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt to taste
- White pepper to taste
- Vegetable spray as needed

Cover the pastry sheets with a damp towel.

Sauté the onion, celery, peppers and garlic in the olive oil until soft. Allow this mixture to cool well. Add all of the remaining ingredients, and season well.

Cut a 4-inch square from the pastry and spray with the vegetable spray.

Place some of the filling in the middle of the pastry.

Fold all sides of the pastry up towards the center and tie with strips of the green onion into a

shape resembling a beggar's purse.

Coat the outside with vegetable spray, and hold chilled until ready to cook.

Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes, or deep fry until golden brown.

Ancho Chile Dipping Sauce*

- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup ancho chile paste
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 lemon juice of
- 1/2 lime juice of
- Salt to taste
- White pepper to taste

In a small bowl, mix all ingredients until smooth. Season well with salt and pepper. Make sure the cream is smooth enough to pass through a squeeze bottle.

To assemble the dish, dress the plate with the sauce and a few greens of your choice. Cook the purses and place them in the middle, standing up. This dish can also be served as a passed appetizer with the sauce in the center of the presentation plate, available for dipping.

BEEF EMPANADA WITH LIME CILANTRO AVOCADO SAUCE

- Shredded Grilled Beef
- 1 skirt steak or flank steak
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Salt to taste
- Black pepper to taste

Marinate the beef in the oil, cumin, lemon juice, garlic and seasoning for one hour at room temperature.

Cook on an open grill until medium rare. Cool completely, and finely shred the meat against the grain.

Beef and Vegetable Filling.

- 1 cup grilled beef, shredded (see recipe above)
- 1/2 cup black beans, cooked, drained
- 1/2 cup corn, roasted
- 1/2 teaspoon jalapeno, roasted and finely diced
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 cup refried beans

- 1/4 cup red onions, caramelized, diced fine
- Salt to taste
- Black pepper to taste

In a medium bowl, combine all of the ingredients, mixing well. Season with salt and pepper.

Empanada Dough:

- 1 3/4 pounds flour
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1 1/2 cups chicken broth

Melt the shortening, and add to the dough with half the stock.

Mix well, adding the remaining stock as needed to a smooth dough. Rest the dough, covered for 1 hour.

Empanada Assembly

Roll the dough out on the pasta machine 1/8-inch thick. (The dough can also be done by hand using a rolling pin.)

Using circle cutters, cut two 1/2-inch rounds and cover to avoid drying. Place a small amount of the filling in the center, and fold over in half. Seal the edges securely with egg white or water. Crimp the edges. Lay on a flat sheet until ready for cooking.

Place into a deep-fat fryer set at 350°F until golden brown. (They may also be baked at 350°F in an oven.) Drain well before serving.

Lime Cilantro Avocado Sauce

- 1 avocado
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 teaspoon cilantro, finely diced
- Salt to taste
- Black pepper to taste

Puree the avocado, and combine with the other ingredients until very smooth.

Season and adjust the consistency with warm water until the sauce is coating consistency.

Serve with a crisp green salad and some roasted tomato salsa.

To assemble on the service plate, spread the Lime Cilantro Avocado Sauce over the base. Place a heaping tablespoon of tomato salsa to one side. (Optional)

Place two empanadas on the plate against each other.

(This dish also can be served as a passed appetizer using the sauce as a dipping sauce. Or it can be made much larger and served as an entree or a large snack.)

GRILLED CHICKEN BURRITO WITH CUMIN MAYONNAISE

Marinade

- 4 garlic cloves, mashed
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, coarse ground
- 1 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 tablespoon cilantro, minced
- 2 tablespoon salad oil

In a medium bowl, make the marinade by combining all of the ingredients. Stir until well blended. Add the flattened chicken breasts, coating the marinade evenly on all sides of the chicken. Cover and refrigerate the marinating breasts, at least one hour or overnight.

Chicken Burrito

- 2 pounds chicken breast, flat, tined
- 2 red bell pepper, split in quarters
- 2 green bell pepper, split in quarters
- 1/3 cup black beans, cooked
- 1 package egg roll or phyllo dough wrappers
- 1 each egg, blended (optional)

Grill the chicken and bell pepper quarters over a charcoal grill. In a food processor, lightly puree the chicken and roasted peppers. In a medium bowl, thoroughly combine the mixture with the black beans.

Take a heaping tablespoon of the mixture, and place it near one end of a square wrapper.

Tightly fold the wrapper end over the mixture. Fold in both side flaps. Continue to tightly roll the burrito, moisten seal with egg wash or water.

Bake in a 400°F oven or deep fry until golden brown.

Serve with Cumin Mayonnaise.

Cumin Mayonnaise.

- 1 teaspoon cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1 cup mayonnaise

Combine all of the ingredients. Stir until well blended.

Chill until ready for use.

SHRIMP BASKET WITH CHILE PASILLA SAUCE

Shrimp Basket.

- 1 cup cooked shrimp, chicken or fish
- 1 tablespoon cilantro
- 1 tablespoon scallions
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, coarse ground
- 1/4 cup chile pasilla sauce, with out the sour cream
- 1 box phyllo dough

Add the meat and seasonings to a food processor. Puree. Add the Chile Pasilla Sauce (without sour cream). Puree.

Separate the phyllo sheets into piles of three. Cut them into 4-inch squares. Place 1 teaspoon of cooked mixture on a 4-inch stack. Fold up the phyllo dough around

the filling and twist to close. Place the closed baskets in plastic ice cube trays, and freeze them to set the shape.

*Bake the frozen baskets in 375°F oven for 20-25 minutes, until golden brown. Serve with Chile Pasilla Sauce.

*Note: The baskets may be very quickly deep-fried in a 350°F fryer.

Chile Pasilla Sauce:

- 6 pasilla chiles (or substitute anchos poblanos or other Mexican chiles)
- 1 1/2 pounds tomatoes, broiled or roasted
- 1/4 onion, minced
- 1/3 cup peanut or safflower oil
- 1/2 teaspoon granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups *sour cream, thickened

*Note: To make thickened sour cream, combine 1 tablespoon buttermilk with 1/2 cup sour cream in a glass bowl or jar and refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight.

Heat a griddle, comal or folding grill. Toast the chiles lightly, turning them without burning. Set warm chiles aside to cool.

Remove the seeds and veins.

Broil the tomatoes under a broiler, or on a griddle or folding grill, or, bake the tomatoes in a pie pan in a high-temperature oven until shriveled.

In a food processor, puree the roasted de-seeded chiles, roasted tomatoes, and minced onion to form a smooth sauce. Reserve.

Heat the oil in a saucepan over medium flame. Add the sugar, salt and tomato sauce. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Set aside to cool.

Stir in the thickened sour cream into the sauce, being careful not to curdle the sour cream.

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adds a slightly bitter note (from caramelization) to the outside of these foods. This character seems to work fine with a cabernet sauvignon, but not with the fruity and mellow tones of a more elegantly styled merlot.
Long-cooking, oven roasting or braising with a preparation such as lamb shanks is palate tantalizing. It's with this thought and a comfort meal to bid winter farewell that we suggest the following recipe from the Healds kitchen.

LAMB SHANKS

- 6 lamb shanks
- salt and pepper
- 5 tablespoons flour
- 1/4 cup olive oil and more as needed
- 1 onion diced
- 1 carrot, peeled and diced
- 2 celery ribs diced
- 2 leeks sliced

2 cups merlot
6 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 bay leaf
1 tablespoon whole peppercorns
Chicken stock as needed
Preheat oven to 350°F
Place salt, pepper (amount preferred) and flour in a zippered plastic bag. Add shanks one or two at a time and shake in bag to coat.
Heat 1/4 cup olive oil in a Dutch oven and sear shanks, two to three at a time, until golden brown, adding more oil as necessary. Remove seared shanks to a platter and keep warm. Retain juice in the Dutch oven.
Add carrot, onion, celery and leeks to the Dutch oven and saute until tender, about 8 minutes.
Add wine, mustard, bay leaf and peppercorns. Stir, bring to a boil and reduce liquid by half.
Return shanks to Dutch oven, add stock to cover and bake covered for about 1 1/2 hours or until very tender. Turn shanks every 30 minutes.

Remove shanks from pan and keep warm. Strain liquid through a sieve, pressing vegetables with back of a wooden spoon.
Place liquid in a saucepan and skim off fat. Cook over medium heat until liquid is thick enough to coat a spoon. Adjust seasonings. Pour sauce over shanks (recipe can be made up to this point and reheated) and serve with creamy garlic mashed potatoes (recipe follows). Serves six.

CREAMY GARLIC MASHED POTATOES

- 3 pounds potatoes, peeled and cubed
 - 1 garlic head
 - 1/3 cup heavy cream
 - 4 tablespoons unsalted butter at room temperature
 - 1 egg yolk
 - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - Salt to taste
 - Garnish: 1 tablespoon fresh flat leaf Italian parsley, chopped
- In a large saucepan, cover potatoes with cold water and

bring to a boil. Lower heat and cook for about 20 minutes or until tender.
During potato cooking time, peel outer skin off garlic and separate cloves. Place them in a small saucepan, cover with water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer about 10 minutes or until garlic is soft. Drain and cool.

Drain potatoes and return them to the saucepan. Set aside but keep warm.
In a food processor fitted with a steel blade, puree garlic cloves and the cream.
Transfer potatoes to the bowl of an electric mixer and add pureed garlic, butter, egg yolk, salt and pepper. Beat until smooth.
Garnish with parsley. Serves six.
The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and *Troy* residents who write about wine, spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

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fresh aromatic greens.
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The title of the latest book in the Charlie Trotter collection alludes to *Workin' with the Mules Davis Quintet*, an influential

jazz record named after the band's marathon sessions from 1956.
Trotter inspired by this and other records in the jazz canon, brought this art of improvisation into his kitchen. So nightly, with his team, he creates unique and creative dishes from fresh ingredients available daily.
Workin' More Kitchen Sessions with Charlie Trotter is the companion to the show and continues Trotter's quest to bring culinary inspiration into the home kitchen.
Recipes featured here include Serrano Ham and Phyllo-Wrapped Salsify with Pears and Caramelized Endive, Halibut with Red Wine-Corn Sauce and Yellow Corn Grits, Open-Face White Anchovy and Tomato Tart with Caper Vinaigrette, Apple and Cheddar Souffle and other fine fruit and chocolate dishes to finish.
Papa Joes Gourmet Market in Birmingham is located at 34244 Woodward Ave. The phone number is (248) 723 9400.

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.

Cooking with Wine

Learn about the depth of flavor resulting from cooking with wine at the monthly cooking class at Busch's Markets. Learn the techniques of marinating, braising and deglazing. Recipes include whitefish with ginger beurre blanc, Greg's classic coq au vin, beef tenderloin with cherry wine sauce and poached pears. Class is free. Complimentary recipe and seating available for first 70 guests. Class is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at 24445 Drake in Farmington Hills.

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.

Nutrition and Cooking Seminar

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

VisTa Gala

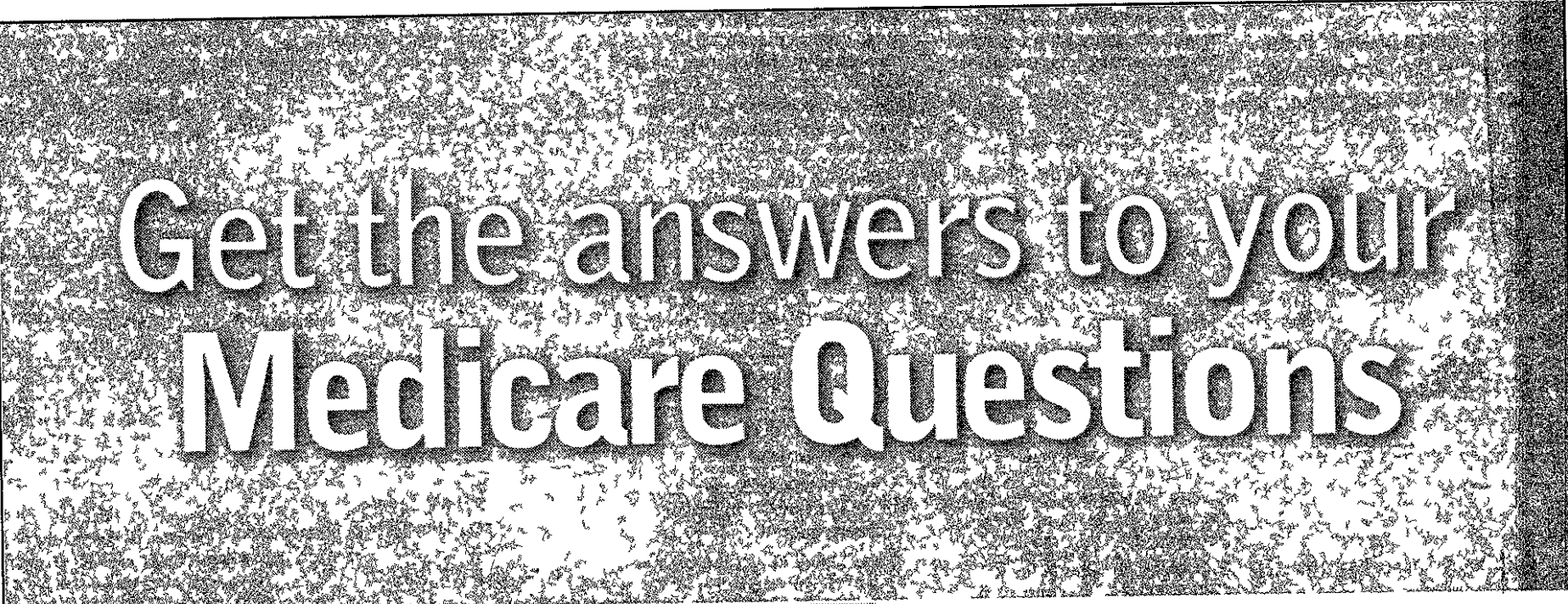
Food and jazz will be served with a touch of elegance at VisTa Gala 2006. Schoolcraft College's black tie fund raiser, Saturday, March 25, featuring food with international flair prepared by Schoolcraft culinary students. Guests will stroll through six instructional kitchens, choosing from hot and cold 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, 5-10 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.



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2006 March Madness



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Canton's Ryan Waidmann banks in two of his 13 points in the Chiefs 53-45 district semifinal win

Halftime revival

Big 2nd half propels Canton past Plymouth, Chiefs earn another crack at district crown

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's basketball team didn't hit the floor often enough, hit the boards hard enough or play with enough emotion during the first half of Wednesday night's Class A District semifinal game against Plymouth, admitted senior point guard Rob Eppler.

So in the second half, Eppler and the Chiefs made the following statement: Enough already.

Powered by an amped up level of tenacity, the Chiefs turned a 28-25 halftime deficit into a 53-45 triumph over the hustling Wildcats. The victory propelled Canton into Friday night's district championship game against Novi Detroit Catholic Central, which knocked off Salem, 86-63 (see related story below). The opening tip is set for 7 p.m. at Novi High School.

"Plymouth outworked us in the first half," said Eppler, who finished with 13 points, five rebounds and three steals.

FOR ALL THE MARBLES

■ **What:** Class A District championship basketball game between Canton (16-6) and Novi Detroit Catholic Central (16-6)

■ **When:** Friday, 7 p.m.

■ **Where:** Novi High School

■ **Who to watch:** Canton is led by a trio of seniors — Rob Eppler, Andre Bridges and Andy Larsen — and a pair of juniors — Ryan Waidmann and Steve Paye. Seniors Antyrion Raimor and Aras Butkunas pace CC's balanced attack. Both teams have shot well in their first two district games, particularly Canton, which has connected on 55 percent of its field goals.

■ **Prediction:** Canton 68, Novi Detroit CC 67 (overtime)

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS WIN, C3

Fast-breaking CC sprints by Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Detroit Catholic Central basketball team's formula for success was simple Wednesday night in its Class A District semifinal game against Salem: Defend the ball, rebound the ball, push the ball and score the ball.

The fast-breaking, sharp-shooting Shamrocks (16-6) repeated the above sequence over and over during their 86-63 victory over the Rocks — more than enough to advance to Friday's championship showdown against Canton.

The loss ended Salem's season at 6-15.

"We wanted to pressure the ball and get our transition game going tonight," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "We knew it wasn't going to be easy because Salem is a disciplined, well-coached team. I was sure how we'd play after coming off the emotional win over Northville Monday night, but the kids played hard."

The balanced Shamrocks were paced by 6-foot-6 senior forward Aras Butkunas, who netted 18 points, half of which resulted from three triples. Four other CC players scored in double figures: Antyrion Raimor (13), Garrett Senczyszyn (11), Dustin Hess (10) and Chris Harding (10).

Salem stayed with the Shamrocks for the game's first 22 minutes, thanks in large part to the inspiring play of senior Billy Leddy, who poured in 23 points and grabbed nine rebounds in his final high school game. Sophomore Grant Stone also played well, netting 14

points and six rebounds.

"We played well early, but then we fell apart defensively in the second half," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "We couldn't stop their transition game and we missed too many free throws. Catholic Central has a very good team. They're tall, long and they can shoot."

"The most important thing for us this season was that we improved, both as a team and individually."

When Stone drained a pair of free throws with 1:36 left in the third quarter, Salem trailed just 54-48. However, the Shamrocks reeled off a 7-0 run over the next three minutes to pad their cushion to 61-48. Leddy nailed a deep trey early in the fourth to bring his team to within 61-51, but CC answered with a 10-point run to put the game away.

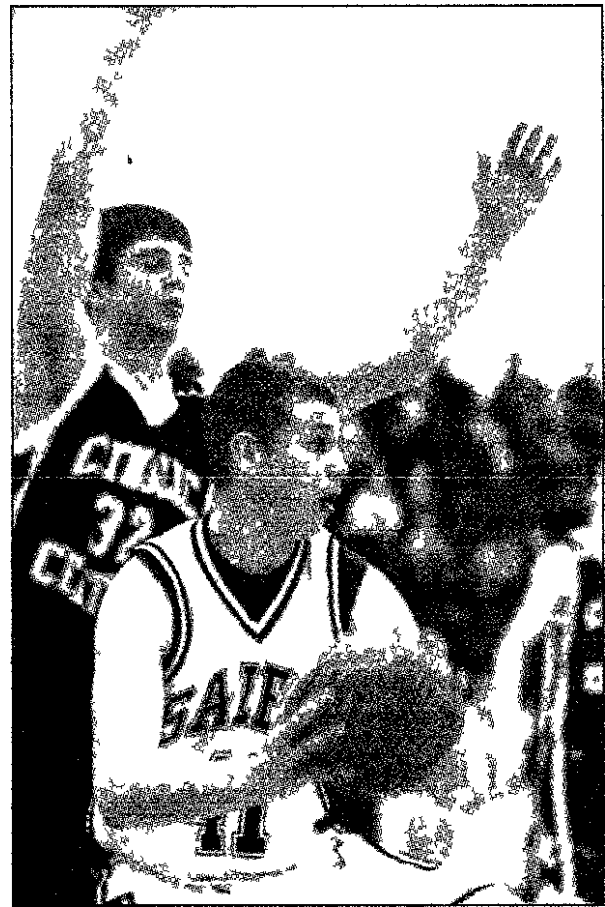
The Rocks trailed 41-29 at the half due in large part to poor free throw shooting (4-of-14). They caught fire from the line in the second half, nailing 9-of-10 shots from the stripe, but the damage had already been done.

Salem junior center Brian Baumgart gave CC fits in the paint during the first quarter when he scored five points. Junior guard Jierah Dixon netted six points and six rebounds.

Rock junior guard Danny Cassidy tallied five points off the bench during the game's final minute.

Despite its up-tempo offense, CC took care of the basketball, committing just nine turnovers. Salem turned the ball over 16 times.

CC grabbed 14 offensive boards which led to their 72-56 shot advantage.



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Salem junior center Brian Baumgart goes strong to the hole against CC's Aras Butkunas in Wednesday's district semifinal

Big strides

Plymouth's Knisely set for 3rd trip to state swim meet

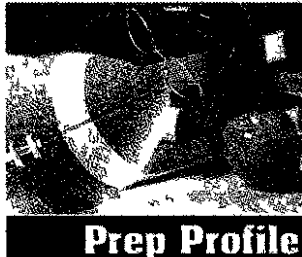
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Andy Knisely's competitive swimming career began on a humbling note six years ago, a short time after his parents signed him up with the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers swim club team.

"I wasn't very good right away," Knisely recalled, chuckling. "I was in with the other 12-year-olds during the first part of the season, but later on the coach moved me down with the 9- and 10-year-olds because I couldn't keep up with the kids my own age."

"I stuck with it though and got a lot better."

Did he ever? On Friday, the Plymouth High School senior will be competing in the Division 1 swim meet at the University of Michigan. It will be the third time he's participated in the state's premier high school com-



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petition. Knisely has actually qualified all four years — the first three in Division 2 — but he couldn't compete last year due to a scheduling conflict.

"This year will be extra-sweet because it will be the first year I'll be swimming in Division 1," said Knisely, who qualified this year in the 100-yard breaststroke and 100 butterfly. "This will be payback, too, because I didn't get to swim in last year's state meet."

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Plymouth senior Andy Knisely qualified for the state meet during all four years in high school. Beginning in the fall, he will be swimming collegiately at Army.

PCA spikers earn 3rd district title

See Bre Ruark Prep Profile on Page C5

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team wasn't at full strength for Saturday's Class D district tournament, but you'd never know it by looking at the final results.

The Eagles captured their third consecutive district title by sweeping Washtenaw Christian (25-16, 25-14, 25-18) in the first round and Canton Agape Christian (25-8, 25-16, 25-9) in the final. PCA played without the services of two starters — Rachel Ward and Brooke Harris — but strong performances from recently promoted junior varsity players Cody Sulkowski, Jenna Misch and Brooke William helped fill the void.

"Overall, it was an excellent team effort all day," said PCA coach Missy Henry, whose team improved to 31-18. "With two starters out, I couldn't have asked for more from the girls."

"My two freshmen, Mim Monroe and Jessica Murphy, played with the poise and confidence of upperclassmen and the three junior varsity players I called up were amazing. No one would have even known that they hadn't been playing with us all year. I was very proud of them. They stepped up and did a great job."

A trio of seniors — Kelsie Tietjen, Julie Bahbah and Stephanie Auwers — paced the Eagles to their sweep of Washtenaw Christian. Tietjen recorded 20 kills, nine blocks and eight digs, Bahbah tallied 14 digs, seven kills and eight service points while Auwers contributed 17 service points.

In the title match, Tietjen (19 kills, two blocks, five digs), Bahbah (18 digs, seven kills, 19 points) and Bre Ruark (15 digs, seven kills, 13 assists, 15 points) turned in memorable performances.

Sidelines

MMHSGHL tourney

The Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League state tournament will conclude Friday and Saturday at the Arctic Edge in Canton.

Plymouth-Canton-Salem, which is co-hosting the event with Livonia Ladywood, played a quarterfinal game against Northville on Wednesday night (results were not available at presstime).

The semifinal games are set for Friday at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. If it upends Northville, PCS will play the winner of Wednesday's Ann Arbor-Grosse Pointe North contest. The other four teams still alive as of Wednesday night were Harper Woods Regina, Grosse Pointe South, Cranbrook Kingswood and Ladywood.

The finals are set for Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Arctic Edge.

Following are results of first-round games: Regina 6, Port Huron 2, Cranbrook 9, Liggett 1, Ladywood 3, Bloomfield 0, Ann Arbor 6, Mercy 1; and Northville 3, Walled Lake 0.

Euro champs

The Plymouth-based Euro Stars Gymnastics Club's Level 5 team placed first in a recent 69-team competition in Chicago. The meet was the largest of its kind in the country with over 3,500 gymnasts competing.

In the 9-and-under division, Canton's Caitlyn Webb took first with an all-around score of 37.925.

Standouts in the 10-year-old division were: Plymouth's Taylor Rieckhoff (first in all-around with a 37.625), Livonia's Mikaela Pierce (second in all-around with a 36.725) and Canton's Andrea Merlotti (third in all-around with a 36.075).

In the 11-and-over division, Plymouth's Taryn McLaughlin took top honors with an all-around score of 37.175. Westland's Madison Torok placed second with an all-around of 36.850 and Farmington's Gina Contardi earned third with a 36.750 total.

GCYBSA sign-ups

The final mass registration for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) will be Sunday, March 12, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Also, a league meeting and skills clinic for baseball and softball coaches will be held Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at the Summit.

Puck finals

The Michigan High School Athletic Association state hockey finals will be held today through Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. The Division 2 semifinals will be held tonight at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The Division 3 semis are set for Friday at noon and 2:30 p.m. while the Division 1 semis will be played Friday at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

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P-CEP wrestlers take high hopes to Palace

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem wrestling coach Greg Woochuk has some advice for the eight P-CEP athletes who will be competing in the Division 1 individual state meet beginning today at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Forget about the records — both their own and their opponents — when they step on the mat.

"Everybody there is very good or they wouldn't be there," said Woochuk, who has witnessed several state meets over the years. "I've seen kids with close to 20 losses do very well at the state meet, and I've seen kids with one or two losses get beat early on. It all comes down to who wrestles the hardest during those two days."

