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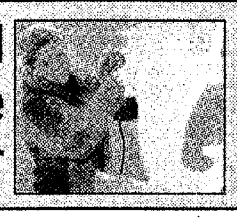

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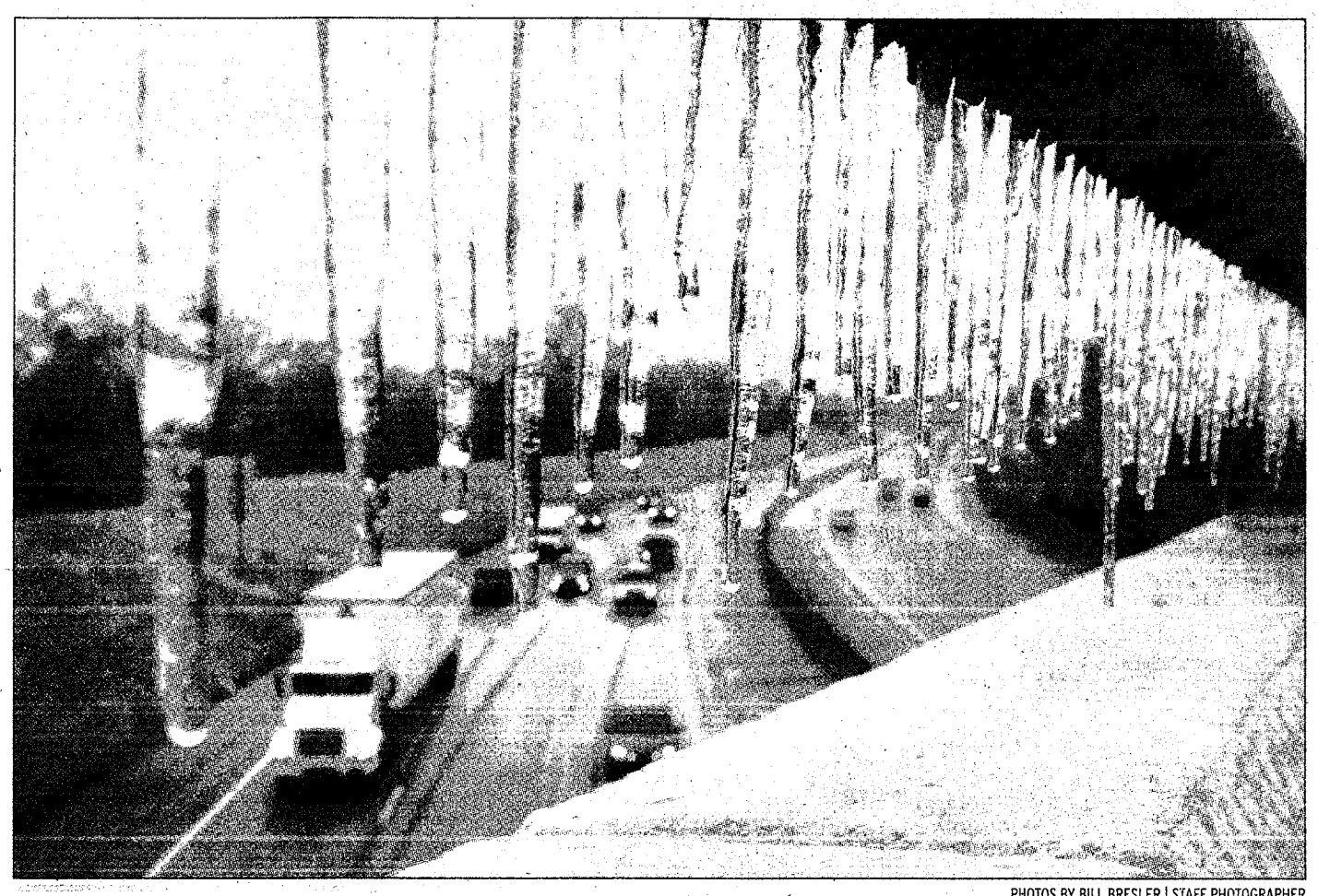

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Local folks woke up Monday to an ice coating that broke tree limbs and brought down some power lines. Roads, including M-14 through Plymouth Township, were wet but not frozen.

Old Man Winter stakes 1st claim

Senior evacuation, downed power lines dominate 1st storm

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

By about lunch time Tuesday, things had pretty much returned to normal at Plymouth Independence Village in Plymouth Township.

But the relative normalcy belied the chaos induced just 24 hours earlier by the first real brush with winter in the area, when the senior living facility lost power and staffers were forced to evacuate more than 200 residents.

Power, which had been lost around 9:30 a.m. Monday, was restored by about midnight.

"Our elevators are still down, and we want to make sure the place is heated up sufficiently," general manager Rick Goren said Tuesday morning. "We should have everybody back by lunch time."

The senior community was evacuated in two phases after losing power Monday morning. By Monday evening, rescue units from Huron Valley Ambulance and some 18 firefighters from the Plymouth Township, Northville and Livonia fire departments were shuttling the residents between Independence Village and several senior complexes around the community.

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Linda Gruden helps her grandmother, Emily Shannon, leave the darkened Independence Village. "I've been arguing with her all day to leave," said Gruden with a smile. "Finally the firemen convinced her."

District set to pitch bond

Ryan, trustees hit campaign trail as latest election approaches

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are on the campaign trail, trying to convince voters to approve a $62.1 million bond issue on Feb. 27.

Superintendent Jim Ryan and all seven elected Board of Education members are meeting with PTOs, community and civic groups as they try to convince voters from five communities – Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville Township and Salem Township – of the need to pass a bond proposal that is about half of what was defeated in May 2006.

Next month's bond issue asks taxpayers to support $31.2 million for a new middle school in Canton Township to replace an aging Central Middle School; and another $13.6 million to refurbish Central for alternative education (replacing Starkweather Education Center), community education and a curriculum center.

What do you think about this story? E-mail your responses to bkadrich@hometownlife.com.

The bond issue, if passed, also includes $6 million to construct 10 classrooms at Salem High School; $3.8 million for additional classrooms at Pioneer Middle School; $3.3 million for six classrooms and a gym at Field Elementary; $2.1 million for Canton High School cafeteria expansion; $1.9 million for West Middle School cafeteria improvements; $2.3 million to reimburse the general fund for the purchase of the middle school property on Cherry Hill Road, just west of Canton Center Road, in Canton; $1.1 million to purchase 13 school buses; $500,000 for new education program equipment to meet new state mandates; and $125,000 for high school security.

Trustee Dianne Gonzalez of Plymouth Township, who was elected to the board in May, made it known while campaigning last year she disapproved of the May 2006 bond. This time around, Gonzalez is on board.

"I think my joining the board made everybody take a step backward and look at it again from the beginning," Gonzalez said. "This is a completely different bond, and I wanted to make sure the administration was doing its homework."

For Gonzalez, that meant going to the different schools to see, firsthand, the problems.

"I saw students at West Middle School stand in long lines for lunch, and then not have enough time to eat it to get back to class on time," Gonzalez said. "Students in the cafeterias at Salem and Canton (high schools) were sharing seats. I visited Starkweather, and the catacombs of Central. I had a genuine concern about all those issues."

Gonzalez, who during last year's bond wanted a new elementary school built on district-owned Miller Woods acreage in Plymouth Township, said, "I think we still need an elementary school, but we have to stand back and look at the priorities. I had to put my politi-

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Chill hits the air just in time for ice festival

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Mother Nature came through this week with her own ice festival, with a dash of frigid temperatures tossed in, only days before the 25th anniversary of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, which runs Friday through Sunday.

"Sometimes you get lucky," said Mike Watts, organizer of the Plymouth ice fest the past 16 years. "You knew the cold weather had to come sometime, and it looks like we'll be blessed with good weather for the event."

The forecast indicates temperatures will range from the mid-20s to near 30 degrees.

While Fantasyland — carvings with themes aimed at children — is gone from The Gathering, Watts said there will be plenty for youngsters to see at the main venue in Kellogg Park.

"There will be a giant Tyrannosaurus Rex, scenes from *Charlotte's Web*, and students from Henry Ford Community College will carve penguins from the movie *Happy Feet*," Watts said. "There are a number of carvings targeted for children."

Watts is keeping it under his hat, but said a five-member team from Japan will be carving nearly 80 blocks of ice, weighing nearly one ton, for one of their four carvings in Kellogg Park.

"It's really a beautiful scene, and words wouldn't do it justice," Watts teased. "It will celebrate the 25th anniversary, and everyone will be surprised."

Along with the Japanese team, which has been coming to the show for 16 years, there will be carvings by teams of students from local community college culinary programs, who will compete and carve 1,200 blocks of ice during the three-day event.

On Saturday, world-class carver Jim Bur, a former Livonia resident who now lives in Eastpointe, will demonstrate in Kellogg Park, as he prepares for the world carving championships to be held in Japan, only weeks after the Plymouth ice fest.

"Nine years ago, he and Ted Wakar, an award-winning ice sculptor from Canton, won the Japanese event, the only non-Asians ever to win one of the oldest and most prestigious ice carving competitions in the world," Watts said. "On Sunday, we will have Tajana Raukar, who owns Ice Dreams in Plymouth,

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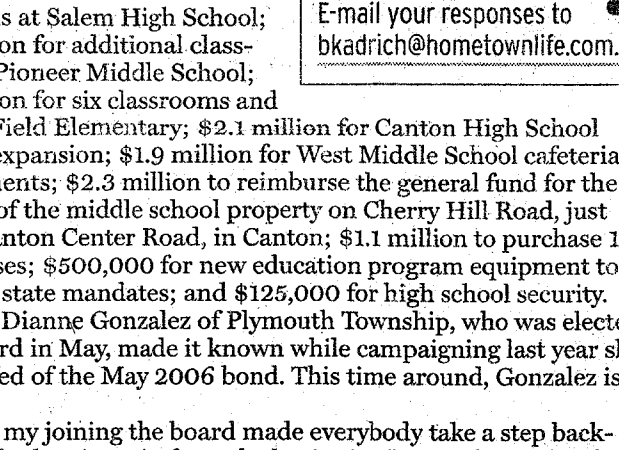

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Favorite wheels

Paul Hamway of Plymouth leans in as his daughter Julie sits at the wheel of a Jeep during a visit to the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. For more on the auto show, please see A9.

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Coming Sunday in Health

Body exhibit motivates visitors to live healthy.

RFD Boys concert

The bluegrass band RFD Boys are set to play a concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Known as "the house band of Michigan bluegrass," the RFD Boys formed their four-member ensemble while they were students at the University of Michigan, and have performed together for more than 25 years. They've shared stages with a "who's who" of bluegrass and country musicians, from Bill Monroe to Ricky Skaggs.

All are invited to attend. Admission is free; proceeds from a free-will offering will benefit a local Habit for Humanity project.

First United Methodist Church is located at 45201 N. Territorial in Plymouth, a mile east of Beck. The church offers barrier-free entrance and ample off-street parking.

Chorale concert

The BeckRidge Chorale presents its ensemble, the Village Voices, in their first concert of 2007, "Remembering Fred Waring," regarded by many as the world's finest interpreter of popular choral music.

The concert takes place 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton. Tickets are $12 for general seating and can be purchased by phone at (866) 924-4276, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or log on to the Chorale web site at Plycommunitychorus.org and print off and mail in the order form.

Book signing

Award-winning poet and photographer Cheryl A. Martin holds a book signing at the Book Cellar & Cafe on Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth 3:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21. She'll be signing copies of her book of poetry, "Woman Reclining."

Her book contains many Haiku poems, Narrative, and Epic poetry. She illustrates it with a few of her photographs which she also has for sale in framed color copies. Her Haiku workbook for children will be available as well. This short chapbook teaches the fine art of crafting Haiku. The front and back are illustrated with her art. Inside she has additional photos to inspire young readers to read and write. She'll have two other chapbooks as well as framed poetry for sale.

For an advanced copy, e-mail her at Peroinc5@comcast.net, call (734) 397-1626 or go online to outskirtspress.com/womanreclining. The book is also available through The Book Cellar & Cafe and Michigan Made and More.

For more information, call Martin, owner of Pero Inc., at (734) 397-1626.

New Liberty scholarship

New Liberty Bank is offering one $500 scholarship to a local high school senior who demonstrates scholastic achievement and upholds the Bank's "commitment to community" through volunteer service.

"When it comes to financing a college education, every little bit helps," said New Liberty Bank President and CEO Raymond Reame. "We are very excited to be able to reward one outstanding student for their hard work and community contributions with this scholarship."

Applications are available at the Bank's branch or on-line. All materials must be returned to the Bank or postmarked by March 1. Applicants must be residents of Plymouth, Canton or Northville and planning to attend an accredited U.S. college, university or trade school.

AARP tax assistance

Free income tax assistance will be available to Plymouth area seniors on Wednesdays beginning Feb. 7 through April 11. Volunteer Tax-Aide counselors trained by the IRS will help fill out your tax returns at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Appointments are available at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., and at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Seniors should bring their 2005 tax returns, W-2 and W-2P forms, Unemployment Compensation statement, SSA-1099 Form (if you receive Social Security benefits) all 1099 forms, 1099R forms for pensions and annuity records, all receipts or cancelled checks if itemizing on federal tax forms, all forms showing federal or state estimated tax paid, if you rent bring in the amount paid, and property tax bills, heating bill showing amount of heat cost.

For an appointment or more information, call the Plymouth Community Council On Aging, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Red Hat luncheon

Independence Village of Plymouth, 14707 Northville Road, hosts a Red Hat Society luncheon with "Elvis" as the entertainment noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Lunch will be served at noon. The event is to all Red Hat Society members and also to ladies who may want to join the Red Hat Society. It is a free event.

RSVPs are due by Jan. 22. For more information, call (734) 453-2600.

Free throw contest

All boys and girls, of all faiths, ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2007 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan 21, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley in Canton.

All boys and girls 9 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions. Last year nearly 179,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,000 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Lou Brotchner, (734) 453-7684. Pre-registration will be available at St Thomas a'Becket after all weekend masses between Jan. 13-21 or register at time of the event.

Calling Young Marines

The Wayne County Young Marines, a not-for-profit youth education program for boys and girls ages 8-18, is forming its next recruit platoon starting Jan. 23.

Meetings are Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood, in Wayne. Its mission is to strengthen the lives of America's youth by teaching the importance of self-confidence, academic achievement, honoring veterans, good citizenship, physical fitness, community service, and a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. It's directed by volunteer veteran Marines and parents.

For more information, call (734) 788-6667 or visit http://www.wcymarines.org/

CORRECTION

A story about the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees considering changes to how it insures non-union employees should have said accommodations to former Fire Chief Larry Groth were approved under former Supervisor Kathleen Keen-McCarthy, not under former Supervisor and current Trustee Steven Mann.

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To international journalists, Detroit is still Motor City

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

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Bernd Wieland of Germany (from left), and Naga Tan and Baeng Halin, both from Indonesia, were among the thousands of members of the media who converged on Cobo Hall for the 2007 North American International Auto Show.

The domestic auto industry may be in turmoil because of declining vehicle sales and lost market share that's resulted in hundreds of thousands of blue and white collar layoffs and buyouts.

But, make no mistake about it. Despite the disarray of the traditional Big 3 — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler — many foreign journalists covering the North American International Auto Show still consider Detroit the Motor City.

""I think so, because Detroit (automakers) still has power, they have the technology and much money still," said Shinichi Hisadome, staff correspondent for the Tokyo Shimbun. "The Big 3 is a symbol of American rich."

More than 6,000 journalists — radio, television and print — from around the world converge on Cobo Center as both domestic and foreign car companies unveil new models and concept vehicles.

"It's very important because it's the initial big motor show, and we can get the strategy of Japanese automakers, as well as GM, Ford and Chrysler," said Hisadome.

As for the Japanese take on Toyota's bid to surpass General Motors as the world's top carmaker, Hisadome said, "It's epic-making."

Italian television producer Milena Ripellino likes attending the Detroit auto show to view the new car line-ups, especially since many of the new product lines aren't as prevalent in Italy and throughout Europe.

"Your cars are huge, faster, more powerful and more expensive for fuel, which we have to consider in Europe," Ripellino said. "You say your fuel is very expensive, it's not true. We pay $3 a liter, which is only a quarter gallon. That's the reason why they don't sell a lot of American cars in Europe, unless they sell it in diesel.

"No Italian people can own a Mustang, Corvette or Hummer," Ripellino said. "You have to be very rich to afford American cars. We have more Japanese cars because they are less expensive."

However, that's not the case in and around Toronto, where the Big 3 have a major presence.

"If you drive around, you'll see more American cars than Japanese," said Nauman Farooq, a writer for Driving Emotion in Toronto. "Maybe it's because of the value, you get a bigger car for less money. Maybe it's more of a favoritism to our neighbor to support the brands."

Farooq said Toronto is the auto capital of Canada, but their auto show doesn't even compare to Detroit's.

"Toronto's is a much smaller show, and we don't get too many unveils," Farooq said. "If you want to see all the latest, greatest concept cars, Detroit is the show to come to."

While the car companies may be on a downward slide, the City of Detroit's image is getting two-thumbs-up by journalists.

"I love Detroit because of the history here," said Ripellino. "Something happened in the past that changed the world, the beginning of the production of cars in an industrial way. And for music, Motown was born here."

Ripellino said she feels safe visiting Detroit, but that wasn't the case when she first covered the auto show seven years ago.

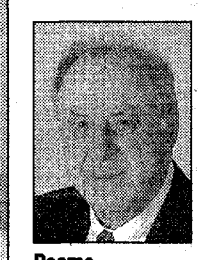
"I had a perception of a town after the war," Ripellino said. "You took the sky train (People Mover) and there were destroyed skyscrapers."

That was the same impression Hisadome had of Detroit during his last visit 10 years ago.

"I saw the city a little bit ruined and not so clean," said Hisadome, who was trying carefully to be diplomatic. "I came back and I think it's becoming cleaner and there is new construction in certain areas of downtown. I think it's a symbol of recovering of the city."

New Liberty gets new leadership

Plymouth Financial Corporation, the parent company for Plymouth Township's New Liberty Bank, has appointed Raymond A. Reame to serve as president and CEO of the bank and of PFC.



Reame

Reame replaces Michael Weaver, who resigned to pursue other business opportunities.

"(Reame) has provided excellent service on the Board of Directors for five years and his wealth of experience is immeasurable," said Board Chairman Donald Soenen. "We are grateful to (Weaver) for his past leadership and look forward to continued growth of the bank."

Reame retired in 1994 as community president at First of America Bank, having previously served as president and CEO of Wayne Bank. He began his career at the Detroit office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, where he retired in 1971 as a vice president.

A search committee has been formed to permanently fill the position.

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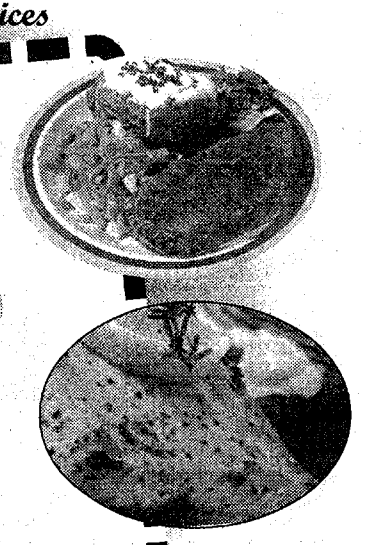

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There was a flock of chilly pink flamingos in front of Independence Village on Northville Road.

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Firefighters used "stair chairs" to bring residents down from the upper floors to waiting relatives on the ground floor. Those who couldn't go home with relatives were shuttled, using the Plymouth Senior Van and a van from HVA, to Brighton Gardens and the Plymouth Town Apartments.

"There was a little apprehension from a few of the residents, but we assured them everything was going to be fine and they'd be taken care of and their families would be notified where they were so nobody would worry," Plymouth Community Fire Chief Randy Maycock said. "We had a great working relationship with the staff, and it went about as smoothly as it could have."

The first phase of the evacuation started around 2:30 p.m., when family members began taking their loved ones home. The second phase consisted of the evacuation of the other residents, according to Goren.

A broken tree limb felled a power line on Ridge north of Powell, prompting Plymouth firefighters to block the road until a repair crew could arrive.

By Monday evening, firefighters and rescue personnel were helping to bring seniors downstairs from the upper-floor apartments, loading them onto buses and rescue vehicles and getting them to their temporary accommodations.

The evacuation was the biggest problem caused by the ice storm, which hit the area in the early morning hours Monday.

Among the other problems: Non-functioning traffic signals at a variety of intersections, power lines down in the city's Old Village section and downed tree limbs in neighborhoods around both the city and Plymouth Township.

No major injuries were reported, but the non-functional traffic signals did result in fender-benders at some intersections.

"We were out on a lot of wires down, numerous calls for branches on wires, where tree limbs had separated power lines from homes," Maycock said. "There were a lot of intersections where traffic controls were out, so we had a few little fender-benders where people didn't understand it's a four-way stop."

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cal differences aside and do what's best for the kids in the district."

Plymouth-Canton school officials are confident they're on the right track. In a survey of more than 300 voters, 54 percent said they'd vote "yes," with another 4 percent leaning toward voting in favor of the bond issue. Some 39 percent said they would vote "no" or are leaning toward rejecting the bond question.

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski of Canton Township stood as the lone dissenting vote on the school board for the May bond proposal. But, like Gonzalez, Ham-Kucharski said he'll be out helping with presentations to help pass the next bond.

"The big difference this time was the board and administration actually took the time to listen to the community and what they saw as needs for the district," Ham-Kucharski said. "We internally know we have a long list of needs and wants, but it really does come down to where the community is willing to support. We went through the process of due diligence and scaled back what we were looking at in this package, and it make sense."

With all seven school board members on board, school board President Barry Simescu said it will be easier to go out and pitch for voter approval.

"I think the community, this time, is seeing a joint effort," Simescu said. "The process we used to get there made everybody comfortable in supporting this bond."

There were a handful of district residents who worked against the bond proposals in May. One, Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards, said he'll be vocal against this one, too.

"I'm not in favor of doing anything with the economy the way it is," Edwards said. "You're putting financial pressure on people when they're trying to pay their own bills.

"And, there's the credibility issue," he said. "If housing sales have stopped, you won't have increasing enrollment, and won't have to construct new buildings."

Ryan will be giving tours of Central Middle School and Starkweather Education Center on weekends in February to those who want a look before voting Feb. 27. To schedule an appointment, call (734) 416-2757.

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FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Jan. 10-16:

■ Tuesday, Jan. 16 — Downed wires on Eastside, on Auburn, at Simpson and McKinney and on Virginia; residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Latheron, on Haggerty, on Beech and on Trailwood; mutual-aid-given rescue run at Haggerty and Five Mile.

■ Monday, Jan. 15 — Downed wires on Elmhurst, on Sheridan, on Linden, on Ann Arbor Trail, on Countrywood, on Maple, on Ridge, on Evergreen, on Sunset, on Karmada, at Ann Arbor Road and Canton Center, on Charnwood, on Gilbert, on Ball and on Adams; residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Lilley, on Woodland Place, on Russell, on Linden and on Tyler; smoke investigation on Maple; vehicle accident at 5 Mile and Haggerty; vehicle fire at Tavistock and Ann Arbor Road; rescue run to a public building/school on Church.

■ Sunday, Jan. 14 — Vehicle accidents at North Territorial and Beck and on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon; residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Newport, on Greenbriar, on Tania, on Pinehurst, on Colony Farms, on Portsmouth Crossing and on Sheridan; smoke investigation on Orangelawn; downed wires on Holbrook and on Burroughs.

■ Saturday, Jan. 13 — Vehicle accidents at Beck and Ann Arbor Road, on eastbound M-14 at I-275, at Ridge and N. Territorial and on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon (with wash-down); vehicle fire with wash-down at Mill and Fair; residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Ann Arbor Road, on S. Tyler, on Turtlehead, on Holbrook and on Corrine.

■ Friday, Jan. 12 — Industrial rescue run on Schoolcraft; residential rescue runs on Belton, on N. Territorial and on Morrison; dumpster fire on Haggerty; commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road.

■ Thursday, Jan. 11 — Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Haggerty and on Russell; industrial rescue run on Concept.

■ Wednesday, Jan. 10 — Vehicle accident at Fleet and Harvey; residential rescue run on Haggerty; industrial rescue run on Sheldon; rescue runs to public buildings/schools on Mill and on Ann Arbor Road.

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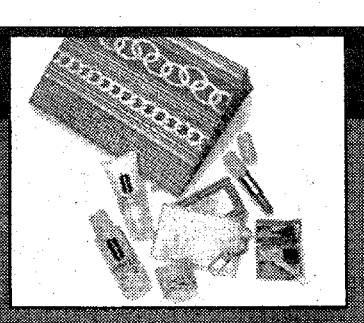

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ICE FEST

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Mike Wright, who chairs Plymouth's Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors, said the DDA believes in the ice fest and the traffic it brings to downtown retailers and restaurants.

"Our belief is that is has tremendous value, an event that is recognized within the entire region and draws people from beyond Plymouth," Wright said. "We feel so confident, we invested $2,500 in an ice sculpture with our new marketing logo that will be carved and displayed."

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Celebration Youth Orchestra violinist Taylor Pool concentrates on her music during a performance. The CYO conducts auditions next month.

Youth orchestra conducts auditions

The Celebration Youth Orchestra conducts auditions for the second semester of the 2006–07 school year this month.

Auditions must be scheduled in advance and can be arranged by calling the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office at 734-451-2112. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction.

Students, who may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan, are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society. CYO has two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings.

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The Celebration Youth Orchestra is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Koncert Education Campaign help to fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout Southeastern Michigan.

To schedule an audition or for more information contact the PCSS office, (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org

Library shifts lineup on baseball series

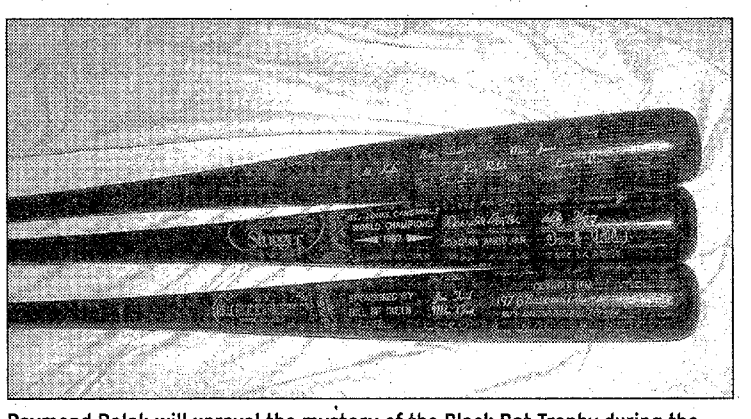
The Plymouth District Library has shuffled the lineup for its popular "Hot Stove League" baseball series.

According to library officials, scheduling conflicts with at least one of the speakers has forced some changes in who will speak when. The dates will remain the same, officials said, but the speakers will switch places.

Due to an unexpected ESPN speaking engagement, scheduled speaker and broadcaster Michael Reghi presents his Hot Stove League program 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22. Dr. Robert Samaras and Raymond Rolak will wrap up this popular series with their presentation 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11.

Reghi, a native Detroiter and former third baseman, travels from Westlake, Ohio to Plymouth to present, "Let's Book This One to the O's: Tales from the Booth." As a 25-year broadcast veteran, Reghi is recognized as a voice of college football and basketball, NFL football and other sports.

As an Emmy Award-winning television announcer for the Baltimore Orioles, he saw all the action at Camden Yards up close. For the last 13 years, he was the voice of the NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers. He was recently inducted into the Radio and Television Broadcasters Hall of Fame. His presentation is a behind-the-scenes look at baseball broadcasting with his broadcast partners, Cy Young award winners Jim Palmer and Mike Flanagan.



Raymond Rolak will unravel the mystery of the Black Bat Trophy during the Hot Stove League baseball series at the Plymouth District Library.

Also speaking Jan. 22 will be series organizer, Raymond Rolak, who will continue the "Mystery of the Black Bat Trophy."

Library officials are sure youth sports coaches and parents will enjoy the final program of the Hot Stove League series Feb. 11 when Rolak and Robert Samaras present, "Baseball isn't just baseball – It's a metaphor for life."

Samarras is another Detroit native who has been at the center of a storied sports career. His background includes college and professional baseball, coach of the University of Windsor baseball team and Wayne State baseball team. Author of four books, he'll talk about topics such as "The one-run game: pathway to pennant" and humanistic psychology in baseball coaching.

Rolak played for Samaras at Wayne State University. A former president of the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association, Rolak has also served as a professional baseball scout and has authored numerous articles on baseball and ice hockey. He has been the long-time voice of college hockey's Hobey Baker Award, presented in Bloomington, Minn.

Also a former director of the City of Detroit's 3,000-member PaR Baseball School, Rolak will present "Different Universes: A comparative look at competitive and recreational baseball." He will also wrap up the "Mystery of the Black Bat Trophy."

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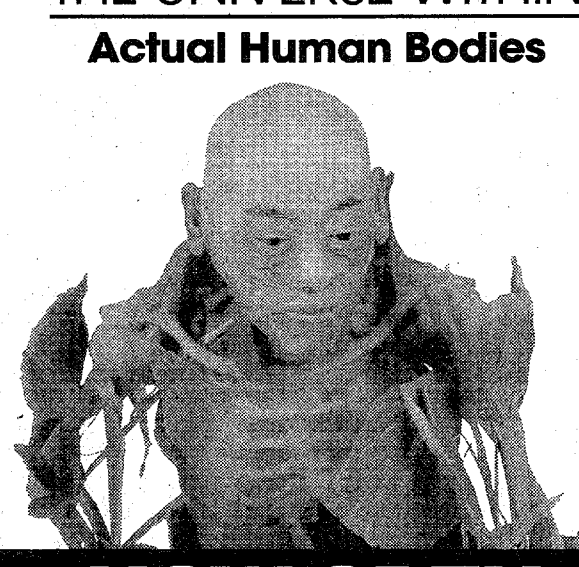

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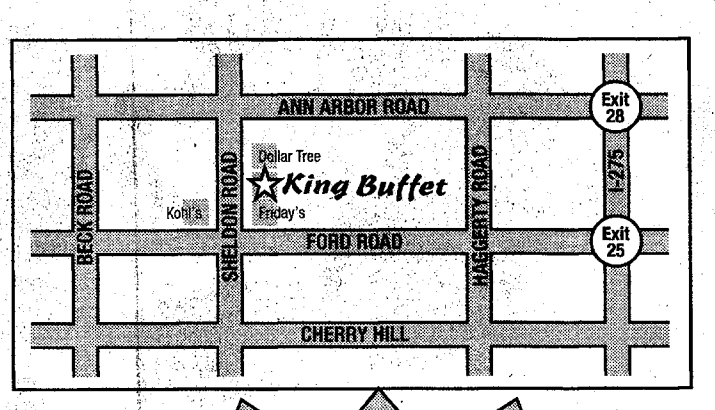

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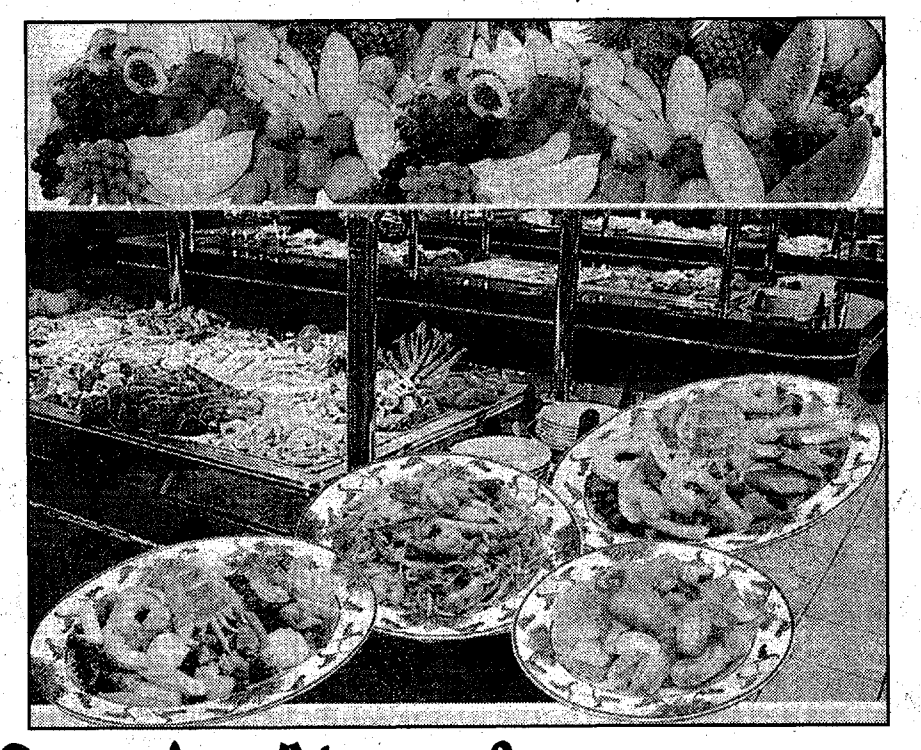

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41. Pork Fried Rice....4.50
42. Shrimp Fried Rice....4.50
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44. Chicken Lo Mein....4.50
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48. Shrimp Lo Mein....4.50
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67. Kung Pao Chicken*....7.50
68. Almond Chicken....7.50
69. Lemon Chicken....7.50
70. Moo Shu Chicken....7.50
71. Yu-Hsiang Chicken*....7.50
72. Szechuan Chicken*....7.50
73. Hunan Chicken*....7.50
74. Chicken with Snow Peas....7.50
75. Curry Chicken*....7.50
76. Empress Chicken*....7.50
77. Chicken with Vegetables....7.50

Beef

78. Mongolian Beef....7.50
79. Beef with Broccoli....7.50
80. Yu-Hsiang Beef*....7.50
81. Szechuan Beef*....7.50
82. Hunan Beef*....7.50
83. Beef with Vegetables....7.50
84. Kung Pao Beef*....7.50
85. Moo Shu Beef....7.50
86. Pepper Steak with Onion....7.50
87. Beef with Snow Peas....7.50
88. Sha Cha Beef*....7.50

Seafood

89. Sweet & Sour Shrimp....8.50
90. Shrimp with Snow Peas....8.50
91. Cashew Shrimp....8.50
92. Kung Pao Shrimp*....8.50
93. Shrimp with Broccoli....8.50
94. Moo Shu Shrimp....8.50
95. Yu-Hsiang Shrimp*....8.50
96. Szechuan Shrimp*....8.50
97. Hunan Shrimp*....8.50
98. Curry Shrimp*....8.50
99. Shrimp with Lobster Sauce....8.50
100. Shrimp with Vegetables....8.50
101. Yu-Hsiang Scallops*....8.50

Pork

102. Sweet & Sour Pork....7.50
103. Moo Shu Pork....7.50
104. Yu-Hsiang Pork*....7.50
105. Twice Cooked Pork*....7.50
106. Hunan Pork*....7.50
107. Pork with Vegetables....7.50

Vegetables

108. Vegetarian's Delight....6.50
109. Moo Shu Vegetables....6.50
110. Yu-Hsiang Broccoli*....6.50
111. Family Style Bean Curd*....6.50
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Chow Mein

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113. Chicken Chow Mein....6.50
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115. Pork Chow Mein....6.50
116. Shrimp Chow Mein....7.50
117. Combo Chow Mein....7.50

Lo Mein

(Soft Noodle)

118. Chicken Lo Mein....6.50
119. Beef Lo Mein....6.50
120. Pork Lo Mein....6.50
121. Vegetable Lo Mein....6.50
122. Shrimp Lo Mein....7.50
123. Combo Lo Mein....7.50

Fried Rice

124. Chicken Fried Rice....5.95
125. Beef Fried Rice....5.95
126. Pork Fried Rice....5.95
127. Vegetable Fried Rice....5.95
128. Shrimp Fried Rice....6.95
129. Combo Fried Rice....6.95

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132. Crispy Noodle....0.50
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C3. Peking Chicken*....8.95

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(Crispy chicken in our orange flavor hot & spicy sauce)

C5. Orange Flavor Beef*....8.95

(Chunck slices of beef, sauteed in our orange flavor hot & spicy sauce)

C6. Orange Flavor Shrimp*....9.95

(Jumbo shrimp deep fried in our orange flavor hot & spicy sauce)

C7. Hunan Double Delight*....9.95

(Jumbo shrimp & chicken with green pepper, broccoli, carrots, mushrooms & water chestnuts in our special garlic sauce)

C8. Yu-Hsiang Delight*....9.95

(Beef, shrimp & chicken with select vegetables in spicy garlic sauce)

C9. Scallop Beef....9.95

(Fresh scallops with slices of beef in light brown sauce)

C10. Happy Family....9.95

(A combination of chicken, shrimp, beef, pork & scallops sauteed with assorted vegetables in chef's special sauce)

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Big 3 cars still favorites with metro Detroiters

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Metro Detroiters like their cars.

And, unlike most areas of the country, they still favor the Big Three – General Motors, Ford and Chrysler – when it comes to their favorites at the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Exhibition Center in downtown Detroit.

"I'm just looking at GM models because I drive one now," said Jennifer Jerore of Livonia, who currently owns a Trailblazer. "I won't go back to a car. I like the size of an SUV, and that I'm sitting up higher. I don't like sitting in little cars anymore, I feel like I'm going to get run down on the road."

Many at the auto show have connections to the Big Three, and are willing to support them, while still getting a glimpse of what the competition has to offer.

Paul Hamway of Plymouth Township said his connection to the auto industry is through Mopar Parts, which produces original equipment parts and accessories for Dodge, Jeep and Chrysler vehicles.

"My brother is retired from Mopar, my mother and mother-in-law worked there ... and I have a 2005 Ram (pickup)," Hamway, 67, said. "I'm a domestic car guy because this area is really connected to the domestic car industry."

Hamway said he'd like to see Cobo Center expanded to keep Detroit's auto show No. 1 in the world.

"We're supposedly the premier auto show, so they need to expand it so we can stay No. 1," Hamway said. "Even though we're losing manufacturing jobs, we're still the center for research and development. Even Toyota, Nissan and Hyundai have R&D here. We really need to push for the best show."

That buy-American sentiment has spread to Hamway's daughter, 31-year-old Julie Hamway of Howell.

"I like the (Mercury) Lincoln and the (Jeep) Grand Cherokee," she said. "I like the expensive cars, especially the American cars."

Jason Rydzewski and George Phillips, both 23 and from Rochester Hills, spent the day looking at some of the fast cars.

"I like the new (Chevrolet) Camaro concept," Rydzewski said. "It looks tough and retro, like the old Camaro, but with new style."

Phillips said his pick at the auto show is the Pontiac Solstice.

Carol Markey of Farmington Hills, who worked for Ford Motor Co., and Art Doty of Redford Township, a Jeep fanatic, had their own battle over which domestic manufacturer had more to offer.

"I probably would consider the Ford 500," said Markey, who now drives a 2003 Ford Taurus. "Keyless entry is important. I would pay extra to get it."

Doty was impressed while looking at the options on the Jeep Compass Sport 4x4.

"I didn't think you could go away with a four-wheel-drive, 2007 Jeep for $20,000," said Doty, "with quite a few options like power windows, power door locks, and keyless remote entry.

"That means I can call my friend from Chrysler and get his employee purchase and get if for less than 20-grand," added Doty, who drives a 1999 Dodge and also owns a 1986 Jeep Commanche pickup. "It could happen."

In the good-natured sparring on whether Ford or Chrysler had better products, Markey got in the last word.

"We know Ford has better products," she said.

The North American International Auto Show runs through Sunday at Cobo Exhibition Center in downtown Detroit.