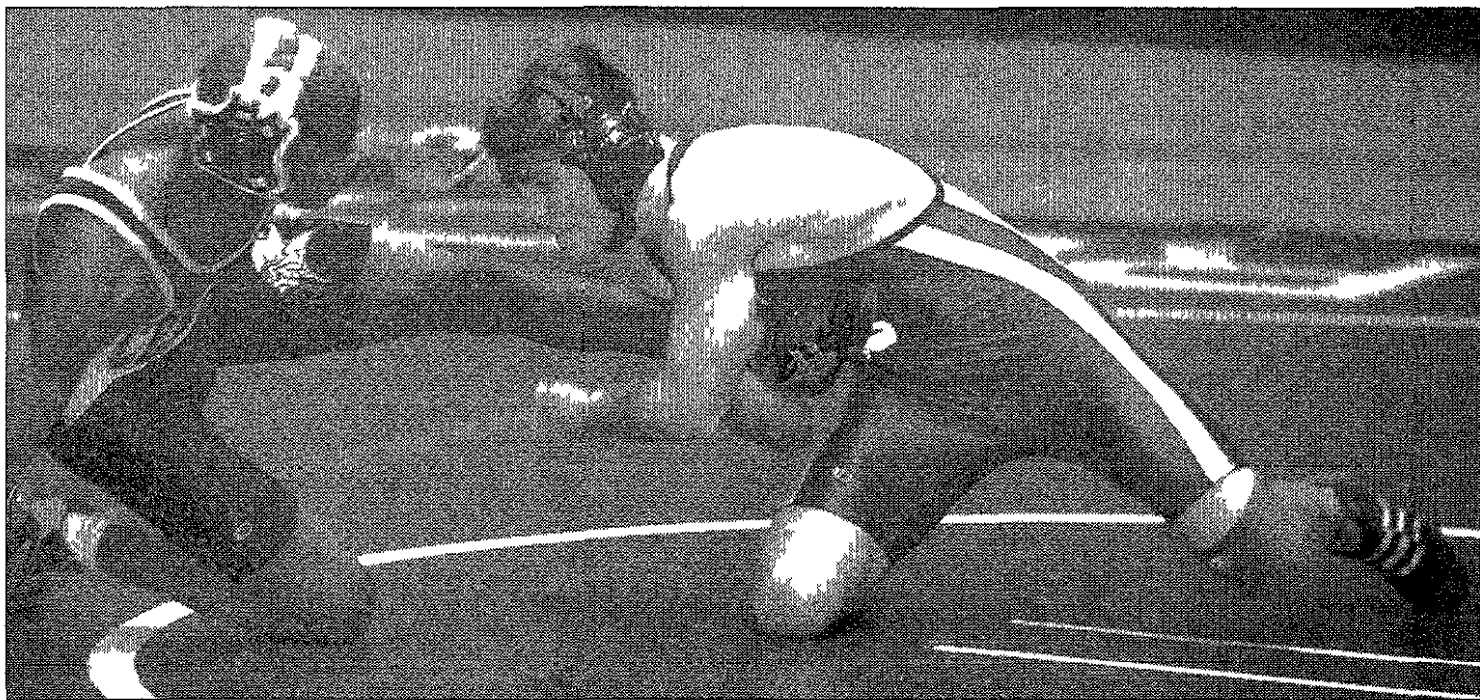
Three seniors will be representing Salem at the two-day tournament at the Palace: 125-pound Cory Mervyn (30-9), 140-pound Jake Bennett (43-8) and 189-pound Jeremy Henderson (35-2).

Mervyn, who will be making his first trip to the state finals, will square off against Bay City Western's Mike Kessler (51-3) in his opening match.

Cory was only an overtime loss away from qualifying last year, Woochuk said. "He's a very talented wrestler and I look for him to place (in the top eight). It's a tough weight class, but Cory can do it."

Henderson will be making his second trip to the Palace following a standout junior season in 2004-05. He'll open against East Lansing's Anthony Banks (33-11).

"I think Jeremy has a good shot at making it to the finals," Woochuk said. "He beat the



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Jake Bennett (right) will be making his first appearance at the Division 1 state individual wrestling tournament this afternoon at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

No. 1 ranked kid in the state earlier this year and everybody said the kid he beat must have been sick. He wasn't sick; he just hadn't wrestled Jeremy yet."

Bennett, who has been solid all year for the Rocks, also has the potential to make it to the finals at 140. Woochuk predicted.

"All three of these kids are talented wrestlers and nothing they accomplish (this weekend) will surprise me," he said.

Canton will also send three wrestlers to the Palace less than a week after they competed in the Division 1 quarterfinals team competition in Battle Creek: senior 145-pound Konrad Konsitzke (47-4), and

juniors Corey Phillips (53-3) and Donnie Laramie (46-8).

Phillips, who will be making his third trip to the prestigious end-of-the-year meet, will open against Utica's Anthony Saltarelli (32-12).

Cory doesn't have an easy path, but there are no easy paths when you get to this point, said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "I like the way he's been wrestling. He seems to be peaking at the right time."

The finals berth is extra-special for the 145-pound Konsitzke, who came within a point of qualifying as a junior. Providing the first obstacle for Konsitzke will be New Baltimore Anchor Bay's Kyle Moore (25-9).

"I'm really excited for Konrad, especially after he didn't make it last year," Randolph said. "He's had a great season and he deserves a great ending. He's done so much for this program. He's been our emotional leader. As long as he stays aggressive, he'll do great."

Laramie, who pinned his heavyweight opponent in Friday's team quarterfinal match in 10 seconds, will square off against Port Huron's Aaron Robinson (39-15) in Round 1.

Donnie could have a great showing," Randolph predicted. "The key for him is that he needs to continue to wrestle his style. He's a big, physical and dominant type. Donnie has had a breakout year and I'm very proud of the way he's grown as a wrestler and as a man."

A pair of Plymouth grapplers — 130-pound Steve Korus and 145-pound Ali Youssef — advanced to the state meet in their team's first year at the Division 1 level. Korus will take his 36-13 record up against the top-rated wrestler in the weight class, Utica Ford's Vinnie Colonna, who is unbeaten in 54 matches.

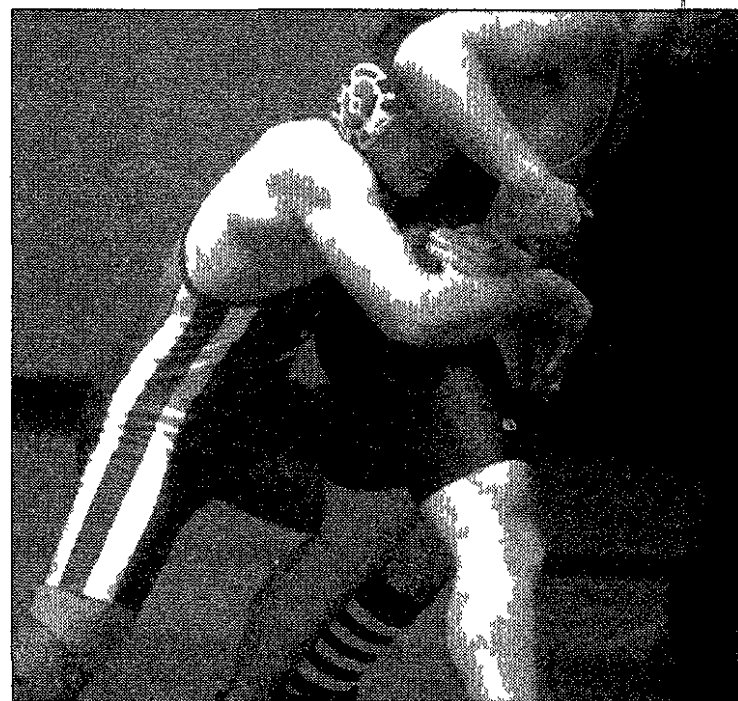
Steve has had a great career for us, said Plymouth coach Sam Amine. "I knew he was going to be tough his freshman season when he won about 20 matches against JV competition and a couple against varsity competition."

He had never wrestled before he got to Plymouth, but caught on quick and got better and better each year. Even though Steve's going up against an undefeated kid, anything can happen, that's how determined Steve is."

Youssef, who will open against Clinton Township's Anthony Biondo (51-1), also made his mark early on at Plymouth, qualifying for the regional meet as a 103-pound freshman.

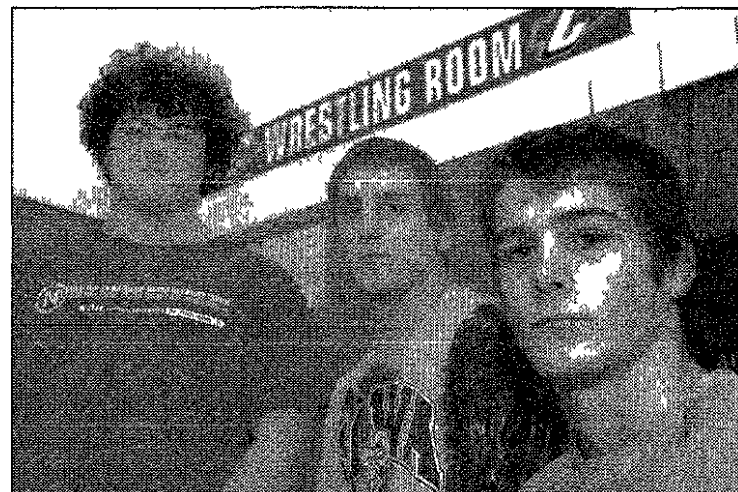
"Ali is a tough kid who is never out of position," Amine said. "He doesn't do anything fancy, but he's very smart and he doesn't beat himself."

The "Grand March" will be held Thursday at 2:30 p.m. with opening matches set to



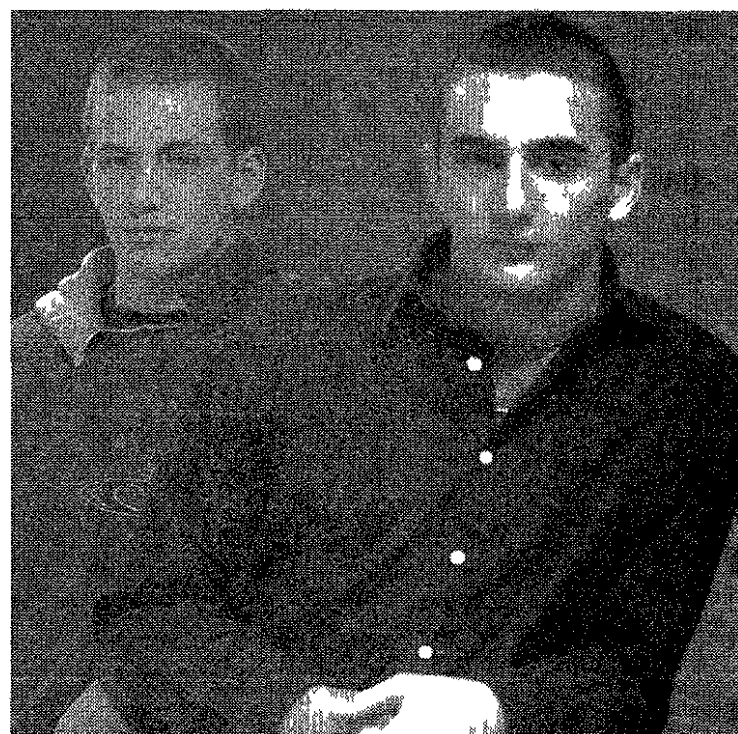
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Salem 189-pounder Jeremy Henderson (left) will be making his second appearance in the Division 1 individual state wrestling meet beginning this afternoon.



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Less than a week after competing in the Division 1 state team wrestling tournament, Canton's (left to right) Donnie Laramie, Corey Phillips and Konrad Konsitzke will close out the 2005-06 season at the DI individual wrestling tournament beginning today at the Palace of Auburn Hills.



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Steve Korus (left) and Ali Youssef will be representing Plymouth High School at this weekend's Division 1 individual state wrestling tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

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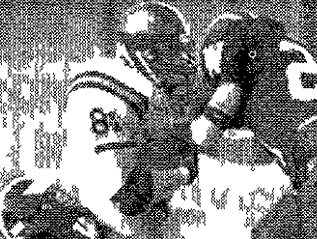
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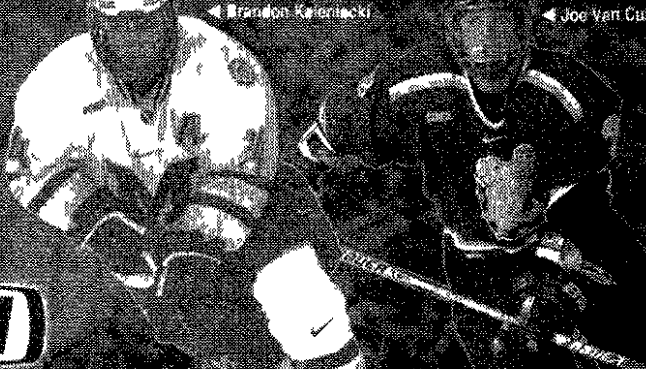
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Salem sophomore swimmer Stan Chen is pictured working out at practice Monday in preparation for this weekend's Division 1 state swimming meet at the University of Michigan. Chen qualified in the 100 breaststroke.



Eight Canton swimmers qualified for this week's Division 1 swimming meet at the University of Michigan. The six pictured above are (front row from left) Nick Landis, Nathan Phillips, Jonathon Templeton, Chris Marinica and Derek Schmitt.

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10 local swimmers earn state berths

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The competition will be stiff at this weekend's Division 1 boys state swimming finals at the University

of Michigan, but 10 local swimmers are out to prove they're up to the challenge.

Canton will have the biggest contingent of eight. Matt Carlson (200 yard individual medley, 100 breast-

stroke, medley relay and 400 freestyle relay), Nick Landis (500 freestyle), Derek Schmitt (200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, both relays), Shogo Uno (100 butterfly, both relays), Jon Templeton (200 freestyle and both relays), Chris Marinica (200 freestyle relay), Rob Blaesser (alternate) and Nathan Phillips (medley relay).

"We're going to have to swim extremely well to make it to Saturday and score points," said Canton coach Ed Weber. Nick Landis is

ranked 20th in the 500 free, so he probably has our best chance of scoring. We'll see how it all goes.

Salem's lone competitor will be sophomore Stan Chen, who qualified in the 100 breaststroke at last month's MISCA meet.

Stan just missed qualifying last year, said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "It's been nice to see him make the progress he's made over the last year. He adds a lot to our workouts and — even though he's only a sophomore — he provides a

lot of leadership to our team.

Stan seems to like the bigger meets. He seems to step up to the level of competition. It will be interesting to see how he does at the state level.

Plymouth's only qualifier was senior Andy Knisely, who made it in the 100 breaststroke and 100 butterfly. Knisely is a four-time qualifier who will be swimming at the college level for Army in the fall.

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high school swimmer can be a grueling process, but the required hard work never came between Knisely and his water-based goals.

There's definitely a serious time commitment involved, especially because we're in a tough conference with teams like Livonia Stevenson and Northville," he said. "You pretty much have to swim year-round if you want to be good, and you have to stay focused. A lot of kids quit because it takes up so much time, but I never thought about giving it up."

Knisely's combination of athletic talent (he's also competed in soccer, football and track-and-field at Plymouth), academic accomplishments (he carries a 3.32 grade point average and plays the clarinet for the P-CEP's distinguished Wind Ensemble) and leadership qualities earned him an invitation to West Point, where he'll swim at the collegiate level for Army beginning in the fall.

I have to check in June 26 at 7:30 a.m. for what they refer to as 'Beast Physical Training,' said Knisely. "It's kind of like boot camp. Some people I've talked to who have gone through it say it's not that bad while others have said the first day of it will be the worst day of my life."

Knisely said he hopes to close out his stellar high school career on a positive note Friday at the University of Michigan.

"I've always felt I was better in the 100 breast, but lately my 100 fly time has been dropping," Knisely said.

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p.m.
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Smooth switch

Ruark handles move from hitter to setter with class

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy senior volleyball player Bre Ruark has recorded tons of assists, countless digs and a gym-ful of service points for the Eagles this season.

But Ruark's most significant contribution to the Class D district title-winning Eagles has been the one huge sacrifice she made before the season even started.

After three years of serving as an outside hitter, Ruark shifted to the crucial setter position after PCA's regular setter, sophomore Sara Ross, tore her anterior cruciate ligament while playing basketball in the fall.

While many seniors would have been hesitant to make the position change so late in their career, Ruark welcomed the challenge with open arms.

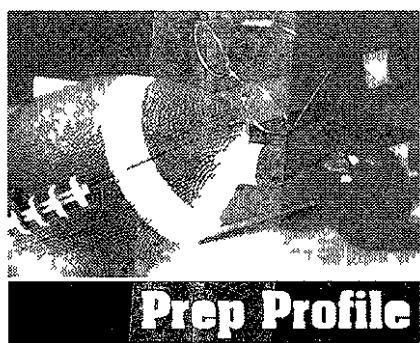
"Bre stepped in when we needed her and didn't complain about it," said PCA coach Missy Henry. "She was an outstanding hitter, but she gave that up to set for us and she's done a great job all season."

"Bre gets very excited when she plays and it's contagious to the rest of the team. When she's up, the whole team is up."

DO-IT-ALL LEADER

Ruark displayed her all-around abilities in Saturday's three-game sweep of Canton Agape Christian in the Class D district final. She notched 15 digs, seven kills, 13 assists and 15 service points to help lead the Eagles to their third consecutive district crown.

"I used to set in junior high, so I picked it up pretty quickly this year," Ruark said, when discussing the position change. "I miss hitting, but I really enjoy setting now. The biggest adjustment has been all the communicating I have to do on the



Prep Profile

'Bre stepped in when we needed her and didn't complain about it. She was an outstanding hitter, but she gave that up to set for us and she's done a great job all season. Bre gets very excited when she plays and it's contagious to the rest of the team. When she's up, the whole team is up.'

Missy Henry
PCA coach

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Ruark is one fifth of a solid senior nucleus at PCA. Along with Julie Bahbah and Kelsie Tietjen, she's nearing the end of her fourth varsity campaign, which is something not many high school athletes can claim.

"I've played with Julie and Kelsie so long that we know what the others are thinking and we know what the others are going to do," Ruark said. "If one of us is down for some reason, the other two know how to approach them and get them back up."

This year has gone really fast. Every time we have a last home game, last league game — it's kind of sentimental. It's crazy to think my high school career is almost over. It seems like just yesterday I tried out for the first time.

HISTORY-MAKER

As a sophomore, Ruark played an instrumental role in helping the Eagles win the school's first volleyball district championship. Now she'd like to be a member of PCA's first regional championship squad.

The highlight of my high school career has been winning the school's first district when we were sophomores, she said. We started beating teams that year that PCA had never beaten, so that felt good.

It would be great if we could beat Lenawee Christian in the regionals, especially because they beat us last year. I don't know if they see us as a rival, but I know we look at them as one.

MULTI-TALENTED STUDENT

Ruark's talents extend well beyond the volleyball court. She is also an outstanding student (3.1 grade point average) and an accomplished singer. She joined PCA basketball player Caleb James and one of the school's teachers, Michelle Barr, in singing the National Anthem before the Eagles Senior Night basketball game on Feb. 28.

Ruark has narrowed her collegiate choices to Azusa Pacific, which is located in sunny California, and Indiana-based Taylor University.

"My brother Jamin goes to Azusa Pacific, so he's told me a lot of good things about it," she said. "But I'm leading towards Taylor. That's where Julie Bahbah is going, so we would be roommates."

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BILL BRISLER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Christian Academy senior Bre Ruark handled the move from outside hitter to setter smoothly this season and was a key component in the Eagles' Class D district championship.

Upstart St. Mary's upsets CC icers, 3-1

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Novi-Detroit Catholic Central, the state's top-ranked Division 1 hockey teams, split a four-game series this season.

But in Saturday's regional final, St. Mary's won the biggest game, beating the Shamrocks, 3-1, at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Hills.

The second-ranked Eaglets (19-5-2) advanced to the state quarterfinals Wednesday night. (Results were not available at press time.)

"I think that's easily the best game the boys have played," St. Mary's coach Brian Klanow said. "But good teams bring it when they need it."

Number one-ranked Catholic Central is a quick, opportunistic team that likes to turn opposition mistakes into odd-man rushes. But the Eaglets successfully prevented the Shamrocks from gaining scoring chances on the rush.

"Our defense, we really didn't let them penetrate through the middle," Klanow said. "We kept everything on the outside."

Nevertheless, the Shamrocks still outshot St. Mary's, 34-16.

But sophomore Eaglets goal tender Nick Dries was outstanding, keeping CC off the score board until 1:48 remained in the game.

"This is the best game he's played all year," Klanow said. "But he's played well all year, he just played fantastic."

One key to Dries' success was his ability to control rebounds. He either held the puck or cleared it safely to the side after each of his 33 saves.

"They seem to crash the net

pretty hard, so I didn't want to leave too much out," the OLSM goalie said. "Both teams played tight, hard hitting defense in Saturday's first period."

St. Mary's best scoring chance came midway through the period when James Watts fed Krystian Dzabinski in front of the net, but Shamrocks goalie Ross Tashjian made the save.

Dries' best stop came with 3:15 remaining in the period, on an Alex Kolpacke shot from the slot.

The Eaglets scored first, 3:48 into the second period, when Shane Dwyer stole the puck at center ice, skated into the CC zone and fired a wrist shot into the top corner of the net.

Just 2:10 later, Clinton Bourbonais' slapper from the blue line, which may have been deflected by a Shamrocks defender, evaded Tashjian to make it 2-0. Brandon Kozlowski drew the lore assist.

CC then stepped up its offensive pressure on the way to an 11-4 shots advantage in the period, but couldn't beat Dries.

The Shamrocks' defending Division 1 champions opened the final period with 22 seconds of power play time, which St. Mary's killed off thanks to Dries sliding save on a low drive by Nick Krol. The Eaglets were then whistled for four straight penalties, which included an 18-second two-man advantage for CC.

The five on three power play passed without a Shamrock threat after St. Mary's defense man Dan Stanisz blocked a CC shot. Dries made several more sharp saves in the period, and a variety of St. Mary's penalty killers played well, before CC's Buttery finally netted a power play goal with 1:48 left.



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SWF, young 43, N/kids nature/animal lover, enjoys gardening, old cars and quiet nights at home Positive attitude and drama-free is a must Attractive and fit, you be too ☎288396

COULD YOU BE MR. RIGHT?

Are you a big, tall, handsome man? DWF, 47, very attractive, loving, fun, seeks SWM to share life together ☎443339

PETITE & SEXY...

SBF, sensitive, affectionate, loving, 51, looks 35, 5'1" 105lbs NS Seeking healthy SBM 5'10"-6'1", to work out with ☎912553

A GOOD FRIEND

SWF, 57, full-figured, 5'4" likes movies, dancing, good company Seeking a nice guy to enjoys a friends first relationship ☎916193

VERY ATTRACTIVE

Classy, slim young-looking, SWF, 57, with good personality and values, financially/emotionally stable, ISO SWM 53-64 with same qualities for serious relationship ☎867073

LOVES BOATING

SWF 65, 5'6", Aries N/S, loves dancing and dining out Seeking WM 60-71, N/S, with sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance ☎890004

A GOOD & TRUE FRIEND

Share with this DBCF, 65, N/S, honest, fun, enjoy outings breakfast, lunch, dinners? conversation, good, old-school down-to-earth friendship, sincerity ☎905335

SOMEONE SPECIAL

Fun-loving, attractive SWF, 70 5'5", 135lbs blonde, retired, Cancer N/S seeks well-groomed WM, 65-72, N/S, to share life, romance and possible relationship ☎891247

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF, 68, 5'2", long dark brown/brown, N/S, N/D, with positive attitude enjoys leisurely drives movies, and dining out Seeking man, 58-75, for LTR ☎669606

GOOD LOOKER

Positive, caring, easygoing SBPF, 53 (looks younger) N/S not into bars, enjoys jazz, old-school music and fun times Seeking special, secure man, 48-60, N/S, for laughter, good times and LTR ☎725001

KIND HEART

Full-figured SF, 55, enjoys dancing and all types of music, likes working with animals, seeks good-natured single man, 44-60 ☎742466

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF, 53, 5'9", brown/brown N/S, nursing home activities coordinator, enjoys boating swimming, and Michigan State football games Seeking WM 50-62, with similar interests ☎759316

WILDFLOWER

SWF, 63, 5'6", average build Aries, N/S, enjoys dancing, dining out seeks WM, 58-75, N/S, with a sense of humor, for friendship, possible romance ☎720594

LIKE HAVING FUN?