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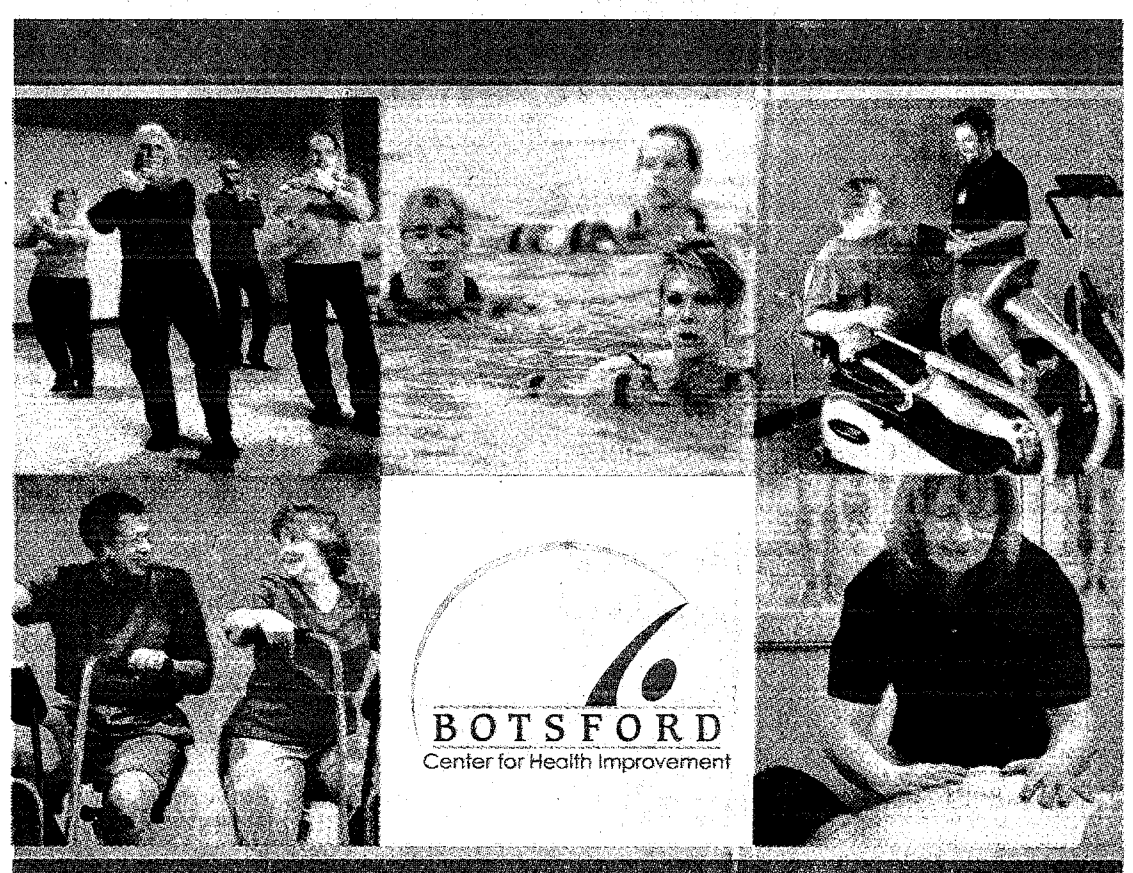

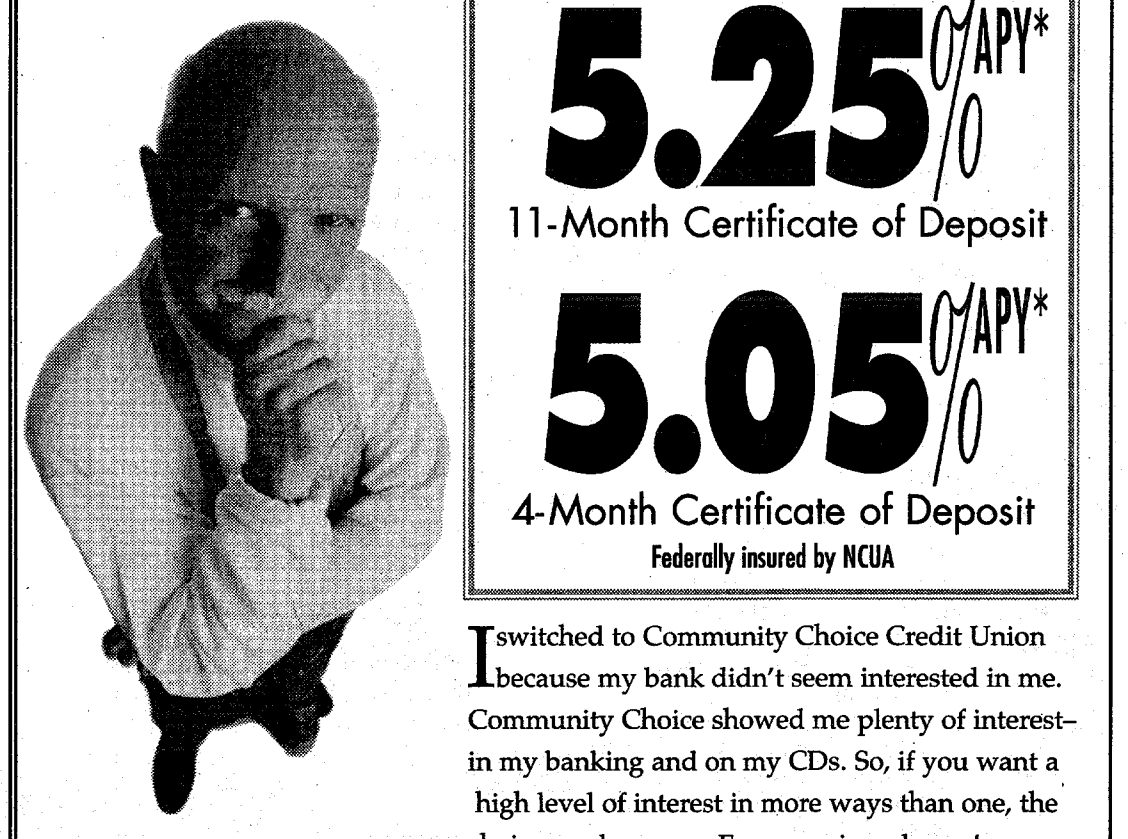

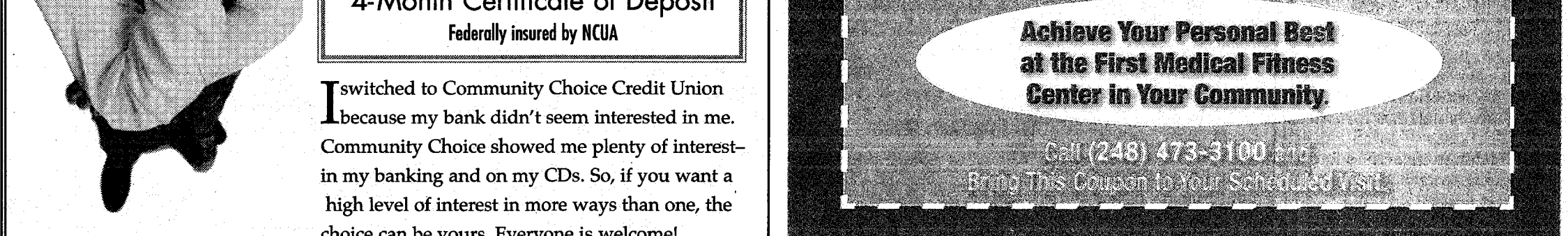

OUR VIEWS

Embrace annual ice spectacular

The Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular returns Friday, celebrating its 25th anniversary with a three-day show that's been scaled back but still offers everything the show is all about.

From its humble beginnings through its hey-day, and now even as it sometimes struggles to find support (particularly financial), the ice festival has helped put the Plymouth community on the map.

Sure, it comes with its downside: Streets that are closed for several days, restaurant owners angered over the presence of so many food vendors.

But it would take a serious "glass is half empty" person not to see the benefits of the three-day festival. Even though attendance figures have dwindled in recent years, tens of thousands of visitors still stream through downtown to see the gorgeous sculptures every year.

The foreign teams still give the festival its flavor, and businesses which take advantage of the crowds by posting extra hours benefit from the throngs. In addition, the festival gives a forum for some of the community's best artists — people like Plymouth's Tajana Raukar and Canton's Ted Wakar — to show off.

And perhaps one of the festival's most-overlooked aspects is its benefit to education. While professional carvers strut their stuff to show how far they've come, the festival also provides dozens of high school and college carvers the chance to learn from the best, and to compete as they strive for the same level of excellence.

High school teams, including those from Plymouth-Canton, and college teams such as Schoolcraft College, all benefit from the exposure the ice festival brings.

It appears Mother Nature will cooperate this weekend, delivering temperatures in the mid- to upper-20s, weather suitable for carving the ice yet not too uncomfortable for the viewing public.

Regular visitors know what a tradition they're upholding. New people, or those who've soured on it in the past, might do well to give it a chance. Downtown businesses, particularly those ringing Kellogg Park, should make themselves a presence for those three days.

With a festival that has earned the stature of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, there's no reason everyone can't benefit.

Area's Congressional delegation should unite

These are tough times for suburban Detroit's Congressional delegation. Returning to work after the holiday break, the Republican-dominated delegation found themselves in unfamiliar waters: Out of power and shunned to the political sidelines.

With Democrats seizing control of both the U.S. House and Senate thanks to the November general election, there has been a shift of power away from the suburban Republicans, namely Joe Knollenberg and Mike Bishop in Oakland County and Thaddeus McCotter in western Wayne.

Now, veteran Democratic Congressmen John Dingell, John Conyers and Sander Levin, along with U.S. Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, have the influence to set — and, indeed, change — the direction of this country.

It is understandable if the Democrats feel the urge for a little political payback time against their Republican counterparts, even if they do represent the same state.

The past six years have been anything but nonpartisan, as the Republicans, led by President George W. Bush, have used their control of both the House and Senate to ramrod an agenda with little interest in hearing from the other side.

The political swagger displayed by Bush and the Republicans has done little to help this nation, and even less to help the state of Michigan. Just ask the Big Three automakers, who had to practically beg on their knees to get a meeting with the president to discuss the crisis facing the domestic auto industry.

But there is no time for two more years of politics as usual. The state of Michigan is in a real crisis, and it needs Washington's help to find solutions.

It is going to take a unified delegation to fight for our state, be it getting its fair share in federal transportation dollars, helping establish sound policy to encourage new and emerging industries to locate in Michigan, or passing tough environmental legislation to help secure and protect the Great Lakes.

The golden rule should also apply to members of Congress when they go about conducting the affairs of the nation.

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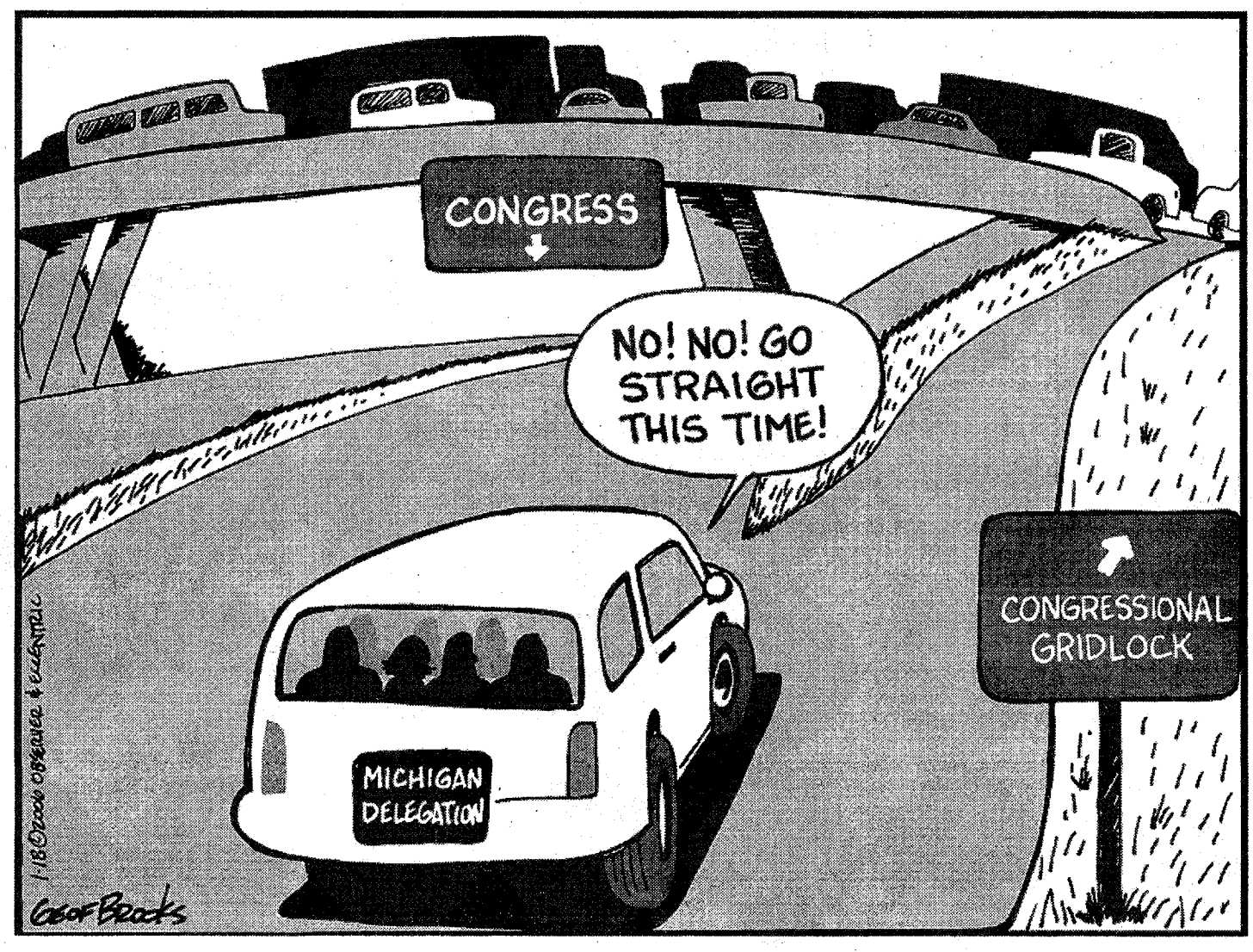

LETTERS

Smells of greed

For 40 years I have lived on Sheldon Road just south of the CSX railroad tracks. While I am ambivalent about the underpass, I have always understood the appeal of the project, and have been resigned to it.

I am not resigned, however, to the issue of the "late-in-the-game" purchase by Romel Casab of needed CSX land at a Wayne County tax action.

The *Observer* of Sunday, Jan. 7, describes the property needed for the underpass construction as a: "50-by-100-foot rectangular strip — .12 acres — of property that runs along the western edge of Sheldon, just north of the current CSX crossing." The *Observer* further states that: "At real issue is approximately two acres of the 23-acre parcel sold to (Romel) Casab."

Everyone who has driven past this area over the years knows that it is a very narrow strip of land stretching to the west, sandwiched between the CSX tracks and the M14 embankment. It is extremely hard to imagine that this property has any potential for development, even with access!

So, who is it that assessed this property at $200,000 to $250,000 an acre? Who in Wayne County put the needed easement up for auction? I can't believe Romel Casab has any serious intentions to develop this property. I smell greed, and it stinks!

This looks like a thinly veiled attempt to pick the pockets of the hard-working taxpayers of our area. A thorough investigation is in order, and if incompetence or illegal acts are uncovered, the individual(s) should be sanctioned or prosecuted.

Douglas McClennen
Plymouth

Outlandish claim

The claim that this property is worth $2-4 million is outlandish. Any payment other than "fair market value" under eminent domain proceedings for this land is in our view an abuse of public funds.

This land should have been secured before initial plans were made and public information was disclosed to prepare the underpass.

Daniel and Catherine Faoro
Plymouth Township

Impeach Bush

Mr. Bush should be impeached, as well as Cheney for an illegal war, war against humanity, every one of his lies to us, the American people, and for turning his back on what Hurricane Katrina had done to New Orleans. He should be impeached for his crimes of stealing two elections, for making it so difficult for the public to vote. Ethnic cleansing in New Orleans. I could go on and on. He should be impeached and Cheney, too. Neither of them will ever do the right thing such as resign, but they need to go.

Joseph McGlinchey
Canton

Caution: Liberal at wheel

Our representatives in the Washington House don't have backgrounds in money, credit, banking, finance, bookkeeping, accounting, budgeting and economics. Yet we elect people who again this year will pass legislation, including the earmarking of tons of pork, that totals many billions of dollars. Imagine the making of business decisions by representatives who cannot read a balance sheet!

It isn't funny; 'tis tragic. They can't wait to pass a federal minimum wage increase, deciding on the wages and salaries to be paid many of the workers in many of our businesses, the small business and the corporation.

Some businesses will fail when the proposed legislation becomes law. Sub-marginal business operations will certainly close their doors; marginal businesses will operate at a loss until sustained losses make them perpetual losers, too.

Many workers, of course, will lose their jobs as businesses close. Not only the minimum wage workers will suffer, but workers making $7, $8, $10, and $20 an hour will be without work as business after business fails.

And this legislation is only the beginning of the failing government policies supposedly initiated to improve the country's economic condition. Wait until the government keeps its promise to raise taxes. There doesn't seem to be one economist in the leftist ranks who can follow the successful tax rate cut provision sponsored by Kennedy, Reagan and Bush, to name three of the most current crop of those with economics acumen.

Late in November I began stocking the fruit cellar with canned goods and other food necessities in response to the dire economic conditions that will most likely evolve with the liberal hand on the wheel. Potted meat isn't so bad and I won't have to go to the store.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Barbarity reigns

The barbarism continues to flow from the Middle East, and Saddam's execution highlights just how far these animals have to go. I can't join in with the celebration across the Detroit area as Arabs rejoice in the death of one of their own.

The gallows should not have been the final chapter in this man's life. Instead, life interment of this man would have sent a humane message that this area of the world is ready for change. I personally rebuke all capital punishment in the name of any spiritual entity for the salvation of mankind.

The act of brutally executing Saddam Hussein paints a dark reality as to what is really happening in this hell on earth. I believe the Middle East will explode into a deeper nightmare that will haunt all who have bloodied their hands with this so-called democratic movement.

The constant video feed that is becoming available showing footage of this man's execution sickens me and I hope all who value life. It angers me to see anyone celebrating another person's death in such a manner as if they were devouring his flesh and sucking the marrow from his bones.

These people who feel that they must seek revenge will only be disposed of in a like manner.

Killing begets killing.

Stop the killing and put order back into the lives of all American families that have sent their loved ones to fight in a war that has no merit.

Today, I am not a proud American. I feel ashamed that I am an unwilling player in this draconian debacle and a war that cannot be seen by any sane person as the right thing to continue.

Ron Austin
Franklin

Definitions of evil

More than 60 years ago, Christopher Dawson wrote in *The Judgment of the Nations*, "... as soon as men decide that all means are permitted to fight evil, then their good becomes indistinguishable from the evil that they set out to destroy." President Bush has argued that the provisions of Common Article 3 of the Geneva Conventions, which prohibit "outrages upon personal dignity" require reinterpretation in the fight against terrorism. In requesting legislation to that effect, he has asked, "What does that mean, 'outrages upon human (sic) dignity?'" and wants Congress to provide new rules for the interrogation and prosecution of terrorist suspects.

Article 3, Part I General Provisions of the Geneva Conventions states, "To this end the following acts shall remain prohibited at any time and in any place whatsoever ... (a) violence to life and person, in particular murder of all kinds, mutilation, cruel treatment and torture; (b) taking of hostages; (c) outrages upon personal dignity, in particular, humiliating and degrading treatment."

Since the revision of the Geneva Conventions in 1949, "humiliation" and "degradation" have been words easily defined and not difficult to understand. The president, nonetheless, feels "the war on terror" justifies new definitions for the guidelines which govern our country's treatment of prisoners than those which have governed civilized nations for 57 years.

This issue caused sufficient embarrassment to the president's party that a congressional compromise was a certainty. The damage, however, has been done. We, as a nation, are further down the slippery slope of the deterioration of our international image as a country of laws and decency. We have already seen the baseless invasion of Iraq redefined and justified as "the war on terror" and the opposition to it characterized as unpatriotic. The president's latest initiative to justify our prisoner interrogation policies is yet another of this administration's foreign policy disasters. How long can we stand by as "our good becomes indistinguishable from the evil that (we) set out to destroy." The world is watching and the world is judging.

Lawrence J. Gage
Farmington Hills

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QUOTABLE

"You have to take the emotion out of it ... To speak against it you sound cold, but I don't think, as a policy, this is a good idea. I'd like (Maycock) to stay, but I don't think we should be offering something like this to make it happen."

Steven Mann, Plymouth Township Trustee, on changing the township's policy on paying benefits to potential retirees

Protecting state's resources key to approving U.P. mine

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, usually called the DEQ, last week announced tentative approval of Kennecott Minerals Co.'s application to dig a mine in the middle of one of the Upper Peninsula's most beautiful, pristine and environmentally sensitive regions, the Yellow Dog Plains.

That was big news in the sparsely populated U.P., where a coalition of residents, Native American tribes and environmentalists have been fighting the "Eagle Prospect" mine for years.

Downstate, however, the story was small beer.

That's too bad, because this case will have a profound impact on the entire U.P. — and, by extension, the entire state of Michigan.

Phil Power

Right now, the Upper Peninsula is experiencing a land rush of sorts from mining companies which are panting to exploit deposits of nickel and copper embedded in sulfide rock. The big problem with "sulfide mines" is that sulfide rock, when exposed to air and water, produces sulfuric acid and dissolved heavy metals that kill fish.

Kennecott claims it will take safety precautions. Opponents, however, note that no sulfide mine in history has ever been operated without discharges of this "acid mine drainage." Worse, the mine is located smack dab under the head waters of the Salmon Trout River.

This is a famously pristine trout stream that supports the last remaining spawning population on the south shore of Lake Superior of the coaster brook trout, a colorful relative of the brook trout that can reach 25 inches in length. Fishermen and scholars alike fear once the Eagle Prospect mine starts up, the coasters are toast.

Three years ago, Michigan had no law — none! — regulating "nonferrous metallic mineral mining," or sulfide mining. A group of stakeholders (I was one) worked out a consensus statute and set of regulations, which the state adopted.

These rules are widely regarded as among the toughest in the country. Robert McCann, a spokesman for the DEQ, said, "I think it's safe to say this (Eagle Prospect) proposal has received more scrutiny than all but a few the state has ever looked at."

And in the cash- and job-starved U.P., any prospect of good-paying jobs is normally greeted with enthusiasm. Except in this case, besides the environmental hazards, there's another downside. By Kennecott's own admission, the 120 or so mining jobs would last only a decade or less while the mine is being built and in operation.

And economists and businessmen wonder and worry what would happen to recreation, tourism, hunting and fishing — the long-term economic future of the region — if the mine pollutes the area.

"People up here aren't opposed to mining, they accept mining," says Marvin Roberson, a Sierra Club official who lives in the U.P. "What they are opposed to is reckless exploitation of the land's most sensitive areas for a few dozen temporary jobs."

Final approval of the mine is not yet a done deal. The DEQ will consider additional public comments at hearings held March 6-8 at Northern Michigan University in Marquette before a decision.

But the stakes are very high. The map of the U.P. that shows in red land leased for mineral exploration makes the entire area look like it has the measles. The Eagle Prospect mine is the first to go through the permitting process set out in the new state law.

Any decision is bound to set an important precedent that will determine the future of sulfide mining activity throughout an area which is the heart and soul of Michigan's glorious natural resources.

The new mining law sets out the various criteria the DEQ is to follow in composing a mining permit, if it decides to issue one. But the draft permit itself is — and will be until it is issued — a secret, now being concocted by bureaucrats inside the DEQ. Opponents of the mine wonder whether the Office of Geological Survey, the division of the DEQ that is overseeing the process, has a corporate culture that prefers facilitating mining to rigorously regulating it.

Some think that public oversight of a project as important as this one would be improved if the draft permit is made public before it is issued. Gov. Granholm, in a letter to her appointee, DEQ Director Steven Chester, instructed the department to "give thorough and rigorous review to Kennecott's permit applications and ensure that they meet each and every aspect of the new regulations.

"While this project has the potential to provide significant economic benefit to the local community, the irreplaceable natural resources of the Upper Peninsula constitute an extraordinary endowment that we hold in trust for the benefit of our citizens. This sacred trust must be protected," she added.

The stakes are high for the governor, politically and as a matter of good public policy. It's everybody's bad luck that this particular ore deposit wound up in the middle of some of the most environmentally valuable and sensitive woods and waters in all of Michigan.

But merely because rich metals exist in a uniquely priceless and fragile environment is no necessary argument those metals should be mined.

Suppose a valuable gold deposit were to be discovered right at the foot of Mount Rushmore. Would it really make sense to open a mine there that might destroy a national monument? Does it make sense to allow a mine that would destroy a natural treasure?

Phil Power was a member of the work group that drafted the new mining law and is a member of the Huron Mountain Club, whose lands are near the site of the proposed mine. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed here are his own and do not represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Power welcomes reader comments at ppower@hcnnet.com.

Sportsmanship takes beating when fans resort to violence

As I stood in the crowd after the last home football game, waiting for my 16-year-old son to come out of the locker room, a woman approached the man standing next to me.

With sarcasm competing with disdain for prominence in her voice, she said to the gentleman, "I want to thank you for all of the opinions you offered about what a lousy job the coach is doing. He's my son, and every mother loves to hear that."

The man, who had been vociferous in his disapproval over how the coach utilized his players, particularly second- and third-stringers when his team was far ahead in the score, tried to apologize, but the apology seemed forced and hollow.

Brad Kadrich

Since my son is also a second-stringer, I didn't necessarily disagree with some of what the fan said, although I wouldn't have put it as harshly. Parents of youngsters who don't see the field much are naturally skeptical of the coach who won't put them in.

I thought about writing a column about it (my bosses nixed that idea) or saying something to the coach (my son nixed that idea), then decided he was right: It's his battle, and he's old enough to fight it. The best way to do that is on the field, where he seems determined to finally break into the starting lineup next year.

It's hard as the parent of an athlete to watch your child — who works just as hard as the other kids on the team and, in the case of my son's school, pays his $100 participation fee like everyone else — sit on the bench and not play.

But that's what you sign up for at the high school level, particularly for varsity sports. In my son's district, the student handbook says the fee is a "participation" fee, and has no bearing on actual playing time.

That shouldn't be true for youth leagues, which are designed to teach kids how to play the game. You can't learn if you don't actually play, no matter how much you practice. Still, the coaches in those leagues are there to determine how the kids are used. If you don't like it, volunteer to coach a team yourself.

What you can't do — but what an increasing number of parents are doing — is take it upon yourself to make your point, especially with violence. It used to be that incidents like the Texas mother who hired someone to kill a cheerleader who beat out her daughter for a spot on the squad were rare. Now, they're becoming commonplace.

In Philadelphia, for instance, 40-year-old Wayne Derkotch thought his son should have been getting more playing time. It was a point he wished to impress upon the 34-year-old coach of the team, so Derkotch went down on the field. First he threw a punch, then pulled a .357 Magnum to emphasize his position.

Spectators were, of course, shocked, as well they should be.

"It was just horrible. Sixty seconds of mayhem, that's the best I can come up with," Shawn Henwood, the game's referee, told the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. "It all happened so fast, but in my mind, it plays back so slow. It was a strange experience that I hope I never go through again."

Nobody should ever have to go through that, but there are lots of things people should never have to go through that happen anyway. We talk about it around the office all the time — the deterioration of sportsmanship in general in sports. Fans, and especially children, see athletes acting like thugs all the time. Think these athletes aren't role models? Think again.

Sportsmanship is becoming extinct. Consider the coach's response when Derkotch asked him why his son wasn't playing: "I like to run up the score before I start putting all the kids in the game," the coach reportedly responded.

Let's not indict all coaches in all youth sports leagues. Nearly all of them are volunteers who are in it for the right reasons. They're dedicated to making life better for our youngsters.

Youngsters in these youth sports leagues are supposed to be learning not only how to play the game, but about how you're supposed to act. They count on the adults in their lives to teach them those things.

In the Philadelphia case, and in many others like it, those adults failed the children. I suspect Derkotch and the others involved — his brother reportedly participated in the scrum, though he wasn't charged — were embarrassed about their actions in retrospect. At least I hope they were.

My son is a junior in high school who cringes if I even complain privately about how he's being used in games. Those kids in Philadelphia were 6 and 7 years old and were forced, as are an alarming number of youngsters these days, to witness parent-induced violence at one of their games.

That's what makes me cringe.

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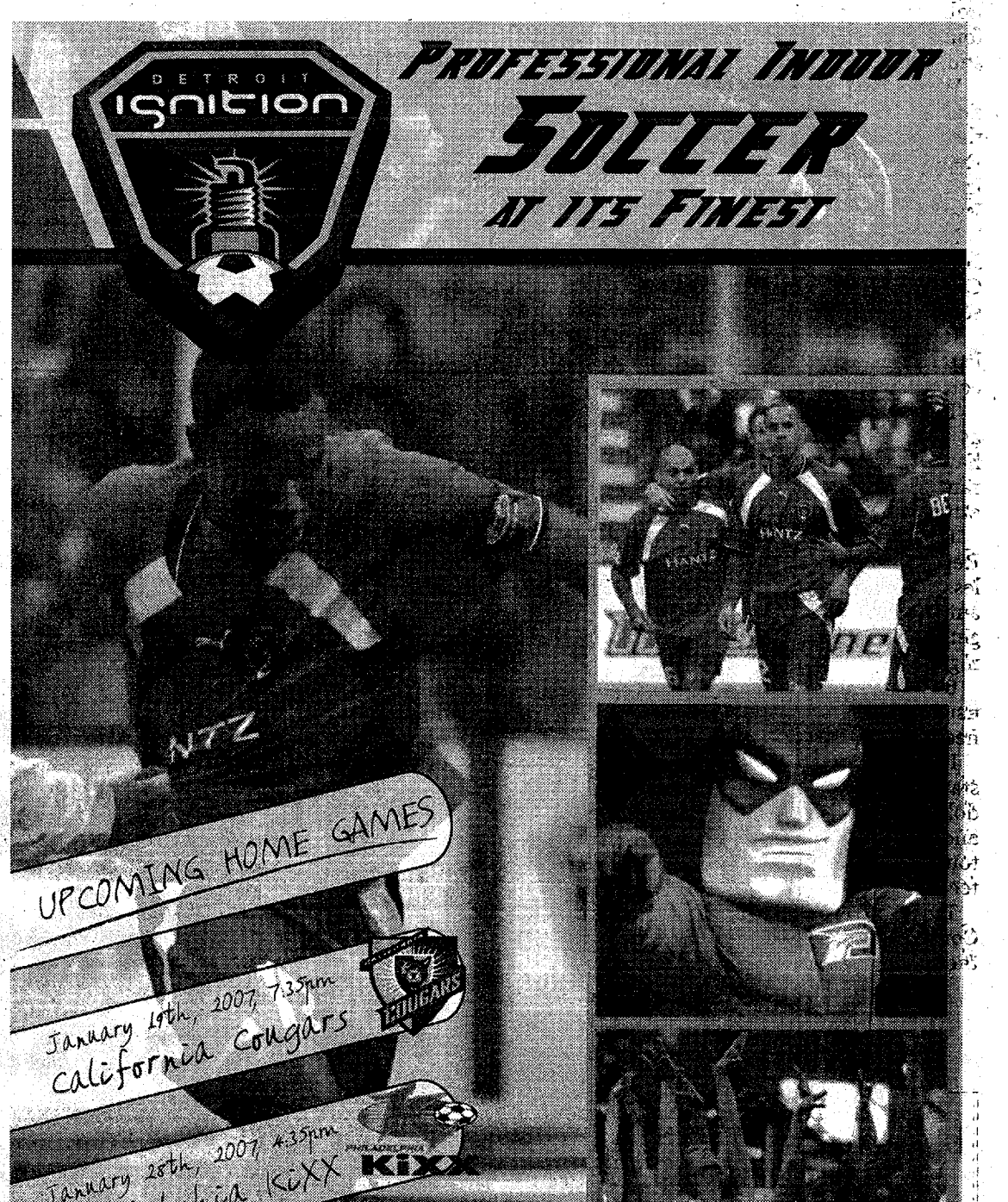

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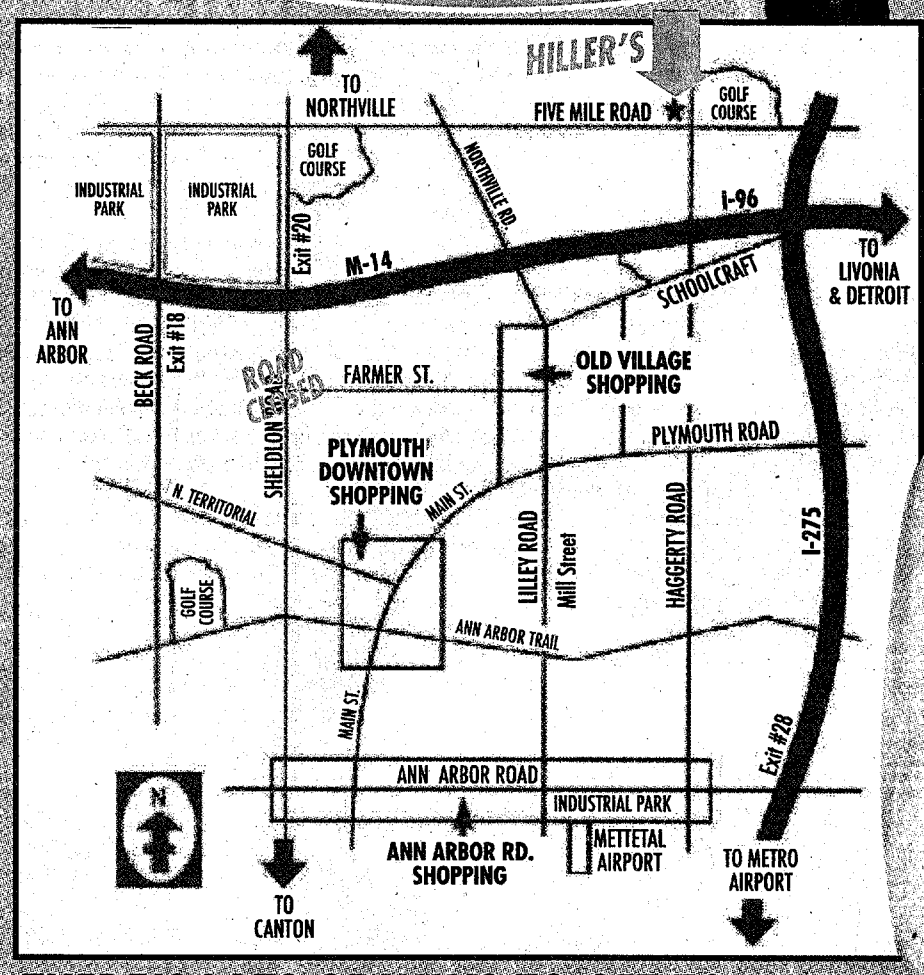

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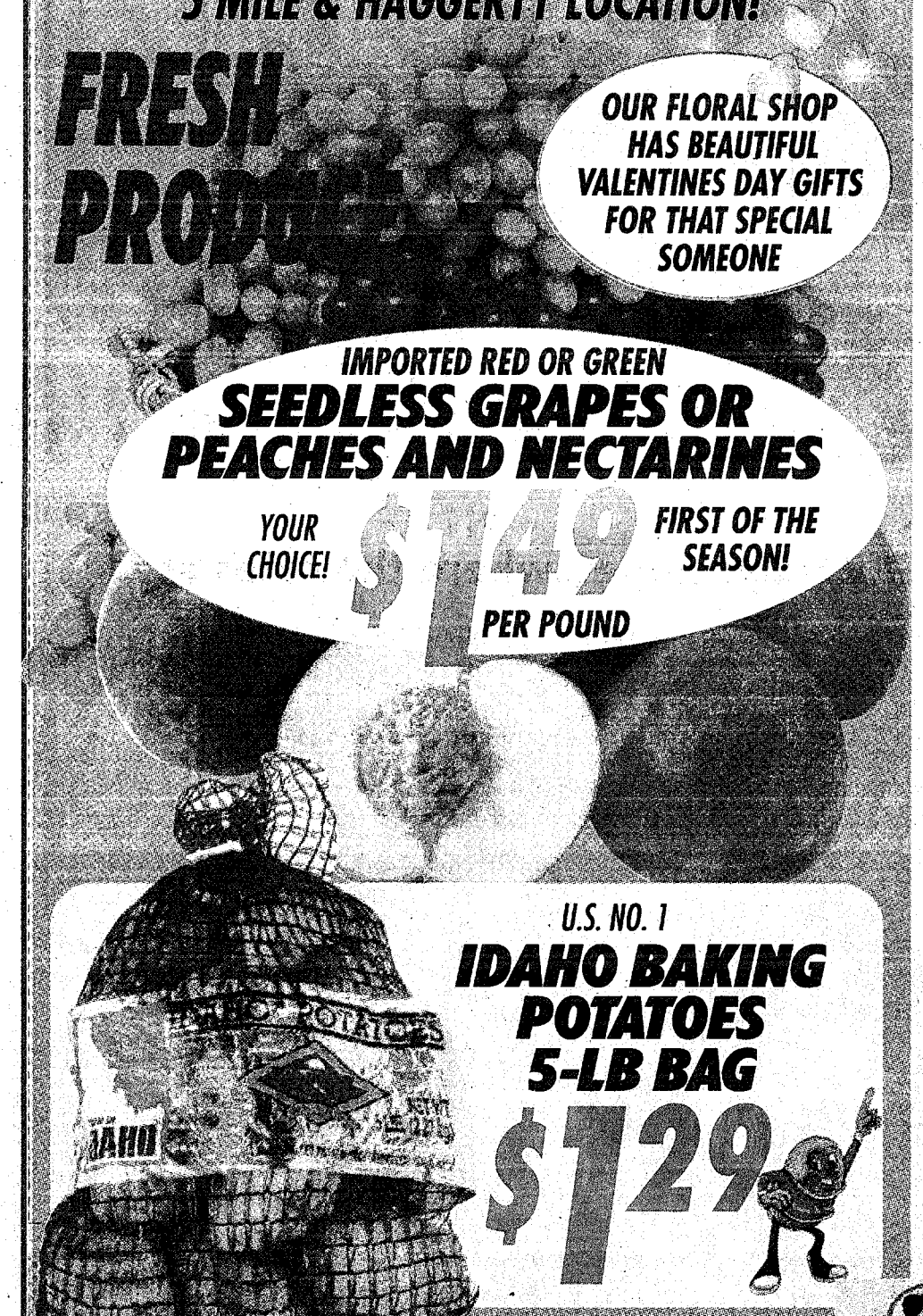

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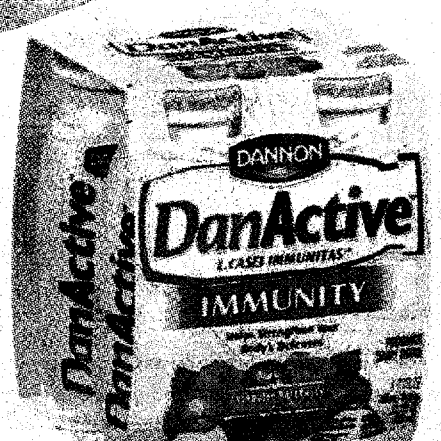

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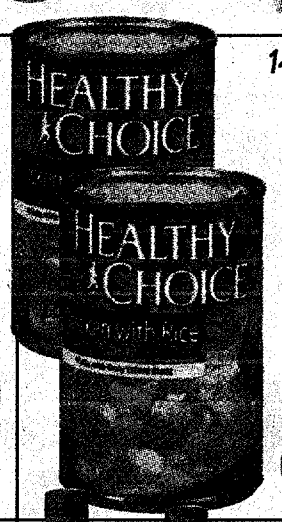

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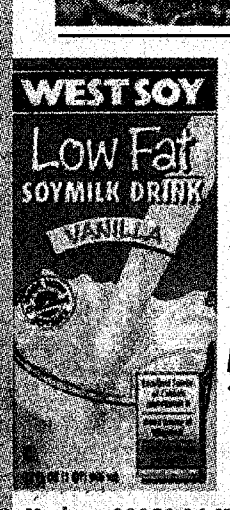

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Review your financial documents for accuracy

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

We are all swamped this time of year with a variety of financial statements. Before you either shred these documents or file them away, you need to at least review the documents for accuracy.