SF, 5', 112lbs, blonde/green, looking for a romantic guy, 20-25, who is tall, handsome, nice and knows how to treat a lady ☎845044

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER

SWF, 49, 5'5", full-figured, brown/brown romantic, lovable, humorous, likes entertaining, traveling, family time Seeking SM, 40-56, N/S, social drinker ok, who puts God first in his life, for possible LTR ☎861408

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF, 58 5'3", 170lbs attractive, intelligent, creative, articulate, seeks SWM, 57-73, who is kind-hearted, articulate who enjoys dancing, walking, traveling, movies, dining out ☎812098

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF early 60s feels much younger, N/S, loves music and dancing, stays physically active would like to hear from friendly, honest man, 56-68, N/S ☎672174

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Loving, attractive SWCF 74 trim fun, N/D, N/S, homebody type, seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s Let's talk! ☎794040

59 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty charming SWF successful kind compassionate, lots of fun, looking for her knight in shining armor Any sincere, caucasian gentlemen 55-80, please respond Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates ☎592074

REFINED AND FULL OF LIFE

Very attractive blonde, fit, energetic and happy, professionally employed, very youthful 60s, 5'3", trim and shapely, enjoys dining travel dancing, theater family and friends Seeking honest, handsome, fit 55+ college grad N/S, with youthful passion for life Serious replies only ☎652360

HONEST/OPEN MINDED

BF, 54, intelligent cute, caring N/S slim, health oriented vegetarian Enjoys ethnic foods, travel, art culture ISO kind, considerate honest, emotionally mature man ☎894301

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF, late 40s Cancer, N/S seeks special, no games WM, 45+, N/S, for caring, quality committed relationship Let's create sparks and watch them fly ☎639272

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HAPPY DAD

Single father of three, 37 loves family outdoors, biking, barbeque, cooking and more Looking for a lovely WF, 30-45, to share happiness and life with ☎715711

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic, outgoing SWM, 46 enjoys most activities, yet open to new ideas and adventures, seeks spirited spontaneous SWF, age open ☎547524

ONE-ON-ONE TIME

DWM, medium build, Oakland County, enjoys comedies, walks, quiet times Seeking medium to full-figured woman, 30-50, affectionate, romantic, casual dresser ☎278513

LIFE'S A CABARET

Classy, romantic, intelligent SWM, 50, well-traveled, with good taste, seeks a special, caring, friendly lady, 36-55 Let's share life, romance, and laughter ☎480718

HOLLER AT ME

SBM, 31, 5'9", handsome spontaneous, Scorpio smoker, Brooklyn transplant, seeks sexy woman, 25-40, with good head on her shoulders ☎928682

SHARE THE REMOTE

SBM, 24, 5'6" 135lbs, slim petite, black/dark brown goatee mustache smoker, seeks BM, 21-30, smoker, with whom to laugh, cuddle and go out ☎928752

SWM DESIRES SBF

Call me if you desire a nice shape, blue-eyed blonde 50-year-old, 180lbs Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance ☎777324

SEEKING CULTURED WOMAN

SWM, 80, 5'8", 155lbs, healthy, intelligent, college-educated, N/S, seeks slim, educated, attractive WF 65-75, N/S who loves classical music, opera, Stratford Festival, and travel ☎882041

HI LADIES

Loyal, affectionate, commitment-minded DWM, 44, 5'11", blond/blue, father, mustache/goatee, 195lbs, self-employed enjoys fitness, simple fun Seeking active healthy, open-minded lady who enjoys the same ☎924288

LET'S TALK SOMETIME

SBM, 42, 5'7", 157lbs, enjoys music, dining out, snuggling, good talks, beach walks Seeking fun, full-figured lady to share happiness and romance ☎924565

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC

Youthful, easygoing SWM, 46, likes movies, concerts, boating Seeking attractive SWF, 40s-50s, with a lively spirit good sense of humor, friendly, positive outlook ☎642092

EASY ON THE EYES

Well-maintained SWM, 56, who enjoys keeping in touch with current events heart-to-heart talks and silly conversations Let's meet over coffee and see what develops ☎259844

NICE GUY

SWM, 66, 5'6" 150lbs, manufacturer's representative, Libra, N/S, works out, enjoys movies, restaurants, and summer festivals Seeking SWF, 50-65, N/S Shirley please call back ☎708126

AN EASYGOING GUY

Attractive, fun, financially secure SWM, 47, N/S seeks WF, 35-50, who enjoys being romantic, dining out, movies, and the outdoors, friendship possible LTR ☎862812

SEEKING A REAL WOMAN

SBM, 25, 5'5" 160lbs, hard-working, easygoing love to have fun and enjoy life Seeking a SF, 18-40, for friendship and hopefully develop a relationship ☎919424

GET IN TOUCH

40 year-old DWM, 5'7", 155lbs, brown/green, employed, down-to-earth Seeking a SW/HF, 35-45, who enjoys movies, dining out, camping fishing and just enjoying life ☎920353

TRY ME

Hard-working, independent SBM 39 5'8" 155lbs, well-built, kind-hearted, romantic, enjoys park walks, bowling and chilling with a special lady Will you be that lady? ☎922253

ISO A GOOD WOMAN

SBM 37 180lbs 5'9" enjoys travel music, movies and more Seeking a single female, age and race unimportant If interested, contact me ☎922725

GIVE IT A SHOT

SWM, 37, self-employed active, fit fun, loves the outdoors fishing, movies, fine dining, snuggling Looking for active, outgoing, affectionate SF who appreciates the same ☎923431

TRY THIS ONE

Employed SM, 27 5'11", fit light complexion, hazel eyes, enjoys motorcycling cars/trucks, bowling, fitness, keeping active Seeking compatible, fit, understanding SF to enjoy the good things in life ☎925130

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

SBM 19, black/hazel, 5'11" employed enjoys concerts, movies, music, etc Looking to meet a single female to hook up and have fun with ☎925331

LET'S TALK

Loving, up front SM, 27 5'8" 165lbs, likes basketball, fun Seeking down-to-earth, intelligent, non-materialistic lady, honest and sweet, not into games, to share romance, good talks, good times maybe more? ☎925367

HELLO THERE

SBM, 30 5'8", 175lbs, light complexion short hair, nice-looking, polite not about games, likes shooting pool, nights out ISO sociable, open minded, lovely lady who enjoys togetherness, romance, love and affection ☎925494

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SHM, 33, 5'10", 188lbs black/brown mustache/goatee independent, D/D-free, enjoys reading, movies, relaxing at home, cuddling Seeking lovely, sweet white, Asian, Hispanic lady to share good times, good talks much more ☎924249

HEY LADIES

SM 19 brown/brown 6', 170 lbs outgoing, nice, fun, looking for similar lady friend to enjoy the good times in life with ☎926020

HELLO, LADIES

SBM, 33 5'10" 169lbs, black/brown, smoker enjoys playing pool and dominoes Seeking WF 20-55 for friendship, possible romance ☎927050

EASY ON THE EYES

SBM, 50, Libra, smoker, enjoys golf, good movies, concerts Seeking companionship of an honest down-to-earth, self-assured woman 41-58 ☎927269

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Affectionate DWM 64 brown hair N/S D/D-free enjoys craft shows, flea markets, movies, dining, camping, The Red Wings ISO a special lady, 48-59, to share friendship dates, possible LTR ☎920969

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM 46 looking for that special persona for LTR, someone who enjoys walks movies, sporting events, cuddling at home Please be shapely independent and know what you want in life ☎692418

MAN WITH PIZZAZ...

Sincere, affectionate SWM, 40s, clear mind, fit body enjoys artsy cultural events outdoor activities, seeking witty, pretty SWF, 35-55, for friendship and possible relationship ☎517123

GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL

Easygoing agreeable, cute SWM, 40s, eager to please willing to try new things seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF for dating and relating ☎210772

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWM, 40s, 6' 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, auto worker, easygoing, honest and secure, enjoys hunting Harleys and the outdoors Seeking attractive slim/fit woman 30-50 N/S, D/D-free, comfortable in high heels-tennis shoes ☎798519

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Independent, self-sufficient DWM 45 sturdy build, carpenter, sociable, affectionate likes boating, walks drives, cycling cooking Seeking a special lady to share the good things in life ☎855207

KIND, HANDSOME TEACHER

SWMP 53, 6 220lbs, light smoker social drinker looking for one good woman Please call Troy area ☎864792

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

SWM, 46 6'2 209lbs, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, workout, new activities, seeks friendly SF age/location open ☎531308

OUTDOORSY KINDA GUY

DWM, 64, 5'11 190lbs, self-employed, N/S, socially drinker, great SOH I am looking for the right lady to spend time with get to know and maybe develop a lasting relationship ☎891796

ADVENTUROUS

SWM, 41, seek SF to become friends, maybe more Must be smart have SOH Blend into me All I want is you to be happy If you want this call ☎595394

WAYNE COUNTY WONDER

SBM 57 6'3, 240lbs, Cancer, N/S, seeks independent woman, 37-62, N/S, financially secure who knows what she wants in life ☎918703

ISO SOMEONE SPECIAL

SBPM, 53, 5'9", H/W proportionate, brown eyes, Sagittarius, N/S, seeks level-headed woman, 38-48 N/S, race unimportant, with whom to go out ☎918058

LET ME MAKE YOU SMILE!

28-year-old SBM 5'7" 150lbs, mechanic, very mature I enjoy movies, working out, running, etc Seeking a SWF, 25 65 with similar interest ☎921276

LET'S MEET FOR CAPPUCCINO

SBM, 21, 6 college student (political science), store clerk, market manager tax preparer N/S, open to most activities, seeks HF, 18-27 N/S ☎921703

HI LADIES

SWM 24 5'7" black/brown, outgoing fun good-humored looking for sweet easygoing light-hearted SF not into games, to share friendship, dates, talks and possibly more ☎923220

TRUE GENTLEMAN

SBM 52, 5'8", 185lbs looking for a medium to full-figured SBF, 46-54 Someone who is worldly, nice, loves to laugh and just enjoying life to the fullest ☎912726

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN...

Ferndale SBM, 62, 6'2", 197lbs, smoker drinker homebody, enjoys cooking watching tv seeks open-minded, spontaneous woman 39-56, for dating ☎916439

Canton, Salem gymnasts bound for state meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Both Canton and Salem are headed back to the gymnastics state meet following outstanding performances at Saturday's regional competition held at Plymouth High School.

Livonia Unified won the regional with a 147.175. Canton earned second with 145.275, followed by third-place Northville/Novi (144.25) and the Rocks (143.10). The top three teams from each of the four regional meet advances to Saturday's state meet at Troy Athens. Salem qualified as a wild-card team.

Rounding out the top 10 were Trenton (134.775), Salme (131.55), Plymouth (126.325), Tecumseh (124.70), Adrian (123.55) and Ann Arbor Pioneer (122.10).

Saturday's appearance will be Canton's fourth-consecutive in the state meet.

"We didn't have a perfect day, but at the same time I'm ecstatic to be in the position we're in," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "Even though we've beaten Northville/Novi, and Salem, you never know what can happen on any given day."

The state meet should be a real dogfight. We probably don't have a chance to beat Tr-Farmington, but I think we have a shot at beating Livonia and getting the runner up trophy. We have five all-arounders going, so we have a shot.

Canton placed three gymnasts in the top six all-around places in Division 1. Kate Staley (third with a score of 36.725), Alyssa Kelley (fourth with 36.375) and Jessie Murray (sixth with 36.075). Two Rocks cracked the top six. Katie Koetting (second with 36.975) and Sarah Bugosh (fifth with 36.20).

Canton's Kaitlyn Burns placed sixth in the Division 2 all-around with a 34.95.

There were two gymnasts — Chelsea Selden and Salems Sarah Bugosh — who returned from a trip to France with their

French classes on Friday, but despite the jet lag and missing practice for a week, they still did very well," Cunningham said.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

REGION 1 RESULTS

Saturday at Plymouth H S

TEAM RESULTS 1 Livonia Unified 147.175 2 Canton 145.275 3 Northville/Novi 144.25 4 Salem 143.10 5 Trenton 134.775 6 Salme 131.55 7 Plymouth 126.325 8 Tecumseh 124.70 9 Adrian 123.55 10 Ann Arbor Pioneer 122.10 11 Dearborn Edsel Ford 121.328 12 Grosse Pointe South 118.80

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

DIVISION 1

ALL-AROUND 1 Andrea Pisani (LU) 37.05 2 Katie Koetting (S) 36.975 3 Kate Staley (C) 36.725 4 Alyssa Kelley (C) 36.375 5 Sarah Bugosh (S) 36.20 6 Jessie Murray (C) 36.075

VAULT 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.65 2 Paula Guzik (LU) 9.6 3 Jessie Murray (C) 9.475 4 Alicia Fedrigo (LU) 9.4 5 Andrea Pisani (LU) 9.2 6 Autumn Collins (S) 9.15 7 Meghan Powers (LU) 9.1375 8 (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Sarah Bugosh (S) 9.1

UNEVEN BARS 1 Andrea Pisani (LU) 9.4 2 Katie Koetting (S) 9.3 3 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9.25 4 Amy Reynolds (NN) 9.225 5 Meghan Powers (LU) 9.075 6 Kate Staley (C) 9.05 7 Brittany Redmond (T) 8.9 8 Sarah Bugosh (S) 8.85

BALANCE BEAM 1 Kara Ahern (C) 9.6 2 Kate Staley (C) 9.4 3 Paula Guzik (LU) 9.35 4 Sarah Bugosh (S) 9.3 5 Autumn Collins (S) 9.15 6 Meghan Powers (LU) 9.1 7 Amy Reynolds (NN) 9.05 8 (tie) Jessie Murray (C) and Katie Koetting (S) 9.0

FLOOR EXERCISE 1 Katie Koetting (S) 9.65 2 Andrea Pisani (LU) 9.55 3 Jessie Murray (C) 9.2 4 Kate Staley (C) 9.175 5 Brittany Ronstanski (DEF) 9.0 6 Alyssa Kelley (C) 8.975 7 (tie) Kara Ahern (C) and Sarah Bugosh (S) 8.95

DIVISION 2

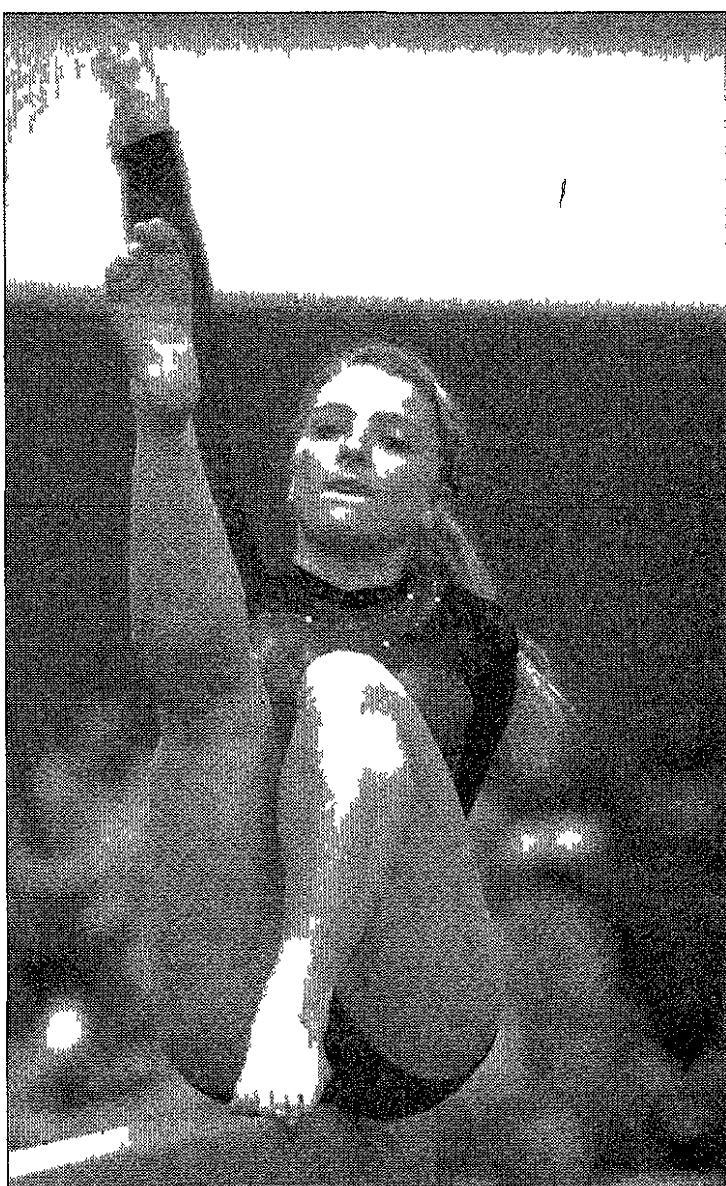
ALL-AROUND 1 Paige Albers (LU) 36.4875 2 Alyssa Supplee (LU) 35.45 3 Rachel Deneau (NN) 35.225 4 Sarah Ukhari Pru (NN) 35.175 5 Laura Nomura (LU) 35.125 6 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 34.95

VAULT 1 Alyssa Supplee (LU) 9.3 2 Jacqueline Gajette (NN) 9.225 3 Emma Platt (NN) 9.2 4 Paige Albers (LU) 9.1875 5 Lindsey Abraham (T) 9.15 6 Lauren Duda (NN) 8.95 7 Laura Nomura (LU) 8.825 8 Katarina Karotios (S) 8.8

UNEVEN BARS 1 Sarah Ukhari Pru (NN) 9.075 2 Jacqueline Gajette (NN) 9.05 3 Kelly Tapella (LU) 9.0 4 Paige Albers (LU) 8.8 5 (tie) Emma Platt (NN) and Lindsay Abraham (T) 8.7 7 Alyssa Supplee (LU) 8.65 8 Laura Nomura (LU) 8.55

BALANCE BEAM 1 Rachel Deneau (NN) 9.6 2 Sarah Ukhari Pru (NN) 9.6 3 Paige Albers (LU) 9.05 4 Julie Aurelia (LU) 8.9 5 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 8.85 6 Chelsea Selden (C) 8.8 7 Laura Nomura (LU) 8.75 8 (tie) Katarina Karotios (S) and Paige Cederna (SALINE) 8.7

FLOOR EXERCISE 1 Paige Albers (LU) 9.45 2 Rachel Deneau (NN) 9.4 3 Kaitlyn Burns (C) 9.05 4 (tie) Laura Nomura (LU) and Julie Aurelia (LU) 9.0 6 Alyssa Supplee (LU) 8.85 7 (tie) Emma Platt (NN) and Paige Cederna (SALINE) 8.8



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Jessie Murray helped lead the Chiefs to a second place showing in Saturday's regional meet at Plymouth High School.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

FIELD OF DREAMS

There will be a "Soccer Field of Dreams" update meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, in the Plymouth High School distance-learning lab.

The agenda will include a summary of the program's funding and facilities successes to date and an informational presentation by Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan regarding the May 2 bond election that includes funding for the "Soccer Field of Dreams" project.

Members of the P-CEP soccer booster clubs are encouraged to attend along with their friends and any other interested citizens.

For more information, call Bob Harris at (734) 416-1360.

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 Wilham 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.

Contact Mike Nelson at mikenelson@ameritech.net, or (734) 737-9935 or go to www.olgcfotball.net.

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.

Complete information is available at www.dexterannarberrun.com.

WESTLAND CAR CARE TOWING

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction March 14, 2006 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Rd. Westland MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1988	MERCURY	TRACER	4-DR	3MABM1255JR634353
1990	BUICK		S/W	1G4BR84Y8LA403070
1990	CHEVY	PICK UP	P/U	1GCDC14H3LZ139781
1994	CHEVY	YUKON	S/W	1GKEK18K4R757264
1994	DODGE	SHADOW	4 DR	1B3AP28K9RN128126
1994	PLYMOUTH		4-DR	1P3AP28DXRN171793
1996	PLYMOUTH	NEON	2-DR	1P3ES62Y37FD508868
1991	FORD	EXPLORER	S/W	1FMDU34X1MUB63586
1984	BMW	325 I	2-DR	WBAAB640XE1012957
1997	LEXUS		4-DR	JT8BF22G1V0007574
1994	FORD	TAURUS	4-DR	1FALP54P9RA290152

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a Bid for Site-Work Projects at Allen, Gallimore, and Smith Elementary Schools. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc. FW Dodge Plan Room Southfield, Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room Bloomfield Hills, Daily Construction Reports Plan Room Detroit Construction News Service Grandville, and Reed Construction Data Novi, MI. Bid Division descriptions include:

- 101: Earthwork & Site Utilities
- 102: Asphalt Paving & Exterior Concrete
- 143: Electrical
- 148: Landscaping

A pre bid meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at the main office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc. located at 24317 Indoplex Circle Farmington Hills MI 48335. Bidders are STRONGLY encouraged to attend. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 2 bid copies (1 original, 1 copy) and a valid financial disclosure statement. Bids are due to the PCCS E.J. McClendon Educational Center on or before 11:00 a.m. Tuesday March 21, 2006 where they will be opened and read publicly. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON 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 to 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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STOW & GO SELF STORAGE AUCTION NOTICE

Pursuant to state law Notice is hereby given that a public auction will be held at STOW & GO SELF STORAGE, 41999 ANN ARBOR ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI on APRIL 7th, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. on past due tenants listed below. The entire contents of the following units will be auctioned and sold to the highest bidder on each individual unit. CASH ONLY! DESCRIPTION IS BRIEF SUMMARY OF ITEMS, MAY OR MAY NOT CONTAIN MORE OR LESS ITEMS.

UNIT #B-11 - CLAUDETTE YOUNG OF 7555 WARREN, ANN ARBOR, MI 48105

Luggage Christmas decorations, boom box framed pictures leather coat storage bins other misc items

UNIT #348 KEVIN EFIMETZ OF 25075 MEADOWBROOK RD. #216, NOVI, MI 48375

Couch 37 TV washer dryer vacuum fan waterbed tool box grill microwave boxes other misc items

UNIT #457 - ROBERT COOMBS OF 3691 N. ADAMS, BLOOMFIELD, MI 48304

Wheels/Tires car parts shelf file cabinets, 2 chairs other misc items

UNIT #518/547 ROBERT TAYLOR (STANDARD OFFICE SOLUTION) OF 9282 GENERAL DRIVE #195, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

Tires chairs copiers computer equipment tanks boxes tables lights dog cage storage bins other misc items

SALE DATE IS APRIL 7, 2006 AT 10:00 A.M.

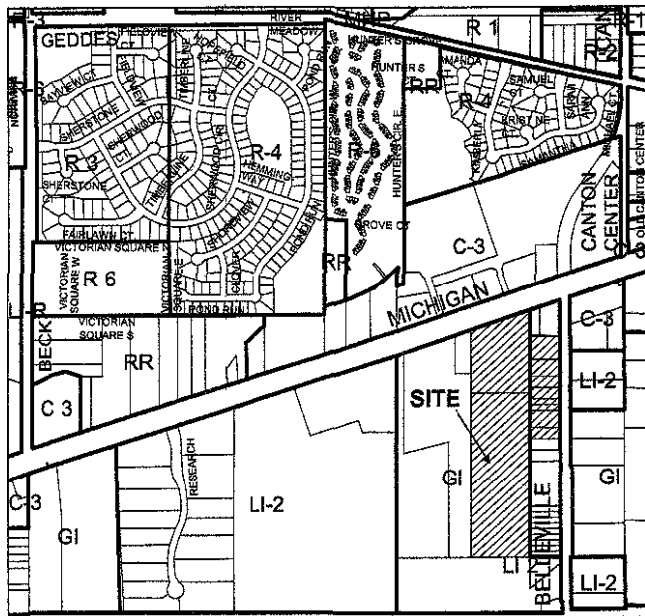
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday March 20, 2006 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:



SECTION 33

COSTCO WHOLESALE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (FINAL PLAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 132.99.0003.701 (132.99.0003.702 132.01.0005.000 132.01.0009.000 132.01.0012.000 (4930 BELLEVILLE RD) 132.01.0014.000 (5010 BELLEVILLE RD) 132.01.0016.000 132.01.0019.000 132.01.0021.000 (5050 BELLEVILLE RD) Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road (Second Public Hearing.)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday March 16, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

CANTON 2006 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING SUBS

SUNFLOWER VILLAGE 1, 2, 3 AND 4 FOREST TRAILS SUBDIVISION MISCELLANEOUS LOCATIONS

Sealed bids enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Canton 2006 Sidewalk Repair Program" along with the name address phone number of the Contractor the date and time of the bid opening will be received by the Charter Township of Canton at the Clerk's Office 1150 S. Canton Center Road 48188 until 3:00 p.m. March 23, 2006 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project and approximate quantities of work:

CANTON 2006 SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM

Removal and replacement of 100,000 square feet of 4" sidewalk and 15,000 square feet of 6" concrete sidewalk that includes drive approaches, adjustments and / or reconstruction of utility structures, restoration and related work.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Township Hall 1150 S. Canton Center Road 2nd Floor Engineering Conference Room to explain the project and answer any questions.

Bid documents are on file for review at Canton Township 2nd Floor Engineering Services Construction Association of Michigan McGraw Hill Construction Reed Construction Data and Construction News Service of Michigan.

Bid documents may be obtained at the Charter Township of Canton Engineering Services - 2nd Floor 1150 S. Canton Center Road MI 48188 upon making a payment of Forty (\$40.00) Dollars of which none will be refunded.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond in the amount of at least five (5) percent of the amount bid drawn payable to the Charter Township of Canton as security for the proper execution of the Contract. Bids may not be withdrawn for the period of 60 days after date of receiving bids.