Never assume that a financial statement that you received from your bank, brokerage house or retirement account is accurate. Financial institutions make mistakes and it is our responsibility to make sure that our statements are accurate.

Whenever you receive a financial statement from your 401(k) or brokerage house, there are some things that you should automatically do. The first is to make sure that the beginning balance is the same as the ending balance from the last statement. If these numbers don't agree, you have a problem. In addition, you need to look at any activity over that statement's period. For example, if this is a statement for a retirement savings account like a 401(k) plan, you need to confirm that your additional contributions have been credited to your account. In looking at account activity, always look for any withdrawals or transfers out of your account. If there is any activity that you don't recognize, you should ask questions. After all, it is your money!

BE PROACTIVE

Another area that investors unfortunately don't spend time with is fees. You should review all your statements to determine if you've been charged any unnecessary fees. If there are fees that you don't understand or you object to, you should ask whether they can be waived or reversed. You would be surprised how fast you can get fees waived once you get proactive.

If after reviewing your statement, there is an item that you do not understand or if there is a mistake, you need to immediately contact the financial institution. In many cases, there will be a logical explanation for the discrepancy in the statement; however, there are many times where there are problems that need to be corrected. Every financial institution will have its own procedures as to how to correct a discrepancy, however, my advice is to always document the process. Don't assume the financial institution is always correct. More often than not they are, however, they do make mistakes.

If there are no problems with the statement, the question is: How long do you need to save the statement? For most statements, my advice is that when you receive the next statement, after you review it for accuracy, you can destroy the previous statement. The one statement that I typically will save is a year-end statement that compiles the entire year's activity. Remember, when you destroy previous statements, don't just throw them out — shred them.

I am frequently asked how long people should save documents. In today's technological society, there are a variety of different ways to save documents, whether manual or electronic. However, no matter how you decide to save your important documents, the key is to have a record-keeping system. There are numerous record-keeping systems out on the market, whether it is one with all the bells and whistles that technology can offer or whether it is something as simple as an accordion file. The key is to have a record-keeping system and to me the best record-keeping system is the one that you will use.

In deciding what documents you should retain, keep in mind that saving too many documents is just as bad as not saving enough. The key is to save relevant documents and to shred the rest. It is mind-boggling to me that people will save cancelled checks for decades when they have no value whatsoever. Even things like the supporting documents for your tax returns can generally be shredded after seven years.

As we begin to accumulate year-end documentation, take some time to go through your old documents and decide what needs to be saved or not. Shredding old useless documentation makes is easier to locate the important documents. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. You can hear him from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400) or visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. Rick answers reader questions in his Sunday column. Submit a question for answer online to moneymatters@hometownlife.com.

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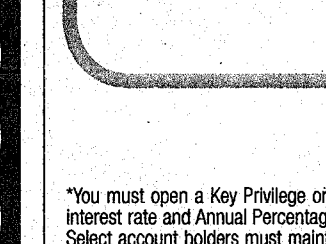

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Scripture study
Board the Starship Evangelize, seek out and explore new worlds of scripture study - The Book of Numbers - 10 a.m. Tuesdays through May at St. Priscilla Church, 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. For information, call Mary Rice at (734) 522-1095.

Bible study series
St. Theodore Catholic Church presents the Catholic Interpretation of the Book of Revelation beginning 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, and continuing for eight weeks, at the church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. For more information, call (734) 425-7310.

Nativity ball
Sponsored by St. Vladimir Russian Orthodox Church of Ann Arbor, the ball takes place 7 p.m. to midnight Friday, Jan. 12, at Weber's Inn in Ann Arbor. The evening includes cocktails, dinner with champagne toast, dancing, music, entertainment, contests, cash bar, theme is Feast in the Time of Ivan the Terrible. Historical costumes/details welcome. Tickets are $60. For information, visit www.stvladimiraami.org or call (734) 761-7311, (734) 222-9812, or (734) 669-8712.

Chili cook-off
Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, if you have a good recipe bring a pot full to be judged and shared along with the recipe 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Heights. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Homeschool seminar
Israel Wayne, author of Home School from a Biblical Worldview, will speak at a free seminar on Christian home schooling, Biblical Worldview training and family transformation, 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of I-275 and Haggerty roads, Northville.
Wayne will cover basics, address common misconceptions about such understandable concerns as child socialization, and what a Biblical Worldview looks like. There will also be information about area home school support groups.
The meeting is free and open to everyone from teenagers on up. Sorry, no child care. Pre-registration is suggested. For more information, call (734) 427-3302.

Candlelight vigil
In remembrance of the 34th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at St. Aidan's Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (313) 613-6326.

Concert
Amahl and the Night Visitors, a concert presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's delightful one-act opera featuring boy treble Jonah Yousif in the title role, and the rest of the cast and chorus comprised of members of the Kirk Chancel, Boys and Girls Choirs 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are $18, $15 for senior citizens, $12 for students, $30 for families of four or more. For details, call (248) 626, 2515. This program is of particular appeal to families.

New lecture series
Rev. Gerard Stockhausen, S.J., University of Detroit president, is the inaugural speaker in Walk the Talk...24/7 Catholicism Today, a new lecture series 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Stockhausen talks about Serving Christ in metro Detroit: Tools from the Catholic Tradition. Our Lady of Good Counsel and St. Aloysius churches, Detroit, sponsor the series. Admission is $20. Call (734) 453-0326, ext. 221 or (313) 237-5810.

Executive board meeting
For Church Women United, Suburban Detroit-West 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, at Farmington First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River, second block east of Farmington road at Warner, Farmington.

Lighthouse cafe
Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) 7-10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, in Knox Hall, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Tickets $5 at the door, free childcare provided. Cards, board games, ping pong, specialty coffees, snacks and music. Call (248) 374-5920.

A beautiful day
In the Neighborhood features the music of Mister Rogers 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Jan. 19-20, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. Mr. McFeeley (David Newell) is joined by local vocalists Judie Cochill, Marc Meyers and Tom Trenney and the Neighborhood Jazz Combo. No tickets required, no admission, but a freewill offering will be collected. Proceeds benefit Variety FAR Conservator, a nonprofit that provides creative arts therapy and recreation services for children with autism and other disabilities. Audience members are also encouraged to bring new or gently-used sweaters to contribute to the Mister Rogers' Sweater Drive for families who need extra warmth this winter. A meet the artists reception follow the concert. For more information, call (248) 540-9124.

Monthly breakfast meeting
For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For more information, call (734) 513-9479.

MAMA's coffeehouse
Featuring The Juggernaut Jug Band Saturday, Jan. 20 (open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m.), at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward near northeast corner of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Blue Jello opens. Tickets are $12, $10 seniors and age 16 and under. Refreshments available. Call (248) 569-0965 for more information. Call (248) 626-4650 to reserve a slot for open mic.

Bethany Together Dance
Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Jan. 20, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive near Inkster Road), Redford. Limited to first 450 paid admissions only. Proper attire. Admission is $12. For details, call (586) 264-0284.

Blood drive
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 W. Warren, Canton. Cal (734) 844-8718 or (734) 459-9704 for an appointment.

Young parents potluck
The Garden City Presbyterian Church B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Baby) Young Parents/ Fellowship holds a spaghetti potluck dinner 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, in Sutherland Hall at the church, 1841 Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-7620.

B'Jazz vespers
Features Straight Ahead 7-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits and Bates, one block north of Maples, one block west of Old Woodward, Birmingham. The public is invited. Free parking in adjacent lot. B'Jazz Vespers features 100 minutes of secular jazz performance and 20-minutes for a non-sectarian worship interlude between two jazz sets. A freewill offering is taken for the musicians. For more information, call (248) 644-0550. The all-female group Straight Ahead has performed in the U.S. and Europe. They are Grammy-nominated Atlantic Jazz recording artists.

Bible study
Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, in Room C309, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Pastor Paul Clough leads the study of the book of Ephesians. No charge. Call (248) 374-5920.

Parenting seminar
Crosspointe Meadows Church in Novi presents Doug Otto 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, for an overview of how Focus on the Family can assist you in parenting. He will present ideas and resource suggestions to assist you in raising your children infant to college age) with Christian values. No charge. Crosspointe Meadows Church offices are at 39830 Grand River Suite B1-C. If you require child care during the seminar indicate this when you register. Space is limited, For a reservation, call (248) 427-2700.

Healthy talk
Dr. Daniel Laframboise will be the guest speaker at a free public presentation hosted by the Congregation Beit Kodesh sisterhood at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the synagogue on Seven Mile in Livonia. Laframboise was president and chairman of the Michigan Fellowship of Straight Chiropractor, Chiropractor of the Year and has hosted an hour-long program called Straight Talk About Health.

Mission in the Sudan
7-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Join Rev. Norm Dickson, S.J. as he reflects on his 7 1/2 years of missionary work in Sudan and Kenya on the African Continent. Also, a discussion of the crisis in the Darfur region. Refreshments provided. No charge. For more information, call David Conrad at (734) 425-5950.\

Women's retreat
Presented by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Livonia 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at St. John's Retreat Center, Plymouth. Cost is $70, includes Friday night's dinner, snacks and accommodations (one person per room), Saturday's breakfast, lunch and beverages. Space is limited. For more information, call Sue Brandt at (734) 542-7003, 50-percent scholarships available.

Spaghetti dinner
Our Lady of Loretto PTO all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner 4-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, in the Family Center at the church on the corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly roads. Tickets are $8 adult, $6 senior citizens and kids ages 6-13, $20 for a family, free for kids age five and under. Includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert. and beverage. To-go orders will be available. For more information, call (313) 532-4764.

Walk through Bible
Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) seminar open to everyone on the New Testament 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 27, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Cost is $25. Register online at www.warcchurch.org/walk or 6-6:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 in person. Call (248) 374-5920.

Volunteer night
Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all faiths, Monday, Jan. 29. For details, call (313) 996-8644.

UPCOMING

Divorce recovery
Workshop 7-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 and continues every Thursday for seven weeks, presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older) at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Registration closes after second week. Cost is $30 pre-registration, $35 at door, $15 repeat participants with their manual from previous workshop. If you're experiencing the emotional pain of divorce , no matter how recent or long ago it happened, this workshop will help you heal. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Love's Secrets
7-9 p.m. Thursday, February 1,8,15, and 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. The series examines Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, Deus Caritas Est - God is Love. Discover the Church's philosophical world-view of love and explore the relation of Church and state, charity and justice as love is expressed in action. Call (734) 425-5950, ext.203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical. Read articles 1-8 before our first session.

International student day
Presented by Church Women United, Suburban Detroit-West (MI 063) Friday, Feb. 2, at Redford/Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and W. Chicago roads. Potluck luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Call (734) 464-7727 by Tuesday, Jan. 30 only if baby-sitting is needed. Bring non-perishable food for the Salvation Army.

Buddy Greene concert
Includes a wide variety of traditional American influences ranging from country and bluegrass to folk, gospel and blues 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Tickets $5, free child care. Call (248) 374-5920. Presented by Single Point Adult Ministries (30 years and older).

Grief support
For widowed men and women in all stages of grief, covers copings with loss of a spouse, loneliness and other issues dealing with grief, begins 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4 and runs for six weeks, at St. Columban Parish Center, 1775 Melton, north of 14 Mile, between Woodward and Coolidge, Birmingham. A $20 fee for materials is payable at first meeting. To register, call (248) 540-9848 or (586) 795-0477 by Feb. 2. Presented by Widowed Friends of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Grief workshop
From Grief to New Hope 7-8:45 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5 and continues for eight weeks, at Ward Presbyterian Church 4000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. For those grieving the loss of a loved one, it is normal to feel overwhelmed, angry and alone. Advance registration appreciated. For more information, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

Valentine card party
6:30-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at S.S. Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. Door, table prizes, 50-50. Light meal and snacks. Bring your friends and play cards and games of your choice. Tickets $8 at the door. Proceeds go to the Building Fund. For information, call (734) 722-1314.

Education pilgrimage
The third annual education pilgrimage of faith and hope to El Salvador is being organized by Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Plymouth, assisted by CRISPAZ (Christians for Peace in El Salvador). The pilgrimage will take place from Feb. 11-18, 2007. This is an intensive learning experience with special emphasis given to the voice and experience of the poor and marginalized. You will visit martyr sites, grassroots organizations, a rural community, and hear speakers on the history, politics, and economy of El Salvador. For details, call coordinator Richard Dahlke at (734) 455-6474.

Pasties fund-raiser
Pasties are $3 each and can be ordered by calling Newburg United Methodist Church at (734) 422-0149. There will be someone to take your order 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Feb. 13-14. Call in orders only. Do not leave orders on answering machine. Orders faxed, e-mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored.
Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, at the church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Order early. Only 1000 pasties will be made for the church fundraiser.

VBS preview
Preview the offerings for this summer's Vacation Bible Schools 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. View exhibits and demonstrations from national publishers, expand your skills by attending four of 20 workshops on timely topics including how to organize a VBS, plan a youth camp week, administer backyard Bible club, and make and take puppetry. Registration fee is $35 by Jan. 17, $40 by Feb. 13, $45 at door, $20 teen through college students, and includes lunch. Puppet workshop is $25 extra. This event is non-denominational and open to the general public. Register now. Call (248) 557-5526 or www.iceaOnline.org.

ONGOING

Worship service
All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. Join us at 7 p.m. Tuesdays in November and December as Pastor Louise Monacelli introduces The Jesus Experience, a series of videos offering insight into the people and situations God used to expand the church around the world. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

Worship services
Sunday Worship services are 8 a.m. (traditional) and 10:30 a.m. (contemporary). Sunday School & Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Sunday. Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, between Canton Center and Beck, Canton. For information, call (734) 637-8160.

Worship service
At 10:30 a.m. Sundays at New Beginnings United Methodist Church, 16175 Delaware at Puritan, Redford. Congregation is hearing lessons from I Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

Adult literacy classes
Available for those wishing to improve their reading and writing skills. Open to adults age 18 and over. Trained tutors available for day and evening hours. Call (734) 421-0472. Leave your name and phone number and someone will be in contact with you.

Ladies Bible studies
Began Tuesday, Sept. 12, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.
Women of the Word offer the Life Change Study of the book of Genesis by NavPress from 9:30-11:15 a.m. ($15 registration feed includes interdenominational materials and free child care for ages through 5, and a study of the Patriarchs by Beth Moor from 6:45-8:15 p.m. ($20 fee and no child care).

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ALBERTA G. ANTHONY

Age 93, of Plymouth, passed away January 12,2007. Loving mother of Bertha Whitely and William (Carol) Brown. Beloved grandmother of Kim Baker, Clyde (Shannon) Beaver, Laurie (Dave) Kowalski and Pam (Rob) Sudz. Great grandmother of Emily, Justin, Shawn, Casey, Haley, and Jena. Preceded in death by her husbands Robert Anthony and Robert Brown and by her daughter Stella Beaver. Mrs. Anthony was born in Marsteller, Pa on December 23, 1913 and moved to the Plymouth community in 1930. She retired from Burrough's Corporation, as a drill press operator. Member of Riverside Church of God in Livonia. Funeral service was held on Wednesday January 17, 2007at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth.Internment Cadilliac Memorial Gardens,Westland.

MYRTLE MARIE ADKINS (BROWN)

Of Plymouth, Michigan, passed away peacefully January 16, 2007 at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Addie Adkins. She is survived by two children: Pam and her husband Doug Day, Ken and his wife Jan and many nieces and nephews. Myrtle was born in Wrigley, Kentucky to the late Richard and Nancy Brown and was the last surviving sibling in her immediate Brown family of one sister and five brothers. Myrtle and Addie moved to Michigan in 1941 and have been residents of Plymouth since 1946. She lived out her remaining four years in assisted living homes in Plymouth and Livonia. After raising her children, Myrtle started working at various jobs including Burroughs, Bendix and retired from Whitlock Mfg. Co. in Farmington Hills at the age of 70. She was a regular and active member of the Assembly of God Church of Plymouth and the Northville Christian Assembly until she was physically unable to participate. Throughout her life she enjoyed gardening of flowers and vegetables. She preserved, to perfection, all the fruits and vegetables she grew and will be especially remembered for her homegrown strawberry pies. She will be remembered as being a loving wife and mother. She is now resting in peace. Services will be Friday 1 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Visitation Thursday 1-4 pm and 6-9 pm. Contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

E. R. YODER

Age 67 of Plymouth, January 13, 2007. Beloved father of Kamela and Sean Yoder; and grandfather of Paige and Audrey. Husband of the late Betty Lou. Brother of Carol and Audrey. Owner of Yoder Automotive in Plymouth for many years. Family and friends will gather Saturday Jan 20, 1 PM until 5 PM Memorial. Service at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to the Yoder Family Education Fund. To leave a message, log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

JOHN J. SHIVNEN

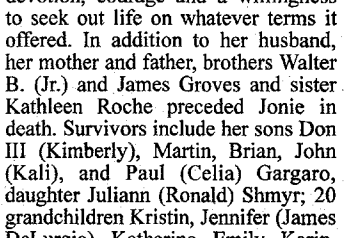
Jan. 12, 2007 of Farmington. Memorial Service Friday, 7pm at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, Livonia

MARY JOANN GARGARO

Plymouth, MI. Age 73, died peacefully on January 13, 2007 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in the presence of her adoring children and grandchildren. Jonie was born in Detroit on August 9, 1933, the youngest of Walter B. and Katherine Groves' four children. Her husband, Don, with whom she shared 31 years of loving marriage, preceded her in death. In 1968, they moved from Detroit to their farm west of Plymouth, where they raised cattle and quarter horses, and provided their children with a truly wonderful life experience. Jonie, who was raised in Detroit's Gesu Catholic Parish, attended Immaculata High School and Chicago's Rosary College. She cherished history, music, language, and excelled as a Latin student. Devoted to the education of her children, Jonie served tirelessly in a range of volunteer capacities in their schools, including Gesu, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Detroit Country Day School and as a trustee at Greenhills School in Ann Arbor. Her energies were also applied as a member of the Plymouth Arts Council and to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, where she served as an effective fundraiser and development volunteer In 1984, she chaired its annual Holiday Ball, which benefited the expansion of SJMH's Emergency Department. In addition, Jonie was an active member of the steering committee for the Hospital's Campaign for Cardiovascular Care from 1993-1997 and the Campaign for Elderly Care Steering Committee in the mid-1990s for construction of the Hospital's Senior Health Building. In 1988, she became a Member Emerita of the SJMH Development Committee, the Hospital's senior and most accomplished group of fundraising volunteers. Jonie enjoyed travel, cooking, tennis, horseback riding, and skiing. Best of all, she enjoyed the company of others. She loved to talk and laugh, and she excelled at both. She leaves a rich legacy of faith and devotion, courage and a willingness to seek out life on whatever terms it offered. In addition to her husband, her mother and father, brothers Walter B. (Jr.) and James Groves and sister Kathleen Roche preceded Jonie in death. Survivors include her sons Don III (Kimberly), Martin, Brian, John (Kali), and Paul (Celia) Gargaro, daughter Juliann (Ronald) Shmyr; 20 grandchildren Kristin, Jennifer (James DeLurgio), Katherine, Emily, Karin, Rebecca, Matthew, Lia, Megan, John Jr., Melissa, Lindy, Martin, Celia, Sarah, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Joann, Dolores, and Samuel; and one great granddaughter, Julia. The family plans to receive relatives and friends at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth on Monday, Jan. 15th from 3-9 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 16th from 2-9 p.m. A funeral mass will be held Wednesday, Jan. 17th at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth with interment to follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield. Visitation will precede the mass from 10-10:30 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to The Capuchins, 1820 Mount Elliot St., Detroit, MI 48207

CLARA G. FOREMAN

Age 98, January 14, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Edward L. Several nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral Services Friday 10 am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.



PATRICIA H. "PATTY" MORGAN

Age 68 of Punta Gorda passed away January 15, 2007. She was born July 17, 1938 in Detroit MI to Carson and Grace (Taylor) Harman. Patty was a member of Burnt Store Presbyterian Church. She was a member of PEO Sisterhood, Village Women's Club, and an active participant with Goodwill Industries of Detroit. Patty will be remembered for her passion of motherhood and giving all of her love, time and talents to the many pursuits of her children and their numerous friends. She will be greatly missed by her husband of 35 years, Richard; daughter, Christine Taylor Morgan of Los Angeles, CA; sons, Scott (Kerry) Boone of West Bloomfield, MI; Greg (Edylyn) Boone of Phoenix, AZ and John (Jennifer) Boone of West Bloomfield, MI. The family will receive friends 2:30-4:00, Saturday, January 20 at Orchard Lake Presbyterian Church with a celebration of Patricia's life at 4:00pm. Burial will be at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy, MI. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. To express condolences to the family, please visit, www.Ltaylorfuneral.com and sign the online guest book. Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services.

ESTHER MARLENE RITTER

Born on July 28, 1932 in Bay City to the late Ralph C. Mark and Kate Davis Mark. Mrs. Ritter was a lifelong resident of Birmingham and spent her summers on Mullett Lake in Indian River, Michigan, where her family still has a residence. She devoted her life to her three boys. She was a proud grandmother of seven and was awaiting the arrival of her first great-grandchild. Mrs. Ritter died peacefully on January 12, 2007 surrounded by her husband of over 50 years and her sons. Mrs. Ritter is survived by her husband, Don; children, Mark (Donna), Andy (Sally), and Scott Ritter; grandchildren, Amanda Kate, Thomas Mark, Daniel Joseph, Chad, Todd, Sean, and Jesse; siblings, John Mark, Kay Campbell, and Ralph Mark, Jr. A funeral was held at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, Birmingham, Tuesday 1:00 pm. Visitation was at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Rd., (Between 14 – 15 Mile Roads.) on Monday from 4-8pm. Indian River Cemetery, Indian River, Michigan is Mrs. Ritter's final resting place. Memorial contributions appreciated to the Lung Association of Michigan, 25900 Greenfield Rd., Suite 401, Oak Park, Michigan 48237.

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■ CONSTRUCTION UPDATES — The Youth area renovation on the lower level is moving along. Check out the latest developments on the Library's renovation project by going to plymouthlibrary.org and clicking on the Building Blog. Current project updates and photos will take you behind the scenes.

■ GREAT BOOKS, Monday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m. — The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, go to http://www.greatbooks.org/

■ LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP, Thursday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. — This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns and new ideas. The topic for the January meeting will be indoor gardening. Gardeners at all skill levels are invited – no registration is required.

■ BASEBALL ISN'T JUST BASEBALL – IT'S A METAPHOR FOR LIFE, An evening with authors Robert Samaras and Raymond Rolak, Monday, Jan. 22, 7 p.m. — The Library continues this special baseball series, "Hot Stove League: Professors of Baseball share their love of America's pastime" with these Detroiters. Robert Samaras, EdD, former coach of the Wayne State University baseball team, will talk about such varied topics as "The one-run game: pathway to pennant" and humanistic psychology in baseball coaching. Raymond Rolak, former director of the City of Detroit 3,000-member PaR Baseball School, will present "Different Universes: A comparative look at competitive and recreational baseball". He will also share "The Mystery of the Black Bat Trophy." Register for this free program by calling the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or online at plymouthlibrary.org. This program is made possible with the generous support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.

■ NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING, Monday, Jan. 22, 7-9 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

■ BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, Jan. 24, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read Saturday by Ian McEwan. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206, or e-mail lpride@plymouthlibrary.org

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'Circle' to be haven for cancer survivors

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

After going through the devastation of a cancer diagnosis and living through a series of chemotherapy treatments, Trish Tyl became a new person.

But when she extended her hand to others who've had similar experiences, there was no one to grab it.

"I have a different outlook on everyday life," said Tyl, 42. "Life's too short to complain, so I don't. I just live."

Tyl of Canton is forming a group, Circle of Friends, to be a haven for cancer survivors trying to move on with their lives.

"This will not be a support group where people sit around in a circle and talk about (their fears)," she said. "I'm going beyond that point."

A stylist at Urban Roots in Plymouth, Tyl was diagnosed with breast cancer in May after she discovered a lump during a vacation.

"I immediately knew something was wrong," she said. "But now, I'm getting back to myself. I feel stronger and I want to help someone else get through the darkest time of their life."

Ideally, the group will meet monthly for dinners, trips to the movies, coffee or to play cards.

"It would be great to meet my neighbors going through the same things I am so this will be laid-back and informal," Tyl said. "When you're diagnosed with cancer you can either go down a positive road or a negative, scary road and I want to surround myself with people who've chosen the positive road."

Tyl, who began spreading the word about the group in December, wants to have the first gathering later this month.

"After you've been through something like this, you have this wisdom you acquire," she said. "You long to run into other people and help them."

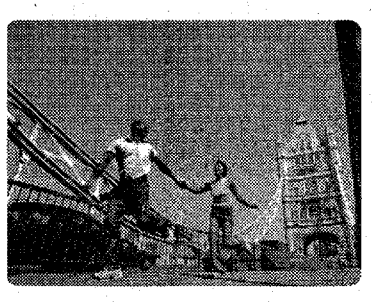
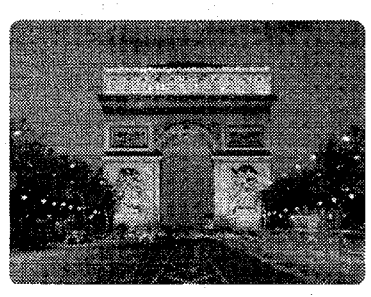
Tyl's husband, Mark, said he believes the group will be a success.

"It's amazing how many people in this community are cancer survivors so I'm all for it," he said.

The Circle of Friends is open to people of all ages.

"Hopefully, we can make new friends and take it from there," Tyl said. "Even if you beat cancer 20 years ago."

For more information, contact Tyl at (734) 397-7791.

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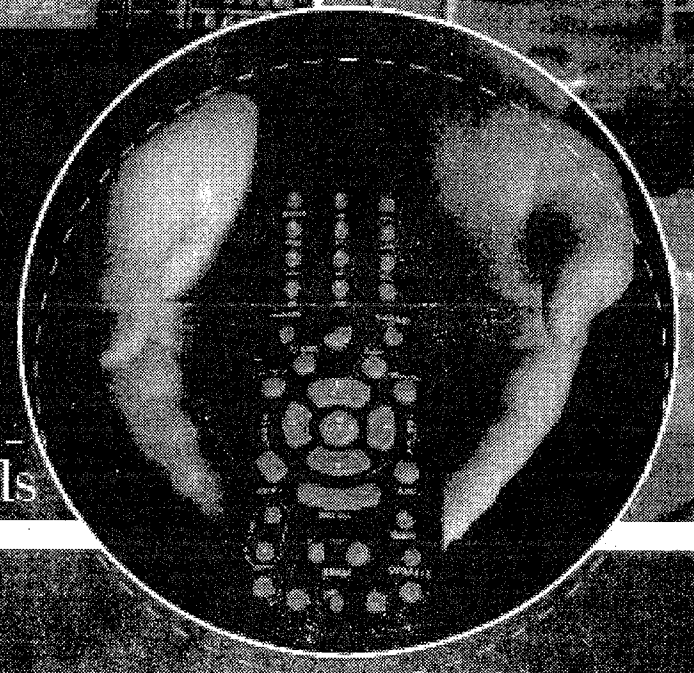

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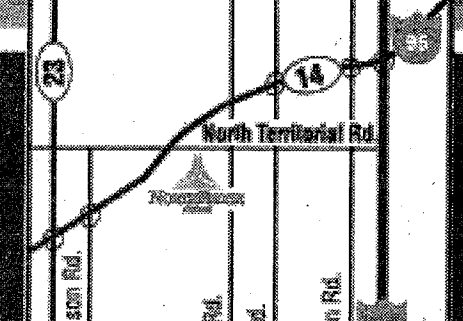

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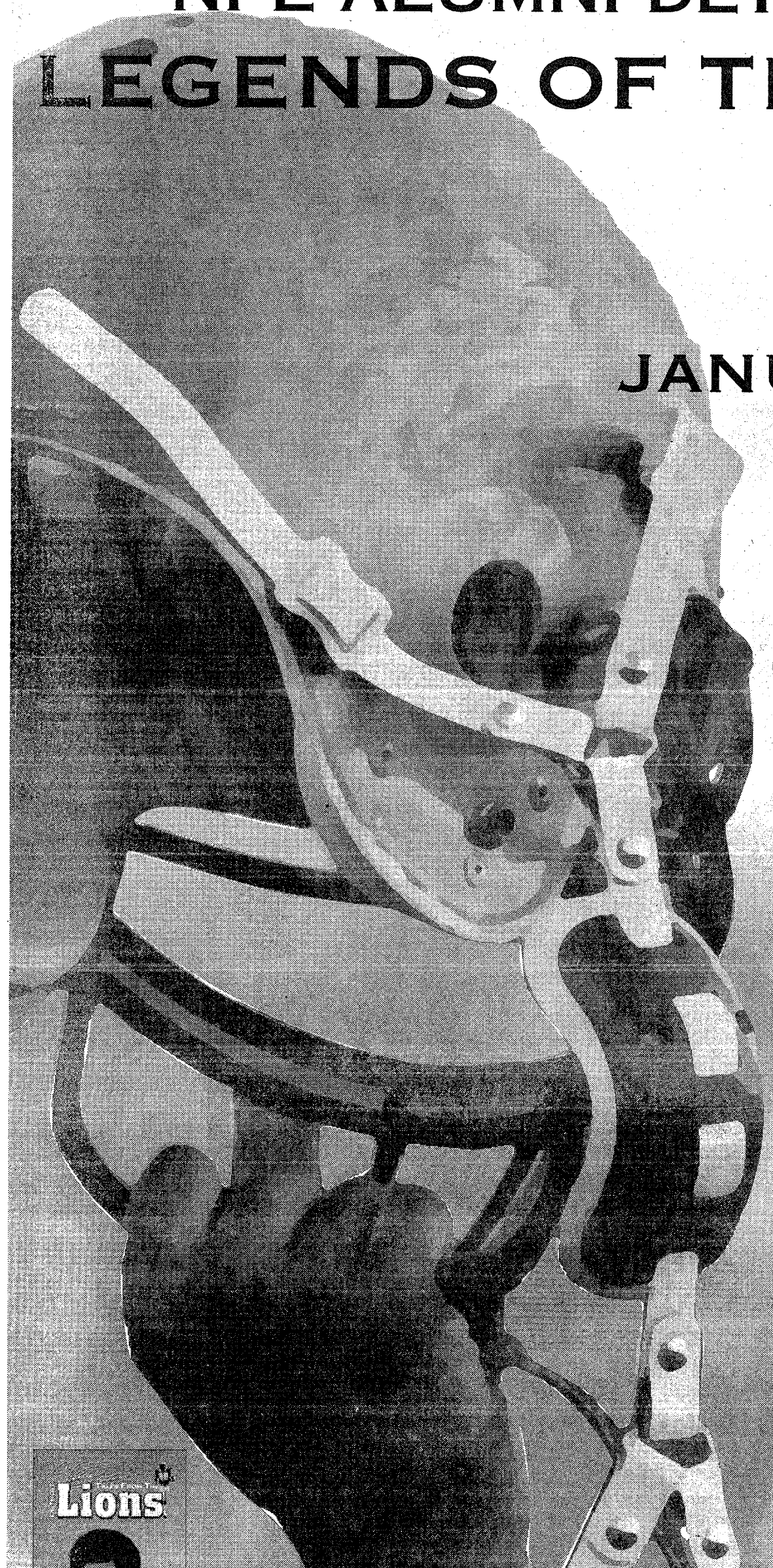

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Chiefs floor Plymouth with last-minute run

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP HOOP

Plymouth High School doesn't have a swimming pool, but that didn't stop Canton basketball player Neil Sharma from executing an Olympic-caliber, arms-extended, floor-burns-be-darned dive during the closing stages of Tuesday night's important cross-campus showdown against the Wildcats.

With Canton clinging to a 40-39 lead, 2:05 left on the clock, and the basketball rolling past half-court and toward Plymouth's basket, Sharma — with a pair of Wildcats players in hot pursuit — went horizontal and grabbed the loose ball while simultaneously signaling for a time out.

The play set the tone for the contest's final two minutes, during which Canton outscored the feisty Wildcats, 7-1, to escape with a 47-40 victory. Canton's fourth straight victory improved its record to 4-4 overall and 1-0 in the WLAA's Western Division. Plymouth slipped to 3-5 and 0-1, respectively.

"We needed the ball back, so I did what I had to do to get it," Sharma said of his late-game effort play. "I like close games like this, especially games with this kind of energy."

Wildcat coach Tom Van Wagoner said he wants to see more plays like Sharma's — but from his own team.

"We need our guys getting down on the floor like that more," said Van Wagoner. "Canton seemed to get to more loose balls than we did. The same thing happened Friday against Churchill.

"On the positive side, we had a couple guys step up at key times. Dan Jeong made a big three and Kulraj (Sandhu) played well."

The Chiefs' ultra-balanced attack was led by Steve Paye, who netted 12 points and five rebounds. Sharma and senior center Ryan Waidmann both scored 11 while grabbing six rebounds a piece. Senior guard Josh Butler rounded out the Chiefs' balance sheet with nine.

Junior guard Brandon Roberts led the Wildcats with 10 points. Kulraj Sandhu added eight points and four rebounds while junior guards Myron Puryear and Navraj Sandhu contributed seven points each.

"I thought our kids handled the pressure well at the end of the game and we made at least the front-end of the one-and-one free throws down the stretch," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "Plymouth had a couple of good looks at

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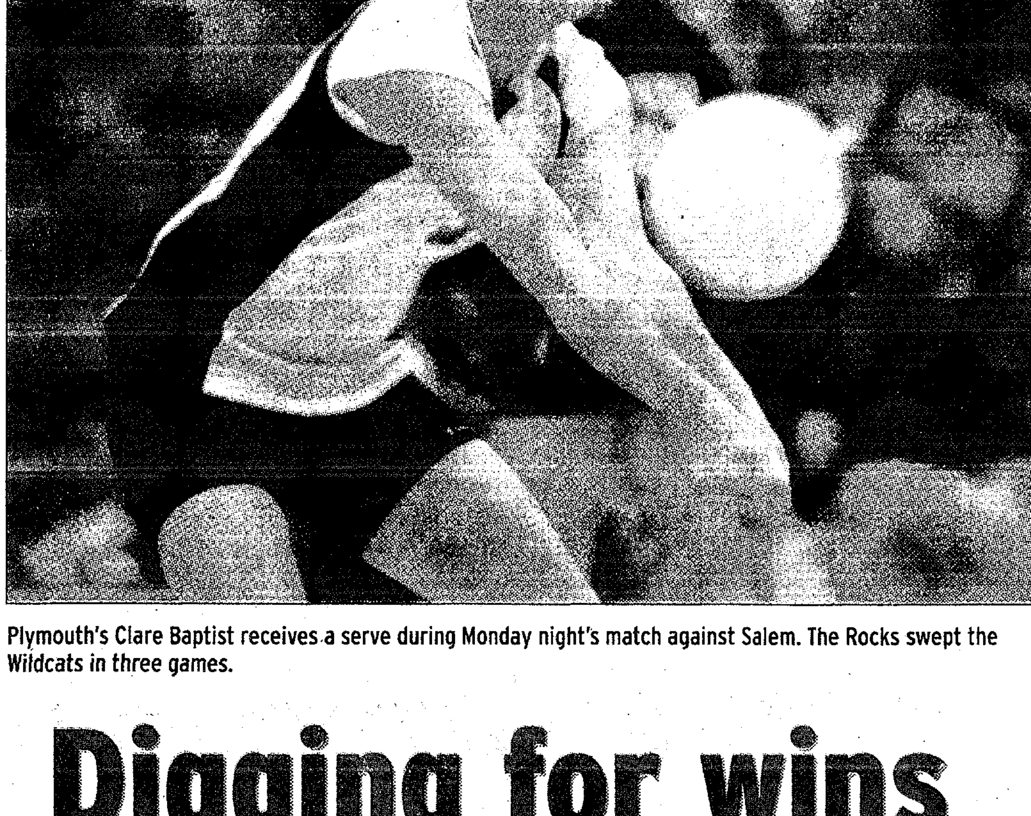
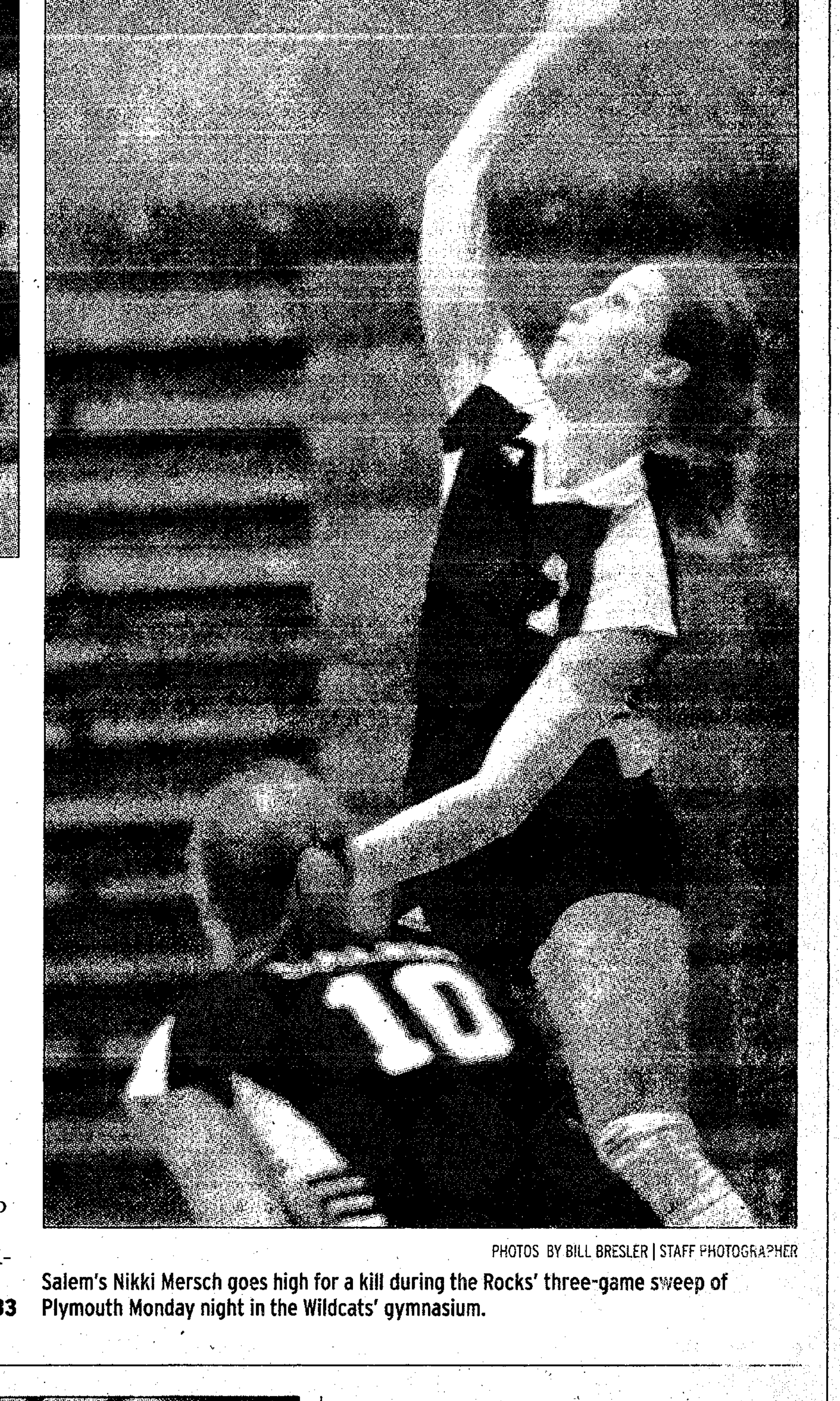


Plymouth's Clare Baptist receives a serve during Monday night's match against Salem. The Rocks swept the Wildcats in three games.