The Charter Township of Canton reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informality in any bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

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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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591 7279 or write Religion Calendar Observer Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday

MARCH

Creation emphasis seminar
What can you do with your congregation members that will change the way they look at the world forever? Creation series featuring speaker Grady McMurty Biblical scientific creationist 7 p.m. Friday March 10 and 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Saturday March 11 at Lighthouse Worship Center 19827 Middlebelt south of Eight Mile Livonia Call (248) 476 7933

Women invited
All women 18 years and older are invited to share a special night of how to make peanut brittle How to pamper yourself and how to craft project 6 p.m. Friday March 10 at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh Livonia Please bring a sandwich to share hot soup provided Any questions call (734) 464 0990

Lifeworks
7 p.m. Friday March 10 in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church Northville Financial adviser Brad Abbott speaks and answers questions from the group Free childcare provided No ticket or registration required For more information call (248) 374 5920

VBS fund-raiser
12:30-2:30 p.m. Sunday March 12 at Riverside Park Church of God at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Livonia We will be serving up a Mexican Fiesta for a small donation of \$3.50 per adult \$1.50 children 12 and under Take out is also available There will be additional baked goods for sale and door prizes will be given away All the profit on this event will go to sponsor a vacation bible school for children in the community Cherry Hill Baptist Bell Choir will be presenting a special unique sound of worship on March 12 during the morning service at Riverside Park Church of God Family Worship service starts at 10:45 a.m. Any questions call (734) 464 0990

Frank Turner testimony
The Channel 7 Emmy Award winning news anchor shares his testimony of how God's grace and mercy touched his life 10 a.m. Sunday March 12 at Christ The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 42690 Cherry Hill Canton A free brunch follows the service For more information call (734) 981 0286

Blessing of the fleet
And Great Lakes Memorial Service 11 a.m. Sunday March 12 at Mariners Church of Detroit 170 E. Jefferson Free parking in Ford Auditorium Underground Garage entrance is in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward Call (313) 259 2206

Senior singles
7 p.m. Tuesday March 14 in room C317 at Ward Presbyterian Church Northville Dr. Weldon Petz a well known historian speaks on The Pilgrimage of Abraham Lincoln No ticket or reservation required For more information call (248) 374 5920

Lent program
Wednesday March 15 22 29 and April 5 6 p.m. Taize prayer and song 6:30 p.m. program with meal service project and prayer at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

Lenten schedule
Services 7:30 p.m. Wednesday March 15 22 29 and April 5 [nursery available at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church 30650 Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 427 1414 or visit http://holycrosslivonia.org Holy Week services Palm Sunday April 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Maundy Thursday April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday April 14 Reflections on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m. and Tenebrae Worship Service at 8 p.m. Easter Vigil April 15 at 8 p.m. and Easter Sunday April 16 at 7 a.m. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Lifesong tour
Featuring Casting Crowns with Nichole Nordeman and guest speaker Tony Nolan introducing Josh Bates 7 p.m. Thursday March 16 at NorthRidge Church 49555 North Territorial Plymouth Tickets \$35 artist circle \$25 advance \$22 groups of 15 plus (groups receive pair of complimentary tickets For tickets call (800) 585 3737 or visit a StarTicketsPlus outlet or www.starticketsplus.com For more information call (734) 414 7777

Book lecture
St. Simon & Jude Catholic Church in Westland hosts a presentation by nationally known author Angela Bonavoglia 7 p.m. Friday March 17 Bonavoglia wrote *Good Catholic Girls* a book about how women are leading the fight to change the Catholic Church All are welcome

Senior activities
Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. Friday March 17 on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Livonia Any questions call (734) 464 0990 Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors First we enjoy a wonderful lunch together then we fellowship with some games and stories There is always a short drama presentation that will leave your sides hurting from laughing so hard To end our time together there will be a short devotion led by the Rev. Robert McFarland Do you enjoy playing Games? Bring your favorite game and a finger food to share with others 6-9 p.m. Saturday March 18 No charge

Coffeehouse
7:10 p.m. Friday March 17 Single Point Lighthouse Cafe at Ward Presbyterian Church Northville Join us for an evening of relaxation and fun while listening to live entertainment \$5 admission includes games fellowship music snacks and fantastic specialty coffees Free childcare provided For more information call (248) 374 5920

Polish Dinner Dance
With music by the Wally Lipiec Band Saturday March 18 doors open at 6 p.m. dinner at 7 p.m. music 7:30-11 p.m. in the Activity Center at St. Aidan's Church 17500 Farmington Road Livonia Tickets \$20 assigned seating no tickets sold at door Call (248) 473 8428

La Corda concert
Chamber music by The La Corda Ensemble 4 p.m. Sunday March 19 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington north of I 96 Livonia For more information call music director Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522 6830 No chart but a freewill offering will be accepted

Movie night
7 p.m. Friday March 24 at Ward Presbyterian Church Northville There will be a choice of 5 films to watch with friends and family This is a great event for single parents with kids No ticket or registration required For more information call (248) 374 5920

Two-day conference
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church host the Faithfully Loving His Own conference aimed at bringing women together in the study of the Word on March 24-25 at the church at 2080 W Grand Boulevard (at Grand River) Detroit Friday evening's activities begin at 5:30 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. and continue to 4:30 p.m. Ticket are \$65 Admission for women who register as a group of six is \$325 and includes one free pass Tickets for Friday evening only are \$20 Tickets for Saturday only are \$55 and include materials Saturday lunch is \$6 Scholarships are available Call (734) 207 9581 Ext. 305 For more information or to register visit www.womenintheword.org or call (888) MTS 2737 Ext. 301

Two-part seminar
The Art of Pro Life Persuasion presented by Right to Life - LIFESPAN 6:30-9 p.m. Friday March 31 and 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday April 1 at Dearborn Evangelical Covenant Church 18575 W Outer Drive Cost is \$15 Registration required Call (248) 478 8878

Lenten Bible study
Pastor Herschel Ely leads a Lenten Bible Study 6:20-7:10 p.m. Wednesdays at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt one block south of Ford The church continues Sunday services with an adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. (rotational format using computers cooking crafts storytelling and more) contemporary Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. Tuesday morning adult Bible Study at 11 a.m. Call (734) 421 7620

Lenten programs
Runs Wednesdays to April 5 at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road Belleville Call (734) 699 3361 or visit www.trinitybell.org All welcome to 6 p.m. Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper 7 p.m. Story of Anglicanism and the Episcopal church Creation emphasis seminar

Lenten services
10 a.m. Sundays through Lent and Easter Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday April 13 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476 8860 or visit www.nardinpark.org and 7:30 p.m. April 14 Community Service at First United Methodist Church in Farmington

UPCOMING

Last Supper re-enactment
7:30 p.m. Thursday April 13 presented by Wayne Westland First United Methodist Church and First Congregational Church of Wayne at Three Town Square Wayne Open to the public No charge but a love offering will be taken Call (734) 721 9300 or (734) 721 4801

Maundy Thursday service
7:30 p.m. April 13 in the sanctuary at St. James Presbyterian Church 25350 W Six Mile Redford Call (313) 534 7730

Crafters wanted
For the St. Thomas a Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec. 2 at 555 S Lilley Road Canton The church is now accepting applications for hand made crafts only Call (734) 981 1333

ONGOING

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

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

Divorce workshop
Began 7:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 9 and runs for 7 weeks until March 23 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Cost is \$30 for pre registration \$20 returning participants \$35 at door Cost includes the book Growing

Through Divorce by Jim Smoke and a closing night dinner For information call (248) 374 5920

Purpose Driven Life
Members friends and neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren during Lent Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia Plymouth Canton Northville Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent All faiths are welcome Call (248) 349 3140 for more information

Bible study groups
The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church Plymouth and Hubbard Livonia The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series For information call (734) 261 1455

Church activities
St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m. Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m. at 25350 W Six Mile Redford Call (313) 534 7730

Exercise series
A weekly class on exercise and fitness began 6:45 p.m. Monday Jan. 30 and runs to March 20 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia Call Linda Hollman at (734) 522 6830

Scripture from scratch
No previous Bible study required began 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday Jan. 31 at St. Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Livonia The four units include an overview of the Bible (Feb. 7-14 21) the Old Testament (March 7-14 21 28) the New Testament (April 11 18 25 and May 2) and Gospels (May 16 23 30 and June 6) Each session includes video presentation small and large group discussions Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for \$5 After that the cost is \$10 To register call (734) 425 5950

Bible studies
Began 6:30 p.m. Sunday Jan. 8 7 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 11 (with family dinner at 6:15 p.m.) and 9:15 a.m. Thursday Jan. 19 (for women the Bible study is based on the book of Luke) at Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 6722

Kabbalah classes
Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center the classes began 10:30 a.m. Sunday Jan. 8 and 8 p.m. Wednesday Jan. 11 at 5595 W Maple West Bloomfield The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students Call (248) 855 6170 Ext. 1 or send e-mail to BCTC77@aol.com

Eucharistic adoration
The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service For information call (734) 261 5331

Worship services
All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422 1470

Fall Sunday services
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Bible study and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sunday school at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit 9083 Newburgh Livonia

Unity of Livonia
Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads Call (734) 421 1760

Shabbat services
The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan Call (248) 477 8974

Bet Chaverim
Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton Plymouth Livonia and Northville The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S Ridge south of Cherry Hill Canton Call (734) 646 3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com

Detroit World Outreach
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kids and teens a great place for college students singles married adults and seniors Services are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month) Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Call (313) 255 2222

Trinity Episcopal Church
Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages at 11575 Belleville Road (four miles south of Michigan Avenue) Belleville Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays includes dinner and child care Call (734) 699 3361

Shabbat Rocks
A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills For more information call (248) 851 5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org

English classes
Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and back grounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia Tutors will work on a one to one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language No charge To register call (734) 525 0191 or (734) 522 6830

Scripture from scratch
If you've always wanted to learn about the Bible from square one here's square one 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road Livonia Call (734) 425 5950 to register

Sunday school
Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia) is registering children age 4 and up for Sunday school Financial assistance available Special discounts for new members For more information call (248) 477 8974

Services
St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturdays Also Sunday traditional worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday School hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474 0584 for more information

Single Point Ministries
For ages 30 and older join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Coffee doughnuts conversations are present Call (248) 374 5920 Tennis continues 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 4 p.m. Tuesdays at Rotary Park Six Mile and Hubbard Livonia

Bible talks
4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center 1119 Newburgh Westland Call (734) 728 9157

Worship services
All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia For more information call (734) 422 1470

The Gap
A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford Road Lessons are taught using various media computers storytelling games cooking music and art and a small theater complete with popcorn making machine Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward Call (734) 421 7620

Oigong
The ancient form of Chinese energetic medicine A safe and effective way to rid body of toxic pathogens and years of painful emotions Learn the art of natural movement and breath to cultivate vital life energy Classes at Livonia Unity 28660 Five Mile Monday movement Oigong 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday Oigong meditation 10:15-11:15 a.m. and Friday Therapeutic Oigong 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call (810) 813 4073 for more information or send e-mail to gary@energeticarts.org

Worship services
8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 37775 Palmer Westland Social hour follows each service Call (734) 722 1735

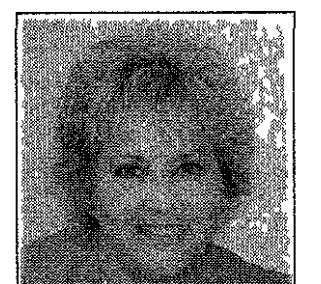
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MARY ELLEN CROW

85 Beloved wife of the late Jack Gladden for 8 years and the late Allen Crow for 13 year Loving mother of Craig (Norma) Gladden and the late Thomas Gladden (Bernadette) Cherished grandmother of Karen Carlton Thom Amanda and great grandmother of Sara Funeral Mass Friday March 10th 10 am (Prayers at funeral home 9 15 am) at St. Colette 17600 Newburgh (N. of 6 Mile Rd.) Livonia Visitation Thursday 2 8 pm with a 7 pm Rosary at the Heene Sundquist Funeral Home 23720 Farmington Rd (Btw 9-10 Mile Rds just N of Grand River) downtown Farmington (248 474 5200 heeneysundquist.com) Memorials Suggested to American Cancer Assn



ROSEMARIE KOSTECKE

Devoted wife loving mother and grandmother compassionate daughter and sister and caring friend to all who had the pleasure to meet her died in Venice FL on January 19th 2006 at the young age of 59 Rose as she was commonly known always put others interests and well being in front of herself She was one of the most unselfish people you would ever meet and always looked to give credit to others as opposed to shining the spotlight on herself Rose along with her husband Tom, dedicated many hours, days and years to raising their five children Tom Jr (spouse Jennifer), Jon (spouse Julie) Missy Jenny and Matt (fiancee Olivia) her mother Ruth sisters Pat and Diane, brother Jerry, grandchildren Jacob and Jordyn and many, many other friends and family A memorial service for Rose will be held on Saturday March 11 2006 at 1 pm at St. Mary's of the Hills, located at 2675 John R. in Rochester

MARION L. WATSON

Age 91 of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills March 7 2006 Wife of the late Joel P. Watson a former executive with the Chrysler Corporation who preceded Marion in death in 2002 Survived by two daughters Patty (Damian) Zikakis of Birmingham and Susan (Patrick) Bockenstette of Trabuco Canyon, California one son, Michael C. (Roberta) Watson of Pickerton Ohio Also survived by grandchildren Alex Sam Emily Matthew, Ethan, Luke, Scott Kellie Katie Courtney, and Ross Mrs Watson had been a bookkeeper at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, where she was a member She also was a member of Bloomfield Hills Investment Club a volunteer for The American Red Cross and a voracious reader and Bridge player A Memorial Service was held Thursday, March 9 2006 at The First United Methodist Church of Birmingham The Reverend Rodney F. Quanton officiating Arrangements by The William R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham 248 644 6000 Private interment in the Memorial Garden at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham Memorial tributes may be made to The American Diabetes Association Southeast Michigan Office 30300 Telegraph Rd Suite 117 Bingham Farms MI 48025

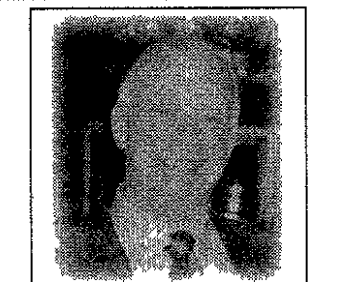
GEORGE GRIFFIN, JR.

86 died Friday March 3 2006 at his home in Boyne City No services are scheduled at this time Interment will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Farmington Michigan He was born on July 9 1919 on Mackinac Island Michigan the son of George Sr and Helen (Lapine) Griffin On November 27 1943 he married Mildred Alene Soranton She preceded him in death on May 24 1984 George grew up on Mackinac Island and drove carriage and worked on the head boats the ferries and the golf course He served six years in the United States Coast Guard during World War II He was a Past Commander of the American Legion Post in Farmington George worked 50 years as a brick mason He enjoyed fishing hunting, camping traveling to Florida and boating George moved to Boyne City in 1985 He is survived by two children, George (Roberta) Griffin V of Cape Coral Florida and Lynda Jane (Victor) Specht of Alva Florida four grandchildren four great grandchildren and his cousin Pat Redmann of Boyne City He was also preceded in death by his parents three brothers Pete, Ted and John Griffin and two sisters, Ann Kamradt and Pauline Griffin Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society The family was served by the Penzien Funeral Homes Inc in East Jordan MI

WILLIAM VERNON THOMAS

Age 81 March 7 2006 Beloved husband of Mary Dear father of Kip (Nicki), Neil (Suzanne) Deborah (Chuck) Leckenby and Cynthia (Brian) Martin Loving grandfather of 12 and great grandfather of 12 Also survived by 1 sister Betty Lou Mitchell Visitation Thursday 3 9 at the Harry J Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road (E. of I-275) Livonia Memorial Service Friday 10 30am at the Berean Bible Church 35375 An Arbor Trail, Livonia Memorials may be made to the Berean Bible Church

In Memory Of



MIKE SMART

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Baby boomers

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Baby boomers generally want to stay in their homes as they get older. According to an American Association of Retired Persons survey, both newly built and existing homes can create mobility problems for boomers. In 1999, baby boomers, those born between 1946 and 1964, owned 42 percent of all homes in the U.S.

Making homes livable for aging boomers can include such things as having a master suite with full bath on the ground floor. "That's the thing right now, master suites. That's a very big selling point," said Lori Mounts, a designer with Long, a Northville business that does bathrooms and kitchen remodeling.

"This for example is a taller height toilet," Mounts said during this past weekend's Canton Home Improvement Expo at the Summit on the Park. Long carries some items as well for handicapped accessibility.

A lot of their business now is taking out tubs and putting in showers, which often have seats and grab bars for the entrance and back wall. There are taller vanities, Mounts said, some even as tall as a kitchen counter. Those eliminate the need to bend over as much.

Her business can even heat bathroom floors, a selling point for boomers who use the facilities during the night. Mounts, herself a boomer, has been in the business some 30 years and agrees accommodating boomers is a growth area.

"They want to stay in their houses and they want to make them accessible," she said.

Sometimes, door openings aren't wide enough for a wheelchair, she's found. Mark Schiller of Mark's Construction Service in New Boston, also at the Canton show, agreed homes can often be modified to allow dwellers to remain as they age.

He has people ask about accessibility, doorways and heights. "Accessibility I have heard about in the last couple years. Any home is adaptable to what you need."

Home maintenance is another area of concern for boomers as they approach retirement time. Paul Wilson, salesman for Kearns Brothers of Dearborn, was recommending windows which are easy to clean.

The Sun-Cleaning windows are charged, he said, and can easily be cleaned with a hose. "You don't get the beading so you don't get all the dirt."

Kearns does such things as interior and exterior work, roofing and more. Wilson also recommends vinyl siding, without painting.

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designer Lori Mounts
Long Northville business

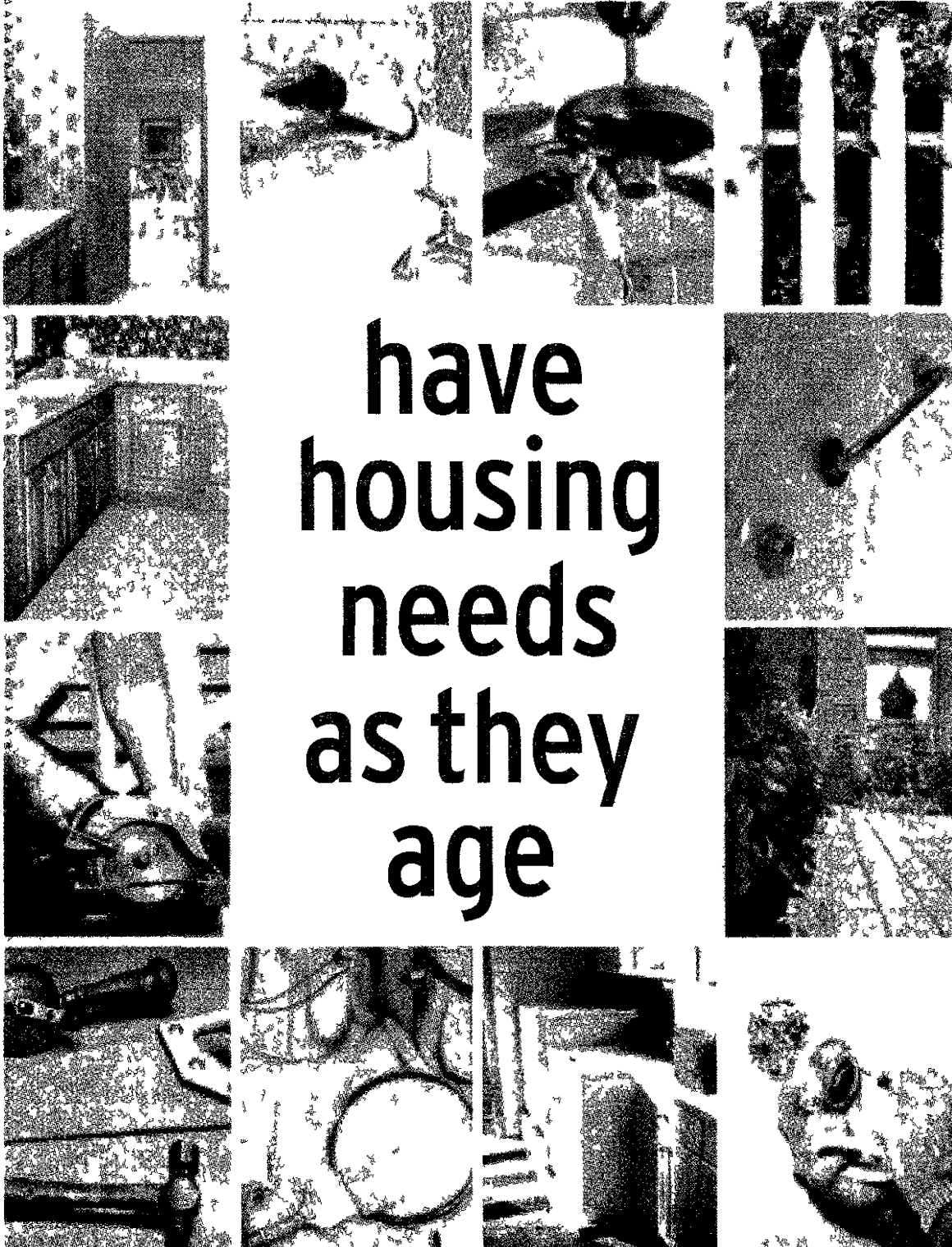
and easy to clean with a pressure washer. Wilson was also among vendors at the March 4-5 show, presented by Canton's Building and Inspection Services Division with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

The AARP survey found this segment of the population wants to spend as much time as possible in their own homes. This desire to stay in their homes, coupled with the survey indication that people do not move very often after age 45, poses a dilemma for builders - how to reach these buyers.

Other findings include:
■ Most Americans age 45 and over say they would like to remain in their current residence for as long as possible. In fact, 71 percent of respondents strongly agree, and an additional 12 percent somewhat agree.

■ Sixty-three percent of survey participants believe that their current residence is where they will always live.

■ Even if they require help to care for themselves, most respondents (82 percent) would prefer not to move from their current home.



have housing needs as they age



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At the Canton Home Improvement Expo, Lynn Lamb, of Statewide Decks and Enclosures, explains the benefits of a deck that does not need annual stripping and staining to Jeff Kopcak of Canton.

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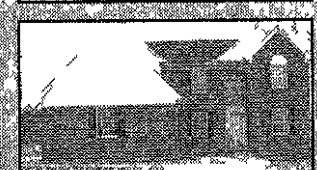
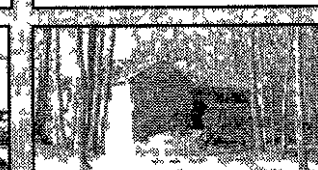
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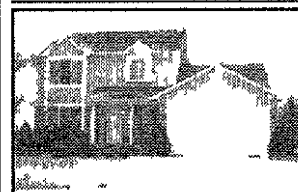
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START PACKING This 3 bd 2.5 bath Canton colonial is ready to move in w/fresh paint & carpet t/o Large kit w/nook island & all appl Traditional LR/DR great for entertaining FR w/cathedral ceiling & nat FP Master w/lg WIC & prv bath 1st floor Indry C/A & sprinklers \$233 000 (P 431PA)



BRAND NEW CONDO! Phenomenal pricing on new construction with 9 ft basement ceilings w/gress windows 2 story great room master w/garden tub ceramics and hardwoods even a womanized deck! \$219 900 (C 520GL)



SUPER HOME Large 2000 square foot beauty with 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths Large living & dining rooms big kitchen and a large sitting area upstairs Covered front & back porches and a fenced yard \$149 900 (C 242MA)



OLD WORLD CHARM 5 bedroom bungalow with tons of potential in the heart of Dearborn Features include 15 baths newer water heater windows and hardwood floors Needs a little TLC Great price \$129 000 (P 511MA)



YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE IT This house has it all Built in 95 3 bd 2.5 baths Gorgeous hardwood floors very open floor plan wonderful Kitchen & Dining areas Great location close to everything in Plymouth \$254 900 (P 2320A)



GREAT STARTER HOME One bedroom one bath ranch with almost 600 square feet All appliances remain including the air conditioner and humidifier Finished 15x07 ft upper room is perfect for a den or library (not included in sq footage) \$49 900 (P 761PI)



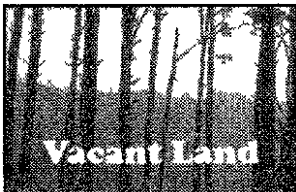
COUNTRY SETTING Doll house on a hill with a wooded double lot Great starter or retiree home Lots of updates including the kitchen and bath Neutrally decorated Appliances remain Call for more information \$87 000 (P 478PI)



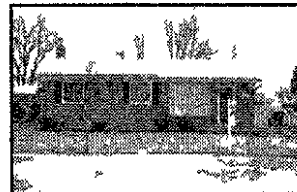
GREAT STARTER HOME Priced for quick sale! Bring your elbow grease to this great investment property or starter home Price reflects work needed to be done Seller can help with closing costs \$64 900 (C 499RO)



GORGEOUS WESTLAND CONDO Immediate occupancy in this awesome 2 bdrm 2 ba condo backing to the woods Soaring ceilings skylights open floor plan Andersen windows large deck huge walk in closets and all appliances Great location \$114 900 (P 296SH)



BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME Amazing 1.25 acres in Canton One of the few lots left to build on Bring your own plans and builder Cul de sac with walkout options Great location Land contract terms available Rare opportunity don't miss it! \$219 900 (P 097TR)



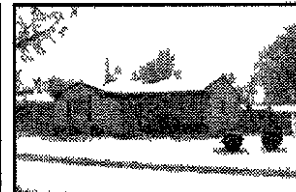
BRAND NEW Best describes this totally redone home! This all brick 3 bd 1 ba ranch has a 2.5 car det gar nice fenced yard Updates inc new storm doors hwd flooring new ba molding kit appls fixtures lots of cabs newer windows furnace hwh & gar door \$174 900 (P 208AL)



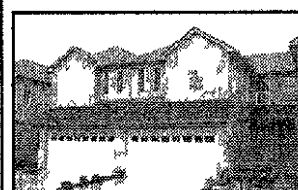
CHARMING COLONIAL Located in desirable Westland sub This home features 3bd 1.5 ba part finished extended bsmt some updated vinyl windows updated A/C Family Room w/tp & covered Patio off Kitchen Quiet neighborhood Call today for more info \$204 900 (C 470BE)