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Salem's Nikki Mersch goes high for a kill during the Rocks' three-game sweep of Plymouth Monday night in the Wildcats' gymnasium.

Digging for wins

Salem bumps Plymouth in three games to earn the honor as the Park's finest

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's far too early to predict how Salem's volleyball team will do in its quest for Western Lakes Activities Association and Division 1 District titles this season, but this much is already certain: The Rocks rule the "Park."

On Monday at Plymouth, Salem secured its status as the No. 1 team at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park by sweeping the Wildcats, 25-17, 25-11 and 25-14 in a WLAA cross-over match. The Rocks' convincing triumph came on the heels of last week's three-game sweep of Canton.

"Defensively, we played very well, as did Plymouth," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "We only had eight errors all night, which is very good. We didn't have a lot of service errors either, which helped.

"I was impressed with Plymouth. They're very young, but their back court did a nice job and their blocking was awesome, too."

The victory improved Salem's record to 17-1-

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B3

Supreme courts

HVS adds hoop to its sports menu

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's OK now to touch a bouncing or airborne ball with your hands at High Velocity Sports without getting whistled for an infraction.

In fact, it's a necessity now that the most renowned indoor soccer facility in the metropolitan Detroit area has added four new, top-of-the-line, hardwood basketball/volleyball courts to its already-impressive sports offerings.

The gleaming new side-by-side courts, which are located in the facility's northwest quarter, replaced a roller-hockey rink as part of an "extreme makeover" project that should make the area's basketball and volleyball enthusiasts smile from baseline to baseline.

"These courts are the best you can get," assured HVS assistant general manager and director of basketball operations Darren Van Hevel. "A lot of places are putting in synthetic wood because it's faster to install and cheaper. But this is hard maple, which is the highest quality court out there. A lot of people think the synthetic courts are more slippery, and they don't hold their finish. The hard maple, on the other hand, is what is used in college and high school gyms."

Van Hevel said the new HVS courts are very giving, which is ideal for anyone suffering any kind of knee or joint ailment.

"There's a layer of foam stapled under the plywood and the hard maple, so it's more cushiony than the synthetic courts," said Van Hevel. "These courts are more springy than the portable floors."

Hoop traffic has been slow since the courts were finished in late December, Van Hevel said, but he predicted that will change once the word gets out about the popular facility's newest attractions.

"Our ultimate goal is to do with basketball what High Velocity Sports has done with indoor soccer," said Van Hevel. "We're going to offer youth and adult leagues, kids programs and clinics for basketball and volleyball. We're going to focus on getting a lot of walk-in traffic to play pick-up ball and on developing the in-house leagues, but we may have some weekend tournaments, too.

"The feedback we've received has

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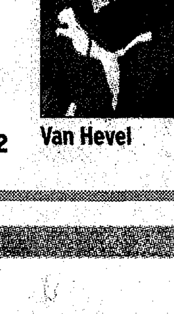
A banner announcing the formation of new leagues hangs over the entrance to High Velocity Sports' four new basketball courts.



Van Hevel

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Darren Van Hevel,
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Ignition nips Wave in OT

The Detroit Ignition notched its fourth consecutive victory Sunday when it tamed the Milwaukee Wave, 17-14, in overtime in a game played at the U.S. Cellular Arena in Milwaukee.

The victory improved the Ignition's record to 9-6. The Wave dropped to 6-8.

Novi Marojevic registered the game-winning, three-point goal for the winners at the 1:39 mark of overtime. The victory completed a weekend sweep for the Ignition, which ousted the Wave, 14-6, on Friday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

On Sunday, with the score knotted at 10-all, Ignition midfielder Ryan Mack netted a two-point goal — his first of the season — off a pass from Jonathan Greenfield at the 4:29 mark to give the first-year club a 12-10 advantage.

Detroit's Worteh Sampson, a former standout at Madonna University, extended the lead to 14-10 with a goal eight minutes later.

Milwaukee countered with two late goals to send the game into the extra session.

Sanaldo earned the victory in net for the Ignition, which will host California on Friday in a 7:30 p.m. contest at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Sidelines

Learn to skate

Beginning Feb. 3, the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton will offer eight weeks of "Learn to Skate" sessions that will run 30 minutes with 15 minutes of free skating time. Open registration will begin Jan. 27. Classes will be grouped by age and ability.

Tot Time classes, designed for kids between the ages of 3-1/2 and 6, at the Arctic Edge will begin Tuesday, Jan. 30, or Thursday, Feb. 1. All sessions, which will run for eight weeks, will be 30 minutes in length with 15 minutes of free skating time.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Summit at the Park and at the Arctic Edge, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave., just west of Canton Center.

For more information – including levels of instruction, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities – call (734) 487-7777.

Chief freshmen spikers shine

The Canton freshman volleyball team captured the title at the Canton Freshman Invitational Tournament on Saturday by defeating Salem in the championship match. Among the standouts for the Chiefs were Miranda Van Auken, Sam McPartlin, Traci Breitmeyer and Anna Larner.

The Chiefs, coached by Steve Johnson, went 5-0 on the day and are undefeated in tournament play this season.

Salem Rocks baseball clinic

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic is set for March 24 and 31. There will be two sessions each day – the first from 9 a.m. to noon; and the second from 1-4 p.m.

Sessions include training in baseball skills by the Salem varsity coaches and players. The $25 registration fee includes lessons, T-shirts and a snack.

For more information or to register, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026; or send an e-mail to: pcmyers@hotmail.com.

Whalers shine

The first-place Plymouth Whalers have landed a pair of players – Evan Brophey and James Neal – on the Western Conference All-Star team for the Ontario Hockey League All-Star Classic, which is set for Jan. 31 in Saginaw.

"We're excited for Evan and James," said Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci. "They've both worked very hard over the past two seasons and deserve to be on the Western Conference All-Star team."

Brophey is the Whalers' leading scorer with 18 goals and 53 assists in 43 games. Neal, who is 23rd on the Whalers' all-time scoring list, has 18 goals and 24 assists in 33 games.

Lights, headlocks, action...

Canton's wrestlers pin Walled Lake Western under the spotlight

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Throughout Canton's wrestling match against visiting Walled Lake Western Jan. 11, it was hard to determine what was brighter: the spotlight that illuminated the mat, or the Chiefs' side of the scoreboard.

Performing in front of what head coach Casey Randolph guessed was the biggest crowd to ever watch a home Canton dual meet, the Chiefs surged to a 19-0 lead before burying the over-matched Warriors, 50-21.

The victory improved fifth-ranked Canton's dual-meet record to 14-1 (1-0 in the WLAA's Western Division) heading into next Thursday's huge home showdown against eighth-ranked Livonia Franklin.

The estimated crowd of 500 got a chance to witness the unveiling of the "Final Four" banner the Chiefs' football team earned last fall, performances by the Chiefettes pom-pon squad and — most importantly — a thoroughly dominating performance by Canton's grapplers, who made the most of an opportunity to wrestle under a spotlight for the first time in the Phase III gymnasium.

One of the Chiefs' many highlights was the effort of freshman Keith Zech, who capped his first varsity dual-meet match with a pin against Western's Carl Hamina.

"Phil Rollinger's win at 119 was huge, too," Randolph added.

Canton roared to a 19-0 advantage after the first four matches thanks to pins from Donnie Watkins (103 pounds) and Carl Lucke (112); and major-decision victories from Rollinger and 125-pound Steve Cox.

Other key triumphs for the Chiefs were Brent Winekoff's pin of Justin Neal at 130, Corey Phillips' 18-3 win over Joe Veertevil at 145; Kiel Price's 7-1 verdict of Joey Hajal at 171 and Adam Powers' convincing decision over Steven Vannanele at 189.

Tonight's key WLAA Western Division match against Franklin will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium.

CANTON 50
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Jan. 11 at Canton

103 pounds: Donnie Watkins (C) pinned Dan Rose in 25 seconds; **112:** Carl Lucke (C) pinned Brandon Lonnerstater in 1:43; **119:** Phil Rollinger (C) won by major decision over Joseph Epley, 14-3; **125:** Steve Cox (C) won by major decision over Nick Zilan, 11-4; **130:** Jordan Lutren (WLW) decisioned Josh Hurst, 3-0; **135:** Brent Winekoff (C) pinned Justin Neal in 3:06; **140:** Keith Zech (C) pinned Carl Hamina in 1:40; **145:** Corey Phillips (C) won by technical fall over joe Veertevil, 18-3; **152:** Eric Kitada (WLW) pinned Roger Kropp in 2:16; **160:** Andy Goodman (WLW) pinned Joe Sanders in 1:06; **171:** Kiel Price (C) decisioned Joey Hajal, 7-1; **189:** Adam Powers (C) won by technical fall over Steve Vannanele, 18-3; **215:** Chris Alexopoulos (WLW) pinned Dan Wanshon in 3:22; **HVY:** Donnie Laramie (C) won by void.
CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS: 14-1 overall; 1-0 WLAA Western Division.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 69
PLYMOUTH 3
Jan. 11 at Plymouth

135 pounds: Jon Cauchi (LF) pinned Rob Barackman, 0:36; **140:** Brian Rink (LF) decisioned Chris Favot, 9-0; **145:** Andrew Saunders (P) dec. Jason Zanger, 8-5; **152:** Elvin Ferreira (LF) p. Vince Rogers, 0:48; **160:** Nate Turco (LF) won by void; **171:** Dan Woodall (LF) p. Anthony Scaratino, 2:35; **189:** Pat Roumayah (LF) dec. Vince Daröfli, 12-11; **215:** Vince Benavides (LF) p. James Frantz, 0:50; **285:** Kyle Brown (LF) p. Anthony Pomerson, 1:29; **103:** Keith Bartlett (LF) won by void; **112:** Jared Pieknik (LF) p. Dylan Specher, 1:54; **119:** James Benitez (LF) won by major dec. over Zach Neville, 12-0; **125:** Josh Billiau (LF) won by major dec. over Ben Kosmalski, 11-2; **130:** Jon Roos (LF) p. Ameya Kalamadi, 0:36.
Franklin's dual meet record: 12-1 overall, 2-0 WLAA-Western Division.

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ALL-AROUND: 1. Lauren Dilullo (B), 36.35; 2. Katie Koetting (S), 36.30; 3. Autumn Collins (S), 35.35; 4. Brittany Young (S), 34.30.
SALEM'S DUAL-MEETING RECORD: 4-0.

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VAULT: 1. Alexis Johnson (H), 8.95; 2. (tie) Katie Koetting (S) and Katerina Kariotis (S), 8.65.
UNEVEN BARS: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.2; 2. (tie) Brittany Young (S) and Autumn Collins (S), 8.8; 4. Alexis Johnson (H), 8.7.
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FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 9.35; 2. Autumn Collins (S), 8.8; 3. Monica Cauley (H), 8.65; 4. (tie) Brittany Young (S) and Alexis Johnson (H), 8.55.
ALL-AROUND: 1. Katie Koetting (S), 36.30; 2. Autumn Collins (S), 35.35; 3. Brittany Young (S), 35.30; 4. Katerina Kariotis (S), 34.10.

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UNEVEN BARS: 3. Erica Kosmalski, 8.1; 4. Jordan Brodehl, 7.75.
BALANCE BEAM: 1. Jordan Brodehl, 8.7; 3. Erica Kosmalski, 7.4.
FLOOR EXERCISE: 3. Jordan Brodehl, 8.0.
ALL-AROUND: 2. Erica Kosmalski, 31.50; 3. Kasey Zebari, 30.20.
PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 0-4.

COURTS

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been very, very good so far. Everybody I've talked to has loved the courts. We had an adult basketball league with 10 teams start up last week, and the guys who play in that absolutely love it."

The fee for pick-up basketball is $5, which guarantees players at least two hours of action.

"You get a wristband when you pay, so you can play all day if you want to," Van Hevel said.

Teams can rent the full-sized courts for practices or scrimmages for $80 per hour. The rental cost for the smaller, four-on-four court is $65 per hour.

The fee for participants in the adult leagues is $110 per player (each team must have a minimum of eight players). Youth leagues are $135 per player. Included in the fee are the cost of officials, a scorekeeper and each team's stats will be available on the HVS Web site.

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PUBLIC STORAGE MANAGEMENT

Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, ***PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.*** *will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage located at 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor MI 48104 (734)973-5584 on 1/29/07* at 2:00 pm. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:
1058 - Jonathan Rose – 100 boxes, 6 filing cabinets, 6 office chairs
3025 – Sean Truex – 2 ladders, couch, entertainment center
5014 – Jami Campbell – washer, dryer, tool box

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 45229 Michigan Avenue, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 397-0082 on 1-30-07 at 12:30PM;
Personal property described below in the matter of:

2024	Morgan Holliday	Stereo, exercise equipment, chair
3027	Rhonda Knight	Dryer, refrigerator, washer
3033	Christopher Hahn	Hundai Tiburon vin KMHHN65F76V191045
4024	Shatoya Gray	2 box springs, 2 mattresses, 3 TV.
4120	Life Changing Ministries	mattress, 2 dressers, coffee table
4129	Stephen Clements	couch, TV, 2 mattresses
4145	Kevin Steele	20 boxes, 10 bags, clothing
4272	Marry Woods	box springs, mattress, boxes
4274	Betty Bryant	boxes, chairs, microwave
5002	Carol King	Bags, mattress, boxes
5111	Darryl Richardson	boxes, dressers, washer
5136	Jennifer Reid	boxes, exercise equipment, totes
5151	Ed Clay	mattress, box spring, stereo
5245	Erin Morley	headboard, boxes, dresser
5266	Felipe Brown & Valeeka Springfield	couch, stove, big screen TV
5360	Alicia Greenwood	Couch, refrigerator, TV

On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 2101 Haggerty Rd, Canton, MI, 48187, (734) 981-0303 on 1-30-2007 at 11:30 AM;
Personal property described below in the matter of:

3008	Georgina Buba	boxes, chair, TV
3033	Sha Radhakrishnan	mattress, love seat, boxes
3034	Park Avenue Cleaners	boxes, totes, toys
3044	Philippe Lorezca	BBQ, dressers, boxes
4004	Kenneth Marshall	chair, dresser, totes
4026	Kenneth Marshall	bicycle, boxes, clothing
4058	Wayne Neary	video tapes, luggage, boxes
4064	Christopher Peters	boxes, dressers, table
4076	James Peters	TV, tool box, boxes
4233	Renata Broughton	dryer, toys, washer
4253	Kevin Diaz	boxes, stereo, TV
4258	Michael Denney	boxes, toys, footlocker
5029	Cleopatra Peck	mattress, refrigerator, TV
5218	Markita Wilkins	clothing, bags, boxes
6003	William Hall	microwave, boxes, toys
6012	Gaylynne Wall	mattress, dryer, washer
6211	Valarie Williams	boxes, lamp, luggage
6224	Mark Mayo	box, bags, totes

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 1, 2007 for the following:

STAFF APPAREL

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 2007 for the following:

SPRING 2007 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VACATING OF ALLEY CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 7:00 pm in the City Commission Chambers of City Hall, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, Michigan, concerning the question of whether or not the following portion of an alley is to be vacated.

DESCRIPTION:
A portion of a certain public alley adjacent to the property described as: Lot 154, Kate E. Allen's Addition to Plymouth Village, T1S R8E L.22 P.54 Wayne County Records, also adjacent to 323 & 335 N. Harvey Street and 324 & 336, Ann Street.

All interested parties will be given ample opportunity to participate in the hearing and, at the close of said hearing, comments and suggestions of these citizens participating will be considered by the City Commission prior to rendering its decision.

For questions concerning the Public Hearing, contact the City Manager's Office at (734) 453-1234 ext 203.

LINDA J. LANGMESSER, CMC
CITY CLERK

All interested persons are invited to attend.

ADA Notice
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator
201 S. Main Street
Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 203

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

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On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 36001 Warren Ave. Westland, MI 48185 (734) 729-7095, on 1/30/2007 at 10:30 AM
Personal property described below in the matter of:
3110-James Craft: curio, totes, dresser
3004-Tammara Johnson: lawn equipment, clothing, 20 bags
3118-Ronald Staples II: suitcase, chairs, table
3204-Duane Cummings: golf clubs, stereo, sports equipment
1132-Quartesia Fields: big screen TV, couch, love seat
2056-Mike Witkowski: Pool table, stove, dryer
2054-Mike Witkowski: stereo, lawn mower, ladder
3034-Gerald Simmons: armoire, exercise equipment, dresser
6046-Universal Video: tools, weight bench
5156-Arthur Dozier: couch, loveseat, bike
5078-Sharon Watkins: stereo, entertainment center, toys
4082-Tonya Battle: record albums, tote
4072-Dawn Banny: toys, totes, stereo
4014-Jessica Burton: totes, microwave, computer
2086-Mark Borg: bike, scooter, boxes
1246-Nia Higgins: TV, bike, dresser
On the premises where said property has been stored and which are located at Public Storage, 41877 Joy Rd, Canton, MI 48187 (734) 254-0243 on 1/30/2007 at 11:00 AM
Personal property described below in the matter of:
2032-Gregory Johnson: entertainment center, toys, chair
2030-Kathy Owens: vacuum, stove, ladder
4017-Brandi Weyer: TV, stove, couch
9260-Dustin Mitchell: computer, boxes, chair
9210-Martin Caruana: microwave, computer, chair
9209-Martin Caruana: tool box, chair, boxes
4052-Orlando Austin: mini bike, microwave, toys

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FRI/SAT LS 11:40
THE QUEEN (PG-13)
12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20
FRI/SAT LS 11:30
STOMP THE YARD (PG-13)
12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45
FREEDOM WRITERS (PG-13)
(11:10) 1:45, 4:20, 6:55, 9:30
PRIMEVAL (R)
(11:15) 1:20, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35, 9:40
FRI/SAT LS 11:45
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM (PG)
12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
FRI/SAT LS 11:40
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(11:00) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
FRI/SAT LS 11:30

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PREP SWIM RESULTS

ROCK KILGORE INVITATIONAL
Saturday at Salem

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 275.50; 2. Northville, 268; 3. Zeeland, 216; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 215.50; 5. Canton, 109; 6. Salem, 82.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT RESULTS

200-yard medley relay (Heat C): 1. Zeeland (Jordan Diekema, Zach Pellegrini, Jeremy Sall, Drew Coffin), 1:40.18; 2. Northville, 1:42.29; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 1:42.94; **(Heat B):** 1. Northville (John Bardsley, Greg Sheppard, Joe Kargula, Clay Malloure); 2. Stevenson, 1:49.70; 3. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 1:50.24; **(Heat C):** Northville (Anthony Adamowicz, Colin Smith, Jake Lane, Patrick Keady), 1:54.16.

200 freestyle (Heat D): 1. Chris Keady (N), 1:45.15; 2. Pat Buck (AAP), 1:48.61; 3. Jordan Diekema (Z), 1:48.97; **(Heat C):** 1. Josh Geschwendt (Z), 1:50.39; 2. Matt Gauthier (AAP), 1:53.87; 3. Charles Turlo (LS), 1:54.59; **(Heat B):** 1. Marshall Bouwman (Z), 1:55.77; 2. Max Boyea (AAP), 1:57.91; 3. Anthony Adamowicz (N), 2:00.46; **(Heat A):** 1. Zac Kraai (Z), 1:54.35; 2. Peter Lundholm (AAP), 2:00.91; 3. Daniel Schoff (LS), 2:03.01.

200 IM (Heat D): 1. Travis Hatt (LS), 1:57.62; 2. Jason Hass (AAP), 2:00.80; 3. Will Blickle (N), 2:02.76; **(Heat C):** 1. Peter Keeler (AAP), 2:05.55; 2. Greg Sheppard (N), 2:10.38; 3. David Olson (S), 2:14.84; **(Heat B):** 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 2:10.43; 2. Joe Kargula (N), 2:14.72; 3. Scott Geverink (LS), 2:18.79; **(Heat A):** 1. Kevin Naud (AAP), 2:14.82; 2. Bryan Bielicki (LS), 2:16.10; 3. Ben Schonek (N), 2:18.77.

50 freestyle (Heat D): 1. Chris Culkin (N), 23.20; 2. Drew Coffin (Z), 23.31; 3. Kyle Hermann (LS), 24.11; **(Heat C):** 1. Kyle Adams (N), 23.31; 2. Nik Mrdalj (AAP), 24.07; 3. Chris McGinnis (C), 24.46; **(Heat B):** 1. Grant Cole (AAP), 24.18; 2. Chris Marinica (C), 24.49; 3. Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 24.78; **(Heat A):** 1. (tie) Patrick Keady (N) and Andrew Weichmann (AAP), 24.99; 3. Josh Gonzales (Z), 25.06.

1-meter diving (Heat D): 1. Stephen Kruse (N), 291.65; 2. Ryan Rees (AAP), 283.30; 3. Jeff Kinsvater (LS), 271; **(Heat C):** 1. Will Fankell (N), 314.55; 2. Jacob Rachford (AAP), 236.85; 3. Riley Reiffer (Z), 235.40; **(Heat B):** 1. Garrett Baughman (N), 224.15; 2. Ben Weber (AAP), 196.10; 3. Adam Sawle (C), 63.75; **(Heat A):** 1. Vince Shaw (N), 207.95; 2. Scott Beal (AAP), 178.55.

100 butterfly (Heat D): 1. Travis Hatt (LS), 52.45; 2. Brody Blickle (N), 52.94; 3. Jason Hass (AAP), 52.95; **(Heat C):** 1. Robert Luke (LS), 55.76; 2. Joe Kargula (N), 57.79; 3. Kevin Naud (AAP), 1:00.79; **(Heat B):** 1. Michael Cruce (LS), 57.56; 2. Conor Callam (AAP), 57.73; 3. Colin Smith (N), 1:01.12; **(Heat A):** 1. Scott Geverink (LS), 1:00.08; 2. Andrew Anderson (AAP), 1:00.59; 3. Ben Schonek (N), 1:03.66.

100 freestyle (Heat D): 1. Josh Geschwendt (Z), 49.73; 2. Pat Buck (AAP), 49.99; 3. Kyle Hermann (LS), 52.04; **(Heat C):** 1. Drew Coffin (Z), 51.45; 2. Kyle Adams (N), 52.23; 3. Nik Mrdalj (AAP), 52.33; **(Heat B):** 1. Andrew Weichmann (AAP), 53.71; 2. Jason Vander Plaats (Z), 53.78; 3. Ryan Scott (LS), 53.99; **(Heat A):** 1. Kevin Jensen (AAP), 54.32; 2. Aaron Marecki (LS), 55.38; 3. Patrick Keady (N), 55.66.

500 freestyle (Heat D): 1. Chris Keady (N), 4:46.11; 2. Jeff Pauza (LS), 4:50.89; 3. Zac Kraai (Z), 5:04.34; **(Heat C):** 1. Greg Sheppard (N), 5:10.45; 2. Marshall Bouwman (Z), 5:10.56; 3. Charles Turlo (LS), 5:13.04; **(Heat B):** 1. Anthony Adamowicz (N), 5:17.20; 2. Peter Lundholm (AAP), 5:18.11; 3. Jamin Wieringa (Z), 5:23.69; **(Heat A):** 1. John Blickle (N), 5:15.69; 2. Edward Lee (AAP), 5:21.48; 3. John Loria (LS), 5:30.78.

200 freestyle relay (Heat C): 1. Pioneer (Thomas Magner, Grant Cole, Pat Buck, Jason Hass), 1:32.67; 2. Zeeland, 1:34.97; 3. Northville, 1:35.47; **(Heat B):** 1. Pioneer (Nik Mrdalj, Kenichi Osawa, Andrew Weichmann, Matt Gauthier), 1:36.98; 2. Zeeland, 1:37.65; 3. Northville, 1:39.40; **(Heat A):** 1. Pioneer (Edward Lee, Brian Gregorka, Kevin Naud, Kevin Jensen), 1:38.36.

100 backstroke (Heat D): 1. John Diekema (Z), 54.07; 2. Brody Blickle (N), 54.23; 3. Jeff Pauza (LS), 55.27; 4. Peter Keeler (AAP), 56.04; **(Heat C):** Jeremy Sall (Z), 54.81; 2. Robert Luke (LS), 57.00; 3. Conor Callam (AAP), 1:00.51; **(Heat B):** 1. Brendan Schoff (LS), 1:02.80; 2. Andrew Anderson (AAP), 1:02.97; 3. Ty Daugherty (Z), 1:03.77; **(Heat A):** 1. Nate Lunn (N), 1:03.75; 2. (tie) Jimmy Vayis (LS) and Ethan Eaton (AAP), 1:04.18.

100 breaststroke (Heat D): 1. Matt Carlson (C), 1:04.13; 2. Stan Chen (S), 1:04.86; 3. Joey Wingett (LS), 1:06.63; **(Heat C):** 1. Brian Gregorka (AAP), 1:09.23; 2. Gregg Elhart (Z), 1:09.63; 3. David Bladecki (LS), 1:09.67; **(Heat B):** 1. John Loria (LS), 1:09.27; 2. Kevin Smith (AAP), 1:09.43; 3. Erik Peterson (N), 1:11.49; **(Heat A):** 1. Eric Schuman (LS), 1:10.92; 2. Matt Kaucheck (AAP), 1:13.88; 3. Chance Miller (N), 1:16.29.

400 freestyle relay (Heat C): 1. Northville (Brody Blickle, Chris Culkin, Will Blickle, Chris Keady), 3:17.52; 2. Zeeland, 3:20.93; 3. Pioneer, 3:21.65; **(Heat B):** 1. Northville (John Bardsley, Kyle Adams, Chad Black, Greg Sheppard), 3:31.75; 2. Pioneer, 3:35.24; 3. Stevenson, 3:37.78; **(Heat A):** 1. Pioneer (Edward Lee, Grant Cole, Max Boyea, Thomas Magner), 3:38.02; 2. Northville, 3:42.88; 3. Stevenson, 3:46.72.

NORTHVILLE 127
SALEM 56
Tuesday at Salem

200 medley relay: 1. Northville (Chris Keady, Greg Sheppard, Joe Kargula, Chris Calkin), 1:46.47; 2. Salem (Matt Underhill, Stan Chen, Nick Leone, Jason Williams), 1:47.03; 3. Northville, 1:53.57.

200 freestyle: 1. John Bardsley (N), 1:50.86; 2. Nick Leone (S), 1:51.81; 3. Joe Kargula (N), 2:00.48.

200 IM: 1. Greg Sheppard (N), 2:08.37; 2. David Olson (S), 2:15.08; 3. Cullen Smith (N), 2:15.58.

50 freestyle: 1. Kyle Adams (N), 23.06; 2. Jim Manmano (N), 24.21; 3. Jason Williams (S), 24.76.

1-meter diving: 1. Will Fankell (N), 214.80 points; 2. Stephen Kruse (N), 205.35; 3. Garrent Baumann (N), 133.30.

100 butterfly: 1. John Bardsley (N), 59.53; 2. David Olson (S), 1:02.12; 3. Clay Malloure (N), 1:02.84.

100 freestyle: 1. Kyle Adams (N), 51.22; 2. Nick Leone (S), 51.41; 3. Matt Underhill (S), 52.69.

500 freestyle: 1. Ben Schonek (N), 5:22.59; 2. Chris Lafayette (N), 5:32.92; 3. Cullen Smith (N), 5:33.65.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Chris Keady, Brody Blickle, Will Blickle, Chris Caulkin), 1:30.21; 2. Northville (Kyle Adams, Jim Manmano, John Bardsley, Greg Sheppard), 1:37.91; 3. Salem (Stan Chen, Nate Spala, John Babb, Jason Williams), 1:39.34.

100 backstroke: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 1:00.79; 2. Anthony Adamowicz (N), 1:04.62; 3. Clay Malloure (N), 1:05.21.

100 breaststroke: 1. Stan Chen (S), 1:07.94; 2. Greg Sheppard (N), 1:09.23; 3. Chris Lafayette (N), 1:15.01.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northville (Will Blickle, Kyle Adams, John Bardsley, Brody Blickle), 3:23.99; 2. Salem, 3:33.51; 3. Northville, 3:39.48.

DUAL-MEET RECORDS: Salem, 1-1, Northville, 5-0.

TECUMSEH 116
PLYMOUTH 70
Saturday at Tecumseh

200-yard medley relay: 1. Tecumseh (Dave Landry, Cory Cote, Neil Palmer, Jordan Lillie), 1:47.40; 2. Tecumseh (Dane Grimm, Scott Yarbrough, Brandon Smythe, Rob Elliott), 1:53.03; 3. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Dan Stoscup, Frank Su, Joe Eudy), 2:00.32.

200 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 1:56.25; 2. Nick Dillon (T), 1:57.86; 3. Ethan Weiner (P), 2:09.10.

200 yard IM: 1. Bip Cline (T), 2:21.07; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 2:22.05; 3. Frank Su (P), 2:28.76.

50 freestyle: 1. Neil Palmer (T), 24.04; 2. Jordan Lillie (T), 24.09; 3. Rob Elliott (T), 24.83.

1-meter diving: 1. David Gensch (T), 176.65 points; 2. Matt Roberts (T), 129.15; 3. Derek DeJonge (T), 126.15.

100 butterfly: 1. Scott Yarbrough (T), 58.36; 2. Bip Cline (T), 1:05.51; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 1:05.74.

100 freestyle: 1. Mike Conger (P), 53.27; 2. Dave Landry (T), 53.90; 3. Ryan Sloan (T), 53.98.

500 freestyle: 1. Nick Dillon (T), 5:21.15; 2. Adam Wing (P), 5:51.20; 3. Justin Scaparo (P), 5:59.22.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Tecumseh (Jordan Lillie, Cory Cote, Scott Yarbrough, Neil Palmer), 1:33.59; 2. Tecumseh (Brandon Smythe, Kevin Schaedler, Bip Cline, Rob Elliott), 1:40.03; 3. Plymouth (Joe Eudy, Jason Oldani, Chris Wilson, Mike Conger), 1:40.38.

100 backstroke: 1. Dave Landry (T), 1:01.54; 2. Dane Grimm (T), 1:08.81; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 1:11.28.

100 breaststroke: 1. Andrew Eubanks (T), 1:12.37; 2. Ryan Sloan (T), 1:14.55; 3. Chris Wilson (P), 1:16.67.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Tecumseh (Jordan Lillie, Scott Yarbrough, Cory Cote, Neil Palmer), 3:27.28; 2. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Paul Snyder, Jason Oldani, Chris Wilson), 3:48.33; 3. Plymouth (Tony McLaughlin, Jack Distel, Ben Ambrose, Ethan Weiner), 3:58.23.

WALLED LAKE NORTHERN 114
PLYMOUTH 71
Jan. 11 at W.L. Northern

200-yard medley relay: 1. Northern (Taylor Tannous, Brian Carter, Riley Cole, Matt Zavislak), 1:47.15; 2. Plymouth (Ben Ambrose, Kyle Dull, Jack Distel, Tony McLaughlin), 1:56.13; 3. Plymouth (Adam Wing, Frank Su, Paul Snyder, Joe Eudy), 1:57.50.

200 freestyle: 1. Eric Erdos (WLN), 1:58.94; 2. Chris Wilson (P), 2:00.31; 3. Paul Coldren (WLN), 2:01.66.

200 IM: 1. Mike Conger (P), 2:12.26; 2. Riley Cole (WLN), 2:16.65; 3. Kyle Ratliff (WLN), 2:24.56.

50 freestyle: 1. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 23.15; 2. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 24.79; 3. Kyle Dull (P), 25.21.

1-meter diving: 1. Mike Kase (WLN), 135.70; 2. Kyle Wilkenson (P), 117.50; 3. Chris Kaczmarek (WLN), 111.95.

100 butterfly: 1. Eric Erdos (WLN), 56.89; 2. Jack Distel (P), 1:03.89; 3. Brendan Clarke (WLN), 1:06.52.

100 freestyle: 1. Matt Zavislak (WLN), 50.80; 2. Ryan Gerber (WLN), 51.99; 3. Mike Conger (P), 53.04.

500 freestyle: 1. Chris Wilson (P), 5:30.34; 2. Paul Coldren (WLN), 5:31.12; 3. Chris Platt (WLN), 5:41.29.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Northern (Ryan Gerber, Matt Zavislak, Riley Cole, Eric Erdos), 1:35.84; 2. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Kyle Dull, Jack Distel, Chris Wilson), 1:40.00; 3. Northern (John Shaw, Kevin Dannecker, Alex Musto, Brendan Clarke), 1:43.81.

100 backstroke: 1. Taylor Tannous (WLN), 1:02.35; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 1:06.79; 3. Kyle Ratliff (WLN), 1:07.16.

100 breaststroke: 1. Brian Carter (WLN), 1:08.38; 2. Frank Su (P), 1:08.81; 3. John Shaw (WLN), 1:11.60.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Northern (Ryan Gerber, Eric Erdos, Riley Cole, Matt Zavislak), 3:36.56; 2. Northern (Kyle Ratliff, Morgen Hummel, Paul Coldren, Evan Cole), 3:48.17; 3. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Chris Wilson, Joe Eudy, Ethan Weiner), 3:49.80.

CANTON 98
W.L. CENTRAL 85
Jan. 11 at Canton

200-yard medley relay: 1. Canton (Matt Carlson, Kevin Karlinski, Ross Schwarz, Chris Marinica), 1:52.31; 2. W.L. Central (Matt Jannette, Mike Wilson, Ryan Miceli, Sean Riley), 1:54.51; 3. W.L. Central (Cory Casagrande, John Molnar, Ben Baumgarten, Tyler Esmacher), 2:06.32.

200 freestyle: 1. Jon Templeton (C), 1:58.62; 2. Brad Nedrow (WLC), 1:59.74; 3. Russell McBain (C), 2:06.54.

200 IM: 1. Robert Blaesser (C), 2:14.76; 2. Ben Baumgarten (WLC), 2:25.89; 3. Matt Jannette (WLC), 2:38.88.

50 freestyle: 1. Sean Riley (WLC), 24.68; 2. Richard Zhang (C), 25.18; 3. Tyler Esmacher (WLC), 26.49.

1-meter diving: 1. Tyler Esmacher (WLC), 150.80 points; 2. Chris McGinnis (C), 145.00; 3. Matt Funni (WLC), 127.00.

100 butterfly: 1. Brad Nedrow (WLC), 59.03; 2. Ross Schwarz (C), 1:00.82; 3. Ryan Miceli (WLC), 1:02.21.

100 freestyle: 1. Jon Templeton (C), 51.95; 2. Richard Zhang (C), 53.98; 3. Sean Riley (WLC), 53.99.

500 freestyle: 1. Matt Carlson (C), 5:05.02; 2. Tory Tederington (WLC), 5:44.56; 3. Russell McBain (C), 5:49.35.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Robert Blaesser, Chris McGinnis, Jon Templeton, Matt Carlson), 1:38.22; 2. W.L. Central (Ryan Miceli, Tyler Esmacher, Mike Wilson, Brad Nedrow), 1:42.28; 3. Canton (Jordan Gorzalski, Mike Booker, Chris Marinica, Richard Zhang), 1:43.59.

100 backstroke: 1. Robert Blaesser (C), 1:02.49; 2. Ryan Miceli (WLC), 1:04.99; 3. Kevin Karlinski (C), 1:05.34.

100 breaststroke: 1. Mike Wilson (WLC), 1:11.45; 2. Ross Schwarz (C), 1:12.86; 3. Artur Stepanov (WLC), 1:18.37.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Canton (Matt Carlson, Robert Blaesser, Chris Marinica, Jon Templeton), 3:39.21; 2. W.L. Central (Ben Baumgarten, Matt Jannette, Sean Riley, Brad Nedrow), 3:44.94; 3. Canton (Eddie Koelzer, Jordan Gorzalski, Ian Gonzalez, Mike Booker), 4:05.66.

CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORDS: 2-1 overall; 2-0 WLAA; 1-0 WLAA-Western Division.

SALEM

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1 overall and 2-0 in the WLAA. Plymouth slipped to 10-6-3 and 1-1, respectively.

"I was very pleased with our team's defensive efforts, especially Rachel Heaton (15 digs), Clare Baptist (11 digs) and Chelsey Quinlan (six digs)," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "Salem is one of the strongest offensive teams in the WLAA, and one of our main goals for the week was to be able to stop the offensive threat of Teresa Coppiellie, Lauren Kurtz and Jansan Falcusan.

"Jansan runs an outstanding offense and Lauren and Teresa have the ability to dominate a match. They earned many of their kills, but we made some outstanding defensive digs when we needed them. Unfortunately, we were not able to turn the momentum around by converting our defensive efforts into an offensive attack."

Coppiellie led the Rocks with 15 kills, two aces and five blocks. Salem was also bolstered by the outstanding play of Kurtz (11 kills and 10 blocks), Falcusan (33 assists), Courtney Seiler (18 digs) and Alicia Goodes (eight digs and two aces).

Plymouth mustered just 14 kills.

"I am looking forward to working diligently this week on balancing our defensive and offensive chemistry so that we can be successful in the WLAA," said McCausland.

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INVITATION TO BID

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Linda J. Langmesser, CMC
City Clerk

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 01, 2007
6:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE that the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Regular Meeting on Thursday, February 01, 2007, commencing at 6:00 p.m., to consider a request for one variance from Metro PCS for property located at 5770 Napier, Plymouth Township. The meeting will be held at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Purpose of Meeting: Request variance from Zoning Ordinance No. 99, for co-location of antenna on existing cell tower. For further information contact Plymouth Township Building Department 734-354-3208.