GREAT VALUE Can get you into this maintenance free 2 bedroom condo in a great Canton community 2 bedrooms basement and garage plus very nicely done updating Call for more information today \$150 000 (P 504BE)



GREAT STARTER Great location for this 3 bd 2 bath ranch Offering hwd Floors newer roof updated bath updated plumbing & electrical Nicely updated & ready to move in to Close to everything \$159 900 (C 885CH)



EYE CATCHING FEATURES In this newly constructed condo offering a ceramic foyer 1st floor laundry hardwood and autumn maple kitchen dual toned paint master w/garden tub treated deck & more \$209 900 (C 472GL)



YOUR PRIVATE RETREAT AWAITS! Amazing 3 bd Livonia ranch offers everything from great curb appeal to open floor plan! So many extras including 2 full baths newer windows carpet roof appls fireplace driveway & more! On over a 1/4 acre! Close to everything \$235 000 (P 100HI)



WELL MAINTAINED COLONIAL on quiet court in Canton Neutral t/o new carpet t/o 3 bd 1.5 ba LR w/bay window Family Room w/nat fp Kit w/updated vinyl generous counter space & oak cabs Large Nook w/doorwall Master w/double door entry & WIC \$209 900 (P 341ME)



IMPRESSIVE COLONIAL Brick colonial on estate size lot overlooking commons area 2 story entry w/hwd formal DR Butler's Pantry 2 story FR w/tp gourmet Kit w/cherry cabs Master w/cathedral ceiling fp & 2 WIC's Deck w/mature landscaping \$510 000 (P 118ME)



MODEL PERFECT! Close to town ranch w/full basement & attached Garage Beautiful updated Kitchen & bath hwd floors natural frpl large closets & more Quiet neighborhood w/ mature trees & custom built homes \$239 900 (P 750PR)



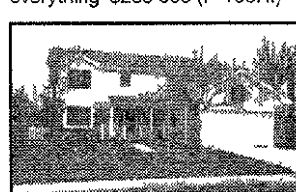
COMFORT AND VALUE Spacious 4 bd colonial updated t/o New Kitchen furnace flooring windows electrical plumbing siding and more All appliances stay Great scenery just move in and enjoy! \$120 000 (C 151RO)



SUPER SIZE LOT This 2002 built home features 4 bd 3.5 baths a Master Suite w/bath & WIC formal Dining Room island Kitchen Family Room w/tp & a finished basement w/full bath All of this on a 150x200 lot A must see! \$344 900 (C 577SA)



FANTASTIC CAPE COD! 4 bd 2.5 ba cape cod located in great sub Extra large Kit updated carpet custom blinds & central vacuum Gorgeous 1st floor Master w/jacuzzi fantastic 4 season room lavish landscaping & a brick paver Patio \$339 900 (C 955SO)



BETTER HURRY! This huge 4 bedroom Canton colonial is a gem! Master Ste w/ bath and WIC huge family room w/ fireplace bright kitchen major updates too - paint carpet flooring roof siding windows A/C & furnace Large yard too! \$259 900 (P 767Ti)



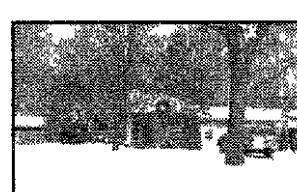
MAGNIFICENT COLONIAL Imm condition best describes this home in Plymouth Boasts a remodeled Kitchen w/granite cherry cabs & stainless steel appl Hwd floors in Living & Dining rooms prof fin bsmt Deck w/screened Gazebo & a hot tub \$399 900 (C 085WO)



IMMACULATE is the only way to describe this 3br ranch Updates in kitchen & bath Freshly painted updated carpet new floors through out partially finished basement w/tp & updated roof Pack your bags and move right in! \$119 900 (C 700AC)



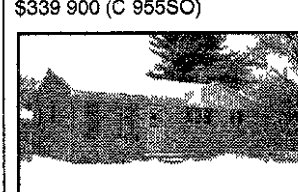
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow with updated roof water heater furnace kitchen and more Hardwood floors fireplace finished basement and new deck off of the 3 season room! \$259 900 (P 644AN)



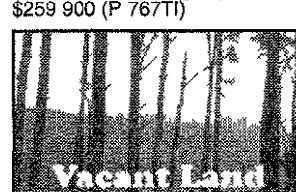
PLYMOUTH PERFECTION! You'll fall in love with the hardwood floors updated kitchen w/bar & nook totally updated baths prof fin basement w/fireplace screened porch deck & flagstone patio New roof windows and carpeting \$279 900 (P 314BE)



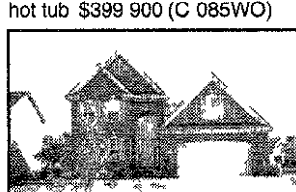
NEAT AS A PIN Awesome ranch with coved ceilings vinyl insulated windows finished basement with a full kitchen and updated ceramic floors in the kitchen & bath Come take a look! \$159 500 (C 051BR)



WONDERFUL OPEN RANCH Totally updated ranch with an open floor plan Awesome updated kitchen glowing hardwood floors finished basement with a wet bar updated furnace & central air to help save on gas bills \$169 900 (C 611DO)



GREAT PIECE OF PROPERTY 10.05 acres on a private road already has engineered septic field Gas electric phone & cable at road Can be split into 2 lots 5 acre min Whitmore Lake schools close to Ann Arbor Will consider land contract call for details \$270 000 (P 000WI)



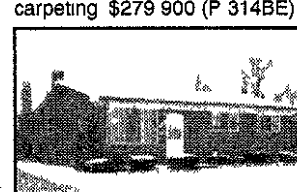
WOW This home is only 3 years old & still looks & feels like new Upgrades galore from the full front brick exterior to the stamped concrete walkway GR w/2 story ceiling oversized Kit w/hwd island & desk Formal LR master w/soaking tub top of the line appls \$310 000 (P 653FO)



LOOK NO FURTHER! Than this exquisite 4 bedroom colonial in Canton's Central Park Grand entry hardwoods gourmet kitchen formal areas fireplace a superb master 2.5 car Garage & an oversized lot! \$374 900 (C 077LI)



ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE All brick bungalow in Divine Child area Turn key condition totally updated bath master bedroom & library on 2nd level New light fixtures blinds refinished hwd floors & paint t/o Picturesque tree lined street Call today! \$159 900 (P 625MA)



AMAZING BRICK RANCH Beautifully maintained Dearborn Heights home with a family room fireplace formal living & dining rooms and major updates that include sprinklers windows plumbing furnace and more \$164 900 (C 261MI)



PEACEFUL SETTING & WOODED VIEW Spottless 3 bd Livonia ranch recent updates driveway porch vinyl siding w/ insulation main sewer line & storm doors spacious kit area w/oak cabs & IG breakfast bar open to Brkfst Rm 2 car det gar \$150 000 (P 201OR)



DETACHED CONDO! Nestled among the pines is this lovely 3 bdrm 3 bath condo near downtown Plymouth & Hines Top of the line upgrades throughout finished basement and a huge great room floor plan \$327 900 (C 811PI)



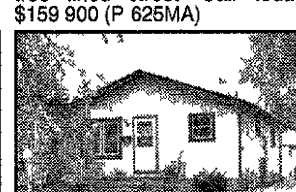
PLYMOUTH CHARMER 2 bd 1 bath condo ready for you now! Kitchen w/all appl laundry room w/washer & dryer large Living Room w/doorwall to Deck Master bedroom w/doorwall to deck nice dining room area neutral carpet & low association dues \$119 900 (P 650PL)



NOT JUST ANOTHER Pretty face! Oversized Plymouth ranch with 3 bedrooms 2 baths and a fabulous open floor plan with a newer kitchen and great room combination Finished basement newer windows and super clean Totally turn key \$224 900 (C 557PO)



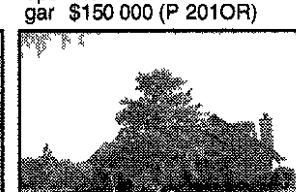
WONDERFUL CANTON COLONIAL Spacious & open floor plan w/formal living and dining room plus a FR w/tp and a huge master w/private bath Large tiered deck finished basement air attached garage and many updates Call for the list \$225 000 (P 256SO)



NO GIMMICKS Just a nice solid 3 bedroom ranch with a basement and 2 car garage in the Southeast area of Dearborn Heights Perfect for retirees or first time buyers Close to the new shopping center \$119 900 (C 611WE)



SHARP AND CLEAN Canton condo in a quiet complex with 2 bedrooms and 1.5 baths Oak kitchen with ceramic tile fresh paint pergo floors basement deck the backs to a commons & an attached garage \$157 900 (C 612YO)



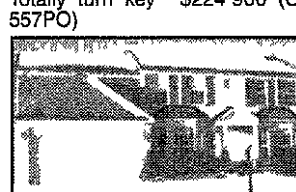
COUNTRY CONTEMPORARY Wonderful ranch in Huron school district Plenty of cabinets in Kitchen w/deep sink & spacious Breakfast Nook Master suite w/WIC & jetted tub Home is located on over 3 acres \$229 900 (C 433CA)



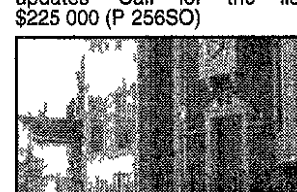
BETTER THAN NEW 2 bd 1.5 bath condo w/basement & attached Garage Neutral decor very clean & fireplace in Great Room Excellent views of the woods from your Deck Private location Move in & enjoy! \$169 900 (C 934FA)



GET EXCITED! Ready to move into brick ranch offers a lot of living space and a large lot Neat & clean with multiple updates windows furnace roof carpet and more Full basement and appliances! \$144 900 (C 430GL)



RELAX AND ENJOY This nearly perfect two story home with 4 bedrooms and 3.5 baths Finished basement family room w/fireplace and a nice deck Formal dining room and a private study too \$279 999 (C 508GR)



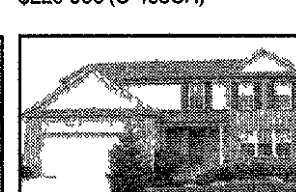
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CONDO Just 2 blocks from the park! Immediate occupancy seller has relocated and looking at all offers Large floor plan 2 car garage fireplace and many upgrades Call for more information \$229 900 (C 389HA)



UPGRADES GALORE! Newer 1200 square foot condo with a great open kitchen offering oak cabinetry living room w/ fireplace nice master w/large bath finished basement w/family room & bath Nice \$150 000 (C 799HA)



A GREAT BUY! Nice 2 bedroom ranch in the Downriver area with all of the big ticket items updated for you Windows siding furnace roof cement work water heater remodeled kitchen & more \$99 900 (C 830KA)



ATTRACTIVE PULTE PRINCETON Offering a large 4 bedroom floor plan Amenities include hardwood floors formal living & dining plus family room fireplace vaulted master and neutral decor all on an oversized lot in Canton \$279 000 (C 318SH)



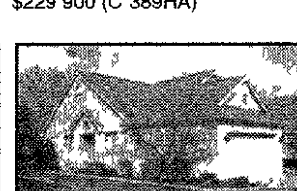
QUIET COMPLEX Beautiful 2 story townhouse featuring 1058 sq ft oversized master bedroom partially finished basement w/ bar and more Immediate occupancy & a 1 yr home warranty included \$124 900 (P 152BA)



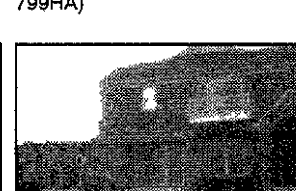
NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 bd 2.5 bath brick homes in Livonia Desired floor plan Great Room w/frpl master bedroom w/private bath 2 car attached garage daylight basement and more Call today for more details \$410 000 (P 002BR)



GREAT BUY! Super home w/4 bd 1.5 baths & 1700 sq ft Huge remodeled Kitchen w/island & pergo spacious master updated windows doors baths & freshly painted t/o Oversized patio w/ gazebo on a large lot in Livonia \$139 900 (P 235CA)



FANTASTIC END UNIT CONDO Open floor plan is great for entertaining 2 story entry w/ ceramic Great Room w/cathedral ceiling & gas frpl Dining Room w/doorwall leading to large Deck wonderful Master suite finished basement w/office What more do you need? \$234 900 (P 239ED)



CANTON CONDO Welcome home to this nearly new condo Open floor plan offers a Great room w/frpl open Kitchen Master Suite w/WIC & bath 1st floor laundry attached garage & finished basement Neighbor hood clubhouse pool & tennis courts \$199 900 (P 837GR)



REDFORD CHARMER Updated bungalow offers 4 bds 2 baths full basement open Kitchen w/oak cabinets & appliances & huge master w/private bath Updated exterior nice landscaping enclosed front porch fenced yard & 2 car garage \$139 900 (P 583NA)



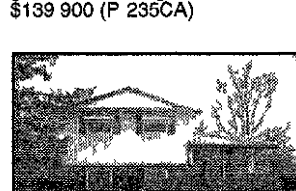
UPDATED RANCH 3 bd 1 bath ranch loaded w/updates! Roof electric furnace AC windows & all appliances stay Large eat in Kitchen w/generous counter space & a fenced yard add up to make this a real winner \$117 000 (P 550PO)



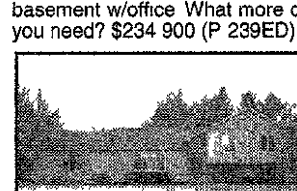
CHARMING CAPE COD Warm & inviting from the moment you enter GR w/gas fp gorgeous hardwood formal DR 1st floor laundry extra deep daylight basement & a fabulous Master Suite w/private bath & large WIC Beautiful 2.7 acre sprawling lot \$369 900 (P 529PR)



COMFORTABLE & AFFORDABLE Super clean bungalow with great location Plenty of updates including roof furnace windows & more Newer 2 car Garage w/workbench & fenced yard \$119 900 (C 208Sc)



GREAT HOME 3 bd quad level in popular Westland sub Family Room 1.5 baths basement 3 season Florida room & 2.5 car Garage in quiet neighborhood Call today for an appointment \$169 900 (C 310TR)



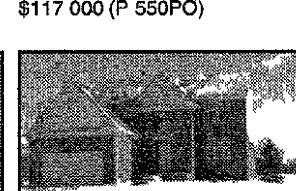
GREAT HOME 2.5+ acre wooded lot 4 Bdrm 2.5 bath home nestled on a quiet cul de sac vaulted ceiling in LR skylight in Kitchen FR w/frpl Recent updates inc vinyl siding driveway interior doors & HWH tearoff roof turn & AC in 2003 Large Deck \$289 900 (P 945VI)



LIFE ON THE GREEN This immaculate & tastefully decorated home is a must see! 2/3 of an acre situated on the 11th tee in a popular golf community 4 bd 2.5 bath colonial master suite with jetted tub & 2 WIC's stunning Kitchen w/island & a 3 car garage \$289 900 (P 877TU)



PLYMOUTH CHARMER This beautiful condo has it all Kitchen w/hwd Great Room w/tp & doorwall to 1 of 2 decks 2 car attached garage cathedral ceilings & all appliances included Fantastic location w/ immediate occupancy! \$184 900 (P 768YO)



NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 bd 2.5 bath brick homes in Livonia Desired floor plan Great Room w/frpl master bedroom w/private bath 2 car attached garage full basement Call today for more details \$380 645 (P 033BR)

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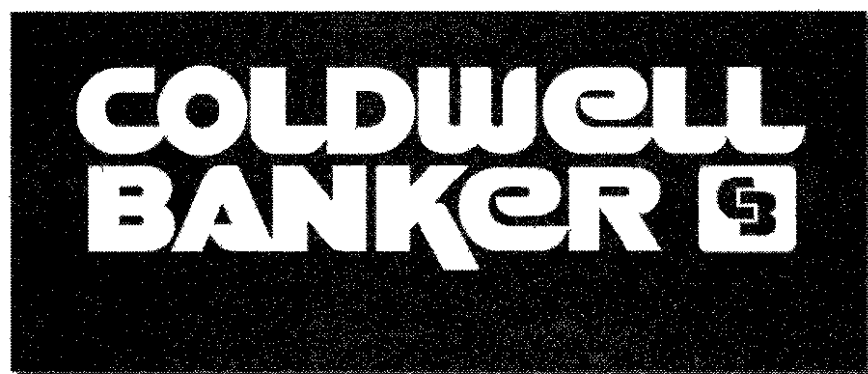
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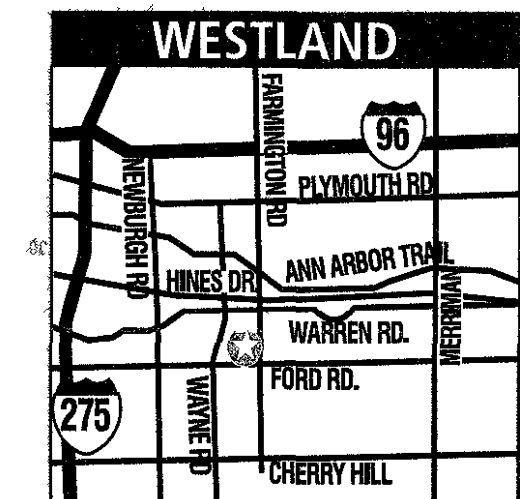
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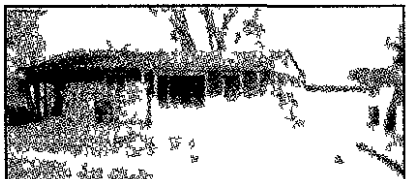
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PLYMOUTH Located In Downtown
Th s 2 bedroom 2 bath ground floor condo has t a l ve y a ge ooms gas f ep ace n large vng oom heated attached ga age w th elevato to a f oo s Large kitchen opens to forma d n ng oom and appl ances (E77DEE) 734 455 5600 \$219 900



PLYMOUTH Stop Your Looking
Th s 5 bedroom 2 5 bath co on a o cated in downtown Plymouth offers a 2 ca attached garage basement d n ng oom fam y room w th fireplace ha dwood f oo s appl ances & beautiful ya d w th mature t ees (E96HAR) 734 455 5600 \$239 900



LIVONIA Your Search Stops Here
Move n ready anch w/open floor pan country kitchen & d n ng area w/oak cabs Beautiful hardwood too s Updated bath Great FR w/frp c You l love the fu f nshed basement w wet ba & locat on Wa anty (E28BAI) 248 349-5600 \$214 900



HIGHLAND Larger Than It Looks
3 BR FF 4th & 5th in finished walkout 2 BA's hwd flrs T/O Newer furnace A/C guest house attached to 2 car garage Huge pole barn porch patio deck trpcls in LR rac & Kit all on over 3 acres Zoned for horses (E30HIC) 248-349-5600 \$285 000




GARDEN CITY You Can Have It All!
G eat house great price v oads of sto age & vng space 3 bedrooms 5 baths fam y oom l vng oom l g e eat n kitchen huge backya d & updated w do s fu race C A & vny s d ng (E74FLO) 734 455 5600 \$148 000



GARDEN CITY Buyer Alert
Very n ce 2 bed oom l ome offe ng newe fooring n kitchen & bath t e foye newe w ndows & custom bl n ds never ent y & n te o doo s Ha d ood f oo s unde carpet Prvac fence & ga age (E29ELM) 734 455 5600 \$104 900



DETROIT Marvelous Colonial
Updated 3 bed oom 1 5 bath home w/2 ca ga age part a l y f n shed basement Updated granite countertops bu t n oven & countertop range cam c l e n foye ovey andscap ng v pond deck & patio (E05OHI) 734 455 5600 \$149 900



SOUTH LYON Spacious Inviting Ranch
Walk to park or downtown 3 BR 2 BA GR w t p c FFL pt f n bsmt attached 2 car garage G eat backya d w th deck and c vate fence C A a app ances ncluded Built n 2002 Move ght n (E20DOR) 248 349 5600 \$238 500



FARMINGTON HILLS Great End Unit Ranch
2 BR 2 BA condo with oak kitchen formal DR two doorways to deck Kitchen has breakfast room & pantry Master bedroom with walk in closet & Jacuzzi tub Full f n shed basement and two car attached garage (E54SYL) 248-349-5600 \$249 900




SOUTHFIELD Wonderful Condo
Th e cha ming 2 bed oom 2 bath un t s ready for you to move n offe ng a ga age vng room w ma b e f ep ace & doo rwa to pat o ve look ng a park ke setting A app ances stay & a home warranty (E47EVE) 734 455 5600 \$134 900



CANTON Great Pride Shows
In th s well are d fo cond o n g eat ocat on of comp ex Fireplace n vng room forma d n ng room o t s of cab nets & counter space newer vny w ndows furnac & n HW. You w o e th s one (E78SOU) 734 455 5600 \$124 900



PLYMOUTH Gorgeous Historic Home
Walk to downtown Plymouth from th s 3 bedroom colon a n updated kitchen bath roof elec crown mold ng & more Day ght w ndows n partially f n shed basement garage & beaut fu back ya d w newer deck (E02MIL) 734 455 5600 \$249 900




STERLING HGTS Room To Roam
Spacious brck anch 3 BR 2 BA 1st floor laundry Attached 2 car garage Huge f n shed basement unde ent rns home has 2nd flr p c & kitchen Newe furnacs HWH Lg co n te lot w frut trees ga den Warr (E11ALM) 248 349 5600 \$215 000



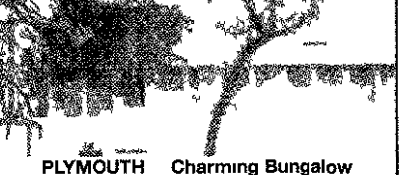
NOVI Crosswinds Townhouse
2 bedroom 1 5 bath 2 story condo with newer kitchen roof furnace HWH plus all appliances Two sky ghts recessed lighting and fireplace Finished basement and one car garage (E80PON) 248-349-5600 \$156 900



DEARBORN Elegant & Spacious
Th s 4 bedroom 3 5 bath b ck home on approx 1 3 acre of Numerous upgds master ste w/WIC huge mstr bath w custom showe & etted tub f n shed basement 2 car att ga age 2 f ep acs & most apls (E131MAR) 734 455 5600 \$419 900



COMMERCE Exceptional Ranch
Outstand ng spacous anch back ng to p vate wooded sett ng Move n cond on oen floor an 3 bedrooms 2 baths 2 car attached ga age La ge mste ste arge kitchen w sky ghts LR/GR combo Quay ty upg ades (E25OAK) 734 455 5600 \$279 900



PLYMOUTH Charming Bungalow
Great 4 bed oom bungs ow sett ng on approx 1/2 an ac e of walking d stances to downtown Plymouth Many updates and repa nted n te or & exterior A rea f nd (E82MIL) 734 455 5600 \$224 900




WESTLAND Affordable & Comfortable
Master w new (2006) ca pst has wa k n c coat & doo wall to deck Updated kitchen All app ances Home p otection pan Great ocat on La ge lot Part ally f n shed basement Updated elect c Move n ready (E24HAZ) 248 349 5600 \$119 800



WESTLAND Upper Ranch Condo
End unit w th attached garage 2 bedrooms 1 bath area open living/dining room area Spacious master bedroom with WIC Enjoy maintenance free liv ng Pool & clubhouse Immediate occupancy (E26CAR) 248-349-5600 \$89,900



REDFORD Charming Bungalow
Se e has updated nea y everyth ng n past 5 year s Go geous eat n kitchen ca pet n d n bedroom roof fu race HWH f ont & s de entry doo s also breakers Offers spacous LR/DR L & part f n bsmt (E86BRA) 734-455 5600 \$114 500



PLYMOUTH Location! Location!
Just a few blocks to downtown & 2 parks One of the few English sty e co on a s w a the cha acter & charm still mace n th s 3 bedroom 1 5 bath home F n molding & hwd flrs Eng sh ga dens & 2 ca garage (E44HAR) 734 455 5600 \$264 900



LIVONIA Move In Condition
Fresh y pa nted 3 bedroom 2 bath tr evel w newer oak k t & ardwod w th updated ba t s w/WIC fam y oom has natural f n ep acs & doo rwa to deck F n shed ower ave & 2 ca attached garage AI appls (E83LAN) 734 455 5600 \$254 900



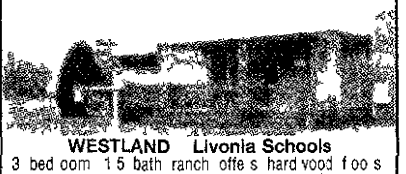
COMMERCE Builders Model Closeouts
Quality p us Mystc Forest 2 sto y on premium s te w walk ow bsmt Three ca ga GR w soa ng ce ngs custom kt w granite counters crown mo d ngs recessed light ng Whn poo tub Ande sen w ndows (E69PHI) 248 349 5600 \$439 900



BRIGHTON Front Porch Memories
Start here! Picturesque w/approx 1 15 acre lot This astetfully decorated & spacious home is just what you re looking for Great fir plan w/3 BR 2 BA FR large kt/d n ng area Many updates All appls & warranty (E09OLY) 248-349-5600 \$219 000



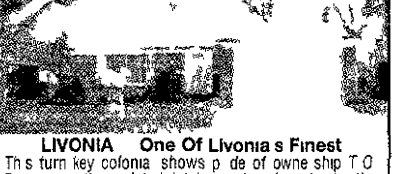
CANTON Why Rent When You Can Own!
Spacious 2 bed oom 2 5 bath townhouse w 2 ca att ga 2 story foye great oom w/frp c eat n kitchen y doo rwa to pat o mste ste w cahn ce ng & 2 WC bsmt 2 ca attached ga age & 1st floor laundry y (E97HOR) 734 455 5600 \$183 000