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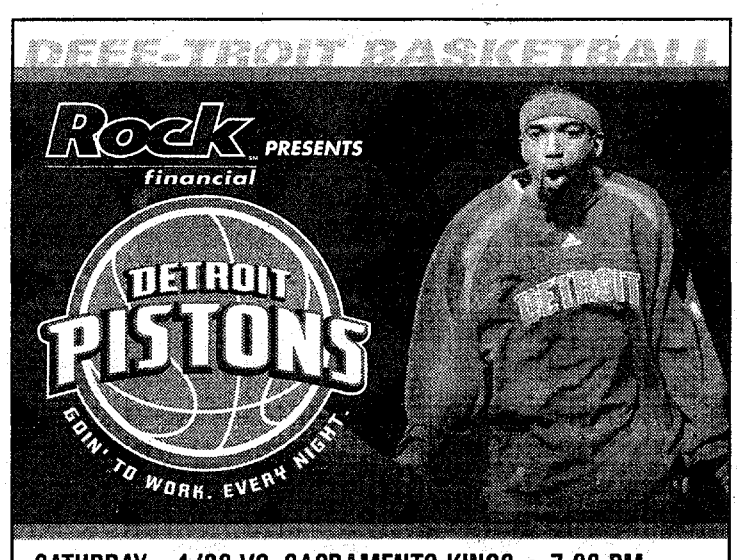

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ACCOUNTANT AND/OR BOOKKEEPER
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30-35 hours per week. Weekdays & a few possible evenings for a large Real Estate office in Livonia. $10 per hour to start. Job requirements: experience w/multi-line phones & basic computer skills. E-mail resume to: tamim@kw.com

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Send resume to: Human Resources Suburban Sports Group 23995 Freeway Park Drive Farmington Hills, MI 48335 Fax: 248-478-1601 Email: jjohnson@suburbanhockey.com

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Full & part time.
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RECEPTIONIST
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23761 Research Drive Farmington Hills,MI 48335
e-mail: hwilliams@nsa-ae.com
web: www.nsa-ae.com

Receptionist in Southfield
30 hrs. a week; duties include administration and data entry. A positive personality, good voice and general office skills get you a flexible shedule and paid time off. Send resume to: hr@mcdonaldmodular.com or fax: 248-356-5021

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Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Friendly, busy pediatric dental office in Novi seeking full-time assistant trained in 4 handed dentistry. Must be detail oriented, calm, self-starter, & adaptable to change, no evenings. Benefits.
(248) 478-3232

DENTAL HEALTH GROUP
Seeking a **Dental Assistant** at our Southfield office. Minimum 3 yrs. dental experience, computer literate, PPO/HMO knowledge. Excellent salary/benefits.
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DENTAL ASSISTANT
Busy dynamic Clawson office seeking experienced team oriented person. Great benefits & salary. Call: 248-589-2021

DENTAL ASSISTANT
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DENTAL ASSISTANT
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DENTAL ASSISTANT
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DENTAL ASSISTANT
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DENTAL ASSISTANT
Downtown Birmingham. Experienced top-notch assistant who wants top pay, retirement, and medical benefits. Must be a team player w/ dentistry as a career. Established high-tech, quality practice. Fax resume: 248-644-9042

Help Wanted-Dental 5040

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST
Full-Time. Progressive, fast-paced modern dental office in Farmington looking for an experienced front desk person. Must be a team player. DenTech exp. preferred, but will train the right person. Fax resume to: (248) 476-1191

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Are you looking to make a difference and be important? If so, we might be right for you. A newly remodeled Downriver office with huge potential to make people feel better about themselves. Great benefits, part or full-time. Great attitude and exp. necessary. Fax resume to: 248-737-9360

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or fax resume: 248-324-1025

HYGIENIST PART-TIME
Southfield (10 Mile & Beech), strong periodontal practice, periodontal exp. a plus. Join our high quality, patient centered, high-tech practice. Candidate must be organized, professional & have exc. people skills. Fax resume 248-354-2486

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Help Wanted-Medical 5060

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR
Livonia Assisted Care. Exp. Excel a must. (248) 212-4740 LPWAD@AOL.COM

Administrative Assistant
Medical office seeks experienced **Receptionist.** Full/Part-Time with exc. pay & benefits. Ann Arbor/Plymouth area. Only medical office experience need apply.
Fax resume to: 734-996-8767 or Email: a2derm@aol.com

Dental Assistant:
Plymouth Endontic office. 2-3 days/wk. Exp'd w/X-ray certification. Fax resume: 734-459-8281

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Full Time with benefits or pay per visit.
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MEDICAL ASSISTANT OR NURSE
OBGYN. Full-Time with current OBGYN exp. Birmingham. Fax resume: (248) 433-1742

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
Needed Full-time for busy family practice. Must have telephone skills, computer scheduling, and billing exp. Fun place to work, great benefits. Fax resume: (248) 476-9709

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST
For allergy center. Sterling Heights. Full-time.. (248) 549-0777

OFFICE NURSE
Busy internal medicine practice is looking for an experienced part-time office nurse for our Canton location. Benefit package offered. Interested candidates should fax their resume to: 734-623-8591, or email: mbondie@piim.org Attn: Clinical Nursing Director

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Seeking a mature, motivated person to complete our professional team. Must be comfortable handling patient finances, demonstrate excellent communication and people skills. 3-4 days per week. Novi. 248-465-7500

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Rehabilitation One Home Health Care Agencies, Fax resume to: 313-565-2257

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Classes begin in Jan. 1 day a week. 5 weeks. Cost $850 at local hospital. (313) 382-3857

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For CranioSacral Institute of MI needed for its Medical Physical Therapy clinic. Medical & computer exp. essential.
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Immediate opening for a licensed respiratory therapist for home care. Home care exp preferred but not required. Competitive pay & benefits. Background check & drug test required. Send resume To metromedical@sbcglobal.net

Help Wanted-Medical 5060

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Help Wanted-Food/Beverage 5080

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Good pay. Apply at: Ram's Horn, 7020 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. (734) 641-0510

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Fax: 248-478-3037
or Email Resume to: livoniamcd@aol.com
Teresa or Wanda
248-478-4691

NOW HIRING: **Servers & Line Cooks** Exp. Mandatory. Apply within: Ram's Horn, 32435 Grand River, Farmington

Help Wanted-Sales 5120

AUTO SALES
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OUTSIDE SALES
Advertising & printing seeking self motivated representative. Salary & Commission based experience preferred. Apply within **32115 Plymouth Rd Livonia;** or fax/email resume to **734-522-6279 apply@jmasavings.com** Any questions please **Call 734-522-3942**

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Coverall Cleaning Concepts is an industry leader.. Our team is looking for an enthusiastic winner for our Outside Sales dept. for our Northville, MI office.

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Full time, experienced, sales professional. Inside career opportunity. Sales & communication skills are a must. Friendly, motivating work environment. Fax resume to Karen at 248-901-0600.

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Opportunity for exceptional appointment setters. Business to Business experience a big plus. The position offers an hourly wage plus exceptional bonus earning potential. Only hard working, enthusiastic and willing to learn need apply. Be a part of a successful, team oriented organization.

Please call: 1-800-827-4880 for interview, or fax your resume in confidence to: 877-649-0021

Help Wanted-Domestic 5240

PERSONAL ASSISTANT
Personal & domestic female assistant required. Must be non-smoking. Must have "hands-on" experience in household duties for a single woman with medical needs. Requires a little housekeeping, driving, preparation of morning & afternoon meals, etc... Flexible & fun to work for! Approximately 40 hours per week.
Call (248) 855-4458
References Required

Salem opens Lakes action with big win

PREP HOOP

Salem opened its Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division slate Tuesday night with a 59-48 victory over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

The victory improved the Rocks to 4-4 overall and 1-0 in the division. The Spartans slipped to 1-6 and 0-1, respectively.

"We emphasized to the kids this week that the first seven games didn't mean anything, but this one counts," said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team knocked off state-ranked Northville on Friday. "Every game in our division is going to be a test. It's going to be up for grabs, so we need to come to play every night."

Grant Stone and Brian Baumgart definitely came to play for the Rocks. Stone twined a team-high 17 points while Baumgart notched his first career double-double (11 points and 11 boards). Danny Cassidy scored nine while Ross Davis yanked down a game-high 12 rebounds.

Luke Knochel kept the Spartans in the game, scoring a season-high 30 points. Chris Mulcahy scored 10 for Stevenson.

Salem led 13-12 after one quarter, 27-23 at the half and 43-36 with eight minutes to play.

"We kind of muddled through the first half," said Brodie. "Stevenson took it to us in the beginning. We stepped up our defense in the second half."

Salem hit 7-of-14 free throws while Stevenson was 5-of-9 from the line.

CANTON AGAPE 65, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 25: On Tuesday night in both team's Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division opener, the Wolverines surged to a 39-20 halftime lead and never looked back.

The victory boosted the Wolverines' overall record to 4-3; Macomb dropped to 1-6.

Ty Majeski led the winners with 16 points. Senior guard Jack Anleitner chipped in with 11 points on 5-for-5 shooting from the field. Will Pientowski added seven points while three Wolverines — Jared Miller, Terrell Pierce and Showla Olojo — netted six each.

Both teams hit 9-of-14 free throws.

Agape hosts Novi Franklin Road in a crucial division showdown set for Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at Garden City United Christian.

OAKLAND CHRISTIAN 52, PCA 45: Oakland Christian went to the free throw line 24 times in the fourth quarter, making 12 of them, to record a MIAC Blue Division victory Tuesday at home.

Junior Derek Zwier led the Lancers with 17 points and seven rebounds and he canned 9-of-10 from the line in the fourth quarter. Matt Garza added 12 points for Oakland Christian, which scored just 23 points Friday in a loss to Sterling Heights Parkway Christian.

Trevor Zinn scored 15 points to lead Plymouth Christian (5-3, 0-2). Matt Saagman and Devin Govan added 10 points a piece.

The Lancers (4-3, 1-1) led 12-3 after the first quarter and 26-11 at the half. In the third quarter, PCA went on a 14-9 run before closing with a 20-18 surge. Oakland Christian made 25-of-43 free throws in the contest.

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the end; they just couldn't convert.

"Coming into this game, we figured it was going to be a dogfight, and it was. Their guards are very solid and their big guy, (Jake) Hager, can score. The kids knew it wasn't going to be easy and we know it's not going to be easy when we play them again in two weeks at our place."

Canton led 13-11 after one quarter, 21-20 at the half and 34-31 with eight minutes to play. The Wildcats grabbed their first lead of the second half with 3:20 left when Kulraj Sandhu scored on a driving layup. Thirty seconds later, the Chiefs regained the lead, 40-39, on a Butler jumper from 15 feet out.

Sharma and Roberts exchanged single free throws with 34.2 and 27.1 seconds left, respectively. Sharma then added another free throw with 25.1 seconds to go to put the Chiefs ahead, 43-40.

Following a timeout, Plymouth threw the inbounds pass to Navraj Sandhu, who turned and fired a 20-foot triple from the right wing that hit the back of the rim before settling into the hands of Canton senior guard Ryan Langdon.

The Chiefs drained four free throws down the stretch to seal the deal.

"We got the ball into the hands of our best three-point shooter," said Van Wagoner. "Navraj got a good look, but it didn't fall. Give credit to Canton for making their free throws down the stretch."

Canton hit 17-of-39 field goals (43.8 percent) and 11-of-19 free throws (57.8). The Wildcats made half their shots from the charity stripe (5-of-10) while connecting on 16-of-40 field goals (40 percent).

The Chiefs turned the ball over 17 times; Plymouth had 12 miscues.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- January 9, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave) Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the amended agenda adding G:14 Consider Site Plan for Crossroads Village Shopping Center. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Study Minutes of December 5, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of December 12, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.**Expenditure Recap for December 26, 2006**

General Fund	101	$ 245,513.63
Fire Fund	206	101,183.83
Police Fund	207	73,856.77
Summit Operating	208	29,352.91
Cable TV Fund	230	2,512.76
Public Improvement	245	9,628.00
Comm. Improvement	246	85,768.34
E-911 Utility	261	861.24
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	6,482.57
Federal Grants Fund	274	26,927.00
Auto Theft Grant	289	1,289.19
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	119,093.60
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	223,405.00
Bldg Auth Construction	469	120,557.35
Golf Fund	584	16,213.48
Water & Sewer Fund	592	776,076.30
Constructions Escrows	702	3,679.44
Post Employ. Benefits	736	20,528.13
Total - All Funds		**1,862,930.27**

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Expenditure Recap for January 9, 2007

General Fund	101	$ 252,233.38
Federal Grants Fund	289	41,009.00
Fire Fund	206	63,012.65
Cap Proj – Road Paving	403	4,050.00
Police Fund	207	98,388.14
Bldg. Auth. Const.	469	37,777.75
Summit Operating	208	12,813.09
Golf Fund	584	1,877.59
Street Lighting	219	18,121.04
Water & Sewer Fund	592	79,304.12
Cable TV Fund	230	5,956.47
Construction Escrows	702	1,389.93
Community Improv.	246	3,047.25
Post Employ. Benefits	736	58,863.87
E-911 Utility	261	1,854.97
Total – All Funds		**680,699.25**

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. REQUEST FOR PURCHASE ORDERS FOR 2007 – WATER BILLING DIVISION. (TREASURER) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve purchase orders to Matrix Printing Systems, Inc. in the amount of $9,000 for the printing of water bills and envelopes, to Lasertec, Inc. in the amount of $6,500 for the printing and processing of water bills, the US Postal Service in the amount of $30,000 for water bill postage for 2007 and City Services, Inc. in the amount of $8,000 for radio reading of water meters (Water & Sewer Fund, Water Billing Division budget accounts #592-560-729-0000, Postage, #592-560-818-0000, Contracted Services and #592-560-900-0000, Printing & Publishing accounts). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. CONSIDER FOUR ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION AUDIT COMMITTEE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to appoint the following four (4) additional individuals to the Intersection Audit Committee (IAC): Kenneth Cary, Jeffrey Williams, Richard Bantau and Christopher Scott Cratty. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RE-APPOINTMENTS. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to re-appoint Mr. Lieberman to the Planning Commission, term to expire December 31, 2009 and Ms. Johnson to the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire December 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. APPROVE ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY ROAD CLOSURE PERMIT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for annual block party road closure. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. AUTHORIZE INCREASE IN PURCHASE ORDER FOR WINTER 2007 DISCOVER BROCHURE. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to increase P.O. #59109 in the amount of $700 to S&N Graphic Solutions, P.O. Box 871296, Canton, MI 48187 for exceeding the quote for printing of the winter 2007 Discover, to be paid from account #101-691-900-0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY: ORDINANCE CHAPTER 70 SECTION 70-1 ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, R 28.1212, RULE 212. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to effective immediately, allow enforcement at Cherry Grove Condominiums located on Cherry Hill Road, east of Canton Center Road, traffic enforcement on private property, in response to their application and in compliance with Local Ordinance Chapter 70, Section 70-1 Adoption of the Uniform Traffic Code, R28.1212, Rule 212. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY: ORDINANCE CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70-1 ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, R 28.1212 RULE 212. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to effective immediately, allow enforcement at Haggerty Woods Condominiums located west of Haggerty Road between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads for traffic enforcement on private property, in response to their application and in compliance with Local Ordinance Chapter 70, Section 70-1 Adoption of the Uniform Traffic Code, R28.1212, Rule 212. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER BOARD AUTHORIZATION OF A CERTIFIED RESOLUTION THAT COMMITS TO THE INSTALLATION OF A RECREATIONAL TRAIL AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES ALONG THE PROPOSED LOWER ROUGE RIVER SANITARY SEWER PROJECT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution that commits to the installation of a recreational trail and pedestrian bridges along the proposed lower rouge river sanitary sewer project. Motion carried by all members present. **Resolution** We hereby resolve to complete the following improvements located within Wayne County property along the proposed Lower Rouge River sanitary relief sewer project: 1. Upgrade the proposed maintenance road to a fully accessible non-motorized recreational trail. Trail will be constructed to Wayne County's standards. 2. Install pedestrian bridges along said trail at three (3) locations which traverse the Lower Rouge River. **Item 2. APPROVE INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT WITH BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR LOWER ROUGE RIVER TRAIL HEAD AND ASSOCIATED TRAILS PROJECT (RVIIB-02). (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the interagency agreement between Canton Township and Wayne County for the Lower Rouge River Trailhead and Associated Trails Project, and to authorize the match requirement of $218,771.00, for a project total of $437,542.00. I further move to approve the following budget amendments in the 2007 Community Improvement Fund to provide funding for this project:

Increase Revenues		
County Grants	#246-000-569-0000	$218,771.00
Appropriation from		
Fund Balance	#246-000-699-0000	$218,771.00
TOTAL:		$437,542.00
Increase Appropriations		
Capital Projects —		
Parks & Rec.	#246-750-970-0000	$437,542.00

This budget amendment increases the 2007 Community Improvement Fund budget from $2,776,497.00 to $3,214,039.00. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. CONSIDER ALSAGER CONDITIONAL REZONING AMENDMENT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for the conditional rezoning request of Joseph Kosik, Jr. (Alsager Property). Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Conditional Rezoning Request of Joseph Kosik, Jr. (Alsager Property) WHEREAS,** the petitioner has requested approximately .86 acres located on the south side of Ford Road and east of Morrison Road be rezoned from O-1, Office District to C-2, subject to a voluntary statement of conditions pursuant to Section 27.07 of Appendix A- Zoning, of the Canton Township Code; and **WHEREAS,** the requested rezoning WOULD be in conformity with the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan and the general criteria for rezoning; and **WHEREAS,** the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the request for conditional rezoning based upon the voluntary statement of conditions; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the petitioner to conditionally rezone property identified by property tax EDP nos. 054-01-0045-300, 054-01-0048-300, and 054-01-0165-002 from O-1, Office to C-2, Community Commercial, based upon the voluntary statement of conditions. Effective 1-25-2007. A complete copy of the amendment may be inspected or purchased at the Administration Building, Planning Services, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan, 48188 (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. M-F). **Item 4. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR GODDARD SCHOOL. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for The Goddard School. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Site Plan for The Goddard School WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Carl Pittner, has requested site plan approval for the Goddard School to be located on Canton Center Road between Hanford and Warren Roads, identified as tax EDP #033-99-0009-713; and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Carl Pittner, to approve the site plan for the proposed Goddard School subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 5. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST TO LOCATE A MEDICAL FACILITY IN LI-1, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ZONE, SPORTS MEDICAL AND PHYSICAL TRAINING CENTER. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for special use for Sports Medicine and physical Training Center. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Special Use for Sports Medicine and Physical Training Center WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Truman Timmis, has requested special use approval to locate a medical facility known as the Sports Medicine and Physical Training Center, in an LI-1, Light Industrial District, to be located on Research Drive at Michigan Avenue; identified as tax EDP# 131-02-0015-000 and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives of the Township, subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Truman Timmis, to conduct the special use for the proposed Sports Medicine and Physical Training Center subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all regulations of the Township. **Item 6. CONSIDER FINAL SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR QUADRANTS INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH CENTRE MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PLAN – REPLAT NO. 2). (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for final site plan for Quadrants Industrial Centre (Replat No. 2). Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Final Site Plan for Quadrants Industrial Centre (Replat No. 2) WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor has requested final site plan approval for revisions to the Quadrants Industrial Centre Site Condominium located on the south side of Michigan Avenue and east of Beck Road and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL, subject to posting of the required financial securities; and, **WHEREAS,** the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTENT with the Condominium Ordinance and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the final site plan for the Quadrants Industrial Centre Site Condominium (Replat No. 2) located on tax EDP Nos. 131-02-0001-000 through 131-02-0025-000, subject to posting of the required financial securities for improvements. **Item 7. CREATE AND FILL NEW FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS FOR 2007. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the creating and filling of three (3) firefighter positions for 2007. Funds are budgeted in Fire Sworn Salaries 206 336 704 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF WORKSTATION IN DETECTIVE BUREAU. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of a workstation in the detective bureau in the amount of $6735.26 from ISCG, 28000 Woodward Ave. Royal Oak, MI 48067. Funding to come from Police Capital Outlay Account 207 301 977 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item. 9. CONSIDER WAIVING THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF 25 TASERS. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to waive the bidding due to a sole manufacture and approve the purchase of twenty five (25) Tasers and corresponding accessories through Michigan Taser Distributing, 32039 Scone St. Livonia, MI 48154 in the amount of $20,580.01, funding to come from Police Capital Outlay 207 301 977 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF ELECTION COSTS TO THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FROM SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND PLYMOUTH –CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the 2007/2008 Agreement for Payment of Election Costs to the Charter Township of Canton by Schoolcraft Community College, and the Plymouth Canton Community School District. I authorized the Supervisor and Township Clerk to sign the agreement. The agreement will be for a term of two (2) years. I further move to "Opt In" for the administration of the school elections for Schoolcraft Community College and the Plymouth Canton Community School District for a period of two (2) years, the length of this agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. APPROVAL OF 2006-2007 SPECIALIZED SERVICES OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the 2006-2007 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program contract with SMART in the amount of $31,942 (Social Services-Transportation Account #101-670-860-0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. APPROVE ENGAGEMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISORY, BOND COUNCIL AND UNDERWRITER. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to appoint the financial advisory, bond council and underwriter; Dickinson Wright PLLC and NatCity Investments, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan (the "Board"), held on the 9th day of January, 2007. PRESENT: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo
ABSENT: Caccamo (on Military leave) The following resolution was offered by Bennett and seconded by McLaughlin: WHEREAS, the Board adopted a resolution on June 27, 2006 (the "Prior Resolution"), designating certain parties to serve as the financing team for the Charter Township of Canton (the "Township") relating to the Township's financing of certain water supply and sewer system improvements through the issuance of general obligation capital improvement bonds; and WHEREAS, the Board now desires to change bond counsel, appoint an underwriter and continue to retain the financial advisor for the bonds as hereinafter set forth. BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, as follows: 1. Dickinson Wright PLLC and NatCity Investments, Inc. are hereby appointed to act as bond counsel and underwriter, respectively, with respect to the bonds. The terms of the engagement letter from Dickinson Wright PLLC dated December 27, 2006, are hereby approved and accepted, and the Township Supervisor is authorized and directed to sign the letter on behalf of the Township. The Board shall continue to retain Bendzinski & Co. to act as financial advisor with respect to the bonds. 2. Section 4 of the Prior Resolution is hereby rescinded to the extent that the terms of such section are in conflict with the terms of this resolution. Except as so amended, the Prior Resolution shall remain in full force and effect. All other resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded. YEAS: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo NAYS: None STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE I, the undersigned duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of January, 2007, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 9th day of January, 2007.Clerk, Charter Township of Canton **Item 13. REQUEST TO CREATE AND FILL A RECREATION SPECIALIST POSITION. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize Leisure Services to create and fill a Technical Specialist position. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CROSSROADS VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Crossroads Village Shopping Center. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **Site Plan for Crossroads Village Shopping Center WHEREAS,** the Project Sponsor, Mr. Bryan Amann, has requested site plan approval for the Crossroads Village Shopping Center to be located on Michigan Avenue at Beck Road North, identified as tax EDP #131-99-0001-000 through 131-99-0004-000, 131-99-0006-000, 131-99-0007-000,131-99-0014-000,131-99-0015-000 and part of 131-99-0005-000 and 131-99-0012-000 and, **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval, with modifications and conditions as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Bryan Amann, to approve the site plan for the proposed Crossroads Village Shopping Center (312,010 square feet), and authorizes staff to administratively approve an increase of up to 5,000 square feet of building area, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **OTHER:** The next Board Meeting will be held on January 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. – Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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

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National Football League Alumni Gala slated for Jan. 21

The NFL Alumni Detroit Chapter will be hosting a gala during the NFC and AFC Championship games from noon to midnight on Sunday, Jan. 21 the Kickers Entertainment Complex on Plymouth Road, just east of Levan, In Plymouth.

Proceeds from the gall will benefit Caring for Kids and the Family2Family Foundation of Michigan.

Among the member of the NFL Alumni Detroit Chapter expected to attend are Tom Nowatzke, Eddie Murray, Greg Landry, Lomas Brown, Sherman Lewis and Mike Lodish, along with boxer Thomas Hearns.

There will also be a salute to former Lions tight end Charlie Sanders, a recent nominee for the NFL Hall of Fame. Sanders will also be introducing his new Grid Iron barbecue sauce.

Daytime festivities run from noon to 5 p.m. Tickets are $190 per couple (includes evening gala). The daytime gala includes a raffle drawing with a chance to win tickets and accommodations to Super Bowl XLI, a gourmet tailgate buffet, limited open bar, and other prizes.

The night portion of the gala will be from 5 p.m. to midnight beginning with the NFC Championship game., It features a sports comedy show, jazz ban and disc jockey. Tickets are $35 per couple (includes two drinks). Tickets to VIP Super Fowl events will be auctioned off during the evening.

Reservations are suggested. For more information, call Milan Stevanovich at (248) 767-2007. To purchase tickets, call (734) 261-5500 or visit www.kickerscomplex.com.

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Football fun(d)raiser set

A unique fund-raiser is on tap for the Redford Union football program. At 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27 at Wiseguys Comedy Club in Novi, 1984 RU graduate Bill Bushart will be featured for a night of stand-up hilarity.

The cost is $15 per ticket, which includes a 50-percent discount on any appetizers bought during the show.

Wiseguys Comedy Club is located at 40380 Grand River. For more information, visit www.wiseguyscomedy.net or call Panthers coach Miles Tomaisaitis at (313) 575-4753.

Lions' Furr

Detroit Lions wide receiver Mike Furrey talked about his path to the NFL, temptations facing young athlet and how character has played a major role in his career Sunday night to stu dent-athletes at Madonna University Livonia.

Furrey, a Canton resident who led t Lions with 98 receptions this season and posted 1,036 receiving yards, talked about his unique journey to th NFL and how his faith in Christ and personal determination kept him fro giving up on his dream.

With more than 100 Madonna stu dent-athletes, coaches and communit members in attendance, Furrey hit on the five core values of the NAIA Champions of Character program: respect, responsibility, integrity, serva

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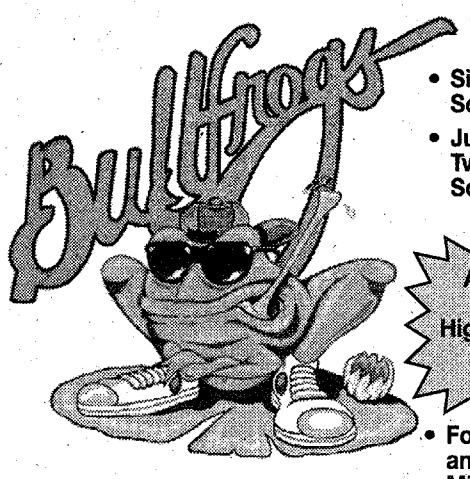

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"You must have respect for your teammates and for the plan God has in your life," Furrey told the crowd assembled at Kresge Hall. "You have a responsibility to yourself and your teammates as a college athlete to always do your best ... to leave it all on the field.

"Later in life you will have a responsibility to your spouse, your children and your family," Furrey added. "Now you have a responsibility to be the best teammate you can be."

Furrey also talked sportsmanship, citing an example from this year's Detroit Lions team.

"I made it my personal goal this season to be the first person to congratulate Roy Williams (fellow Lions receiver) every time he caught a ball," Furrey said. "I have the utmost respect for my teammates and other receivers in the league, and I believe that in today's NFL, with many players having a 'me-first' attitude, that I would not be that type of person."

The focus of Furrey's message was about the doors that are always open to people in life, even though they may not see them, or take them for granted at the time.

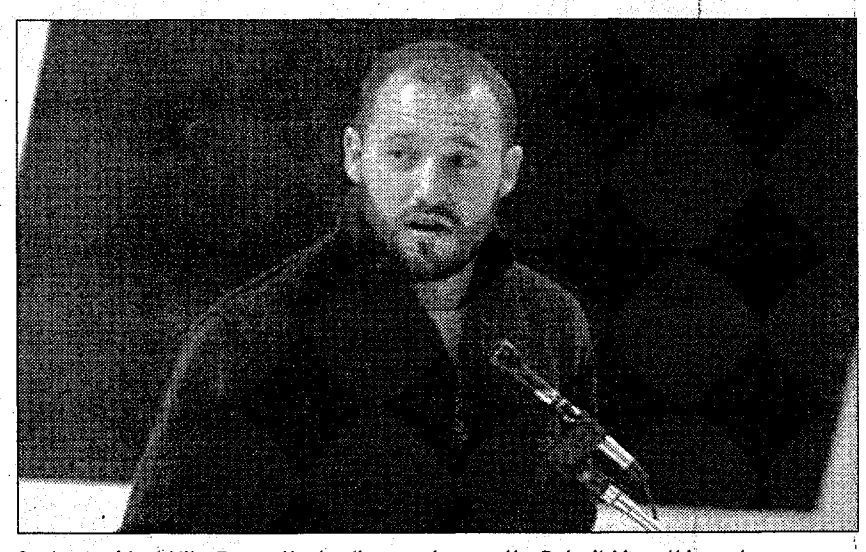
"God has opened so many doors for me," Furrey said. "But it wasn't until I played for the XFL in Las Vegas and began attending Randall Cunningham's bible study that I realized I had to make changes in my life in order to take advantage of what I was being given."

The lighthearted Furrey kept the crowd laughing with stories from the NFL and took questions and answers ranging from life with the Lions to the biggest hit he has ever taken.

"I hate being hit," Furrey said. "Did anyone see the Dallas game (referring to a first-quarter shot he took from Dallas safety Roy Williams)? I got my head knocked off."

Furrey ended the talk by telling the Madonna athletes to "exhaust themselves" on a daily basis.

"Always be first, but always be exhausted," Furrey said. "Without hard work, respect for your teammates and coaches, responsibility to yourself, your team and your family and without personal integrity, you may not see or take advantage of the plan that has been set for you."



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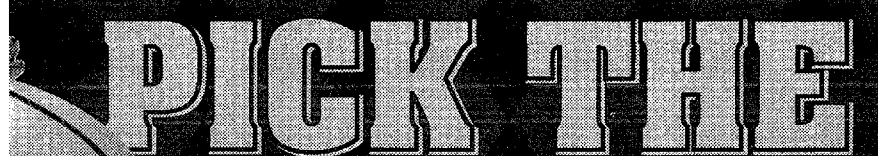

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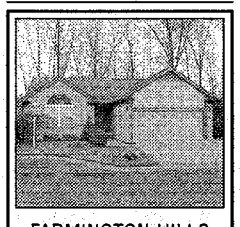

3000-3890 Real Estate For Sale

Homes 3000

By Owner
GAYLORD
Custom-built, new 1998. 10 acres, 2000 sq. ft., split-level. 2.5 car, heated attached garage, 3 bdrm., 3 bath, 4 stall horsebarn. Add'l 32x48 polebarn w/heated workshop. $325,000 add'l 9 + acres avail. $35,000.
989-705-8558

SALEM
Vacant Land 5.8 acres.
Nice building site. Well installed. Northville mailing and S. Lyon Schools. $149,900.
Dave. @Century 21 Row
734-464-7111

Open Houses 3030

FARMINGTON HILLS CONDO
OPEN SUNDAY 1-3PM
27709 Echo Valley, $109,900
1540 sq.ft., 2 bdrm, 2 bath. Great location & great price! Highly Motivated Seller!
Dennis O'Hare, 734-395-3683
Keller Williams Realty
301 W. Michigan Ave.

FARMINGTON HILLS
OPEN SUN 2-5
23065 POTOMAC CIR
Gorgeous open ranch. Built in 1994, first floor laundry, finished bsmt and Garage.
For directions call:
Michelle McNutt
Prudential GL Realty
(248) 872-5200
8451 Boulder Court

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OPEN SUNDAY, Jan. 21, 1-4pm
Gorgeous, private setting on private Dunham Lake green belt. 2384 sq. ft. home, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, living room, family room w/fireplace and finished walk-out lower level. Plus, 22x12 cedar deck off dining room for entertaining & 2 car garage. $275,000. Take Tipsico Lake Rd. N. of M-59, follow open signs to 3228 Briarhill.
England Real Estate
(810)632-7427

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM
48860 Buck Run Dr.
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Stunning 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath brick colonial. Extensive hardwood flooring. Large family room w/ fireplace. Library. Gourmet island kitchen w/ all appliances & much more! Over 3300 sq.ft. 3 car side turn garage. Priced well below market, seller wants an offer. Only $419,900.
C-21 Town and Country
Ask for Jim Franklin
248-765-3789,

SOUTH LYON
22627 DIXBORO
OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
Almost 2.5 acres w/mature trees! Adorable ranch w/vaulted ceilings & wooded views. 1st floor laundry. Full bsmt. $219,900. (EC27DI)
Weir Manuel Realtors
734-455-6000

Belleville & Van Buren 3045

Van Buren
MOVE-IN CONDITION!
4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial, Island kitchen w/ appliances, family room w/ fireplace, workshop & den in bsmt. 2 car garage. $259,900.
CENTURY 21 PREMIER
(734) 453-4300
www.premiersoldit.com

Brighton 3060

By Owner
SOUTH WOODLAND HILLS SUB.
8847 S. Christine Drive. Beautiful 2 story home, 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, 2300 sq.ft., oversized 2 car garage. Many updates! $229,900 or lease for $1650/mo. 734-777-1358

Canton 3080

BELOW MARKET!
Under $179,900
Canton schools, huge 3 bdrm, 2 car garage.
Free info 734.416.9502
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44644 Ann Arbor, Plymouth

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY!
3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home with all the updates, Family room with fireplace and bar area, Living room, Dining room, Bsmt, Large fenced yard, 2 car garage. $184,900
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(734) 453-4300
www.premiersoldit.com

MOVE IN CONDITION
3 bdrm, 2 bath. Open kitchen, island - sleek black appliances incl. 2½ insulated garage. $219,900 (13NO)

CENTENNIAL HOME
5 bdrm, 3½ bath. 15 foot sun room. Rec Room. Children's loft. 4 car garage. 3 stalls for horses!
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Century 21 Hartford South
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Clarkston 3090

By Owner
FARM HOME ON 1.4 ACRES
Close to town, 3-4 bdrm, large kitchen, sunporch. Large yard w/ detached garage & 2 large outbuildings. 248-980-3545

Clawson 3095

FOR SALE or LEASE Extensively remodeled bungalow, 3 bdrm, 2bath. $144,900 or $950/mo. Buyer or seller wants offer. DIANA SHEA: 248-626-2100, Keller Willams

Dearborn Hgts 3115

BAD CREDIT OKAY Land contract or rent-to-own Big 3 bdrm, 2 bath, bsmt., 2 car. NO work needed. 888-856-7034

Garden City 3170

By Owner
GARDEN CITY
OR lease option. Beautifully redone 3 bdrm, 2 bath brick ranch, full bsmt. 2.5 car, New roof, siding, drive, copper plumbing, floors, kitchen cabinets, microwave & dishwasher, 2 bathrms. $145,000 734-397-8311

Must see clean, updated & ready to move in. Ranch has full 2-car garage, finished bsmt w/wet bar, extra room for study/office, many appliances. $153,900 (EC20FL)
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REAL ESTATE AUCTION
These and 320 more foreclosed homes will sell from the Hyatt Regency Dearborn, 600 Town Center Dr.
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• 2440 Berwick Dr, Canton, 3/1.5, 1793sf. For local info call Jack Brown, Ehman & GreenSt/GMAC, 734-482-3484. Selling Saturday 1/20 at 1pm.
• 125 Village Way Blvd Unit 4, Canton, 3/2.5, 1828sf. Call Laura Ford, Real Estate One, 734-604-2494. Selling Sunday 1/21 at 1pm.
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Huntington Woods 3234

Step inside to fall in love with this recently renovated ranch. Addition designed by award-winning architect firm Swanson & Meads. Bright, happy home. $362,000 (EC02TA)
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248-644-6300

Livonia 3250

3 BEDROOM
1.5 bath brick ranch. Dining room, family room w/fireplace, 2 car attached garage, important updates done! $214,900
Charlotte Jacunski
734-377-3282
Century 21 Row
734-464-7111

Charming Cape Cod on deep, park like back yard. Loaded w/all the big updates: roof, kitchen & windows. Newer entry doors, refinished hardwood floors, garage w/heat. $219,900. (EC21SE)
Weir Manuel Realtors
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LIVONIA-NW, 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, ranch, 2 car, bsmt, $199,900. Rose 734-812-6745
Keller Williams Realty
36642 Five mile

By Owner
N.W. LIVONIA
Updated 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath brick ranch at 7 Mile & Parklane. 2.5 car attached, finished bsmt w/ 4th bdrm, fenced yard, sprinklers. C/A. New roof 2002, furnace 2003 + many updates. Beautifully landscaped. Super sharp! $219,000. (248) 943-2587

New construction. Beautiful colonial on park like lot. Neutral colors. Living room has natural fireplace. 3 bdrm, 1.5 baths. $219,900. (EC50BA)
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Northville 3280

Former builders model. Luxurious! Gourmet kitchen w/granite counters. Master suite w/marble bath & 2 walk-in closets. Finished walk-out bsmt. $959,000. (EC36CY)
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734-455-6000

Plymouth 3347

Updated open floor plan. Refinished hardwood throughout. Updates: kitchen ceramic floor, Corian tops & fixtures. Large family room w/fireplace. Updated bath, some new windows & doorwall. $229,900. (EC81LE)
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734-455-6000

Redford 3350

REDFORD, SOUTH
Quality New Construction!
1386 Sq. ft. brick colonial, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, fireplace C/A, bsmt., upgrades thruout. $171,900. 11379 Farley, S. of Plymouth, E of Beech Daly.
(313) 532-1290
Patriot Building Co.

Rochester 3360

DUPLEX- 524 Ludlow. 3 bdrm down w/ 1 1/2 bath, full bsmt.; 2 bdrm up w/1 bath. $337,300. 248-656-3465

ROCHESTER
3 bdrm, garage, $198,500.
ROCHESTER HILLS
4 bdrm, 3.5 bath, $360,000
ShareNet Realty 248-642-1620

By Owner
ROCHESTER CUSTOM RANCH
3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 1900 sq. ft., walkout bsmt, wooded private lot, cherry cabinets, stone counters. Professional landscape, walk to town. Open Sun. 1-3 $422,000.
(248) 656-2246

ROCHESTER HILLS - Neutral colonial w/spacious eat-in kitchen, abundance of cabinets. Professionally finished lower level, large master suite. 10x6 walk-in closet. $269,900 (EC66SA)
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Royal Oak 3370

By Owner
RANCH
Open Sun 1-4
321 DeVillen Ave.
3 Bedroom, 1.5 bath, new roof, porch, bathroom and windows. Finished basement. with wet bar. $189,900.
(248) 535-1424

Southfield/Lathrup 3390

SOUTHFIELD 3 bdrm, bsmt., garage $154,900. $395 cash to close. $1037/mo. Good-Poor-No Credit. 810-955-9549

Troy 3410

Well maintained 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath beauty in popular Oak River East. Desirable open floor plan, 2-story great room, formal dining room, butler's pantry. $499,999. (EC65BI)
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Westland 3445

3 BEDROOM
Brick ranch, remodeled kitchen & bath, 2.5 car garage. $139,999.
LIVONIA SCHOOLS
Beautiful Colonial, family room, fireplace, 2.5 baths, bsmt., attached 2 car garage. $199,900
CENTURY 21 CASTELLI
734-525-7900

By Owner
MUST SEE!
7401 Mohawk St., Westland. Gorgeous 1,100 sq.ft., 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch. Finished bsmt w/bath. New kitchen w/appliances. New sun room w/heat/AC. Fenced back yard. 2 1/2 car detached garage. Furniture neg. Open House, Jan 28, 1-4pm. $176,900
734-634-2422
734-355-5334

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STARTER HOME Like new, 2 bedroom, new windows, new carpet, vinyl siding, freshly painted, appliances included, fenced yard. $578/mo.
Ross Realty (734) 326-8300

WESTLAND - LIVONIA SCHOOLS!
Lovely 3 bdrm., 1.5 bath all brick ranch. Updates, finished bsmt. 2.5 car garage. Close to park. $169,900.
Charlotte Jacunski
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Century 21 Row
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Ypsilanti 3490

Beautiful newer 4 bdrm home w/hardwood on 1st floor, neutral decor & carpet. Master w/walk in closet & tub & separate shower. Central air, fireplace. Large bdrm's, 1st floor laundry. Professional landscaping. $226,500 (EC04JA)
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734-455-6000

Lakefront/Waterfront Homes 3580

WEST BLOOMFIELD- Union Lake waterfront. Beautiful 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath Tri-level. 2 car garage, fireplace and brick paver walkway. $610,000. No agents please. 248-437-5614

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Condos 3720

By Owner
FARMINGTON HILLS
EXQUISITE 1 BDRM & DEN
Orchard Lake & 14 Mile area. 2 full baths, lg. master suite w/walk in closet, storage, balcony w/wooded view, built-ins & recessed lighting thru-out, white kitchen, elevator to front door, clubhouse w/gym, cardroom, pool, & tennis courts. Close to shopping, restaurants. $139,500 & option to rent $1050/mo. 248-661-8353 or 248-767-4981. Open Sat. & Sun. 1-4pm or by appt. 30450 Orchard Lake Rd. No. 67.

By Owner
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Village Creek Condos. 3 bdrm, 2 bath, new kitchen & appliances. Washer/dryer in unit. Heat, water, maintenance fee incl. Garage. Immed. occup. Appt. only. $168,900 248-646-0930

LIVONIA - Greenfield Villas wonderfully priced end-unit condo w/2 bdrm suites. Family room, bonus room, cedar closet, full bath in lower level. Up scale condo. $219,000. (EC12LA)
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248-981-7885
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734-522-8000 ext. 243

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NORTHVILLE
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ANNIE NICHOLS
Real Estate One
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248-348-6430 x 259

ROCHESTER - 2 bdrm ranch, 2 baths, attached garage, neutral, fireplace, c/a. $169,000. 989-980-2421, 989-980-2415

ROCHESTER HILLS
"RANCH" no steps! Charming 2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath condo backing to a wooded ravine. Sit on the deck & watch wildlife, go to clubhouse or pool. $151,000. (EC43SU)
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248-651-3500

A word to the wise, when looking for a great deal check the **Observer & Eccentric Classifieds!**

SOUTH LYON 2 br, 2 bath, appliances, $110,000.Call, 248-437-2284, 248-437-2143.

TROY - Wow! Fab locale in desirable Manor Homes-backs to large commons area. Private courtyard approach. Just move into this spacious unit. Kitchen w/skylight $285,000
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Manufactured Homes 3740

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Mobile Homes 3750

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Appliances
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HIGHLAND HILLS ESTATES
on Seeley Rd., N. of Grand River
(248) 474-0320

Lakefront Property 3770

CHELSEA-800 sq.ft. A frame for a $103,000! Not a fixer upper! Rare opportunity, land contract. **Kime Realty:**
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PINCKNEY REC AREA
Lakefront lot on Hiland Lake (Half Moon chain) 50 ft. frontage buildable, pending sewer system. $87,000.
(313) 929-4243

Florida Homes/Properties 3805

FORT MEYERS BEACH CONDO
2 bdrm, 2 bath, completely furnished dining & living room. $750,000. 248-969-2841

Southern Property 3810

FLORIDA PROPERTY
Spacious vacant lot in Palm Coast. Info and photo avail. $74,900, price neg. best offer.
(248) 360-1132
traintrack256@aol.com

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Lease/Option To Buy 3840

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Doug Mandeville
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Cemetery Lots 3880

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Business Opportunities 3900

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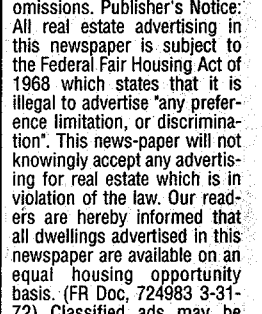

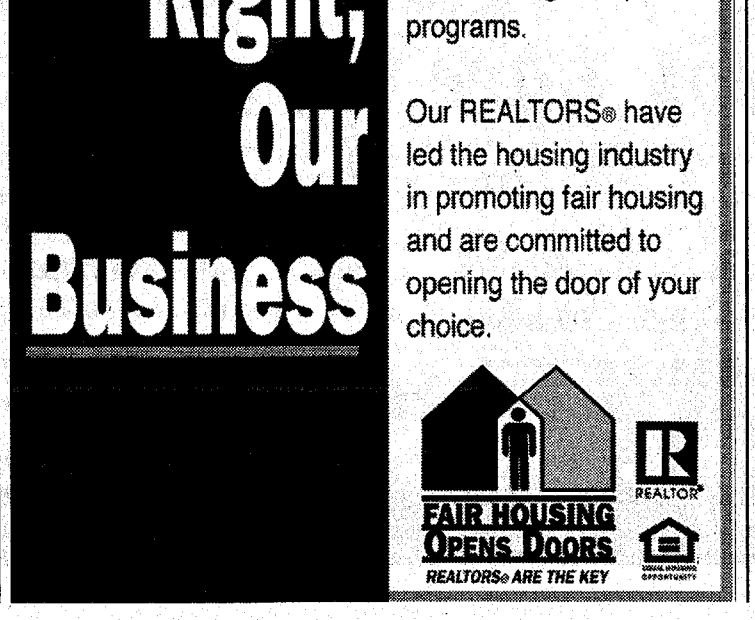

Apartments

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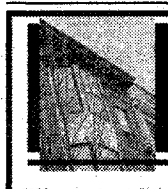

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Apartments/Unfurnished 4000

AN OLDE REDFORD TOWNHOME 2 bdrm, carpet, blinds, bsmt, heat, water, cable. $650 + security. 248-735-0877

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13 Entreaty
14 Ibsen's home
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16 Atom fragments
17 Swamp grass
19 Legislate
21 6-pointers
22 Dog owner's purchase
24 Waiter's check
27 Romance, to Pedro
28 Gong
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34 Part of B&O
35 Modem-speed unit
36 Move to and fro
37 Bends forward
39 Plunging neckline
42 Super glue
44 Miser's cache
46 Mystique
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DOWN

1 Alleviated
2 Coats with gold
3 Shipboard quaff
4 John — Passos
5 Become visible
6 Available resources
7 Spectacular
8 Desk item
9 "— -Hur"
10 Stockholm carrier
11 Finished last
18 A Muppet
20 Sigh of content
23 Sister of Helios
25 Pacino and Unser
26 Lunch counter order
27 Back when
28 Offer
29 Trim the grass
30 Gotcha!
31 African republic
32 Beach acquisition
33 Sudden silence
35 Marshy inlets
37 Behold!
38 Montreal team
39 Safe
40 Journalist — Pyle
41 Sidle past
43 Inflates, as report figures
45 Curved molding
46 Deadly snake
47 Hilo guitar
49 Loud, confused noise

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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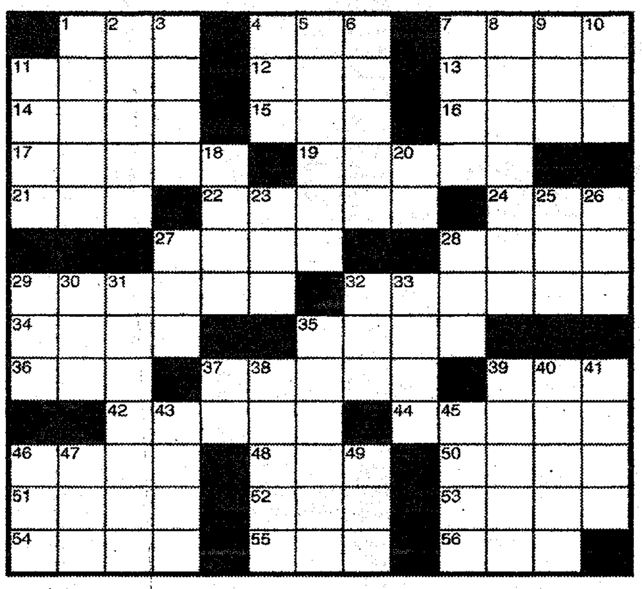

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C	A	N	D	L	E	S	D	N	H
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1	5	2	4	7	3	9	8	6
8	7	6	5	1	9	4	3	2
4	9	3	6	8	2	7	5	1
2	4	9	1	6	8	5	7	3
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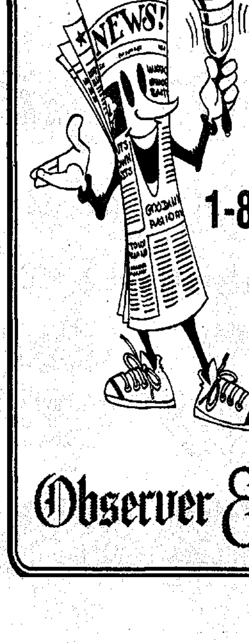

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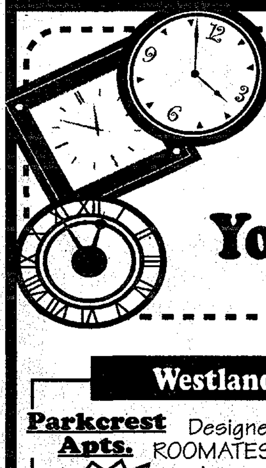

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MOOD AT WORK-DAY S START INFLUENCES PERCEPTIONS

WORKWISE

by Mildred L. Culp

The mood call-center customer service representatives (CSRs) take to their desk at the beginning of the day will influence their perception of a customer s mood, according to Nancy Rothbard, assistant professor at the University of Pennsylvania s Wharton School, and Steffanie Wilk, associate professor at Ohio State University s Fisher School of Business. They observed 29 CSRs, an extremely small sample, whose average age is 39 years and of whom overall, 77 were women. All worked in the East and West Coast call centers of a major insurer.

Rothbard and Wilk s unpublished paper, Waking Up On the Wrong Side of the Desk: Sources and Consequences of Employee Affective Reactions on Work Performance, maintains that moods vary at the beginning of the day and that a favorable mood may well anchor a full day. Wilk states that workers in a positive mood tend to view interactions with customers more positively. Specifically, they see customers moods as more positive.

TRAINING

One extremely interesting finding is that while positive customer interactions did influence employees affective reactions, . . . negative customer interactions did not. The experience of Kirsten Scott, one of 7,500 home-based call center agents (employees) of Alpine Access of Golden, Colo., confirms that.

The average age of the CSRs working for Alpine is 38. They bring a lot of work experience, averaging a full 15 to 20 years. Scott believes that competition for call center jobs is lively, so that workers who bring maturity and professionalism will be able to overcome negative interactions.

We do get tough calls occasionally, but we go through a very thorough training program and are well-equipped to deal with each situation, she says.

We re also given the authority and the tools we need to resolve almost any customer complaint ourselves, she continues, which helps us provide superior customer service without long hold times or transferring a caller to several different people. Part of the training involves attitude shaping: We see negative customer interactions as an opportunity to wow a caller with our service and leave them happy, Scott explains. This supports the research finding that appropriate training helps workers rise above negative work interactions.

Rothbard and Wilk note that customer service workers are trained not to internalize the moods of customers, but to be objective and respond professionally. Those who can t may leave.

Scott was trained virtually, with a large component of self-study, over about two and one-half weeks. She refers to her first day of work as a breeze once you put all of the knowledge you ve been given to work.

It s extremely important to put yourself in the customer s shoes, she comments, and remember how frustrated you would be. I feel it s very important to show empathy. When I m speaking, that customer has my complete attention. I have all of the tools needed to make that customer happy.

Scott also observes that attitude is extremely important. There is never anything that can t be fixed up with a little TLC and a smile, she remarks. I find that as soon as the customer hears that I do care and empathize, we re well on our way of turning that negative call into something more positive.

Waking Up suggests that workers in general aren t trained how to manage the mood they bring with them to work . . . or expect themselves to emotionally regulate at work. Why is this?

There are some things that we need to train ourselves to do so that we can be accountable not just to our employer, but to ourselves. In this case, we need a combination of concentration and discipline. For many of us, diligence is also part of the equation.

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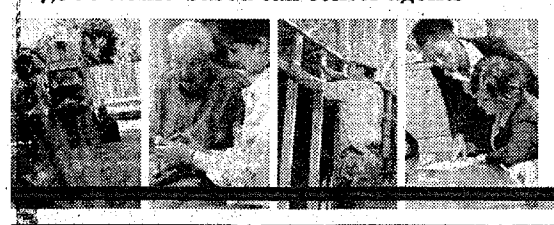

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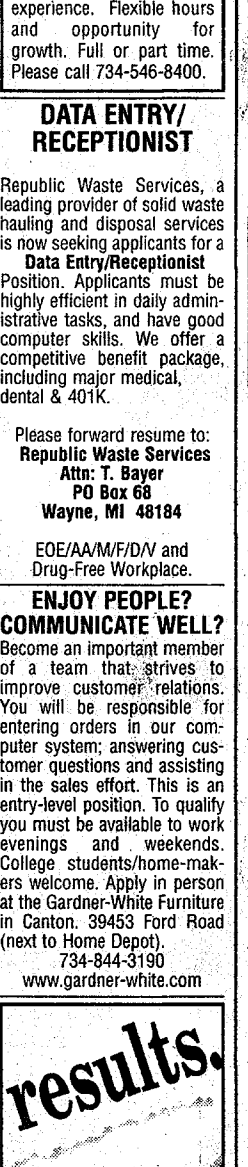

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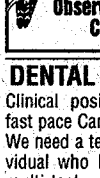

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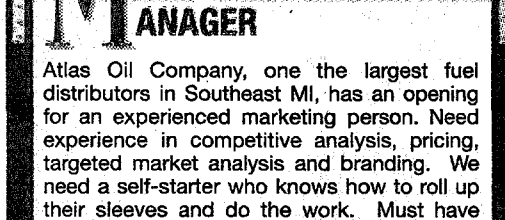

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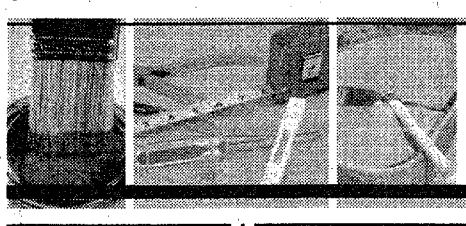

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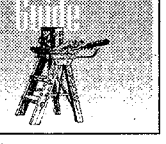

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

WANTED: TALL, CLASSY MALE
I am in my early 60s, 5'2", brown/brown, I enjoy dancing, outdoors, and travel. Seeking a companion, 60-70, and maybe a relationship. Please call. ☎982305

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SWF, 60, adventurous, open-minded, active, attractive, light-hearted, would love to meet active, happy, easygoing guy with spontaneous streak, to share all life pleasures great and small. ☎160398

U WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED
Good-hearted SBF, 49, loves music, travel, togetherness. Looking for a sweet, sexy SBM, respectful and easygoing, to share nice dinners, good talks, romance and affection. ☎152214

TAKE A CHANCE
DWF, 43, 5'8", red/brown, H/W proportionate, student, mom, goal-oriented, caring, compassionate loves family, quiet moments, time w/someone special. Seeking caring, child-friendly man to share life an all it's little pleasures. ☎160138

LET'S TALK SOMETIME
SWF, 38, mother, enjoys Harleys, rock-n-roll, good talks, classic cars, sports, amusement parks, casinos, meeting new people. Seeking outgoing, sweet, fun man w/spontaneous streak to share new adventures with. ☎962910

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

FIND ME
Attractive SAF, 49, N/S, 5' 3", 110lbs, slim build, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, for friendship, and more. ☎113901

MR. RIGHT, ARE YOU THERE?
SWF, 56, 5' , HWP, easygoing, dependable, reliable, Taurus, N/S, social drinker, likes computers, nascar, casinos, sports, seeks WM, 46-56, for friendship, and more. ☎112612

TRUE FRIENDSHIP
WiAF, 62, 5', 100lbs, enjoys gardening, dogs, cats, cooking, dining out, travel. Seeking kind, caring, honest, SW/AM, 55-70, slim, with understanding of asian culture, for friendship first, maybe more later. ☎139934

IS IT YOU?
SWF, 56, tall, trim, seeks hard-working or retired, conservative SWM, 5'11"+, 58-65, with good values, educated, no tattoos, drugs, or games please. ☎138981

RIGHT HERE WAITING
SBF, 36, 5'7", full-figured, would like to meet a hard-working SBM, 36-50, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎155646

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Attractive SWF, 50s, 5'7", 125lbs, loves all life, animals, arts, family, nature, spirituality. Masters helping professional. Seeking big-hearted, financially/emotionally secure, intelligent DPM, 48-68, for fun, friendship, depth, etc. ☎892242

SEEKING FRIENDSHIP
SBF, young 60s, w/good morals, caring, nice-looking, 5'3", 156lbs, N/S, N/D, N/Drugs, clean, honest living, partly retired, enjoys art, card playing, casinos, and movies. Seeking honest man 50-60, race open. ☎134425

GOOD TIMES
Hard-working, honest, respectful, ambitious, attractive, SBF, 38, educated, d/d-free. In search of SBM, with same qualities, for friendship and casual fun. ☎159358

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

FRIENDS FIRST
SBF, 37, 5'6", black/brown, easygoing, Aries, N/S, enjoys bike riding, long walks, travel, and cooking. Seeking WM, 30-50, N/S, for fun. ☎933970

WHERE ARE YOU?
Very attractive, sexy SBPF, 35, 5'2", medium build, enjoys dining out, jazz, plays. ISO SBM, 40-52, commitment-minded and sincere, for LTR. ☎950732

AWAITING YOUR CALL
SBF, 47, 200lbs, mother, self-employed, neat, sociable, happy, enjoys reading, dancing. Looking for a nice man to share nice times and special moments. ☎157109

ONE GOOD WOMAN
BBW, SWF, attractive, compassionate, down-to-earth. Enjoys movies, comedies, long walks, romantic evenings and more. Seeking employed SM, 38-55, to do and share things together. Must like pets. ☎947175

TAKE ME GOLFING
Tidy SWF, 60, enjoys fine dining, traveling. Seeking golfer, best friend, confidante, 58-70, widower à plus. Honesty, trust, a must to make a relationship work. ☎976914

SEEKING SOMETHING NEW
Down to earth, attractive SBF, 36, N/S, 5' 7", professional, enjoys movies, dining out, shopping, traveling, seeks WM, 35-55, N/S, for friendship first, possibly more. ☎123659

MAYBE US?
SF, 42, blonde/blue, leggy, loves all types of music, dancing, movies, nature road trips, dining and simple fun. ISO easygoing, loving guy to share talks, good times, friendship and more. ☎132593

DO YOU LIKE CHOCOLATE?
SBF, 54, 5'9", N/S, with great personality, likes walking holding hands, playing intellectual board games and Jazz music. Seeks SM, 50+, with similar interests, for companionship, romance, possible ltr. ☎155558

LOOKING FOR ME ?
Affectionate, sincere SWF, 63, 5'2", dark hair and eyes, employed part-time, enjoys travel, movies, dining out, more. ISO tall, active, open-minded, lovable man to share a little fun, possibly romance. ☎959193

FORMER MODEL
SWF, 50, 5'6", slender, intelligence, creativity, passion for music and dancing. Seeks partner 38-50, who is attractive and fit, to share this interests and more. ☎600106

LOOKING FOR YOU
Attractive SWF, Catholic, 59, N/S, 5'6", good shape, seeks WM, 53-70, N/S, who enjoys golf, movies, theater, dining, long walks, church, and much more. ☎124235

SOULMATE SEARCH
Slim, attractive, 57-yr-old JF looking for her soulmate, any sincere, successful JM, between the ages of 54-64, please respond. ☎589875

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SBF, 56, BBW, loves jazz, concerts, movies, travel, walks, great conversation. Seeking commitment-minded, mature, loving man with similar interests for possible LTR. ☎140023

SEEKING SPECIAL GENT
DWF, 63, attractive, well-dressed, sincere, loving, optimistic, likes, theater, travel, dining, fitness Wishing to meet a non-smoking WM, 58-70, for possible romance. ☎630808

LET'S TALK
SWF, 5'5", 125lbs, financially stable. I enjoy concerts, walks, dancing, etc. Seeking an honest SBM, financially stable, 40-55, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎924511

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

LOOKING 4 GENTLEMAN
Attractive, professional, educated WF, 55, 5'2", slim, N/S. Interest include movies, concerts, comedy clubs, jazz, dancing, dining out, family ties. Seeking WM, 48-55, HWP, for lasting, loving LTR. ☎973365

POSSIBLE LTR
SWPF, 57, 5'7", attractive, slender, athletic, Scorpio, N/S, enjoys sports, concerts, dining out, seeks WPM, 55-61, N/S, educated, healthy, humorous, possible LTR. ☎993381

MADE TO ORDER
SWF, 52, attractive, Pisces, N/S, nice, educated, secure, fun, enjoys sporting events, movies, camping, travel, theater, seeks WM, 45-56, N/S, possible romance. ☎993487

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

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Beautiful, shapely SBF, 34, 5'4", likes reading, long walks, working out, movies, plays, concerts, spontaneous trips, traveling, seeks patient, understanding BM, 34-46, N/S, with similar interests. ☎123905

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Easygoing SWF, 57, CNA, N/S, N/D, enjoys talks, togetherness, day trips, soft rock. ISO loving Christian man, N/S, N/D, w/children ok, to share talks, dates, simple times, then who knows? ☎126925

COULD YOU BE THE ONE?
Loving, youthful SBF, 57, trim, shapely, very attractive, energetic, happy, enjoys dining, travel, amusement parks, the outdoors, festivals, nature, family-friends, theater, more. Seeking like-minded gentleman to share these. ☎121526

FRIENDS FIRST
WIWF, 68, 5'6", 145lbs, healthy, honest, happy, likes comedy films, country cooking. Looking for outdoorsy, active man affectionate and warm-hearted, to share the good things in life. ☎139719

HI EVERYONE
SF, 18, seeks nice, easygoing guy who knows how to have fun, and knows how to treat a lady. Friendhsip first. ☎142588

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

GREAT CATCH
Attractive, youthful widow, 68, 5'3", 135lbs, brunette/brown, shapely, N/S seeks WM, 55-70, prefers N/S, in Livingston county or Oakland county areas for LTR, w/variety of interests. Seeks relationship/companionship and more. ☎111193

SEEKING A LADY?
SBF, 56, 5'4", 110lbs, slim build, Sagittarius, smoker, honest, sincere, retired, enjoys movies, concerts, travel, park walks, seeks man, 45-70, similar, for friendship, possible romance. ☎118410

ALL OF ME
SWF, 50, 5'10", big beautiful woman, 300+ pounds, easygoing, N/S, light drinker, enjoys nights out or in. ISO loving, happy, commitment-minded man to share a happy, lasting, loving relationship. ☎956929

GREAT TIMES AHEAD
SWF, 66, 5'6", 130lbs, great SOH, N/S, enjoys life, dining, dancing, music, rent movies, quiet times. Seeking SW/HM, 67-75, N/S, sincere and humorous. ☎901378

BBW SEEKING COMPANION
SBF, 27, 5'5", BBW, N/D, N/S, enjoys movies, concerts, plays. Seeking SM 27-50, with similar interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎153342

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HUGGABLE TEDDY BEAR
SWM, 6', medium built, independent, N/S, seeks SF, 22-50, N/S, slim-average built, d/d-free, must be trust-worthy, honest and mature, for companionship, romance and more. ☎148763

FRIENDSHIP AND FUN
SM, 45, 5'2", brown/blue, employed, looking for a nice, understanding, caring lady with good personality and easy temperament to share friendhsip, happiness, possible LTR. ☎159893

COULD IT BE YOU?
DWM, 37, 6', 230lbs, N/S, N/D, with old-fashioned values, hard-working, with varied interests, love the outdoors. ISO SF, 18-45, commitment-minded, caring, sweet and sociable. ☎160056

HELLO OUT THERE
Sociable, fun SM, 41, 5'10", 170lbs, fit and active, health-conscious, handsome and fun-loving, enjoys long drive, quiet nights, movies, dining. Seeking compatible lady to share the good times in life. ☎160561

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER
SBM, 6', 220lbs, physically fit, retired, well-educated. I would like to meet a single female 52-62, who is understanding, loving and caring, for a LTR. ☎869189

ROMANTIC & ATTRACTIVE
DWM, 60, 5'11", 190lbs, seeks nice-looking lady to help share each others heart, and lifes daily adventures. ☎146279

A GOOD CATCH
SWM, 30, athletic, shaved/blue. Seeking SW/ HF, 21+, with good personality, kind-hearted, who likes dining out, cocktails and more. ☎154141

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN
Very hard-working BM, 29, likes relaxing at home. In search of SF, 24+, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎159072

MAN SEEKS WOMAN
Very Tall, SWPM, athletic, with nice blue eyes, my hobbies include playing sports, cooking, In search of intelligent, attractive, W/HF, 18+, N/S, who's easy to get along with. ☎158480

HI LADIES
Sweet, genuine SBM, 38, 6', 320lbs , good-looking, warm smile, enjoys writing, reading, drawing, music and much more. Seeking real, fun, open-minded lady to share the good times. ☎152105

IS SHE OUT THERE?
SM, 41, 5'11", 175lbs, enjoys all types of music, simple fun, good talks, good company. Seeking outgoing, fun-loving, affectionate lady light-hearted and optimistic, to share lifes little adventures. Possible LTR. ☎157219

TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME
40yr. old, handsome BM, take good care of myself, I work and go to school, seeking H/BF, 28-36, who is not into playing mind games. Is it you? ☎159484

NEW TO AREA
SWM, 36, 6'5", athletic build, dark blond/blue, enjoys sports, outdoors, music, movies, cooking and more. Seeking creative, fun lady with an open mind and heart to share friendship and fun. ☎140690

SHARE GOOD TIMES
SBM, 27, 6', 173lbs, N/D, N/kids, slim build, brown complexion, glasses, likes movies, long walks, Jesus, cooking, music, bowling, mexican food, shyness, seeks SB/HF, 25-28, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎980453

WORTH IT
Sweet, real SBM, 49, fit, 6'3", 245lbs active simple and honest likes jogging, playing basketball, R&B, cooking, home life. Seeking good-hearted, compassionate woman beautiful inside/out, to share a little happiness. ☎154783

LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN
SBM, 35, 6'2", N/S, independent, enjoys bowing and comedy shows. Seeks SBF, 26-36, for dinner dates, recreational activities on the weekends, good conversation and much more. ☎155319

KING LOOKING FOR QUEEN
SBM, 30, 5'7", long dread-locks, well-groomed, masculine build. Seeking a SF, 21+, mature, for dinner dates, outdoor activities, conversation, or watching a good movie. ☎158454

LET'S TAKE A RIDE
Very tall SBM, medium build, independent, likes riding motorcycles, shopping and being outdoors. Seeking SF, 18+, easy-going, respectful and is not afraid to take a ride. ☎157364

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SWM, 29,. 5'8", average build, blonde/hazel, N/S, N/D, likes martial arts, music, In search of a special lady, who's honest, vivid, cheerful and loves living life. ☎158883

A GOOD MAN STILL EXISTS
WIWM, 68, retired, honest, independent, 5'8", 198lbs, enjoys golf, dining, home life, quiet times. Seeking like-minded lady, 55-68, for friendship/LTR. St. Heights. ☎115273

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBM, 44, 5'9", 150lbs, father, enjoys gourmet cooking, beach walks, sunshine, soft rock, much more. Seeking a loving, happy lady to share the special times in life. ☎151943

SHARP
Easygoing SBM, 39, enjoys movies, music, long drives, gourmet tea, live music, much more. Seeking spontaneous SWF, 37-50, for friendship good times, good talks and maybe more. ☎152047

GOT TIME?
SBM, 46, 6'3", average build, seeks down-to-earth, gentle, honest SF, 35-55, for dinner dates, good conversation, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎154257

TALL, MUSCULAR SWM
47, 6'2", 205lbs, athletic, part time personal trainer, brown/blue, degreed, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities, seeking friendly SF, age/location open. ☎531308

BIG THREE ENGINEER
Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish , family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, going to the gym, sport motorcycles. Seeking SF, 25-40, race open, H/W proportionate, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎822912

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎114846

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A SPECIAL GUY
DWM, 56, 5'10", handsome and secure, seeks honest S/DWF, w/sense of humor, who enjoys travel, candlelight dinners, plays, dancing, concerts, boating, and movies. Friendship, possible LTR. ☎269646

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

WORTH A CALL
SWM, 48, 6', 175lbs, N/S, homeowner, hard-working, easygoing, honest, secure, enjoys motorcycling, hunting, the outdoors. Seeking honest, secure, attractive slim/fit woman, 25-50, N/S, D/D-free. ☎956910

VANILLA SEEKING CHOCOLATE
Call me if you desire a nice shape, SWM, blue-eyed blonde, 50-year-old, 180lbs, desires SBF for friendship and definitely romance. ☎672855

VERY SOCIABLE
SBM, 42, 5'11", enjoys concerts, museums, plays and long walks. Seeking SWF, 25+, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎156861

THE BEGINNING
SWM, 54, 5'9", N/S, d/d-free, open-minded, seeks active SF, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎154318

READ THIS AD!
Handsome 5'10", BM, 23, seeks SB/ WF, who knows how to treat a good man and knows how to have fun, looking for friendship first, maybe more. ☎154423

KING LOOKING FOR QUEEN
SBM, 20s, 5'11", medium build, N/S, good sense of humor and personality. Seeks SBF, 18-24, for friendship, romance and more. ☎154524

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Attractive, kind, romantic SBM, 50, 5'9", 190lbs, level-headed, sincere, loving, respectful and God-fearing, seeks one down-to-earth, faithful lady. ☎154790

CALL ME
Cool, fun guy, 18, dark complexion, dark brown eyes, looking for cool, sweet chick to chill with and get to know. call me. ☎155548

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE
SWM, 26, enjoy road trips with friends, movies, sports, sightseeing, dinners out, drinks, good company, good talks, Looking for a nice lady to share these. ☎155622

TALL, DARK AND HANDSOME
SBM, 18, 5'11", wavy hair, tattoos, independent, Seeking honest, SF, for sharing of conversations, dates, fun and more. ☎156937

GOOD LOOKING..
SBM, 21, 5'8", 175lbs, masculine build, likes dancing, skating and music. Seeks SF, 19-28, N/S, out-going, honest, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎155283

ANYTHING'S POSSIBLE
SWM, 57, young-looking, in shape, affectionate, romantic, honest, enjoys cooking, romantic weekend always, sharing life. Seeking SF, 45-60 with similar qualities and desires. LTR. ☎158200

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

LET'S TALK
Laid-back SWM, 52, smoker, brown/brown, likes riding Harley's, the country, seeks open, honest WF, 35-54, for possible LTR. ☎124193

SERIOUS
SWM, 71, N/S, widowed, 5' 8", 150lbs, young at heart, enjoys outdoors, cooking, dining out, traveling, seeks slim, petite female, 62-70, N/S. ☎118483

LONELY & READY
SWM, 49, average build, Italian, heart of gold, Virgo, N/S, seeks WF, 45-55, with a nice build, ready for LTR. Serious replies only. Redford Area. ☎860305

SEARCHING FOR LADY LOVE
SM, 51, 5'11", 185lbs, enjoys the outdoors, boating, dining out, music, long walks, etc. Seeking honest, caring SF, who enjoys same activities, for companionship, friendship and romance. ☎146012

FRIEND AND CONFIDANT
SWM, 74, active, educated, financially-secure, seeking a nice woman. Join me for dining, dancing, and classical music. I'm a good listener, and would love to hear from you! ☎139382

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

THAT'S ALL
SWM, 66, tall, thin, Scorpio, N/S, seeks WF, 60-68, N/S, old-fashioned, slim, fit, humorous, possible romance. ☎116761

CUT TO THE CHASE
SBCM, 51, 6'3", 250lbs, N/S, enjoys plays, concerts, country drives. ISO SWF, for friendship and much, much more. Age open. ☎121414

LONELY ANN ARBOR MAN
Considerate, intelligent SBM, 51, tall, slim, dark complexion, Capricorn, looking for a sweet, loving woman respectful, faithful and ambitious, to share friendship, good times, possible romance and LTR. Race open. ☎122608

TAKE A CHANCE
SWM, 33, hard-worker, family-oriented, seeking SH/ WF, 24-44, for dinner dates, good conversation, walks in the park, or just hanging out watching a good movie. ☎152977

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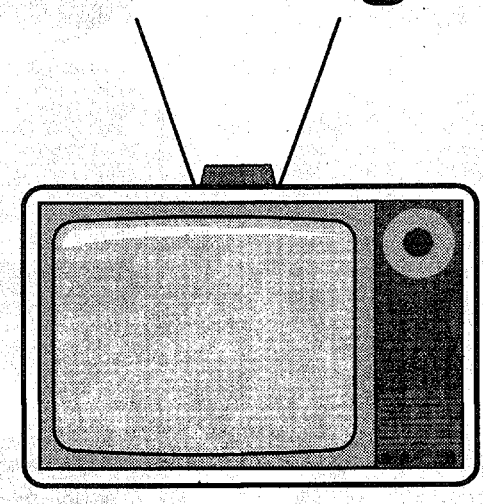

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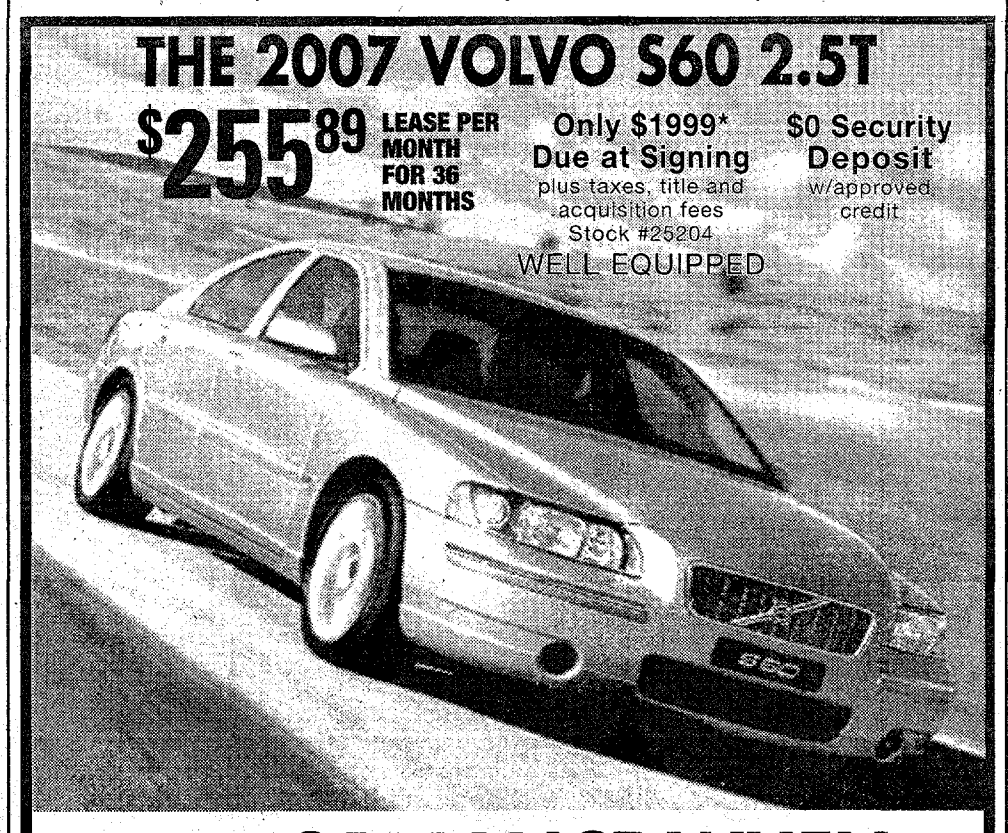

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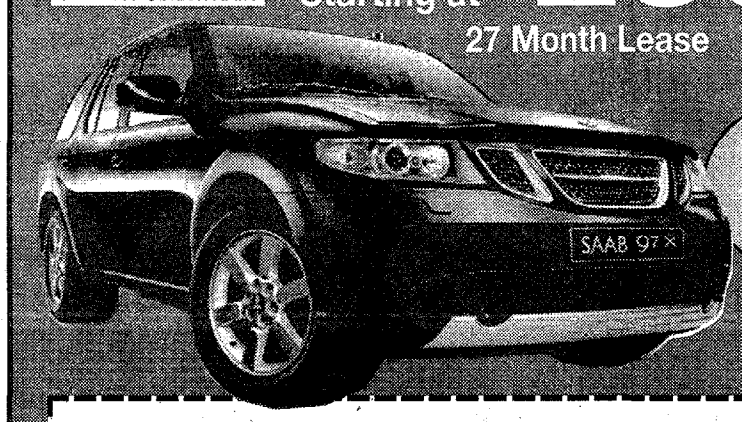

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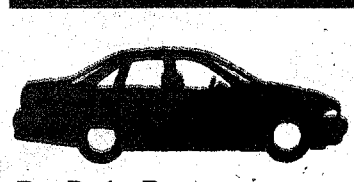

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A3 S-LINE

"The S-line's styling is anchored by the full Audi-grille treatment in the front and the lines that taper up and to the rear of the hatchback car."

It's all well and good how a vehicle performs in the routine of life or how it meets meaningless demands such as taking off like a dart from a stoplight. But for me, where the rubber really meets the road is whether what I'm driving comes through in times of stress – or even distress.

And on that score alone, the Audi A3 S-line hatchback has won my endorsement. The 3.2 Quattro version of the 2007 vehicle delivered me to and from my destination last weekend -- during Sunday's swirling prelude to Monday's metro-wide ice storm – with flying colors.

Sunday wasn't a promising day for travel around southeastern Michigan, but we had to make a five-hour round trip nonetheless. Heading westbound on Interstate 94 between Ann Arbor and Jackson, the reason for all the travel warnings that day became suddenly – and scarily – apparent. I began to notice a car here, a truck there pulled over dangerously to the side of the interstate. And then, in my rear-view mirror, an SUV about a quarter-mile behind me began spinning wildly, hurtling into the median and up a ridge therein, and almost into oncoming traffic before the driver could stop it.

But in our A3, we were unperturbed and kept steaming ahead. Three of the vehicle's features, in particular, gave me both confidence and performance that day.

First was the game-saving reliability of Quattro, the four-wheel-drive system that had helped Audi become a pioneer in four-wheel-drive in the U.S. market and that still gives Audi vehicles a huge advantage in the sedan marketplace. Despite the icy treachery beneath the vehicle, I never for a moment felt anything other than a sense of complete control over the A3 and a firm belief that the car could respond 100% to my direction, even on some slick surfaces.

Our second advantage that day was the fact that I was driving the 3.2-liter version of the A3 S-line rather than the 2.0-liter turbocharged version. The 3.2 is the flagship of the S-line lineup, sporting 250 horsepower compared with the 200 horsepower provided by the 2.0 turbocharged. Both versions offer Audi's excellent, twin-clutch Direct Shift Gearbox automated-manual transmission. But the most germane aspect of the 3.2 here was the simple fact that it weighs a few hundred pounds more than its 2.0 counterpart, giving the A3 I was driving some substantial ballast for a relatively small car.

The third trip-saving feature evident on the A3 on Sunday was a windshield-clearing system that automatically provides the right frequency of wiping to match precipitation levels on the window. On a day in which not only the volume of precipitation falling from the sky but also its form – snow, sleet and rain – varied wildly, the automatic wipers not only provided the right visual environment for me but also saved me from having to make dozens and dozens of manual adjustments myself.

It was no surprise, then, to find out that the A3 was named a Top Safety Pick by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

But the husky-like reliability of the A3 S-line isn't all the car has going for it, of course. Styling-wise, the A3 provides an interesting interpretation of the usual marks of Audi styling, including a long front grill and oversized tires. The A3's upswept design, as you proceed from the front of the car to the rear, makes it look fast on the outside and feel cozy on the inside.

And of course, at prices topping out around $40,000, the A3 offers plenty of other amenities, including rear side-impact bags, a navigation system, Bluetooth wireless connectivity, high-intensity discharge headlights, satellite radio and a Cold Weather Package featuring heated seats, heated washers and heated mirrors. Another favorite feature of mine is the rear sunroof, which provides a great antidote to the cooped-up feeling that you can get in the back of this vehicle because of the high window lines.