WESTLAND Livonia Schools
3 bed oom 1 5 bath ranch offe s hard wood f oo s f n shed basement updated F o da oom eads to pat o & fenced yard N cely landscaped d n ng L o eat n kitchen (E05HUB) 734 455 5600 \$159 000



NORTHVILLE Stunning Condo
V ews of North v e Golf Course f om th s luxury condo Cust kt w granite Bosch SS app s Hwd fl s T/O ent e FF GR w/frp c & 2 lg drws to deck w/access to golf cou se Mstr ste w pr vate BA & WIC Day light bsmt (E92LYO) 248 349 5600 \$369 900



LIVONIA One Of Livonia s Finest
Th s turn key colonia shows p de of owne shp T/O From recently updated kitchen w/maple cabinets to the newe andscap ng Front & back th s s t Great FR w f eplace f n shed basement updated baths & mo e (E50SUN) 248 349 5600 \$234 900




LIVONIA Great Price & Quick Occupancy
Cape cod updated kit & DR w/oak cabs & bit rms lg LR w/hwd flrs & bay window Newer w ndows T/O Ht eff furn & HWT FFL & FF MBR w/hwd flrs 2 BR s & full BA up 2 study/sittng rms full bsmt garage & 1 yr warr (E43LOR) 248-349-5600 \$184 900




CANTON Exceptional Colonial
Fabulous 4 bedroom 3 full & 2 ha f baths n th s 2000 bu t home G and 2 story foye dua sta case FR w wa of w ndows gourme kitchen has cherry cabs 2 f rep acs 3 ca attached garage basement & g deck (E76MAN) 734 455 5600 \$472 990



BRIGHTON Exceptional 1st Floor Condo
Offe s 2 bed ooms 2 baths master bed oom has walk n closet & bath Large kitchen w oak cabinets & all app ances 1st floor laundry y part a y f n shed basement & 1 ca garage (E10RID) 734 455 5600 \$169 900



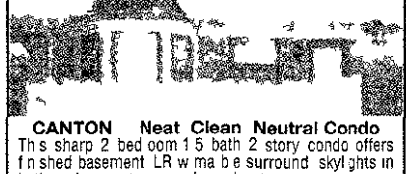
REDFORD Charming Ranch
3 bedroom home w th arge unf n shed att c space Enclosed f ont po ch covered ce ngs finished basement w/wet ba D n ng room w frp c & deck w/2 car gar 1 5 car garage A must see (E23NAT) 248 349 5600 \$125 000



ROYAL OAK Nicely Updated Ranch
Great ocat on for th s 3 bedroom home w/basement & 2 ca garage Newe kitchen w ce amic tile A l app ances Newe roof w ndows furnace & CA Newer 50 gal HWH Qu ck occupancy & 1 year wa anty (E29AME) 248 349 5600 \$179 900



SOUTH LYON Centennial Farm Condo
Two full baths C/A garage w/ oads of storage Florida room finished LL w/gypsum tile large kt & brkfst rm Laundry currently moved to walk in closet Clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake (E75CAM) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



CANTON Neat Clean Neutral Condo
Th s sharp 2 bed oom 2 5 bath 2 story condo offers f n shed basement LR w ma b e surround sky ghts in bath and ower sta a ge fenced pat o some app ances and a who e of more (E71VHN) 734 455 5600 \$136 900




ANN ARBOR Nicely Located Condo Alternative
Lovely vng space w th ref nished ha dwood f oo s updated kitchen & bath newe w ndows & furnace a l offe ed n th s 2 bedroom 1 5 bath ranch (E85BEL) 734 455 5600 \$152 900



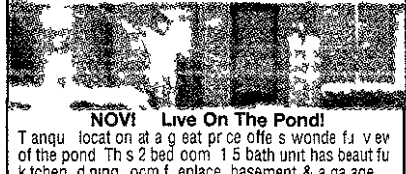
WESTLAND Charming Ranch
3 bed ooms 1 bath (emode ed) home w/spacious DR updated w ndows kitchen fu nace HWH ca pet Pergo f oo ghts 5 pane doo rs & deck w/rgnl 2 car gar nsu ated w wo kbentch C/A ce an (E44BIR) 248 349 5600 \$139 000



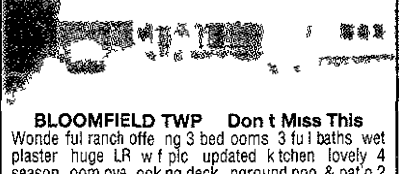
NOVI Fantastic Home
Spacious 4 BR home w/ots of mold ng Gran te n kt & baths A tile f oo ng on ma n level Th ee car ga age LR w/hwd flrs w/dressing rm w/Calif closets furnished w/quality Ethan Allen furn All newer appls (E25BAN) 248 349 5600 \$539 000




FARMINGTON HILLS Shows Like A Model
Recently updated n 2004 w/42 hon ey maple Merilatt cabs newer hardwood floor bath w/pedestal sink tile floors mstr ste w/dressing rm w/Calif closets furnished w/quality Ethan Allen furn All newer appls (E18GRA) 248-349-5600 \$89,900



NOVI Live On The Pond!
T anqu locat on at a g eat pr ce offe s wonde f v ev of the pond Th s 2 bed oom 1 5 bath unit has beaut fu kitchen d n ng oom f eplace basement & a ga age (E05PON) 734 455 5600 \$154 900



BLOOMFIELD TWP Don t Miss This
Wonde ful ranch offe ng 3 bed ooms 3 fu l baths wet of plaster huge LR w f p ic updated kitchen lovely 4 app ances 1st floor laundry y updated T/O Map e cabs hwd flrs cust bl n ds 2nd fl laundry & all appls & home warranty (E60HIL) 734 455 5600 \$299 900



NORTHVILLE Nearly Brand New
T ransferred se e sad to leave th s 1 y old condo Loaded! Most popu a f plan n complex includ 2 BR + b/2 BA & 2 ca gar Upgraded T/O Map e cabs hwd flrs cust bl n ds 2nd fl laundry & all appls security (E33ROC) 248 349 5600 \$224 900



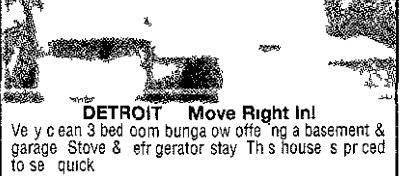
NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat
Wow Great floor pan a great location Northvll e s Golf Course Community 4 spacous bedrooms 3 5 baths & granite Backyard features a private resort n ground pool day light A must see (E05MER) 248 349 5600 \$775 000



CANTON Crowning Glory Of Fox Run
4 BR 2 5 BA cape cod w/crown moldings neutral decor custom window treatments large kt & brkfst rm w/hwd flrs ceramic baths mstr ste w/wow window & master BA w/bath GR & brkfst rm w/2 way frp c (E21RED) 248-349-5600 \$429 900




DEARBORN Good Location
Th s 4 bed oom bunga ov s close to schoo & pa k w pool & tennis courts F shy y pa nted cove ceiling n LR hardwood f oo s n LR & bdrms Part a y finished basement w knotty p ne & dark oom to photog apny (E43CAL) 734 455 5600 \$110 000



DETROIT Move Right In!
Ve y cean 3 bed oom bunga ow offe ng a basement & garage Stove & refrigerator stay Th s house s pr cad to se quick (E86BUR) 734 455 5600 \$64 900



FARMINGTON HILLS One Of A Kind
Un que sp t evel floor pan w/a chcturea festu e you o ve Custom ranch w/GR DR & FFL Upg ades to the max H cory & porcelain floors Super f n shed basement 2 ca garage Decorator de ght (E51OLD) 248 349 5600 \$434 900



TROY Gorgeous Colonial
4 BR 2 5 BA home on deep wooded lot Neutra decorath ce lngs & ceram c foyer LR w/bay w ndows Frp c n FR French drs nto b/den s and kt w/oads of cab space Mstr ste wnto l c osets 1 yr war (E71GAT) 248 349 5600 \$419,900



CANTON Peaceful Condo
Spacious 1 5 story brck end unit w/lg LL MBR custom inte ror pa nt hwd flrs n LR kt lg wood deck open basement w/shelf units for storage prepped for bath Lg upper 2nd BR or loft FFL att 1 car gar & C/A (E67HUN) 248-349-5600 \$148 900

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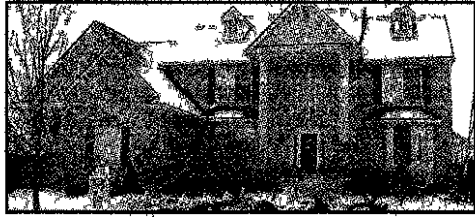
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SALEM 734-455-7000
CUSTOM CUSTOM HOME! READY 4+1 W/O Bsm't w/full BA double granite sinks French doors to brick pavers 2 mstr suites w/fashion BA on main floor 2 way FP GR & nook Custom molding Plasma TV over FP surround sound (26027578) \$1 450 000



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
RAVINES OF NORTHVILLE EXECUTIVE HOME! 4 bedroom 3 1/2 baths Gourmet kit w/granite island FR w/vaulted ceiling Spacious mstr suite Jack-n-Jill bath Extensive use of crown molding & wainscoting 349-6200 (26017279) \$599 900



NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
BEAUTIFULLY LOCATED! 4 BR 4 1/2 BA home Backs to commons Large kitchen w/cabinets galore Master suite w/2 Walk-In closets and glamour BA 2 way fireplace from FR to library Finished lower level 349 6200 (25179998) \$549 850



PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Loaded with updates! 4 BR 2 1/2 bath Colonial Features incl Eat in kitchen w/maple cabs & unique granite tops FR with FP & separate wet bar room Mstr BR w/BA & WIC fin bsmt large deck with gazebo (26023273) \$474 900



CANTON 734-455-7000
COME HOME TO A NEW BEGINNING! Lovely 4BR/2 1/2 BA Colonial backing to commons Beautiful paver patios & walkways Upgrades galore! Lots of hardwood Close to Summit library Heritage Park & shopping (26029147) \$389 900



PINCKNEY 248-437-3800
Private and wooded! Beautiful Colonial with great setting Kitchen w/maple cabinets granite countertops gas fireplace study/office formal dining room with many upgrades! (25154003) \$374 900



CANTON 734-455-7000
POPULAR FOX RUN! Backs to trees Great open floor plan large kitchen flows into FR w/FP Great finished bsmt w/open concept plus work rm/storage Large rooms crown moldings 2nd floor laundry (26027778) \$359 900



NOVI 248-348-6430
DELIGHTFUL COLONIAL! Spacious updated & close to all amenities lovely kitchen & breakfast area comfortable FR 4 lg BR Luxurious master suite new furnace fin bsmt & charming sunroom 349 6200 (25179765) \$319 900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Extremely open floor plan- 4 BR 2 BA ranch on 1/2 acre lot Updates incl windows roof furn A/C hwdv flrs ceramic in kitchen & BA New kitchen cabs w/ granite counters & all new appliances New carpet fin bsmt & more (26027663) \$239 900



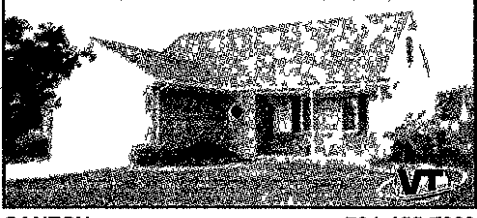
NOVI 248-851-1900
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Enjoy the views from this newer condo on the pond 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath 2 story GreatRoom basement 2 car garage Priced below market for a fast sale! (26017668) \$239 900



MILFORD 248-851-1900
GREAT CONTEMP CONDO! Great floor plan 1st floor master suite w/jacuzzi Huge kitchen Large wrap around deck 1st floor laundry Close to downtown Milford (26028490) \$232 000



BELLEVILLE 734-326-2000
NEED 'TOY SPACE'? Look here! Newer built Cape Cod on large lot 3 car garage w/ heat & water Full basement 2 1/2 baths C/A 3 season room & RV hookup (26006051) \$224 900



CANTON 734-455-7000
SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! 4BR/2BA Bungalow Updates include newer roof baths part kit windows HWH lighting paint Beautifully decorated 2 car attached garage (26027743) \$217 900



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Gorgeous 4 BR country Colonial Many Updates New carpet & windows t/o hardwood floors new countertops & cabinets updated BA New vinyl siding & large 22x14 deck New A/C & 90% eff furn Seller is motivated! (26005074) \$207 900



CANTON 734-326-2000
CAPTIVATING CANTON COLONIAL! Is this 3 BR 2 1/2 Bath Brck with Family Room Fireplace Dining Room Central Air Full Basement & 2 Car Attached Garage Large Rooms and Master Suite (26027505) PC 220452 \$205 000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Great Livonia ranch! 3 BR 1 1/2 BA lots of updates Hardwood floors granite floor & counter top in BA Marble tiled FP Newer roof windows carpet Large deck off FR with gazebo 2 car attached garage (26024457) \$204 900



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Livonia Schools 3 bedroom brick ranch Many updates C/A sprinkler finished basement with kitchen 2 1/2 car garage circular driveway (25171632) \$189 900



SOUTH LYON 734-591-9200
Charming Flowing Ranch! Updated & Clean Newer kitchen with loads of cabinet & counterspace New windows & roof Spacious Family Room with natural FP 2 door walls to deck (26023968) \$184 900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Great 3 BR 2 bath 1490 sq ft bungalow in Northville on double lot 2 car 2 story garage Beautifully treed lot is splittable for the next owners Large eat-in kitchen & formal dining room Large master BR too! (26022238) \$161 500



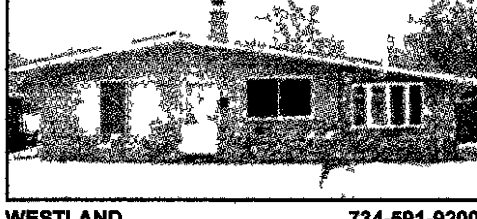
LIVONIA 248-348-6430
ALL THE UPDATES!!! New kitchen bath with jacuzzi Pergo finished drywall basement with pool table newer furnace A/C steel doors 5 ceiling fans & all 7 new appliances stay Hurry! 349-6200 (26030013) \$154 000



LIVONIA 734-326-2000
LIVONIA CHARMER! This Beauty is loaded! 3 BR ranch with gorgeous fin basement & 2 Car Garage All New Roof Vinyl Windows Updated Electric & more Open Floor Plan Clean & Bright (26026218) \$149 900



CANTON 248-348-6430
RARE 3 BEDROOM W/BASEMENT & GARAGE! Rare 3 BR condo with basement & garage Updated & freshly painted Neutral thruout Lots of room Great location clubhouse & pool 349 6200 (25120222) \$144 900



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
3 bedrooms 1349 sq ft brick ranch w/2 car garage Offers updated oak kitchen (00) updt'd BA w/jetted tub (02) windows (02) newer furn (97) w/C/A roof (99) FR w/recess lights home warranty (26026435) \$139 900



WAYNE 734-326-2000
TOTALLY UPDATED EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD! 3 BR Brck Ranch new windows carpet freshly painted glass block basement windows, new kitchen & bath 3 car garage w/ electric Bay window in LR New Light fixtures (26012062) \$139 900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
Need Extra Room? 3 Bedroom GC Ranch has it! Family room a full basement hardwood floors central air & an oversized garage w/door opener All at a price you can afford (26029409) \$134 500



WAYNE 734-326-2000
WALKING DISTANCE TO SCHOOLS! Well kept 3 BR ranch featuring a new bathroom updated kitchen freshly painted above ground pool large lot new doorwall vinyl windows located on dead end street (26020739) \$132 000



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
IMMACULATE MOVE IN CONDITION! Ranch condo features vaulted ceiling creating an open airy feeling Bay window in LR Bright kitchen w/doorwall leading to deck Master BR w/mstr BA 349 6200 (26021486) \$114 999



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
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SPACIOUS CANTON COLONIAL! 4BR 2 1/2 BA extends w/hardwood and recessed lighting Neutral decor with newer FR carpet Huge deck overlooking open area Close to park (26000878) \$347 900

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Great move in perfect little starter on large lot w/ 2+ car garage Loads of updates & quality features Call for complete list (25129285) \$132 500

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CANTON 248-348-6430
Call 1 home in Canton on a CT location Many updates 3 BR Colonial Huge FR nat fireplace ceramic floors furnace roof A/C H2O heater and gutters are all updated Attached 2 car garage 349 6200 (25178789) \$232 000

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Location quality value & charm! Attractive 2400 sq ft brick Colonial 4 BR 2 1/2 BA FR w/FP 1st flr Indry bsmt & 2 car att gar New roof & doors All appliances stay (25076879) \$314 900

NOVI 248-348-6430
NICE HOME W/OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Vaulted ceilings in LR kitchen & breakfast area new updated kt FR w/FP spac full bsmt great family neighborhood w/widewalks 349 6200 (26000866) \$284 900

SOUTHFIELD 248-851 1900
GREAT VALUE 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch Large mature treed lot Fireplace in living room garage conversion offers large bonus room w/many possible uses French doors off FR to deck (26018040) \$153 900

CANTON CONDO WITH PRIVATE SETTING! Immaculate 2BR/1BA Canton condo w/attached garage and full basement Neutral decor 1st flr master cathedral ceiling in GR Loft can be office or bedroom (26030894) \$156 500

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Well Maintained 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch located in Green Brier Estates Sub 5 acre lot w/ mature trees Home also has a Florida Rm and a 2 1/2 car garage (25131287) \$279 500

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BEAUTIFUL 2 BR 1 1/2 BA END UNIT CONDO! Just move in & unpack! Freshly painted neutral decor t/o Full brick wall fireplace in LR Treed complex adjacent to city park All appl stay 349 6200 (25124058) \$145 900

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PLEASEANT 3 BR RANCH CLOSE TO SCHOOLS! Freshly painted newer carpet kt floor w/ndows & A/C make this home move in ready Full fin bsmt 2 car det gar in fenced yard All this at a bargain price 349-6200 (25139161) \$139 900

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Late-Blooming Baby Boomers Step Out



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

People in their 50s tend to want to capture the element of life that's missing. Some will want to start their own

businesses, work for a cause or simply earn more money. The overarching principles behind making a change or reinventing oneself are timeless and universal, with application to people of all ages. Will the new customers be ones you want to serve? How long will it take to recoup the cost of training or education?

Contrary to popular belief, there is an entire group of under earning Baby Boomers, ages 42 to 60. The Census Bureau reports that 10.635 million households, with occupants age 40 to 60, earn a combined household income of less than \$30,000. Clearly, for some Boomers, the missing element is money.

Terry Jackson directs the part-time M.B.A. program with 550 students at Philadelphia's La Salle University. He's been observing the reinvention trend among "first-generation Baby Boomers (who) do not seem to see their 50s as a time to wind down. This group seems to have much more willingness to try new things and to see this as a time of renewal in their lives (unlike their parents' generation)." He says that they often need coaching on two fronts: technology and anxiety about re-entering the world of learning.

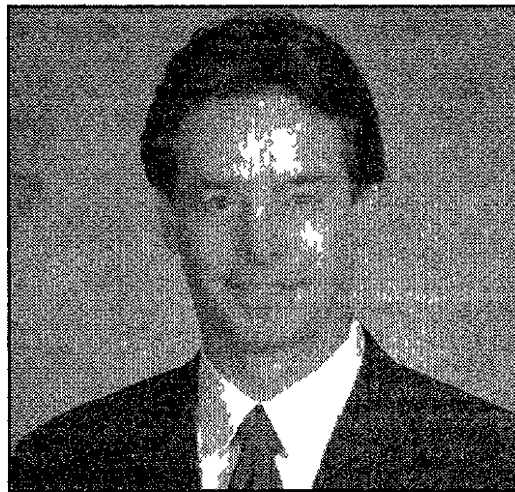
FIRST-LINE CUSTOMERS

Take the case of the man considering an advanced degree to qualify him for teaching adults in the community college system. It's important to research this possible change first. Lawrence Stuenkel, senior partner at Lawrence & Allen Inc., an outplacement consulting firm in Greenville, S.C., says that the first step is to identify the intended field.

When you're certain of your direction, "interview with the dean of the college to ask what he looks for when hiring new instructors," Stuenkel suggests. "You may want to change majors." He also suggests asking when the recruitment season begins and to identify if there is something in a person's background that the institution particularly seeks.

Next, it's time to soul search. Most Baby Boomers don't like internal politics, according to Chuck Underwood, president of The Generational Imperative Inc., in Cincinnati. Academic institutions are rife with them. "This person might need to acknowledge the existence of them," Underwood states, "and try to survive within an environment he doesn't naturally embrace."

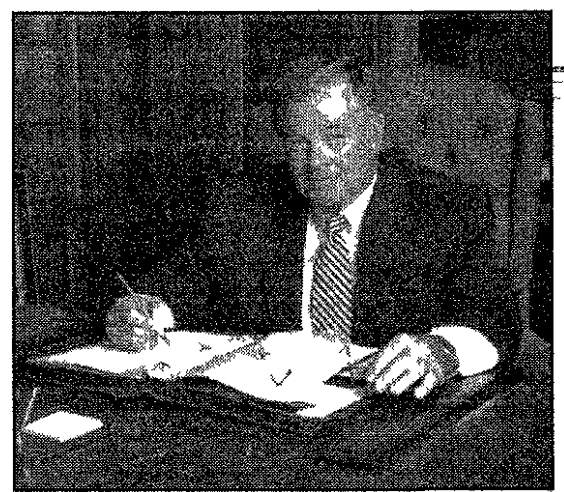
STUDENT CUSTOMERS
Underwood helps underscore the need to consider the impact of the new customer, who may come from a different generation, with different values and expectations. "A generation is basically an age cohort with unique core values and attitudes that are different from the core values of the other generations," he explains. "In all likelihood,



Chuck Underwood suggests that it is time to soul search.

the American classroom has probably changed significantly since that person was a student. More importantly, the students have probably changed." Underwood contends that Generation X students, who are 25 to 41 years old, and Millennials, who are 24 and younger, will present their own challenges to a Baby Boomer.

Xers, he points out, are oriented toward survival, "looking for no-nonsense training that will enhance their skill set and strengthen their resume so that when they change employers, they can take an upward step." They are far less interested in theory than application and execution. Anticipating a lifetime of up to 10 employers, they want to increase their options so they can rebound. Underwood observes that Millennials will want their instruction to be



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more technologically driven than that of even Xers or Boomers. "This might change the nature of classroom interactivity from the spoken word to the printed onscreen word. Only the very youngest of Xers had the Internet in the classroom."

Stuenkel says that most job seekers underestimate the all-consuming nature of a job search. Once a full-time university instructor, he indicates that "people just have no idea how competitive the market is and the amount of effort it takes to market themselves. They need a clearer idea about what they are going to sell, to whom they are going to sell it."

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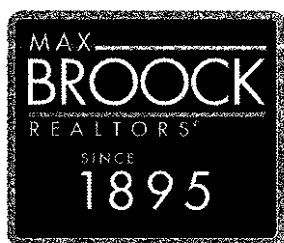
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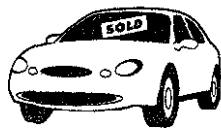
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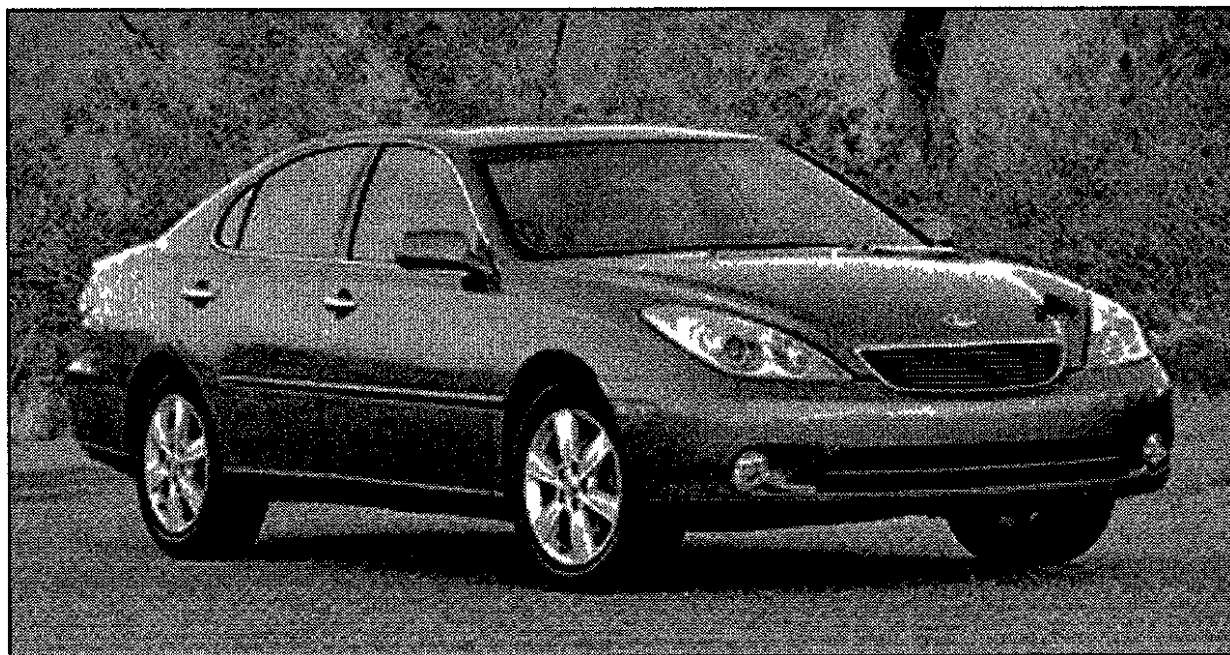
BY DALE BUSS

You can drive all the "car-like" sport-utility vehicles you want, but for my money, there's still nothing like the experience of driving a truly fine sedan. Since the first days of the industry, that's what automobiles have been all about. And while sedans continue to get challenged for segment primacy by minivans, then SUVs, and now "crossovers," they continue to provide the best drive available, in general. That's especially true of fine vehicles like the Infiniti M35 and the Lexus ES 330. They're priced nearly \$10,000 apart - a list price of \$46,110 for the M35 all-wheel-drive version that I drove, and a suggested price of just \$38,800 for the ES 330 that I also drove - but that's largely because the M35 came a little more loaded. But they so offset each other in terms of overall advantages and disadvantages that I consider them competitors in the mid-luxury segment.

Toyota's luxury marque, Lexus, never surprises me anymore by fielding a fine vehicle. I continue to believe they're the most consistent car maker in the U.S. market when it comes to putting out vehicles that are sure to please. But Infiniti, Nissan's luxury unit, has had a spottier history, and in fact spent many years demonstrating that they weren't quite sure how to produce a truly fine automobile for the mid-luxury sedan market in this country.

M35 is here to blow away Infiniti's checkered past in this segment. There is a continuum of a half-dozen models that are represented by M35 and higher-priced M45 sedans for Infiniti, and these days they're all giving their Lexus competitors a better run for their money.

This is most noticeable in how well the 2006 Infiniti M35 drives. Its 3.5-liter V-6 engine generates 280 horsepower, there is a V-8 version also available. The car's transmission is a great



The 2006 Lexus ES 330 gets 29 mpg on the highway and 21 mpg in the city

help in the impression of sportiness, shifting quickly and smoothly as an automatic. At 17 mpg in the city and 24 on the highway, however, M35's fuel economy is a bit disappointing. Design has become the new byword for Infiniti, of course, and M35 doesn't disappoint in that regard. It's got a very sleek but not aggressive stance externally. Internally, there are some interesting innovations. For example, Infiniti is making a lot of the fact that the car's dashboard curves out toward the driver and front-seat passenger, in the middle of the compartment, rather than simply stay within the typical straight plane that stretches more or less perpendicularly across the car and presents the audio, climate and other controls.

A Nissan executive told me that this feature was inspired by the design of a keyboard, and visually, I can see why. But I did have some trouble with the fact that this design doesn't necessarily make wonderful, practical music for the driver and front passenger. That's because it presents the control knobs at such an obtuse angle to compartment passengers that it's hard for a typical driver to see the controls and difficult,

ergonomically, to operate them. So, while this may be an advance for the visual arts, it's a definite negative for the vehicle.

ES 330 is much less expensive but no less impressive than the M35. It's not nearly as sporty as the Infiniti, but it is sold as they come. Its 3.3-liter V6 engine and five-speed automatic transmission are so refined and responsive that it makes you forget just how difficult it remains for some manufacturers to get this most fundamental pairing in the right ballpark. The car's suspension handles potholes, rough city streets and smooth freeways with equal aplomb. Mileage is impressive for this class, at 21 mpg in the city and 29 mpg on the highway. And as always, Lexus does a great job of all the little touches with this vehicle. Like the M35, for example, in the trunk of ES330 is a nifty net that is anchored by the lip of the trunk that opens and stretches to allow you to throw any kind of cargo in there - and keep it in place. It's especially handy for, say, a half-dozen of those little plastic bags of groceries that you get from the supermarket - and out of which everything is constantly falling!

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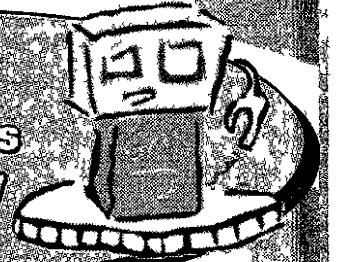
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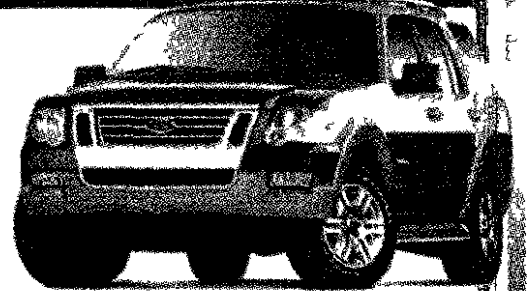
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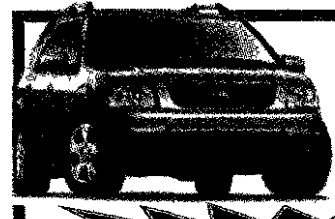
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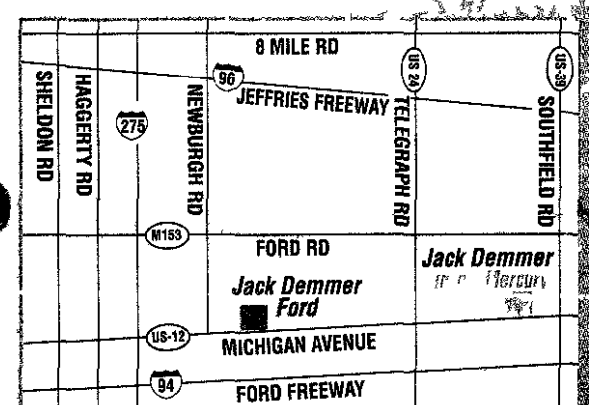
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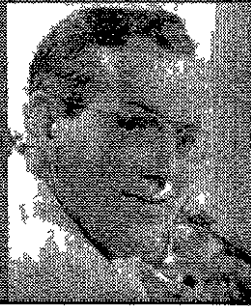
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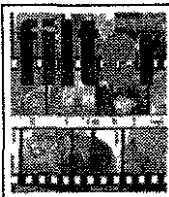
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Hip-hop theater tackles fatherhood

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Marc Bamuthi Joseph is one of those artists who challenges our notions about live performance

A member of the genre of hip-hop theater, Joseph is set to perform Friday, March 10, at the Power Center on the University of Michigan campus in Ann Arbor

Hot Ticket

HIP-HOP THEATER

What: Marc

Bamuthi Joseph

When: 8 p.m. Friday
March 10

Where: Power Center for the Performing Arts 121 Fletcher St. University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor

Tickets: \$12-\$32 call the University Musical Society at (734) 764 2538 or outside the area code at (800) 221 1229 or visit www.ums.org

His performance showcases a biographical work, *Word Becomes Flesh*. Joseph based the 75-minute show on a series of letters and poems he wrote to his unborn son during gestation and then afterward. The pregnancy was unplanned. The work subsumes verse, spoken word, theater,

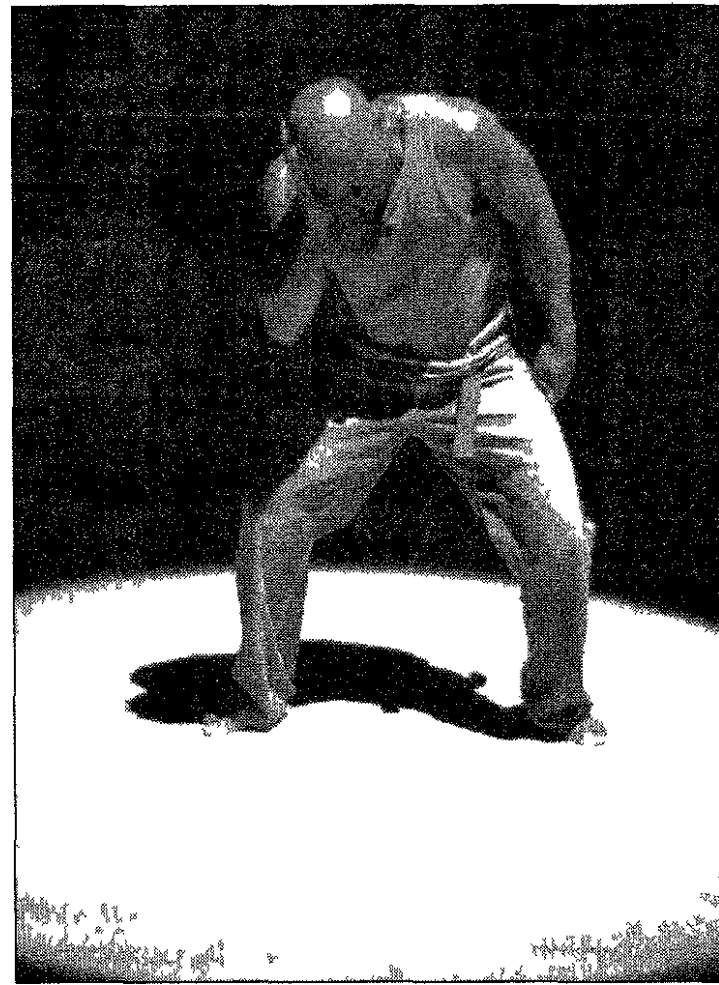
dance and music

"There's me and three musicians on stage and I bust my a--," Joseph said. In the dance category alone, Joseph breaks into hip-hop, West African dance, modern and tap

There are four fully choreographed dance sections and "I just pop right up and start talking. But what makes the show exhausting are the emotional demands, not the physical work," he said

Thematically, the show explores the mythology of the unemotional and detached father, as well as the father's own rite of passage during the nine months of pregnancy

Of course, the approach to the subject matter — far from a song about sex without



Dance, spoken words and the struggles of modern man are part of Marc Bamuthi Joseph's biographical work "Word Becomes Flesh"

consequences — tells you a lot about the difference between hip-hop and its theatrical counterpart

"Hip-hop theater is made by a generation of artists whose psyche, politics and aesthetic have been shaped by, not only hip-hop culture, but also Reaganomics and crack and AIDS and wireless technology," said Joseph

Quite a difference

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Reader predicts Oscar winners

We all know that *Crash* threw the curve ball

The Hollywood buzz was that *Brokeback Mountain* would win best movie. Local folks predicted the same. The Oscar for *Crash* eliminated nearly two-thirds of our contestants

A few contestants who entered our Oscars contest got it right. Interestingly, each winner predicted the adorable Wallace & Grommit film correctly for best animation even though some critics expected Tim Burton's *Corpse Bride*

Marvin Weingarden of

Farmington Hills took first place. He predicted right in every category on the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* ballot — except our tie-breaker question of best song (which he didn't need anyway)

"I didn't see all the movies, but I saw *Crash* and thought it was great," Weingarden said. "I saw the *Constant Gardener*, but haven't seen *Brokeback* yet"

Weingarden, a math teacher at Madonna University, also won *The O & E* Oscars drawing in 1999

"The probabilities that's what we'll discuss in class," Weingarden said. Weingarden wins a year-long

pass for two to Emagine Theatres, worth \$1,000

Kathy Farquhar, of Canton Township, is also a winner who obviously knows her movies. She wins two tickets to Emagine Theaters and a \$100 gift certificate to Etouffee, of the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group in Southfield.

Kathy Shaw and Michelle Washington, both of West Bloomfield, tied for third place. Both win four movie passes to Emagine Theaters

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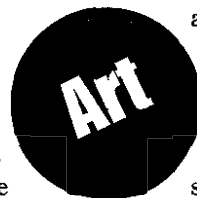
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Exhibit pokes fun at fashion, image, culture

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Strike a pose
But, be careful what you project
Detroit artist Kristin Beaver has all sorts of fun with the how and why of self image in today's American consumer culture

An exhibition of the young artist's photography-based paintings opens March 11 at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery on Oakland University's campus in Rochester Hills. The show continues through April 16 with a lecture by the artist slated for March 26. I saw her work about two years ago



and was very impressed,' said Dick Goody, the gallery's director and shows curator. "I was doubly impressed because she was only 25 years old," he said, adding it's quite rare for the gallery to host a solo exhibition of such a young artist's work.

Beaver, a graduate of Wayne State University's masters in fine art program, begins with photographs, portraits of herself and friends. She then uses paint to meld the art forms and transform the work into what Goody described as a kind of 'hyper reality'.

Actually, the idea of a hyper-reality is a French critical philosophy that would say that the real "America is Disney World, and everything else isn't real," explained Goody.

Beaver's hyper reality depicts images of fashion photography shoots, MTV culture and twenty-somethings posing in their hippest duds.

"She's making a comment on how the fashion world and advertising influences




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Self-Portrait with Dilettante, which pokes fun at fashion, self image and consumerism, is representative of Kristin Beaver's work

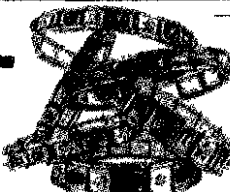
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BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

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newest CD *After* was produced by rocker Jani Lane of Warrant (*She's My Cherry Pie*)

Under the name Sugar, Rebel Girl toured on the Metal Sludge Extravaganza Tour and was the only all-women band in the country featured on Smash Yahoo's 100 Concerts in 100 Nights (So, hey Yahoo, come to Detroit and check out our women rockers)

Feed the Kitty isn't an all-female band, but its vocalist Angela Moorer has blonde hair, wild attire and a sultry voice which serve well in front of her male backups

The same is true for The Chasers of

Detroit. It's led by a female vocalist while blending upbeat funk, jazz and rock sounds. Alternative rockers Fall Prey, led by female singer Amanda Jacob, perform music that's a bit more down and dirty. SWB, formerly known as Street Wise Band, is fronted by singer Brena Pierce whose also the band's sole songwriter. SWB performs hard rock with a blues edge.

TNT's serves bar meals like nachos, pizza, sandwiches, salads and appetizers.



Justine Blazer brings her pop rock sound to the east side for a night of raw feminine rock.

In metro Detroit's East vs. West side world, the west is about jazz, the east is about rock. On Saturday, March 18, it's all about rocking women at TNT's Bar in Clinton Township. Each artist plays a different style of music.

And as the saying goes, behind every great woman is a man.

Some of the bands at TNT's are fronted by women with male bandmates backing them, others are all women.

All the bands are from Detroit except the all-women band Rebel Girl, from Akron. The evening features Detroit's sultry pop singer Justine Blazer and energetic bands like Feed the Kitty, SWB, The Chasers and Fall Prey.

Rebel Girl, formerly known as Sugar, plays music that's 80s-inspired glam. It's influenced by bands like Joan Jett and Social Distortion.

Rebel Girl, a three-piece band that has quite a following in the Midwest, is all about "reinventing chick rock." The bands

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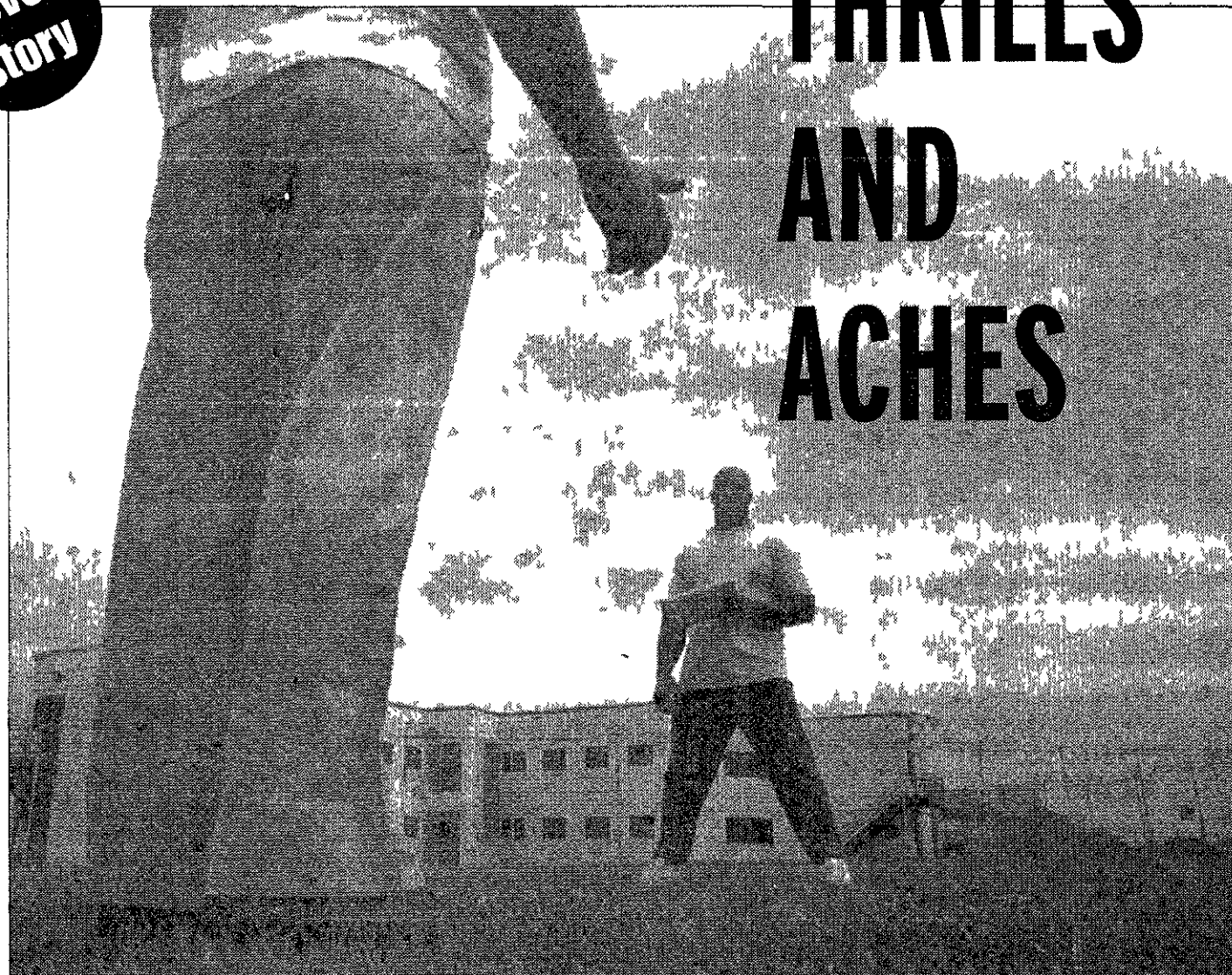
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DFT FILMS MAKE YOU FEEL ALIVE

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

If you compare just two films showing at the Detroit Film Theatre, you'll immediately recognize that movie-watching there is a tour de force experience in feeling alive.

But that's probably what DFT director Elliot Wilhelm means when he says the institution's mission is to show films that make a difference.

That's right, a great film—a classic film or an important film—need not incite political debate, world peace or global change. Although that's not to say such a film couldn't.

Indeed, one such film, *Darwin's Nightmare*, running March 31 and April 1-2, has Wilhelm convinced if everybody on the planet could see this film and did, it would change the world.

But, realistically, the task at hand is to find great films—those that use and evolve the medium to truly, deeply affect the audience—and share them with the Detroit audience.

This year, that's led to a program of

films from across the globe—numerous documentaries and a series of restored silent-era works from the Library of Congress—including *Wings*, the very first recipient of the Academy Awards Best Picture of the Year award.

Nonetheless, *Darwin's Nightmare* stands as a film that will make you ache.

"You leave the theater devastated," said Wilhelm.

Nominated for an Oscar for Best Documentary, the film tells the story behind the environmental devastation of Lake Victoria in Tanzania and local community's accompanying impoverishment after a European businessman introduces a non-native fish to the body of water for commercial purposes.

Sounds like a story we've all heard before—the tragic unfair effects of capitalist greed and globalization gone awry.

But it's not. Not only is there more to the story—but the film surprises you with a straightforward, objective tone.

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ART OF FILM

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When: Continues through May 7. Films run Friday Monday most shows 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Monday

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just shows you what happens step by step.

Before you know it, you realize you're watching "a mystery unfolding, and all the answers are supplied," said Wilhelm. "They may not be the answers you wanted."

And, there you have it, that's the point. That's life.

Or as Wilhelm put it: Yes, of course, it is depressing, but, like life,

it is exhilarating.

On the other end of the spectrum is *Lady Vengeance*, the last film of the season, playing May 5-7.

By South Korean cult director Park Chan-wook, it's the story of a beautiful girl who was wrongly imprisoned for murder at age 19. Now released from prison, the beauty is bent on punishing the real killer.

"This is a film for people who love Tarantino pictures," Wilhelm said, alluding to the director's *Kill Bill* series, starring the vengeful Uma Thurman.

Like Quentin Tarantino's films, *Lady Vengeance* is an over-the-top visual experience packed with stylized images and violence that gets you in the gut.

"It knocks you out and sends you on a roller coaster ride," Wilhelm said, describing the violence as not for the faint-at-heart. "But it's a newly fashioned revenge movie. It asks the question: Is this really what you want?"

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Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles celebrates 100 episodes

It's been more than 20 years since the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles started defending justice

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Adventures in Turtle Sitting will find Casey and April, friends of the turtles, turtle-sitting. Wait until you see what happens when Donatello starts mutating into a beast who eats turtle-sitters.

Tune in to see the excitement.

And if it's been a while since you've seen the masked heroes, here's some refresher turtle facts:

- No one knows for certain if the turtles are blood brothers – or just friends who share a common desire to problem solve.

- No one really knows their ages either – not even those at Mirage Studios – just that they're teenagers.

- A fourth movie is coming out in 2007. It will be computer-animated.

- The Eastman and Laird comic book series began in 1984, three years before the first animated series.

Lana Mini

BEAVER

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how we feel we're supposed to look," Goody said. "We're all commodity fetishists, you see."

POISED

What: *Kristin Beaver* a solo exhibit of the artist's lens-based painting.

When: Opens March 11 and continues through April 16. Artist's lecture 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26.

Where: Meadow Brook Art Gallery on campus of Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills.

Tickets: Free and open to public. Call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag.

At the same time, Beaver's work is devoted to the formalistic aspects of painting – line, color and form. About 35 of her works are featured in the show.

Her works are large-scaled – some are 7 feet tall – vibrant in color, and dynamic,

which makes the show "very lush, not a dry show," said Goody.

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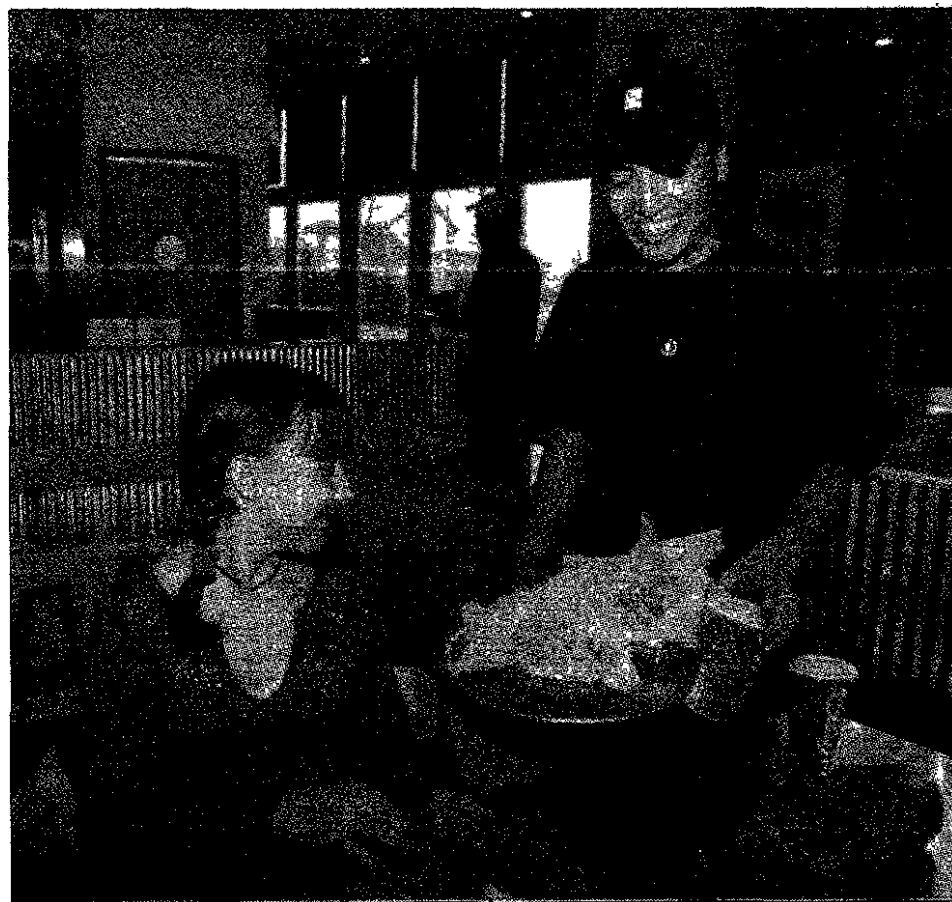
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BY ELEANOR HEALD
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A LITTLE HISTORY

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In late January, fast-food titan McDonald's floated Denver based Chipotle Mexican Grill (CMG), of which it was majority owner, on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Stock value doubled on the first day and about the same time, Chipotle doubled its presence in metro Detroit, opening two locations, one in West Bloomfield and the other in Rochester Hills, to bring its total operation to about 490 spots in more than 20 states, with a reported \$600 million in annual sales



In 1993 Steve Ellis, a 1990 Culinary Institute of America graduate who became an uber-chef at Stars, an acclaimed San Francisco restaurant, founded Chipotle Mexican Grill as a way to underwrite his aim of opening a high-end restaurant of his own

In 1998 McDonald's bought a 91 percent stake in Chipotle, and after spinning it off on the NYSE, retains 69 percent of the stock and 88 percent of shareholder voting rights. Serving burritos and other Mexican fare, Chipotle has made a strong showing in the quick casual dining sector, which is considered a notch above traditional fast food in quality and price. Prudential Equity Group analyst Larry Miller has been quoted as estimating that Chipotle could expand to over seven times its current number of locations in the next 13 years

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Except for the size hows all that differ from any other taco and burrito joint?