That brings me to the only other significant drawback about this car: It's still pretty small, and a hatchback to boot, so don't count on doing a lot of cargo hauling with the A3 S-line. Even in the front seat, both the driver and passenger seats feel just the slightest bit small.

But if you're looking for a vehicle that cuts through the cold reliably, responds elegantly to your driver's will, and looks good doing so, A3 S-line should be on your list.

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How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2006 model? In the instance of the Buick LaCrosse, financing $21,960 plus tax vs. $9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be $392 monthly for 60 months, but only $269 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2006, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional $1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

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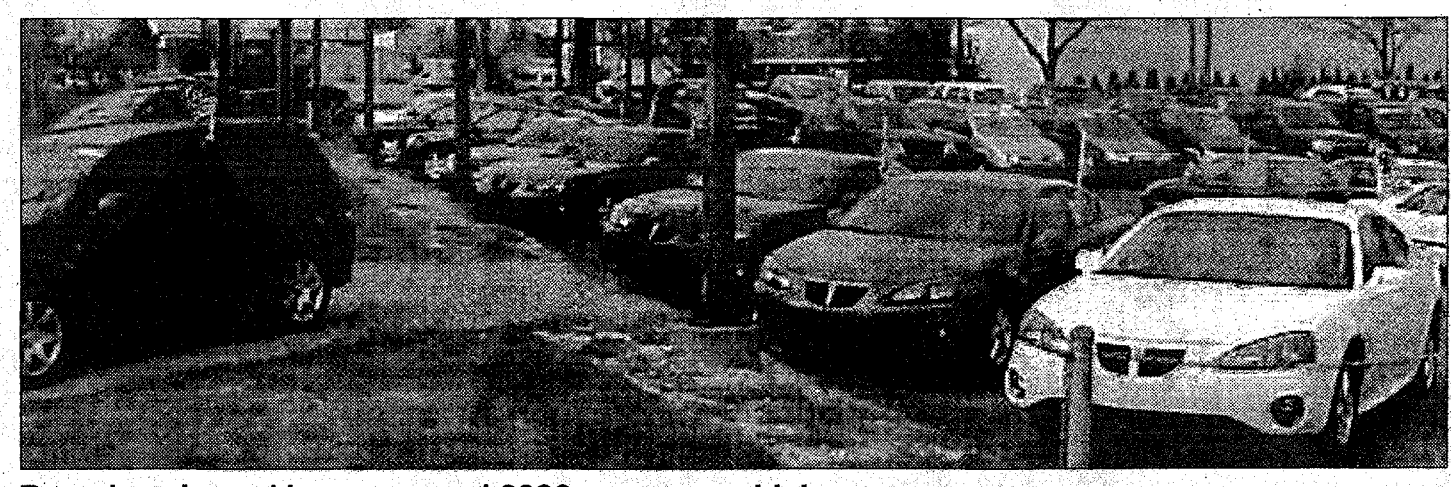


Bargains abound in pre-owned 2006 program vehicles

The purpose of 0% financing is to clear out the remaining new 2006's. In another week or two, these vehicles will all be gone, along with the incentives. In the meantime, the 2006 program vehicles are truly today's "sleeping" bargain... But they'll soon disappear as smart shoppers begin to "wake up" and recognize the real deals.

John Rogin Buick is located at 30500 Plymouth Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman in Livonia. Their used car superstore may be contacted directly at (734) 525-0900 Monday-Friday during normal business hours.

A *Beautiful* Buick

The 2001-2006 Buicks were the highest ranked Premium Midsize Car in J.D. Powers and Associates Initial Quality Study. This study was based on a total of over 64,900 consumer responses indicating owner reported problems during the first 90 days of ownership. Of those surveyed, Buick owners reported the fewest problems - An outstanding mark of excellence for superb workmanship and a prelude to the satisfaction yet to be experienced during the coming years.

Equipped with a powerful 175-horsepower V-6 boasting 20 mpg city and 29 mpg highway fuel economy, the Buick LaCrosse will capture your heart from the moment you slip behind the wheel. There won't be any need for a salesperson to explain how to operate "all the buttons," because this LaCrosse will greet you like an old friend, or a comfortable pair of slippers. The cabin is exceedingly driver friendly, with all controls neatly laid out before you like an elegant table setting. And everything just seems to "fit."

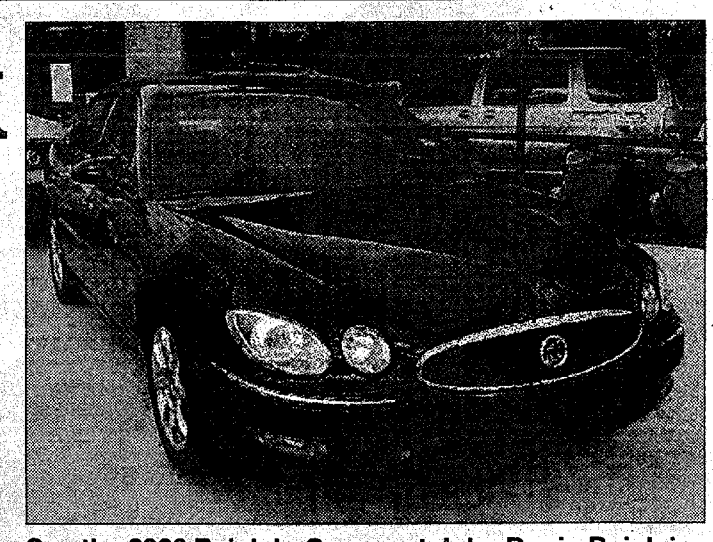
The Buick LaCrosse still retains all the traditional value you've come to expect from Buick. From its luxurious well-appointed interior to the clean, flowing exterior design, LaCrosse makes a stylish impression.

The standard features provide evidence that the Buick still remains just one step down from the Cadillac in GM's lineup. Dual (driver and passenger side) heat and air conditioning controls, six-position tilt steering wheel, cruise control, power windows, locks, and seats, remote key fobs operating doors and trunk, rear window defroster, plus a stereo system that will blow you away.

Children aren't forgotten with the rear seat upper and lower latch system for compatible child safety seats and rear door child security locks.

Four-wheel independent suspension provides for solid handling and the ride of a magic carpet.

Best of all, the new LaCrosse requires just a little more maintenance than a rock garden. 100,000 miles between spark plug changes. 100,000 mile transmission service intervals under normal driving conditions. Wow.



See the 2006 Buick LaCrosse at John Rogin Buick in Livonia.

It's no wonder that John Rogin Buick-Livonia considers the pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse to be the most car they've ever been able to offer for the money. And for the past several weeks, they've silently amassed hundreds of these wonderful units from throughout the country and brought them to Livonia. Best of all, today you can purchase a pre-owned 2006 LaCrosse from John Rogin for nearly half its original value of $24,000 list price new. While they last.

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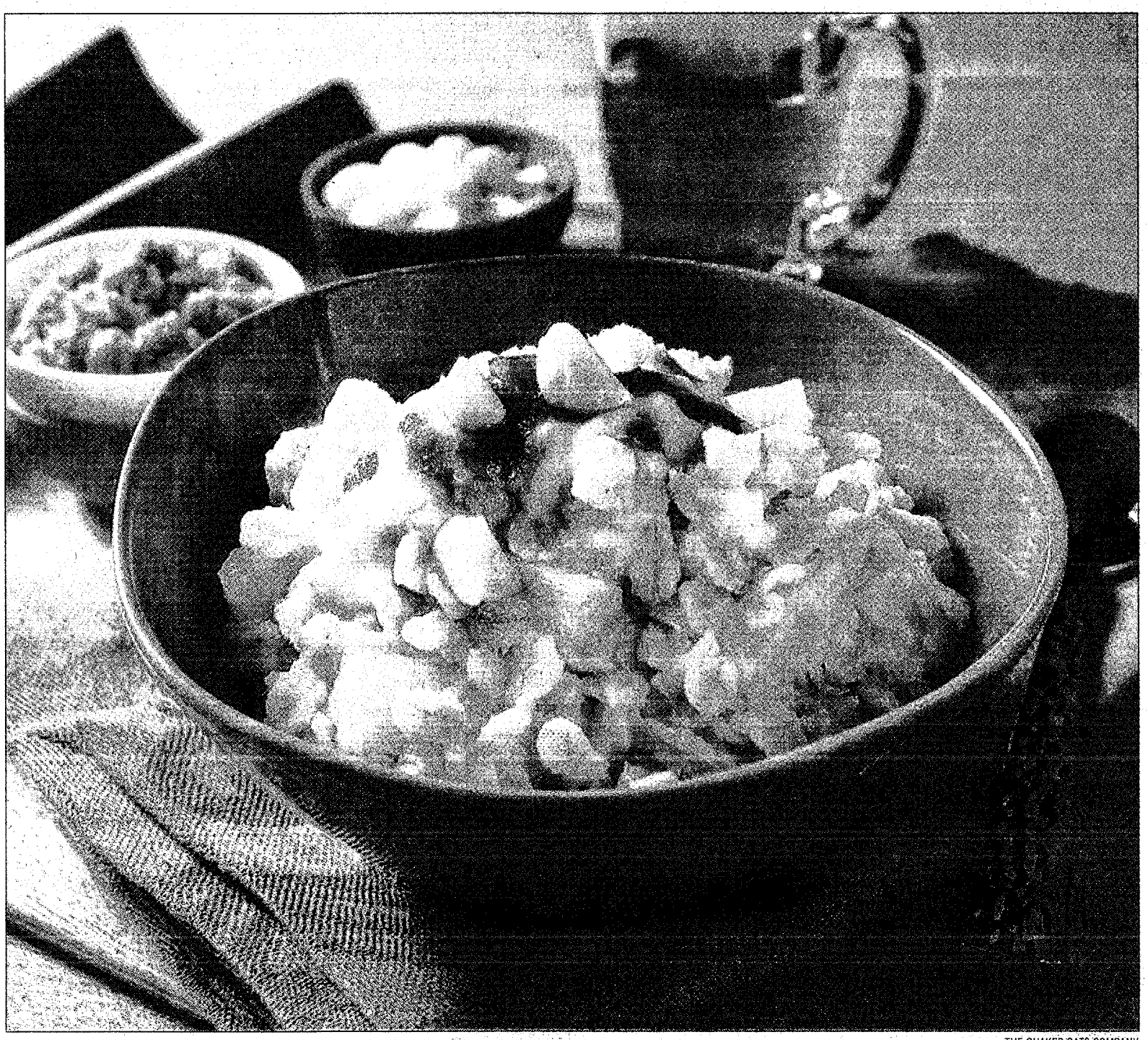


THE QUAKER OATS COMPANY

Pineapple Macadamia Oatmeal, with its combination of pineapple, ginger and chopped macadamia nuts, turns a simple bowl of oatmeal into a sumptuous treat.

Make your day

Get a good start with a healthy breakfast

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Breakfast is called the most important meal of the day.

But when it comes to actions instead of words, breakfast is often treated as though it doesn't matter.

If you've been meaning to take action about eating a healthy breakfast, well, it's a new year. And here's some extra motivation: January is Oatmeal Month.

More about oatmeal later. First: How important *is* breakfast?

"It's an essential meal .... It gets your metabolism revved up," said registered dietitian Gail Posner, nutrition counselor, owner and president of Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling of West Bloomfield.

"Study after study shows that eating breakfast helps you stay focused and not lose attention during work or school."

"It's very important," said Terry Godfroid-Marecki, who was a cardiac registered dietitian at the University of Michigan Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati Hospitals, and is now a member of the Livonia City Council.

If you're eating the right way, you aren't snacking after dinner, she said.

"You've been without food for all that time (while you sleep)."

People who regularly eat breakfast are more likely to maintain a healthy weight. And breakfast is a chance for you to get nutrients you might miss out on during the day.

"If you eat breakfast and get hungry you're not eating the right breakfast," Posner said.

A healthy breakfast should consist of protein – such as an egg, meat or yogurt – and fiber – such as toast, fruit or cereal. Protein and fiber will keep you satisfied until lunch.

Some other components are complex carbohydrates and healthy fat. Low-fat yogurt, nuts, whole-grain pancakes, and pancakes with peanut butter are healthy examples.

Avoid sugary cereals, syrups, pastry and white breads. They're digested quickly, and you'll soon be hungry and tired.

"I think the big thing is to balance it out," Godfroid-Marecki said.

"Have a protein, have a fruit, have a carbohydrate ... Every meal should be balanced so you have that satiety."

Satiety is the feeling of fullness you get at the end of a meal. The more satiety you feel, the less

PLEASE SEE **BREAKFAST, D3**

PINEAPPLE MACADAMIA OATMEAL

Preparation time: 7 minutes
Cooking time: 7 to 11 minutes
Standing time: 1 minute
Makes five (1-cup) servings.

1 can (20 ounces) pineapple tidbits in 100 percent pineapple juice
Water
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups Quaker Oats (quick or old-fashioned, uncooked)
2 containers (6 ounces each) vanilla fat-free yogurt (If artificially sweetened yogurt is used, reduce brown sugar to 1/4 cup.)
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup coarsely chopped macadamia nuts or almonds

Drain pineapple tidbits, reserving juice. Set fruit aside. Add enough water to juice to equal 3-1/4 cups. In medium saucepan, bring combined juice and water and salt to a boil. Stir in oats. Return to a boil; reduce heat to medium. Cook 1 minute for quick oats, 5 minutes for old-fashioned oats or until most of liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally. Stir in reserved pineapple. Let stand covered until desired consistency.

Spoon yogurt into small bowl. Add ginger; mix well.

Spoon oatmeal into five cereal bowls. Top each serving with brown sugar, nuts and yogurt, dividing evenly.

Microwave directions: In 3-quart microwaveable bowl, combine pineapple juice and enough water to equal 3-1/4 cups, oats and salt. Microwave on high 3 to 6 minutes for quick oats and 8 to 10 minutes for old-fashioned oats or until most of liquid is absorbed. Stir in reserved pineapple. Let stand covered until desired consistency. Spoon oatmeal into five cereal bowls. Top each serving with brown sugar, nuts and yogurt, dividing evenly.

Nutrition information (1/5 of recipe made with fat-free yogurt sweetened with sugar): calories 340, calories from fat 70, total fat 7g, saturated fat 1g, trans fat 0g, cholesterol 0mg, sodium 130mg, total carbohydrates 65g, sugars 40g, dietary fiber 5g, protein 8g.

Recipe from the Quaker Oats Company.

Use your PDA or smartphone in fight against fat

Like many people, I packed on a few extra pounds over the holidays. And like many people, I'm now trying to burn them off.

Luckily, I have a secret weapon that's making the job easier: CalorieKing Handheld Diet Diary, a program that runs on Palm OS PDAs (like the Tungsten E) and smartphones (like the Treo).

As you probably know, the only proven way to lose weight is to burn more calories than you consume.

Handheld Diet Diary (calorieking.com) helps you do the math, tracking your caloric intake by logging the foods you eat and calculating the calories you burn through exercise.

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Yep, it's a fancy calorie-counter. But it's a really good one, and I've found it has numerous advantages over traditional calorie-counting methods.

For starters, because it lives on your PDA or smartphone, it goes where you go. There's nothing extra to carry or remember. Whenever you eat something or exercise, just pull out your device and log it.

The program includes a database of more than 50,000 foods, including thousands of items from popular restaurants, so it's relatively easy to log everything you eat.

What's more, CalorieKing releases an updated food database every week, though you have to download and install it yourself.

Finally, the program keeps a running tally of your allotted calories for the day (based on a profile you create), meaning you can instantly determine the impact of what you've eaten or plan to eat.

PLEASE SEE **BROIDA, D2**

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN & PURTAN'S PEOPLE

Read those labels carefully!

Every year we team up with Bob Dorigo Jones from an organization called the Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch.

This isn't some vain attempt on our part to live out some sort of *Law & Order* fantasy. As with most things we try on our little WOMC morning radio show, the end result is supposed to be humorous.

Dick Purtan

The purpose of our entanglement with the above mentioned group is to decide the winner of the 2006 edition of the Wacky Warning Label Contest.

Bob and his gang at Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch cull through the many entries they receive and present us with five of the wackiest finalists. We ask our listeners to vote on the winners.

In case you missed the intense on-air campaign I will recall the finalists in reverse order:

In fifth place was a timely warning from the annals of the BellSouth Yellow Pages: **Please do not use this directory while operating a moving vehicle.** We have always preferred using a booster seat, but the advice is well taken.

Coming in at number four was a paper lottery ticket from (where else?) California.

Our friends on the left coast leave no variable unturned when they provide the following warning: **Do not iron.** I hope they provided the same advice in Spanish.

Our third wackiest warning is a true sign of the times. The folks at Motorola recognize that we not only multi-task but we mix out technologies, as well.

Hence the label on one of their cell phones that cautions: **Don't try to dry your phone in a microwave oven.** How unnecessary. Everyone knows you should throw it in the dryer. On delicate.

At number two, and trying harder, was this from a Sea Doo personal watercraft: **Never use a lit match or open flame to check fuel levels.**

Clearly, these folks have never watched an old Road Runner cartoon. I can remember quite clearly Wile E. Coyote doing that very same thing to his rocket or motorcycle or something. Sure, he got a little singed, but he turned out all right.

And finally, our (drum roll) wackiest warning label of 2006 is from a washing machine at a public Laundromat: **DO NOT put any person in this washer.** Duh! Washing machines are for cleaning pets, not people.

This process proves that truth is always stranger than fiction. Try as we might we would never be able to come up with warnings as wacky or un-common sensible as these.

To think that teams of lawyers spent tons of billable hours poring over every potential litigious possibility to prevent stupid people from hurting themselves.

Makes you wonder why, doesn't it?

You can hear **Dick Purtan** from 5-10 every morning on the Motor City's 104.3 WOMC. Read label carefully before listening.

Super snack

Popcorn goes from game day to gourmet

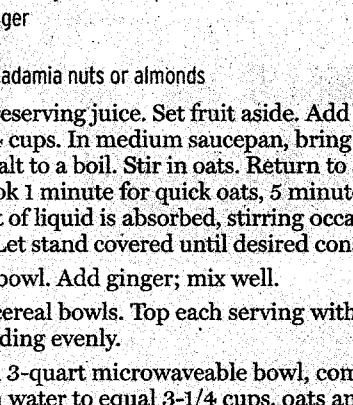
BY WENSDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing like a big bucket of popcorn at the theater, but these days, popcorn isn't just for the movies. This healthy whole grain is high in fiber and low in fat and calories.

Because it can assume flavors ranging from savory to sweet, it's great for cooking and baking, and can be used to top soups and chili, or bread fish and chicken. At fancy restaurants, well-known chefs are serving popcorn seasoned with exotic herbs and spices.

Upscale popcorn shops are popping up across

PLEASE SEE **POPCORN, D3**



THE POPCORN BOARD

Try this super snack (caramel almond popcorn clusters) for your Super Bowl party.

Act fast to get stains out of carpet

I was thinking about what might be a good wintertime subject after the holidays.

In the past I have written about subjects from snow removal to energy savings, and several other winterish topics.

This year, I'll take a little different twist.

The holidays, with the many gatherings, often abuse the flooring, and it's carpeting that seems to get the worst of it.

If something spills on a carpet, it's important to take action quickly. Most modern carpets have been treated to be stain-resistant. This doesn't mean stain-proof.

Many spills can be removed if immediate action is taken. A delay increases the likelihood that spill will become a permanent stain.

Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Blot liquids with a dry, absorbent cloth or white paper towels. Scrubbing can work the stain further into the carpet and cause the pile to become distorted.

Continue to use a cloth or paper towels until the area is dry. Any remaining stain may be removed with an over-the-counter carpet cleaner or spot remover.

Before using any spot removal agent, test it in an inconspicuous area. Some spot removers will damage the fiber or the dye of certain carpets.

If the cleaner seems to be safe for your carpet, apply a small amount of the spot remover to a white cloth, and gently work it into the stain.

Work from the edges of the stain toward the center. This helps to prevent the stain from spreading.

Repeat if necessary. Complete removal of the stain may require repeating several times.

Here are several common difficult stains and ways to remove them:

BALL-POINT PEN INK

Rubbing alcohol (90 percent isopropyl) can be used by applying with a cloth or towel. Don't pour rubbing alcohol directly onto the carpet, as this can spread the stain.

Some inks can be lifted by using hair spray. If necessary, try commercial products.

FINGERNAIL POLISH

Apply a small amount of non-acetone fingernail polish remover to a white cloth, and work from the edges of the spill to the center to prevent spreading. Don't rub.

Allow to remain on the spill a few minutes and blot the area several times.

Rinse the cleaning solutions from the carpet fiber with lukewarm water.

Make sure to test the remover solution in an inconspicuous area.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE STAINS

Some foods and beverages contain dyes that are difficult to remove. Consult the Internet (a suggested site is the Carpet and Rug Institute: http://www.carpet-rug.org/drill_down_2.cfm?page=5&sub=1) for the specific food product.

If removal doesn't appear to be possible, call a carpet cleaning professional for advice.

BURNS

Burn damage can only be repaired by a professional reweaving or retufting the damaged area.

You may be able to improve the appearance of the charred area by carefully clipping off blackened ends of tufts using small, sharp scissors.

The spills and stains that get on carpets can be as diverse as the types of carpets available.

The Internet also provides many excellent sources of finding ways to remove the many stains that can happen to carpet. A recommended site is from the Carpet and Rug Institute at http://www.carpet-rug.org/.

Act fast, act sensibly, and with today's carpeting you should be able to get most stains out of the carpet before they set.

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

HOME CALENDAR

Dog show
The Michigan Midwinter Classic Dog Show will take place Friday-Sunday, Jan. 19-21, at the Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River, one mile west of Novi Road in Novi.
Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Admission is $10, $7 for seniors (over 65) and ages 6-12, $25 for family day passes. Download a discount coupon at www.ukcdogs.com/DEMetroClassic.htm. Parking is $5.
Spectators may meet the dogs and ask owners about characteristics and care of the different breeds. Don't bring dogs or pets; dogs not participating won't be allowed into the event area.
The show will feature dog and owner teams from across the country, representing many popular and rare breeds. The Novi-based Rock-N-Roll K-9s team will perform high-energy relay and obstacle competitions.
The show is licensed by the United Kennel Club. For information about UKC registration and events, call (269) 343-9020 or visit www.ukcdogs.com.

Celebrate Michigan
All Art Van Furniture stores will have a Celebrate Michigan Open House noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20. Visit artvan.com for more information.
Stop by to view Copper Harbor, the new Michigan-inspired furniture collection. Sample products from Michigan (Better Made, Sanders and Faygo), enjoy children's activities and learn facts about our state.
Get gardening tips from Nancy Szerlag noon to 1 p.m. in Novi and 3-4 p.m. in Westland. Szerlag will also autograph copies of her books, *Perennials for Michigan* and *Annuals for Michigan*.
Colleen Burcar will sign her book, *Michigan Curiosities, 2nd: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff*, 1 p.m. Saturday in Royal Oak and 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, in Shelby Township.
Miss Better Made will make personal appearances in Warren and Clinton Township.
Now to Wednesday, Jan. 24, register to win a Cedar River getaway at Shanty Creek.

Sample sale
Michigan Design Center in Troy will have a Sample Sale 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27.
MDC is at 1700 Stutz Drive, north off Maple between Coolidge and Crooks. MDC is usually open only to interior designers and their clients. This is one of the two times a year its doors are open to the public.
Shoppers will find savings of 60 to 70 percent and more on the finest names in home furnishings. Most items aren't anywhere else in Michigan.
Admission is $7, with a portion of the proceeds to benefit COTS (the Coalition on Temporary Shelter).
For more information, call (248) 649-4772 or visit michigandesign.com.

Advanced curtain
Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.
Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com.
In Advanced Curtain (5:45-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 25 to Feb. 15; cost is $80), learn how to make pleated draperies.
The first session will be a discussion of style, fabric choices and supplies. You'll make a custom window treatment for your home in the next three sessions.

Toy show
The Toy Show will take place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 E. 11 Mile, between Woodward and I-75 in Royal Oak.
Admission is $5, free for under age 12.
The event will showcase 65 dealers who specialize in antique and contemporary items, including dolls, action figures, games, Hot Wheels, sports collectibles and cartoon character sculptures.
For dealer information, call (248) 646-1047.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

Use stucco to transform cinderblock wall

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Q: Is stucco a good option for making over a cinderblock retaining wall?

A: Yes. Unpainted cinderblock is very porous, so the stucco will stick like glue and transform that simple wall into something beautiful. You may also want to try using manmade stone.

You can hire someone to do it for you or you can do it yourself. The process is simple.

First, nail on chicken wire with a spacer nail so that the wire is about 1/4-inch away from the block.

Next, prepare mortar mix according to the instructions on the bag and trowel it onto small areas of the wall of about 2 to 3 square feet.

Immediately push the stones into the wet mortar fitting them as close together as possible; allow to dry overnight.

After the mortar and stones are fully set, use more mortar to grout around the stones, removing excess grout immediately with a wet cloth.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Arrangements, birds
English Gardens hosts free gardening seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays this month at all six locations, including stores in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.
Arranging Fresh Flowers will be the topic Jan. 20. English Gardens floral designers will show how to arrange fresh flowers with a step-by-step demonstration that features inspiration and design basics, and an overview of seasonal products available to decorate the home.
Attracting Birds to Your Yard will be the topic Jan. 27. Tips on plant materials and other elements necessary to create a back yard that birds call home will be featured.

Michigan Orchid Society
The Michigan Orchid Society will meet 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits, north of Maple between Southfield Road and Woodward in Birmingham.
Ron Ciesinski of Taylor Orchids in Monroe will give a demonstration on the care and culture of several different types of orchids. This will include re-potting, fertilizing, temperature and light standards and insect control. Ciesinski will bring orchids to sell, and flowering orchids will be on display.
The public may attend. Admission is free.
The Michigan Orchid Society meets every third Sunday of the month at First Baptist Church of Birmingham.

Design
The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels.
Register early. Class size is limited. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.
The schedule includes: Effective Hand-drawn Design, four Wednesdays beginning 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 24 or four Thursdays beginning 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 25, at Michigan School of Gardening in Livonia, 29429 Six Mile (cost is $168); Focus on Design, four Thursdays beginning 6:30-9:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at the Adams High School media center ($137; register through Rochester Community Schools, (248) 726-3165); and Landscape Design, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 1 to March 15, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor ($232).

Treekeeper training
A Treekeeper Training Program for volunteers in southeast Oakland County will begin 6:45-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Birmingham Department of Public Services, 851 S. Eton.
Cost is $15 for three classes.
Community volunteers will learn about tree planting, mulching, native trees and soil health.
To register, call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.
The program is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, and funded through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Country garden, annuals
Gardening classes at The Community House in Birmingham include Designing a Country Garden and Alluring Annuals.
The country garden class will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25. Cost is $29, plus $5 materials fee payable to instructor.
The annuals class will take place 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31. Cost is $29, plus $5 materials fee payable to instructor.
In the country garden class, learn how to create a big country feeling in your garden regardless of its size, and how to echo nature, budget and incorporate yard art and statuary to give your country garden a personal touch.
In the annuals class, learn how to make the most of your container gardens, and give that needed "wow" to your perennial garden throughout the changing seasons with colorful annuals.
To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates.
Both classes will be taught by certified master gardener Michael Saint, who owns Good Earth Landscape Institute of Clarkston. He is a member of the Michigan Wildflower association and the National Wildlife Association. His gardens have been certified as wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Association.

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Handheld Diet Diary's interface is relatively easy to navigate, though I encountered an occasional problem with the search tool.

Suppose I look up Cheerios. The results look like this:

Breakfast Cereals, Ready to Eat: Cheerios
Breakfast Cereals, Ready to Eat: Cheerios, Honey Nut
Breakfast Cereals, Ready to Eat: Cheerios, Multi Grain

The problem is, these listings are too wide for my handheld's screen, so all I see is "Breakfast Cereals, Ready to Eat: C." I can't tell which variety I've selected until I select it, and if I pick the wrong one, I have to go back and guess again.

Fortunately, by choosing a smaller font size, I was mostly able to work around this issue.

The bigger problem, for me at least, is eating out. Although the database contains lots of restaurants, it obviously can't cover everything.

If I get an order of chicken and broccoli from my favorite Chinese joint, how do I log that? I don't know what's in it or exactly how much I ate.

Of course, that's not really the program's fault. If I limit myself to quantifiable foods (those I buy at the store or from restaurants in the database), it's pretty easy to stay on track.

Sure, you might miscount 50 or 100 calories by day's end, but as long as you come close to your target, you'll lose weight.

I have proof: A couple of years back, my wife used a similar program, BalanceLog (now discontinued), to drop 30 pounds.

I'm not promising you'll have similar success, but I can tell you that Handheld Diet Diary is an even better program.

It's also a pretty good deal at $29.95. Once you get accustomed to using it, you'll find it almost addictive — but in a good way.

If you want something similar for your Windows Mobile-based PDA or smartphone, try Diet & Exercise Assistant (keyoe.com), which costs $24.95. It's also available for Palms.

For anyone who's serious about sticking with this year's weight-loss resolution, a program like this could be the tool that, ahem, tips the scales.

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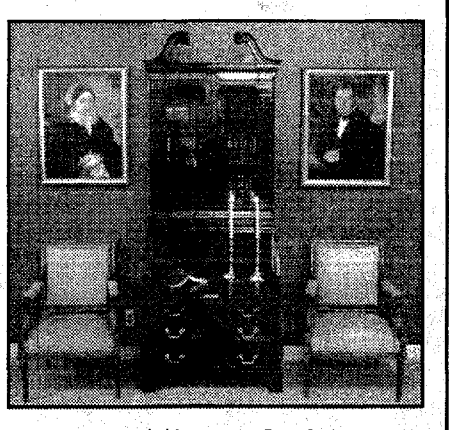

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POPCORN

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the country. Yet even as popcorn goes gourmet, it remains a nutritious snack for every day.

According to The Popcorn Board, popcorn is "a magical experience," and there's a kernel of truth to that. Making popcorn is a treat you can hear, smell, touch — and especially taste. So in honor of National Popcorn Day on Jan. 19, here's a look at some local pop culture:

DALE & THOMAS POPCORN

Popcorn lovers have been lining up outside of Dale & Thomas Popcorn in places like New York, Boston and Palm Beach for years.

When the company officially opened a shop in Royal Oak on Thursday, the scent of fresh popcorn drew a crowd in metro Detroit as well. Customers "popped" in for flavors ranging from Chocolate Chunk 'n' Caramel and Sweet Georgia Pecan to Southwest Cheddar-Chipotle and Sweet & Spicy BBQ.

Hailed as one of Oprah's "favorite things," Dale & Thomas popcorn is cooked up by the "world's first popcorn chef," Ed Doyle.

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Doyle is the face of the company, while Wikipedia lists former Detroit Pistons star Isiah Thomas as a partner.

In addition to its storefronts, Dale & Thomas has a catalog and Internet business. Shop for gift baskets filled with gourmet treats like licorice, dipped pretzels, buttered popcorn-flavored jellybeans, popcorn truffles and, of course, popcorn.

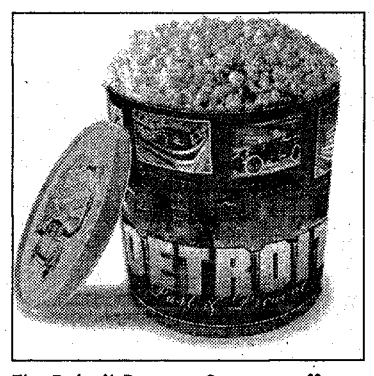
Orders are now being taken for the first-annual Ultimate Football Game Party Box, which includes eight bags of flavored popcorn and a pigskin-covered bowl for $38.

Dale & Thomas Popcorn is at 304 S. Main in Royal Oak. For more information, visit www.daleandthomaspopcorn.com.

DETROIT POPCORN COMPANY

Dale & Thomas are new kids on the block compared to Detroit Popcorn Company, which has been serving up the snack since 1923.

Known for gourmet gift tins filled with taste treats like Double-Coated Cheese Corn and Chocolate-Covered VIP Almond-Pecan Corn, the company also provides giant bags of popcorn for events at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena, and sells everything from commercial-grade popcorn machines to kernels and oil.



The Detroit Popcorn Company offers tins for your popcorn lover.

Sales are brisk during the holiday season and for football parties, according to David Farber, who bought the company 18 months ago from its ailing owner.

"Everybody loves popcorn," Farber said. "It's a nice, healthy treat."

Farber said he is trying "to turn business around" by offering creative new products such as the Historical Detroit Popcorn Tin ($27.95 and up), which features photos of local landmarks and is stuffed with any combination of popcorn treats.

Farber also is promoting his party rental business, including popcorn machines that add a professional pop to parties.

"One of the big selling factors in our machines is that we put fans in them that blow the scent around the venue," Farber said. "The more you smell it, the more you want it."

Detroit Popcorn Company also specializes in "popcorn education," so we asked Farber for a couple of trade secrets. He said to cook popcorn with coconut oil, and use a deep kettle.

"If it's not deep enough, the popcorn won't be fully expanded. It will have a harder, chewy consistency," Farber said.

"A deeper kettle lets it expand to 50 times its size. It's softer, more flavorful, and you'll get less grannies, which are unpopped seeds."

Detroit Popcorn Company is at 12843 Greenfield in Detroit. Call (800) 642-2676 or visit www.detroitpopcorn.com.

GAME DAY TREATS

Football fans are gearing up for the hottest event of the season and will come hungry for plenty of great action — and super snacks! Here are some ideas from The Popcorn Board.

CARAMEL ALMOND POPCORN CLUSTERS

- 10 cups freshly popped popcorn
- 2 cups whole almonds
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup light corn syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda

Preheat oven to 225 degrees Fahrenheit. Spray 15-by-10-inch baking sheet with non-stick spray. Mix popcorn and almonds in large bowl.

Combine brown sugar, butter and corn syrup in medium saucepan. Over low heat, stir mixture until sugar dissolves. Increase heat to high and boil 5 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla, almond extract and baking soda.

Pour over popcorn and almonds, immediately stirring gently to coat. Pour mixture onto prepared baking sheet, spreading evenly.

Bake for 1 hour in preheated oven. Cool completely. Break into pieces and store in airtight container. Yields 20 pieces.

TOUCHDOWN TREAT

- 4 quarts popped popcorn
- 1 cup unsalted cocktail peanuts
- 1 cup seedless raisins
- 1 cup honey
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

In a large buttered bowl, combine popcorn, peanuts and raisins. Keep warm.

Combine honey, water and lemon juice in a saucepan. Bring to a boil; cook and stir over medium heat until mixture reaches 250 degrees Fahrenheit, or hard ball stage on a candy thermometer.

Pour over popcorn; toss to mix thoroughly. Turn onto a buttered jelly roll pan or large baking pan. Bake in a preheated 300-degree oven for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Yields 4 quarts.

Source: The Popcorn Board, www.popcorn.org.

BREAKFAST

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likely you'll snack.

"You have to like it, you have to have time to make it and eat it," Posner said about breakfast.

OATS

The Quaker Oats Company shares the following information about oatmeal:

Oats are a source of soluble and insoluble fiber.

Eating 3 grams of soluble fiber from oats each day, as part of a low-fat, low-cholesterol diet, lowers blood cholesterol, which could reduce the risk of heart disease. Insoluble fiber helps the digestive system.

People with diets higher in fiber tend to weigh less.

Among other nutritional benefits of oats are vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and protein.

Oatmeal is just one way whole-grain oats can be part of breakfast *(see recipes)*.

All oat forms provide the same nutrients in the same amounts. The only difference is the way the oat has been cut and/or rolled. This affects cooking time and texture, not nutritional content.

NON-TRADITIONAL

Breakfast doesn't have to be traditional. If you don't like breakfast food, have something left over from the night before, such as chicken, some casserole, or a slice of pizza with some fruit.

Another non-traditional approach is to make breakfast two smaller meals.

For example, the About Nutrition Web site suggests eating a hard-boiled egg at home, then taking a break from work one or two hours later and snacking on an apple and a handful of healthy nuts, such as pecans or walnuts.

The Real Simple Web site (www.realsimple.com) offers ideas for fast, healthy breakfasts that you can eat on the go, including:

■ Take an apple, wrap 1 to 2 ounces of cheddar cheese in plastic, and put 1/4 cup of fiber- and protein-rich walnuts in a resealable plastic bag. This balanced, make-ahead morning meal is easy to assemble.

■ For morning "pizza," spread a slice of crusty bread with 3 tablespoons of low-fat ricotta. Add tomatoes, a drizzle (about 1 teaspoon) of olive oil, and a little salt and pepper. Broiling is optional.

■ "A bowl of fiber-rich bran flakes (about 1 1/2 cups) with 8 ounces of low-fat milk is nearly the perfect breakfast." To make it portable, replace the milk with lemon or vanilla yogurt and mix in a to-go container.

Increase the fiber and vitamins by adding 1/4 cup of nuts or fresh or dried fruit, such as chopped pecans or blueberries.

■ Make huevos rancheros rapidos. Slice a hard-cooked egg, then roll it in an 8-inch whole-wheat tortilla with a piece of Canadian bacon or lean ham, and a 1/2-ounce slice of cheese if you like. A tablespoon of salsa will add a shot of flavor and some vitamin C.

■ For a free brochure, *Awesome Oats! Easy, Delicious Recipes for Celebrating Oatmeal Month*, e-mail oatoffer@aol.com; or send your name and complete mailing address to: Awesome Oats, P.O. Box 487, Chicago, IL 60690-0487. Allow three to five weeks for delivery. Offer good while quantities last.

■ For recipes and other information, visit www.quakeroatmeal.com.

■ Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling: (248) 855-4558, www.gailposner.com/.

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OATMEAL HIGH-PROTEIN PANCAKES

Makes four to five pancakes.

- 1/2 cup oatmeal (old-fashioned oats, uncooked)
- 1/2 cup egg whites or Eggbeaters
- 1/2 cup low-fat cottage cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon vanilla

Preheat skillet sprayed with PAM.

Blend all ingredients.

Cook a few minutes until bubbly, flip pancakes, and cook until browned.

Sprinkle with cinnamon/sugar (sugar substitute) mixture.

Contains approximately 275 calories, 2 protein, 2 starch.

Recipe from Gail Posner.

FRUIT AND RICE CEREAL

Makes 2 servings.

- 1 cup quick-cooking brown rice
- 2/4 cup low-fat milk (soy milk works)
- 1/3 cup mixed dried fruit bits (raisins work OK)
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Dash of ground nutmeg

In a large saucepan bring about 1-1/2 cups of water and the salt to the boiling point. Add rice and dried fruit.

Cover and simmer 12 to 14 minutes or until the rice is tender and liquid is nearly all absorbed. Stir in milk and nutmeg.

Serve with brown sugar.

Recipe from www.mrbreakfast.com.

BANANA BARS

Makes 12 servings

- 4 cups uncooked regular or quick oats
- 1 1/2 cups mashed ripe bananas (about 3 bananas)
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup raisins (or dried prunes or apricots)
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts or other favorite nuts
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a 13- by 9-inch baking pan with cooking spray.

In a large mixing bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until consistency is "fluffy." Add egg, bananas, cinnamon and salt and stir. Add all remaining ingredients and stir until mixed well.

Spread mixture into baking pan.

Bake about 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean.

Allow bars to cool before cutting into squares and serving. These store well in the refrigerator for a week. They are also good when still a little cool from the refrigerator.