Ellis claims that his offerings have greater integrity and create a better, fresher burrito among other enhancements, romaine lettuce rather than iceberg and toasting cumin spice before grinding to bring out the flavors

Since Chipotle has a focused menu concentrating on essentially only two products, he can do that With carnitas, as an example, Ellis sought out naturally-raised pigs from a select farmers group as source for what may be called "free-range" pork

Mindset for sourcing chicken, beef, beans and avocados is similar And lest you believe big is bad, Chipotles growth and current size helps the company influence supplier decisions in favor of quality

QUALITY AND CALORIES

All this sounds good and perhaps even healthy, so I did some nutritional values checking on www.dwlz.com, an

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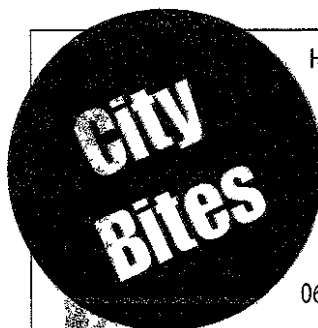
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The Steak Burrito with tomato salsa, cheese and sour cream weighs in at 925 calories with 48 grams of fat Barbacoa Burrito with pinto beans, rice, cheese, guacamole and salsa is 1,270 calories with 45 grams of fat Carnitas with pinto beans, rice, cheese and salsa totaled 1,130 calories with 45 fat grams

Most surprising was the Vegetarian Burrito with black beans, rice, cheese, guacamole and salsa at 1,120 calories and 42 grams of fat

Chipotle Mexican Grill's offerings are tasty but if you're counting calories, opt for the Chicken Burrito Bol (no tortilla) and get a lot of flavor with only 430 calories and 13 fat grams

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants food wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com



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(248) 449 6555

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ART EXHIBITS

University of Michigan Museum of Art
Landscapes of Longing Journeys through Memory and Place through April 2 525 S State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

Cranbrook Art Museum

Shoot the Family an exhibit of photography and video and *Crossing Flatland New Designs* by Scott Klinker furniture by Cranbrook Academy of Art head of 3D design both through April 2 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills \$4 \$6 call (877) GO CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

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

Margo's Gallery

Kimberly Kelly Santini's distinctive pet portraits and four legged paintings through April 3 Margo's Gallery & Frame 5 South Washington St Oxford (248) 628 5398

Creative Arts Center

Art and the Motorcycle March 11 to April 8 reception opening 6 9 p.m. Saturday March 11 \$10 47 Williams Street Pontiac call (248) 333 7849

Tangent Gallery

Parallel Lies featuring Mark Heggie opening reception 7 p.m. midnight Friday March 10 show runs through April 715 E Milwaukee Detroit (313) 873 2955

Cass Cafe

Detroit All Stars of Art opening reception 7 10 p.m. March 11 show runs through May 13 4620 Cass Detroit (313) 831 1400

Rochester Hills Museum

Permanent exhibit *A Lively Town* artifacts and images of the Rochester Hills community featured exhibit *Veterans Stories* through March 18 \$3 \$5 (248) 656 4663 www.rochesterhills.org

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Kristin Beaver's solo exhibit of lens based painting March 11 to April 16 Artist's lecture 2 p.m. Sunday March 26 Oakland University 208 Wilson Hall Rochester Hills free call (248) 370 3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag

Art Leaders Gallery

Real Romance exhibit of movie posters through March 15 33030 Northwestern Highway West Bloomfield (248) 539-0262



www.artleaders.com

Washington Street Gallery

Recess by Jennifer Thompson watercolor mixed media paintings March 14 April 16 reception 7 9 p.m. Friday March 17 120 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

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

By Design works by graphic designers Main Gallery *Earth and Sky* acrylic paintings by Carol Reid First Floor Gallery both exhibits run March 10 to April 15 opening receptions 6 8 p.m. Friday March 10 407 Pine Street Rochester call (248) 651 4110 or visit www.pccart.org

Downriver Council for the Arts

6th Annual Emerging Artists Exhibit through April 4 20904 Northline Taylor (734) 287 6103 www.downriverarts.org

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

Flatlanders Art Galleries

Three solo exhibitions of sculpture painting and photographs David Kelly's *Classic Silver*

David Eichenberg's *Touch of Tradition* and Sandy Zenisek's *Sticks and Stones* March 14 April 30 reception with artists 1 4 p.m. Sunday March 26 (517) 486 4591

CLASSICAL

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 visit www.plymouthsymphony.org (734) 451 2112

University Musical Society

Shostakovich Centennial Festival series of five concerts by Valery Gergiev and the Kirov Orchestra March 17 and 19 and Oct 20 22 Hill Auditorium 825 North University Ann Arbor \$10 \$75 (734) 764 2538 or visit www.ums.org

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

An ensemble of musicians mainly from the Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theatre orchestras Twos Threes and Fours 3 p.m. Sunday March 12 at Birmingham Temple 28622 W 12 Mile in Farmington Hills \$25 for adults \$22 for seniors 60 and over and \$10 for students www.detroitchamberwinds.org (248) 559 2095

Oakland University

Pianist Flavio Varami's annual benefit for the Department of Music Theatre and Dance features selections from Beethoven Villa Lobos Ravel and Liszt 8 p.m. Friday March 24 \$50 VIP \$25 general admission and \$10 students Varner Recital Hall (248) 370 3013 or e mail mtd@oakland.edu

BBSO

Birmingham Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra's concert *Symphonic Classics Old and New* includes premiere of violin concerto composed and performed by Oakland County musicians 7 p.m. Sunday March 26 at Temple Beth El northwest corner of 14 Mile and Telegraph Bloomfield Township (248) 645 BBSO www.bbsso.org

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Belmont Bar

Mademoiselle Mondays \$10 for martini and manicure therapist massage \$1 minute punk nights Tuesdays live rock Wednesdays DJs and local bands on week ends 10215 Joseph Campau Hamtramck (313) 871 1966

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Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food dancing music 2 N Saginaw St Pontiac (248) 322 5550

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Laid back small friendly 22824 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 546 8331

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Emerald Theatre

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Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play with Swindell Sheila Brown Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart 7 30 11 30 p.m. Friday and Saturday 27851 Middlebelt (at 12 Mile Road) in Farmington Hills no cover (248) 851 8222

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Rainbow Room

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northeast corner at John R Detroit (313) 963 9797

Sky Club

Tango salsa and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m. located above Sangria's Restaurant 401 S Lafayette Royal Oak (248) 543 1964

COMEDY

Second City

Mainstage show is *In iPod We Trust* running Wednesday Sunday 42705 Grand River Ave Novi (248) 348 4448

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up 269 East Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscomey.com

Wise Guys Comedy Club

Sheila Kay Bob Philips and Brian Hatch March 9 11 40380 Grand River Novi www.wiseguyscomedyclubnovi.com (248) 919 3216

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Andy Kindler 8 p.m. March 9 8 and 10 30 p.m. March 10 and 11 314 E Liberty www.aacomedy.com (734) 996 9080

Comedyfest

10th annual Michigan Lesbian & Gay ComedyFest featuring Poppy Champin Ronn Vigh Dana Goldberg Dewey Chaffee and Rene Hicks 6 and 9 30 p.m. Saturday March 11 Ford Community and Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave (at Greenfield) Dearborn www.comedyfest.org (313) 537 3323

DANCE

Bellydancers

The Bellydance Superstars 8 p.m. Thursday March 9 all ages welcome at The Royal Oak Music Theatre 318 W Fourth Street Royal Oak \$32 in advance \$38 at the door group discounts available www.tickets.com 1 (800) 919 6272 For details visit www.bellydancesuperstars.com or www.royalokmusictheatre.com

MoreDances Contemporary Dance Company

Dances of Elegance 2 30 p.m. Sunday March 26 Community House 380 S Bates Birmingham \$15 adults \$12 students and seniors tickets available at door (248) 689 4084

Detroit Dance Collective

26th Annual Spring Concert 8 p.m. Friday March 31 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Avenue Dearborn \$15 18 call (248) 767 1898 or (810) 444 4553 or visit www.detroitdancecollective.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

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 1 4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month Shield's Pizza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph) Southfield \$8 cover (248) 478 0172

Jazz at Wharton Center

The MSU Professors of Jazz features Ingrid

Jensen Wednesday March 22 at Stoddard Grand Tier Lounge (517) 432 2000 or 1 800 WHARTON or visit www.whartoncenter.com

Jazz and dinner

Kind of Blue Tuesdays at Lola's Harmonie Park Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet the shows help talented local musicians to play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday 1427 Randolph Street in Detroit's Harmonie Park for dinner reservations or information call (313) 962 0483

Nikola's

Jerry McKenzie's Just Jazz with Matt Michaels Dan Jordan and guest performers 7 p.m. Thursday March 9 at Nikola's 25225 Telegraph Southfield (248) 355 4695

MORE MUSIC

Strings

The Birmingham Musicale the string ensemble playing works of Mozart Bach and Faure Thursday March 9 at the Community House in Birmingham 380 S Bates concert is open to the public and free of charge (248) 626 8238

Woodward Crossing

The Mad Prophets (urban hip hop and rap) and Katie Savino (acoustic folk) 8 p.m. Friday March 10 Metropolitan United Methodist Church 8000 Woodward Detroit donation www.woodwardcrossing.org (313) 875 7407

DSO

The DSO Civic Orchestra performs Verdi's sublime *Requiem* with the Detroit Archdiocesan Chorus and the Wayne State University Symphonic Chorus 3 p.m. Sunday March 12 at Orchestra Hall 3711 Woodward Ave. tickets \$10 in advance \$12 at the door www.dsoaces.org (313) 576 5111

Genitti's

The Teen Angels (a tribute to Frankie Valli) 7 p.m. Friday March 17 \$45 per person includes seven course dinner and show 108 E. Main Northville reservations (248) 349 0522 or visit Genittis.com

Mama's Coffeehouse

Cats & the Fiddler and Floyd King & the Bushwackers 8 p.m. Saturday March 18 at the Birmingham Unitarian Church 38651 N Woodward (near the northwest corner of Lone Pine Road) Bloomfield Hills \$12 \$10 for seniors and age 16 and under refreshments available (248) 569 0965

Coffee Beanery Cafe

Larry Arbour 7:30 p.m. Saturday March 18 28557 Woodward Berkley (248) 336 9930

KerryTown

415 North Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor reservations recommended (734) 769 2999 www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

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Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday 7:10 p.m. (bass and piano) 885 Starkweather Plymouth (734) 459 0885

Trinity House

Reservations recommended for 87 seat concert house 38840 W Six Mile (just west of I 275) Livonia shows 8 p.m. No alcohol no smoking (734) 464 6302 www.trinityhouse.org

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum

Current exhibits include *Behind the Scenes 50 Years of Disneyland* 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily \$10 \$14 20900 Oakwood Blvd. west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. For more information call (313) 982 6001 or visit www.hfmv.org

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World



ON STAGE

It's all about dance *Break An Urban Funk Spectacular* comes to Music Hall, 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit at 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday March 10 & 11 Tickets are \$25-\$35, call (313) 887-8501, www.ticketmaster.com

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 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 Friday 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday 5020 John R. Detroit \$6 \$7 (313) 577 8400 www.detroitssciencecenter.org

OPERA

Motor City Lyric Opera

Patrickide concert with soprano Mary Callaghan tenor Patrick Lynch harpist Onita Sanders and The Michael O'Hare Dance Ensemble 2 p.m. Sunday March 19 at St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic Church 2215 Opydyke Bloomfield Hills suggested donation \$15 adults \$10 for children under 12 benefit for the MCLO's education outreach program (248) 647 7976

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Storyteller

Pat Joan Rudd storyteller lectures noon 1 p.m. Thursday March 16 in the Oakland County Lecture Hall Building 49 West on the

county campus at 1200 N. Telegraph Pontiac (248) 858 0415 www.artsoakland.com

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

Humane Education

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 \$220 \$70 for students both days visit http://www.IHED.org/programs/sowing_seeds.html for information or call (207) 785 2224

THEATER - COLLEGE

Bonstelle Theatre

William Shakespeare's *Othello* continues through March 12 \$11 14 3424 Woodward Detroit (313) 577 2960 www.theatre.wayne.edu

Hilberry Theatre

Electra by Sophocles runs through March 23 Wayne State University campus 4743 Cass Avenue Detroit \$15 28 and \$10 student rush tickets (313) 577 2972 www.hilberry.com

Antony and Cleopatra

By William Shakespeare runs through May 4 \$15 28 Hilberry Theatre Wayne State University campus Detroit (313) 577 2972 www.hilberry.com

THEATER - COMMUNITY

CSRO Productions

Sylvia a comedy by A.R. Gurney through 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

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 10 12 and 17 and 18 Friday and Saturday performances start at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. 1185 Washington Road one mile east of the intersection of Trienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills tickets \$14 (248) 608 9077

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* 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 www.thephoenixplayers.org or purchased by mail by calling Laura Smith at (810) 220 7963

April, Mae and June

World premiere comedy by Edward J. Thomas 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

Cats

Oakland Theatre Guild shows March 17 19 and 23 26 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows 2 p.m. Sunday shows Starlight Theater inside Summit Place Mall between Kohl's and Claire's stores 315 N. Telegraph Waterford \$16 adults \$14 seniors (248) 335 1788 www.starlighttheatre.net

Marquis Theatre

Little Mermaid 2:30 p.m. March 18 19 25 26 and April 1 2 8 9 22 23 29 and 30 and April

17 21 \$8 135 E. Main Northville (248) 349-8110 www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

Marquis Theatre

Vaudeville Tonight family skits songs and acts 8 p.m. March 24 25 March 31 April 1 April 7 8 \$12 adults seniors and students \$10 each 135 E. Main Northville (248) 349 8110 www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Brooklyn Boy through March 12 Jewish Community Center 6600 West Maple West Bloomfield (248) 788 2900 www.jettheatre.org

Purple Rose Theatre

Jeff Daniels *Guest Artist* through March 18 The Purple Rose Theatre 137 Park Chelsea \$25 \$35 (734) 433 7673 www.purplerosetheatre.org

Breathe Art Theatre

Hedwig and The Angry Inch March 10 26 at Detroit's 1515 Broadway most performances stated 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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Meadow Brook Theatre

Single tickets now on sale for all 2005 2006 performances on campus of Oakland University (248) 377 3300 or www.mbtheatre.com

Michigan Opera Theatre

35th anniversary opera season *Desperate Divas* and DaimlerChrysler Dance Series \$23 \$113 at box office 1526 Broadway Detroit or (313) 237 7464 or www.MichiganOpera.org

Sex and The Second City

Wild spoof of dating and relationships in 21st Century coming May 16 to Meadow Brook Theatre \$26 \$36 (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com

Three Mo' Tenors

At the Fisher Theatre 3011 W Grand Blvd Detroit through March 26 \$27 50 \$57 50 call (248) 645 6666 or go online at www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com

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Barbie goes live

Imagine, Barbie the tall blonde, live in the flesh

Soon she will appear on stage. Barbie is Erin Coors, touring in *Barbie Live in Fairytopia* coming to Detroit's Fox Theatre Wednesday through Sunday, April 5 through 9. Tickets go on sale this week.

The show, presented by Mattel and Live Nation, will tour 80 North American cities over the next two years.

"Growing up, I loved Barbie," Coors said. "To be the first ever actress to portray (her) in a national touring stage production is a once-in-a-lifetime experience."

Coors, a graduate of musical theatre from Kent State University, has performed since her early teens and is an accomplished mezzo soprano.

Fairytopia is the result of the 2005 direct-to-video movie *Barbie Fairytopia*. It's a magical theatre production with intricate costumes, flying fairies, original scores and special effects.

The story is about Elina, a flower fairy who doesn't have wings, but wants them. She realizes she needs to save her beloved Fairy Land. So she travels on the back of a colorful butterfly to and on her journeys meets new friends.

With a big company backing it, expect



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Erin Elizabeth Coors, the actress just cast as Barbie, gets a sneak peek of her wardrobe by Tony-nominated costume designer Gregg Barnes. Coors stars in *Barbie Live in Fairytopia*.

the show to be glamorous.

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A music nut for the masses

REVIEW

Kelley Stoltz just might be my new pre-teen boyfriend. He sounds like one interesting guy, besides originating from Detroit, if you ask me. Consider this history about SubPop's latest solo star and you'll see what I mean.

Stoltz's first big release, *Antique Glow*, was really a one-man production. He recorded the entire thing himself, played all the instruments himself and when he realized he didn't have a label to

release it on, he actually pressed several hundred copies on vinyl and painted the covers, once again, himself.

Stoltz's time as an all-encompassing record company was short—in 2002 Australia's Corduroy/Raoul Records got hold of *Antique Glow* and released it on a CD where it received favorable reviews and even a minor radio hit.

Here's where another Detroit connection comes in! In 2003, Stoltz's record made it to our very own Ben Blackwell (drummer for The Dirtbombs), who loved it so much he passed it along to a British rocker-type and then watched the UK fall

in love with *Antique Glow* with numerous magazines selecting it as one of the best records of 2004.

And it gets better. In 2005, Stoltz recorded a tribute album of Echo & The Bunnymen's *Crocodiles*, titled, appropriately, *Crocodials*. Any guy who covers one of the 1980s' best bands earns huge music points from me.

Flash forward to today. Based out of San Francisco these days, Stoltz just released *Below the Branches* on Feb. 7. Recorded entirely on an 8-track reel-to-reel, Stoltz found a perfect studio in his very own apartment. "I play all the instruments and record everything myself, at home, so essentially I'm always in the studio," Stoltz said in a press release describing the recording techniques for *Branches*. "I write and record things all the time and my home studio affords me the chance to work on songs whenever I want."

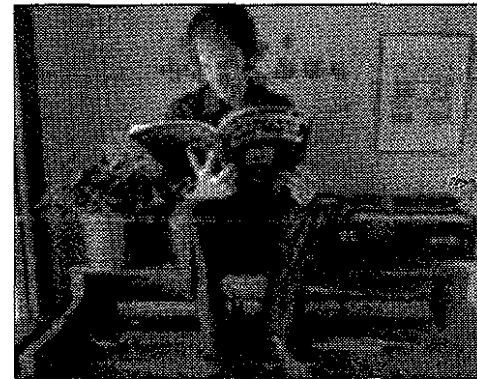
Branches is an album that you can tell right away was made by someone who adores music. A self-proclaimed vinyl nut, Stoltz fits the description as a music fan without doubt, and this record is proof. A little bit Beach Boys, a little bit Donovan, and heck, even some later-60s Beatles are all groups that can be heard in Stoltz's songs.

Wave Goodbye is the first track and probably my favorite, with its happy sound providing the music for a carefree

afternoon. *Ever Thought of Coming Back* could have been plucked right off a Beach Boys greatest hits collection. *Words* has just enough of a trippy feel to remind the listener how much Stoltz values the music of the 1960s.

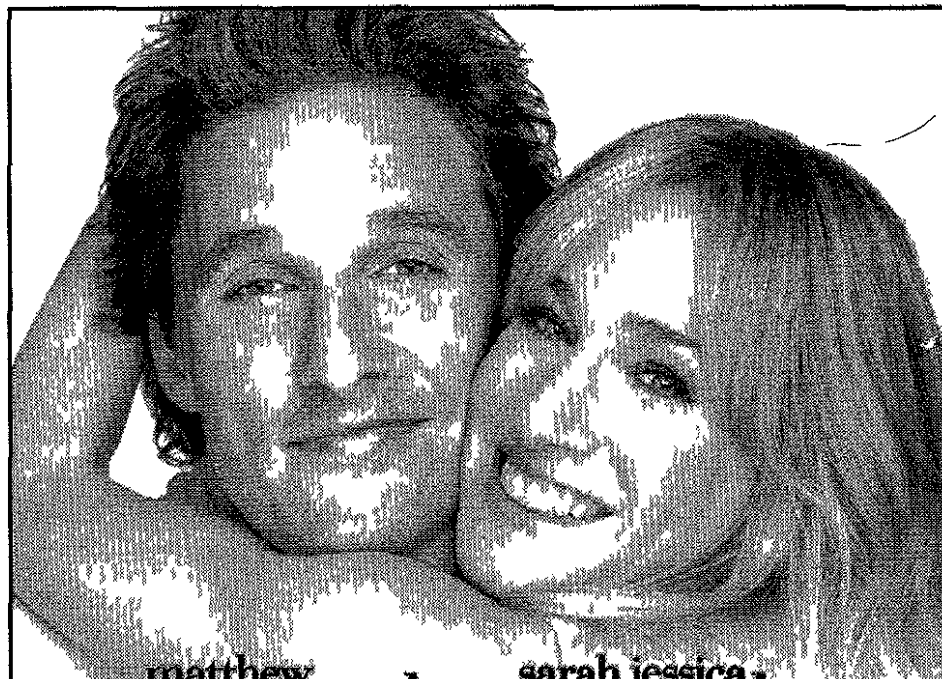
What I like most about this album is how each song is a different story, causing you to make your own videos and images in your head. My brain and ears had a nice, time-traveling workout after this album.

To learn more about Stoltz and his earlier releases, visit www.subpop.com.



Kelley Stoltz

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Audience can help choose '80s idol

That 80s Band, a metro Detroit group that performs high-tech '80s shows with music, "costumes" and video, is hosting *80's Idol*

The band is in search of the best '80s singer. Winner gets \$100, but more importantly,



bragging rights

On March 10 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, five singers – some who may even go as far as to dress in 1980s-style clothing – will compete for cash. The audience will help choose the winner

The contestants can only choose from a limited number of songs such as

U2's *Where the Streets Have No Name*, Bon Jovi's *Runaway*, INXS' *Don't Change*, The Ramones' *I Wanna Be Sedated*, Joan Jett's *I Love Rock & Roll* and a handful of others

The evening includes, the contest, a performance by That 80's Band, a performance by Century's End, a '90s rock tribute band, crowning of the "Idol" and dancing. The fun begins at 8 p.m.

Lana Mini

BUT CAN YOU SING?

Hosted By: That 80's Band
When: 8 p.m. Friday March 10
Where: Royal Oak Music Theatre 318 W Fourth Street Royal Oak
What: Five contestants already chosen will sing for a chance to win cash. Audience will help choose winners.
Cover: \$5
Details: www.that80sband.com

Exhibit celebrates the motorcycle

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Loud, powerful and symbolic of freedom, motorcycles turn us on. But they also make for good art. "You say 'motorcycle' and nine out of 10 people – their eyes light up," said Carol Paster, executive director of the Creative Arts Center where *Art and the Motorcycle*, an exhibit of motorcycles as art and art about motorcycles opens March 11.

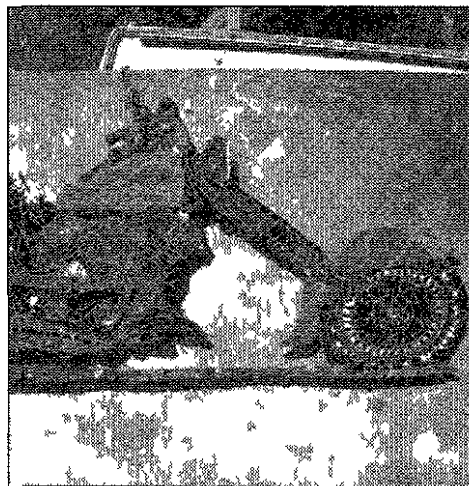


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Among the pieces on exhibit is a mosaic of a motorcycle by Tim Walker.

A lot of the people in the show were working on their own bikes and learned metal welding or other art forms, Paster explained, adding that metal sculpture by bike aficionados is strongly represented in the exhibit.

Some pieces use motorcycle parts to create sculpture, while others are original in concept.

The show's motorcycles include custom and modified bikes, including one with a Chevy V8 engine, as well as, historic and rare collectibles like a 1931 Indian, a 1947 Harley and a 1947 German Areil.

In addition to the motorcycles on display, there's a bevy of art, from cartoons to photography to a large scale mosaic, depicting the machine in all its glory.

"In some way, it's all related to motorcycles – an image of a motorcycle, a motorcycle part or a piece by a known motorcycle artist," said Paster. "It should be a high impact show when you walk into the gallery. It should be wow where do I start

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ART AND MOTION



What: *Art and the Motorcycle* an exhibit of motorcycles as art and art about motorcycles.
When: Opens March 11 and continues through April 8. Reception opening 6-9 p.m. Saturday March 11. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday or by appointment.
Where: Creative Arts Center 47 Williams St. Pontiac.
Tickets: Exhibit is free with suggested donation of \$10 for opening. For more information call (248) 333 7849 or visit www.pontiacmi.us and click citizens.

The show continues through April 8 at the Pontiac gallery. "There's something romantic" about motorcycles, Paster said. Likewise, they're dramatic, they're beautiful pieces of engineering, and they're aesthetically pleasing," she added. But what's

often overlooked is how motorcycle owners take the art of the machine to another level. Bike owners frequently embellish by painting gas tanks, adding pin stripes and even customizing leather seats.

Art and the Motorcycle not only shows cases this work but also the artistic craft that area bike owners have honed and in some cases, transferred from bike to other art.

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