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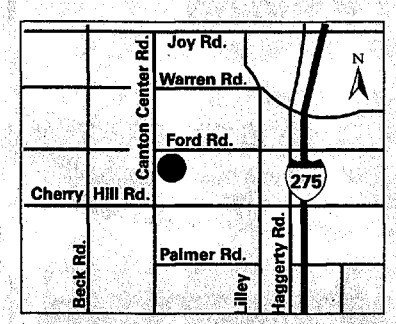

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FAFFA Finalists

Designers gear up for "ARTrageous" fashion competition

Photos by Treas Charow

1 Designer **Kate Abraham** of Rochester Hills, whose bridal line Kate Bennett is available at Elegant Lady in Oak Park, created this cocktail length vintage gown. Model **Rachel Kausek** of Saline will present the design at ARTrageous.

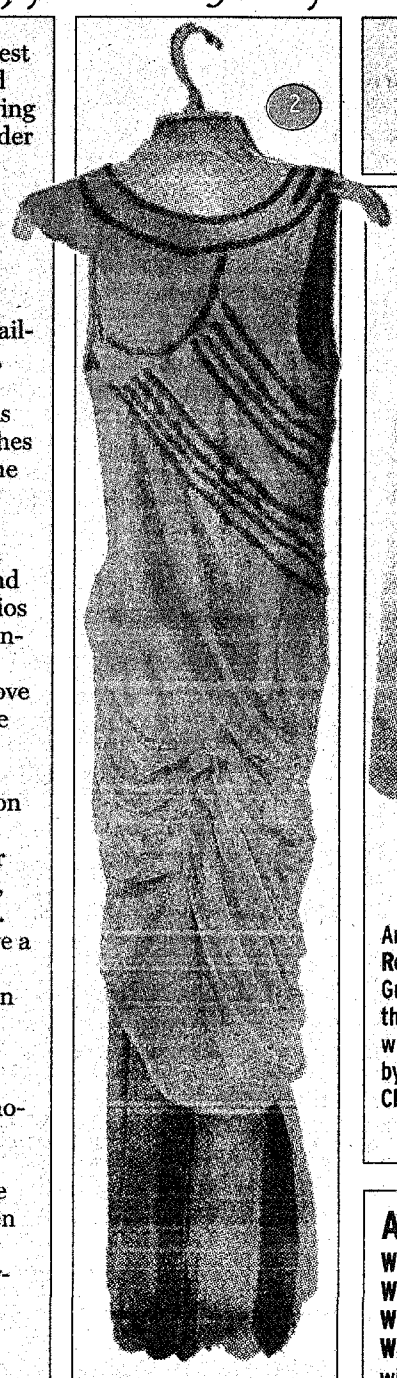
9 Designer **Michelle Ariel Sanders** of Canton is working to build a line of clothing while working as a visual merchandiser at Forever 21. Her dress will be modeled by fellow Canton resident **Summer Scarbough.**

The area's hottest designers and models are tying up loose ends in order to compete in the final leg of the Fanclub Arts Foundation Fashion Awards. Thirty-five models and 49 designers hailing from Michigan, Ohio and Canada entered the FAFFAs by turning in sketches and portfolios by the Dec. 5 deadline.

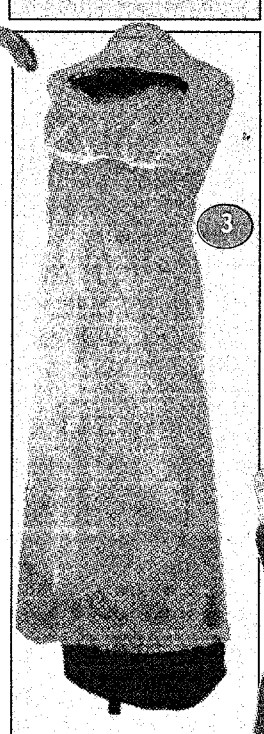
During a FAFFA Preview Event held Dec. 6 at Playground Photographic Studios in Detroit, 10 designers and 10 models were selected to move on to the finals. The model finalists will wear the designer's finished garments on the runway at ARTrageous, set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10 at MOCAD. Winners will receive a $1,000 cash grant and a photo shoot in PINK. In addition, the top model will receive a portfolio shoot by fashion photographer Christopher A. Jablonski, while the top designer is taken on a buying trip to New York City courtesy of Shapes Boutique.

The garments, shown here, are currently on display in the windows at Shapes Boutique, 319 Main Street in Royal Oak.

* Due to illness, Raminta Vilkiene of Livonia did not meet the Jan. 6 deadline. She will not be eligible to win, but will finish her garment so model Catherine Helms of Detroit can compete at ARTrageous.

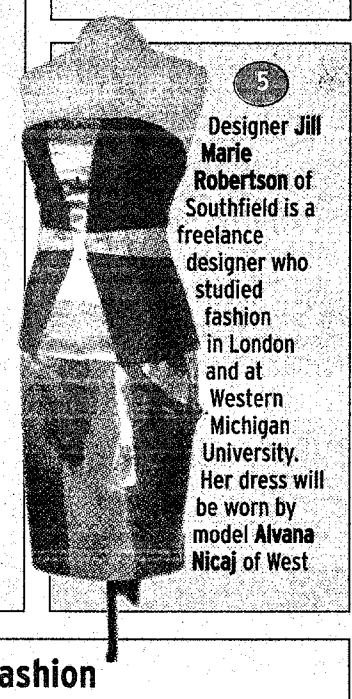


2 Detroiter **Samantha Bullock**, director of the former Detroit Design Lab, has been sewing since age 7. **Kateland Harris** of Big Rapids will model her Asian-inspired dress at ARTrageous.



3 Artist and designer **Rosemary Mifsud** of Grand Rapids created this light, airy gown, which will be modeled by **Christina Long** of Clay Center, Ohio.

4 **Christina Desmet** of Grosse Pointe Woods is currently finishing a degree in apparel and textile design at Michigan State University. She blended fun and funky fabrics to create this evening look, which will be modeled by **Strawberrious Fears** of Lake Orion.



5 Designer **Jill Marie Robertson** of Southfield is a freelance designer who studied fashion in London and at Western Michigan University. Her dress will be worn by model **Alvana Nicaj** of West

ARTrageous Fashion

What: ARTrageous
When: 7:30 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Feb. 10
Where: Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD)
Why: Artists, musicians, local restaurants and wineries will come together to raise money for Fanclub Arts Foundation, which supports arts education in Metro Detroit. The FAFFA Fashion Awards will conclude with a "Project Runway" meets "Detroit's Top Model" competition that night.
Tickets: $100 in advance, $125 at the door
Call: (248) 584-4150 or visit www.fanclubarts.com

7 Designer **Morija Reeb** of Woodslee, Ontario earned a fashion degree from Fanshawe College and designs for the worldly, artistic woman. Her geometric dress and leather jacket will be modeled by **Harley Reaves** of Shelby Township.

6 **Blair Grinn** of Troy is an independent clothing designer who says she targets young professionals with an appreciation for avant-garde pieces. Her dress will be modeled by **Andrea Davis** of Detroit.

8 Designers **Jason Humphrey** and **Amanda Jurban** met at Wayne State University and work as a team on their clothing line Super Deformed Robot. Their creation will be modeled by **Jen Noser** of Rochester Hills.

Guest pink picks

By Cathy Young

As promotions manager for the Observer & Eccentric, Cathy Young is known for her sense of humor and zest for life. When it comes to clothing, this self-described "former hippie" values comfort as much as style. As Young prepares to move to Arizona in February, we asked her to leave us with her top PINK Picks:

Kick It!

Dansko clogs

See It!

Shirley Valentine - a great chick flick

DVD It!

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Wear It!

Cashmere sweaters

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DON'T Wear It!

Too tight jeans

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Ahe tuna — sushi style

TiVo It!

Nine

Read It!

Marley & Me

Hear It!

Mark Knopfler and Emmylou Harris

Use It!

Turn signals

Experience It!

The Southwest

Accessorize It!

Pearls

Dream It!

Sitting on a beach

pink list

Girls Night Out
The Troy Chamber and Saks Fifth Avenue will present "Girls Night Out" on Tuesday, Jan. 30. Gals will gather at Saks, Somerset around 5 p.m. to enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres. The fun continues at 6 p.m. as Lancôme National Artistic Director & Celebrity Makeup Stylist Ross Burton offers a presentation. Burton, originally from Detroit, will deliver makeup tips and tricks with his trademark wit and charm. Tickets are $35 in advance and $40 on the day of the event or at the door, and include a $25 gift card redeemable for Lancôme merchandise at the event. To register, call (248) 641-8151 or theteam@troychamber.com.

Kissable in Livonia
Are folks in Metro Detroit the most kissable in America? On Feb. 1, the bad breath doc will find out. Celebrity kissing guru and bad breath expert Dr. Harold Katz, who has prepped celebs for some of Hollywood's hottest kissing scenes and helped millions of ordinary folks rid themselves of breath that could wilt a flower, is coming to Livonia as part of his 'Most Kissable City in America Challenge.' Visit the doc at the Meijer on Middlebelt, 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 for fresh breath tips, and to be tested by Dr. Katz's Halimeter. RSVP at www.freshbreath.com to receive free samples of his TheraBreath products, along with a copy of his book, "The Bad Breath Bible."

The Red Dress Tour
Drop off your favorite red garments at the dry cleaner so they're ready for Wear Red Day on Feb. 2. The annual national event is part of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign. Designed to bring attention to the fact that heart disease is the number one killer of women, the campaign includes events across the country. Locally, The Red Dress Tour will feature red dresses and articles of clothing from high profile local and national celebrities. Items so far include Oprah's red Stuart Weitzman shoes; a red blouse from Dr. Maya Angelou; and a red dress designed by Pamela DeVos and worn by Lauren Graham of *Gilmore Girls* to the 2005 Emmys. The Red Dress Tour will kick off at the Detroit Historical Society on Jan. 31, and will also include free health screenings. On National Wear Red Day, admission to the exhibit is free for those who wear red or a red dress pin. For more information, visit www.americanheartassociation.org.

Roma Sposa Trunk Shows
Roma Sposa Atelier will host two trunk shows by celebrity designers. January 18-20, Roma Sposa will feature Kenneth Pool for Amsale and Amsale Attendant's Attire. One of the leading bridal couture designers in the world, Amsale has dressed stars like Kim Basinger and Selma Hayek for walks down the aisle as well as the red carpet. On Jan. 25-27, Roma Sposa will feature the Amy Michelson Bridal Collection. Having dressed everyone from Geena Davis to Halle Berry, Michelson specializes in silk gowns, and describes her signature look as soft sensuality infused with a modern confidence. To book an appointment at the new Roma Sposa Atelier, located next to the former boutique, at 722 North Old Woodward in Birmingham, call (248) 723-4300.

Post events relating to the PINK List at wvonb@hometownlife.com; or mail information to: Pink, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

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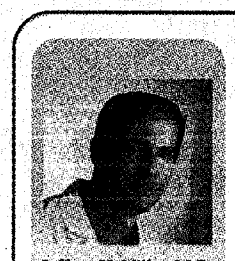

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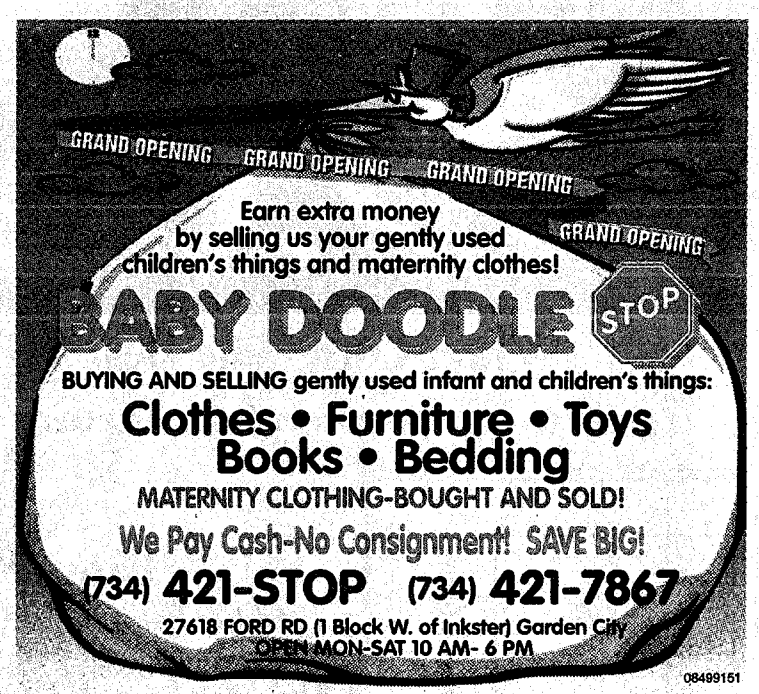

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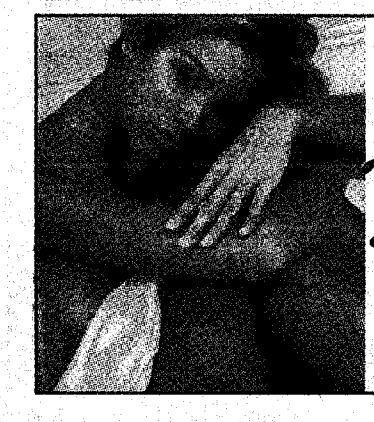

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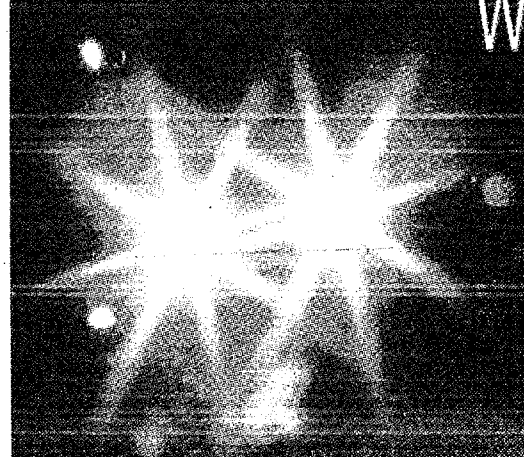

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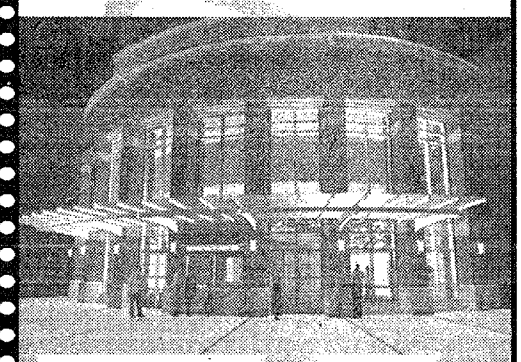

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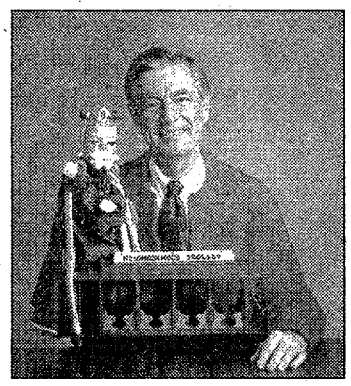

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Two big acts, one big night

Hot Ticket

Electric Six headlines the show at the Blind Pig.

Johnny Headband, Electric Six play together in Ann Arbor

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Come on everyone, catch them at a small venue while you can.

It's only January, but we're already anticipating the show at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor to be one of the year's most entertaining.

A triple bill includes three big local bands whose buzz is well-deserved: Electric Six headlining, the CD release party of Johnny Headband and a performance by Wolfbait.

This is the show that puts the fun in rock 'n' roll, so if you're uptight, this show could be your cure.

Johnny Headband has only released one CD, *Happiness is Underrated,* yet the band is already creating a fervor both locally and on the Internet.

Wolfbait lightheartedly describes itself as "somewhere between the absurd and enlightened," as if Thin Lizzy were fronted by Ronnie James Dio, or Danzig singing for Iron Maiden. Wolfbait is in

PLEASE SEE **MUSIC, E15**

ELECTRIC SIX & JOHNNY HEADBAND

Details: It's a CD release party for Johnny Headband, plus performances by Electric Six and Wolfbait
When: Saturday, Jan. 27
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Hear them: myspace.com/electric6, myspace.com/johnnyheadband, myspace.com/wolfbait
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Our advice: Get tickets in advance, chances are this show will sell out. Visit www.ticketmaster.com

Festival draws crowds for deep freeze

Organizers of this weekend's annual Plymouth Ice Festival couldn't have asked for better publicity than the weather.

The ice storm that slid through southeastern Michigan earlier this week served as the perfect precursor to an event 24 years in the making. Now approaching the quarter-century mark, the festival has become a family-friendly tradition.

"The ice festival has a rich history in Plymouth," said Michael Watts, organizer.

There is perhaps no better way to embrace the frigid Michigan winter than a celebration that thrives when temperatures dip below freezing.

Complete schedule for the Plymouth Ice Festival is on **page A7.**

The ice festival runs Jan. 19-21 in downtown Plymouth.

It draws an average of 500,000 visitors, all eager to see the artwork that develops from raw block of ice.

With amateur and experts crafting sculptures side-by-side, the event is credited for helping establish ice-carving as a competitive event.

The Plymouth Ice Festival is free and open to the public.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola

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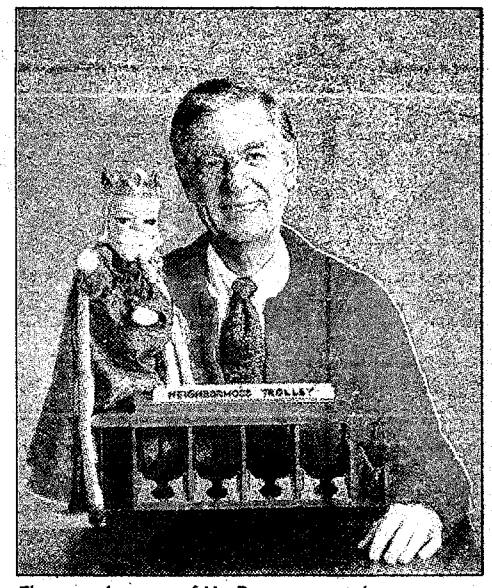
Charlotte Pinch works on a sculpture of a fish, her entry in the high school individual competition.

Mister Rogers' music comes to Birmingham



The sweet songs of Mr. Rogers come to Birmingham.

Is there anything possibly sweeter than this?

The beloved, innocent music of Mister Rogers is coming to Birmingham on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 and 20. And so is David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely from *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.*

On stage

And, in true Rogers' spirit, the event is free.

The show *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: The Music of Mister Rogers,* includes music written by Fred Rogers himself.

Songs will be performed by Newell, who will also narrate the concert. The show is presented by Many Voices, One Song with musicians Tom Trenney, Judie Cochill, The Children's Choir of First Presbyterian, Marc Meyers and area dancers from FAR (Fun, Arts and Recreation).

Proceeds will benefit Variety FAR Conservatory of Therapeutic and Creative Arts. Trenney asks audience members to donate a sweater of any size to the event that will be given to people with special needs.

Rogers, who was a Presbyterian pastor, died in 2003.

Newell will be available for photographs and autographs at the event.

The shows begin at 7:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, www.fpcbirmingham.org.

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Public television rocks, remembering mullets

Check out WTVS Channel 56, Detroit Public Television for a glimpse at Detroit rock 'n' roll.

A show called *Rock & Roll Safari* aims to bring local underground rock to you — knowing the big record companies will never do the job.

Lana Mini

Last Saturday, Detroit rockers The Hard Lessons were featured. This week, at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 its the band Hotness. For details visit www.detroitpublictv.org.

Other Internet finds this week:

■ **Mullets!** It's not the songs that I'm interested in, but rather the list of mullet-wearing musicians who are featured on CD called *Mullets Rock Too! Mullets in Love.*

Inspired by the 2001 movie *Joe Dirt*, Mullets features 18 mullet-heads musicians like: Aldo Nova, Night Ranger, REO Speedwagon, Ted Nugent and Jefferson Starship. Women aren't exempt, as Bonnie Tyler is there, too.

The Legacy Records CD includes a few mullets artists whom I can't poke fun at because the music is so good: Joan Jett, Cheap Trick and J. Geils. Check it out at www.sonybmgtv.com.

■ **Detroit wasn't a contender.** A New York city couple, both in their mid-20s, has created Internet buzz in their search to relocate to a new city and asked Web surfers to recommend the destination. The couple decided to live in whichever city, for one year, that received the highest votes.

Voters were asked to chose from 250 cities including Grand Rapids and Lansing.

No one recommended Detroit.

Here's the interesting part: Denver, Colo., won with more than 10 million votes. (Fair enough. Denver rocks.)

Plano, Texas, took second with 9.7 million. (OK, it's comfortable there.)

What's seems odd is that South Bend, Ind., made the list with 958,237 votes, but Detroit didn't. Hey, at least we had 367 votes for Lansing and 526 for Grand Rapids.

Detroit has almost everything the couple wanted: great music scene; a good sports city (no one better than us); places to swim and snowboard; easy access to galleries and museums; bike paths and college towns. The only thing we lacked was

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Readers Choice

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Best restaurant for a first-date:

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Nightlife/Entertainment:

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Best wine bar:

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Best beer menu:

Best bar jukebox:

Best bar to discover new bands:

Best gallery to find new artists:

Best live jazz joint:

Best local record label:

Best place to sing karaoke:

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Best place to see-and-be-seen under 30:

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Best martini bar:

Best place to avoid the meat market scene yet still be hip:

Family stuff :

Best place to take kids in the winter:

Best place to take kids in the summer:

Best museum to wander on a weekend:

Best movie theatre:

Best family restaurant:

Best cheap eats:

Best lunch place with mom or dad:

Best beer with dad:

Best day trip for the family:

Best venue to take kids under 10:

Best venue for teen-agers:

Hey, Detroit and 'burbs: Let us know your faves

Metro Detroit residents check out Filter each week and our Web site each day for the latest news in the entertainment world. Whatever you need to know on the nightlife and entertainment scene, whether it is news about concerts, plays, movies, restaurants and bars throughout the metro Detroit area, it's all here in Filter.

So what we at Filter would like to know is: Where do you like to go?

Readers of the Filter section can fill out our Readers Choice form and let us know the "what" and "where is" of your favorite burger joint, pizza place, vegetarian restaurant and many other restaurant categories. Fill out the survey, and you may win tickets in a random drawing to *I Can't Stop Loving You* at the Fisher Theatre.

Where do you like to see a movie? Where is that favorite lunch place with mom or dad? Where is your favorite day trip?

Fill out the form and return it to Ken Abramczyk, Filter editor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009 or visit us online at www.hometownlife.com to respond online. The deadline is Feb. 2, but you can fill it out today. Let us know what you think. We'll let you know what the most popular choices are with our readers.

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Friday, Jan. 19
- See pedestal sculptures displayed in Kellogg Park and at participating businesses.
- Watch a carving competition 4:30-8:30 p.m.
- Don't miss the displays by the Oakland Community College Ice Carving Club and Macomb Community College, both along Main Street.
- Light show at dusk.

Saturday, Jan. 20
- Catch the college-level carving competition Noon - 4 p.m. at Kellogg Park.
- Radio Disney's D-Tour presents Rock Your World, a stage show from 1-5 p.m.
- Ice Carvings on display
- Championship professional carver exhibition runs from noon to 4 p.m.
- Light show at dusk

Sunday, Jan. 21
- Catch the College Team Competition or the High School Team Competition, both set for 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park.
- Watch High School Team Competition 10:30 am - 2:30 p.m. in Kellogg Park, 3 blocks of ice, 4 hours.
- Major multi-ice block displays and individual competition works on display
- Championship professional carver exhibition 1-4 p.m. See World Ice Art Champion; Tajana Raukar, of Ice Dreams.
- Light show at dusk.

MINI

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mountain views.

Oh well. The blog will be fun to follow. Visit www.dannyandnina.com

■ **Napoleon Dynamite Chocolate.** Anytime there's an opportunity to mention *Napoleon Dynamite*, we'll take it — and if we can mix in chocolate, even better.

UK researchers say dark chocolate is filled with flavanoids and cocoa phenols to help reduce blood pressure, overcome chronic fatigue, increase memory and other miracles.

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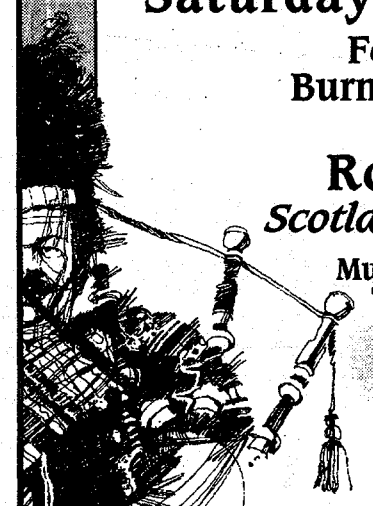

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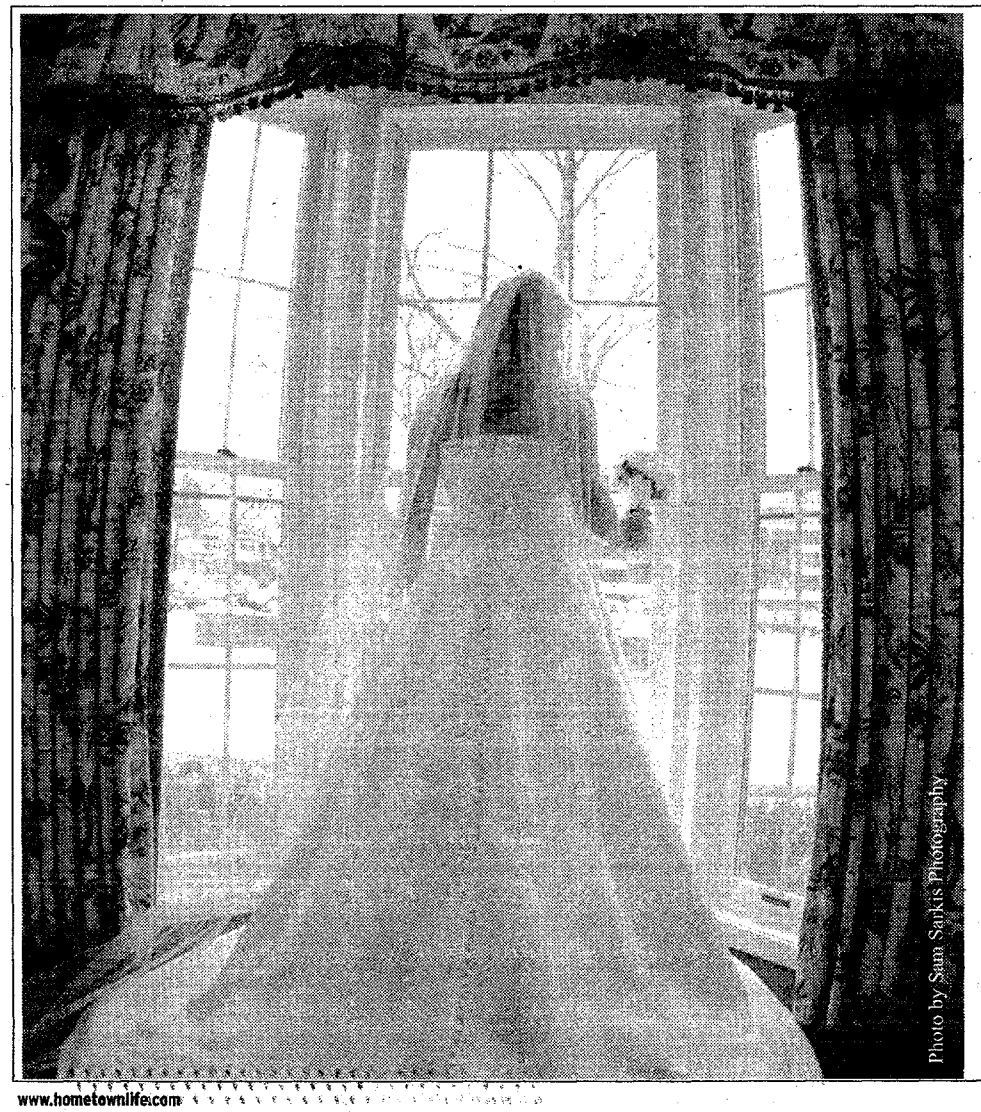

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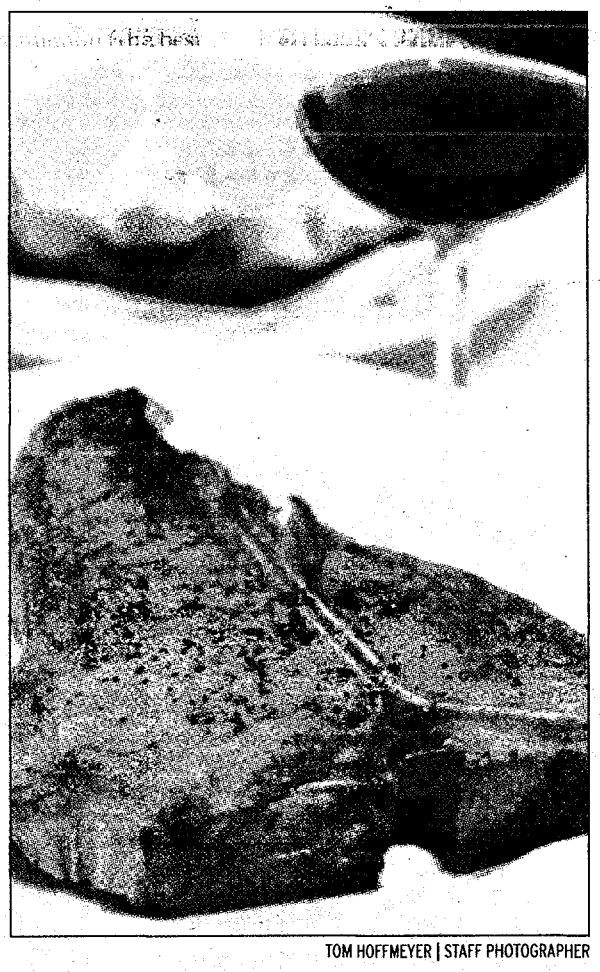


TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Guests can enjoy a 40-ounce Porterhouse Steak accompanied with Fleming's Potatoes and served with a glass of Nickel & Nickel Cabernet Sauvignon at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar in Livonia.

Fleming's

New steakhouse arrives in Livonia

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Western Wayne County carnivores now have a new destination to enjoy prime cuts of beef.

The Haggerty Road corridor has boomed in recent years with scores of restaurants, most of them chains. The latest franchise to enter Michigan will open its inaugural restaurant along that corridor Friday, Jan. 19.

Table Hopping

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar opens in College Park (directly south of Schoolcraft College) in Livonia. A second Fleming's is scheduled to open in Birmingham (in the former Jacobson's) in early spring.

Fleming's is a steakhouse with an added emphasis on wines, with a signature 100 wines by-the-glass program and a special wine flight tasting menu.

The 8,000-square foot restaurant has a seating capacity for approximately 220, an outdoor patio, an open-air kitchen, and three private dining rooms that can accommodate from 25 to 70 guests.

WINE'S FINE

"We'll carry 200 wines, 100 by the glass and 100 in our Reserve list," said Peter Travis, operating partner for the Fleming's in Livonia.

Travis has been a Livonia resident for 18 years, previously employed as the general manager of the Charley's Crab in Troy and director of specialty restaurants for Mike and Marian Ilitch.

Mark Strausberg, chef partner at the Livonia Fleming's, also worked at Charley's Crab with Travis.

The restaurant's namesake is co-founder Paul Fleming, also a partner at the Livonia location, who is a long-time hand at developing restaurants.

He developed Ruth's Chris Steakhouses in Arizona, California and Hawaii, and is probably best known for his concept of P.F. Chang's China Bistro. Fleming and Paul Allen, another restaurant veteran, founded the first Fleming's.

The chain has grown from eight restaurants six years ago to 47 today.

When you think of a steakhouse, you might envision a diner eating a mammoth cut of steak, downing it with a beer, then, after the meal, firing up a fat stogie. That may be pleasurable to that individual, but the cigar smell may be offensive to others.

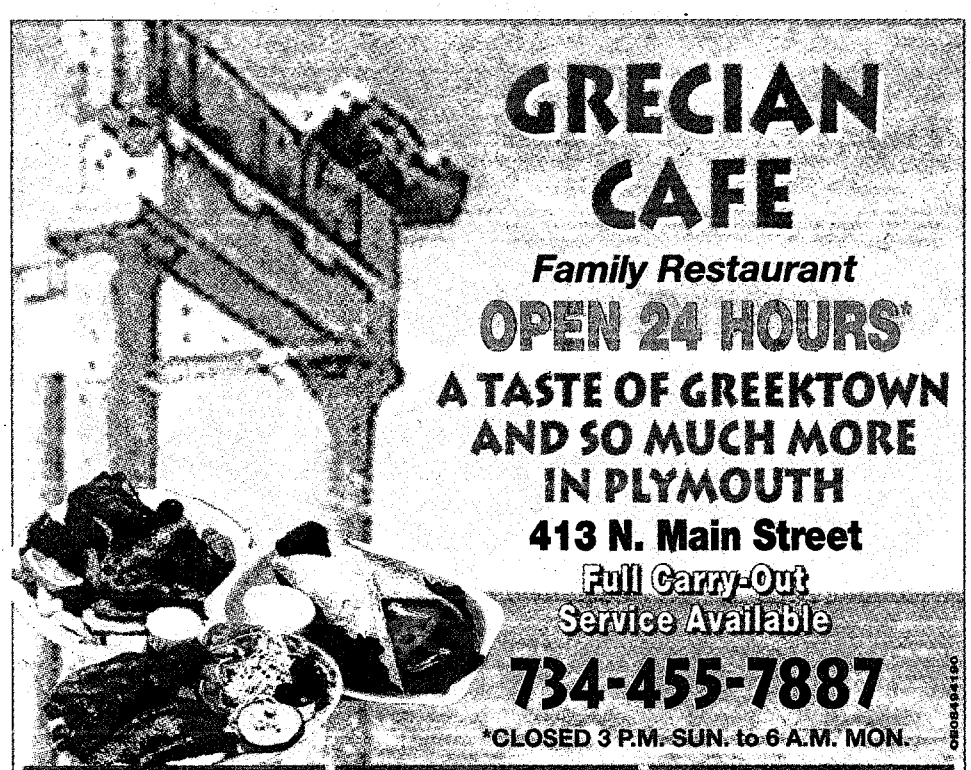
That situation won't happen at Fleming's, as the restaurant is non-smoking.

"It's not going to have that 'clubby' feel associated with steakhouses," Travis said.

OFFERINGS

The a la carte menu features steaks, of course, but offers seafood, too.

The steaks are cut daily, and are all prime beef. Menu items include 8- and



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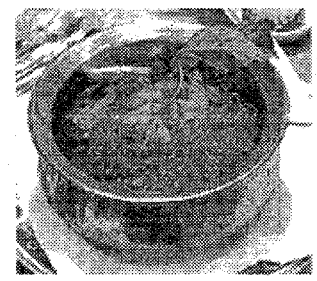

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12-ounce cuts of filet mignon (the best seller, Travis says). Sixteen-ounce New York strips and rib eyes with larger bone-in cuts also are available.

A chef's mixed grill, a special selection, is prepared daily. Lamb and veal chops are available, while the menu also offers a double chicken breast baked in a white wine, mushroom, shallot and thyme sauce.

Side dishes vary from the staple baked potato to the house potatoes with cream, jalapenos and cheddar cheese.

Asparagus or Broccoli Hollandaise, Creamed Spinach and Creamed Corn gratinée with Parmesan and Gruyére cheeses are among other side selections.

Six salads are offered on the menu, including a Spinach & Portobello and a Classic Caesar. Smoked Norwegian Salmon Bruschetta and Tenderloin Carpaccio with a caper creole mustard sauce and red onion are among 12 appetizers.

Seafood selections include Tuna Mignon, seared rare with poppy seed au poivre and tomato sherry vinaigrette, and Seared Scallops with lobster cream sauce with a puff pastry of sautéed fresh vegetables.

But the wines are expected to be a draw, too. Most of them are from California, Oregon and Washington, with some available from France, Italy, Australia and South Africa. *Wine Spectator* gave the restaurant 37 Awards of Excellence in August 2006.

Patrons don't need to order an entire bottle. Wines by the glass range from $5 to $15. Patrons can order three 2-ounce samples to help them to decide which bottle to order, too.

The options are to help "demystify" the choices of wines available, Travis said.

Travis looks forward to his new business venture with great anticipation.

"It's a high-quality group that has great principles and beliefs," Travis said of his business partners.

"One of the corporate mandates is that we should be involved in the local communities, and we plan to participate in events like the Taste of Livonia and in Northville and Novi."

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Web site: www.flemingssteakhouse.com

Pi Restaurant is open; Sweet Lorraine's adds breakfast

City bites

A new European-influenced restaurant has opened in Southfield.

Pi Restaurant opened Jan. 8 at 28875 Franklin, in the restaurant that once housed the former Caffe Milano Restaurant and Excalibur.

The new 120-seat Pi Restaurant exhibits a contemporary yet relaxed Southern European theme with subtle lighting, ceiling-to-floor sheers and a comfortable feel.

The restaurant features a copper bar, seven European beers on tap as well as more than 50 bottled beers from all over Europe, a wine list containing wines from several countries in Europe, a cigar/martini lounge area, tapas and high-definition TVs. Hours will be 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m., every day of the week.

The menu features an eclectic mix from many European countries with moderately priced lunches from $8 to $15 and elegant dinners generally ranging from $15 to $25, including Italian, Greek, French, German and Spanish dishes. The restaurant also offers gourmet brick-oven baked thin crust pizza.

John Golematis, formerly of Excalibur, has returned as general manager and Matthew Gioutsos is serving as chef under the direction of Executive Chef Matteo Giuffrida.

For more information, call (248) 358-3355.

Sweet Lorraine's Café & Bar in Southfield celebrates its 25th anniversary by offering a unique approach to breakfast starting Monday, Feb. 5.

Breakfast will be available Monday through Friday from 7-11 a.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Southfield location joins other Sweet Lorraine's, in Detroit and Livonia, that offer full breakfasts.

The new breakfast menu will feature local, fresh, organic all-natural ingredients. Menu offerings include Avocado Crabcakes Benedict, house-smoked chicken and apple hash, prime ribeye and eggs, Michigan sausage and crispy grits, cinnamon-stuffed French toast, farmhouse quiche, Michigan farmer's scramble, Cuban scrambled eggs, House-made granola, seasonal crepes and sticky pecan waffles. Sweet Lorraine's will also offer signature coffees, hot and cold chai tea, house-made all-natural smoothies with fresh berries, bananas and mango nectar.

Sweet Lorraine's is located at 29101 Greenfield in Southfield, (248) 559-5985, and inside the Livonia Marriott, adjacent to Laurel Park Place, on the northwest corner of Six Mile Road and Newburgh, in Livonia (734) 953-7480.

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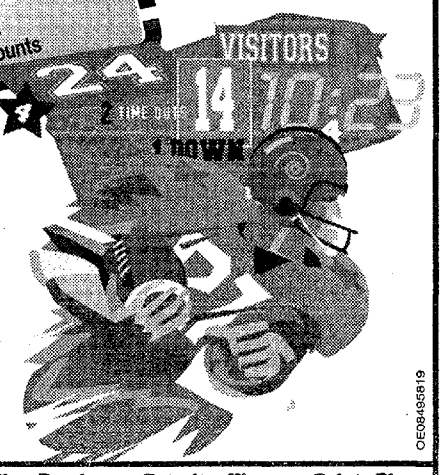

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ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts
Friday Nights at the DIA, music in museum's Rivera Court, 6:30 and 8 p.m., guided tours of Highlights of Europe and America, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

ART GALLERIES

Beauty (Salon)
Paintings by Mark Sengbusch, opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, runs through April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046 for information.

Creative Arts Center
A Passionate Palate, paintings by Elaine Treisman, through Jan. 27, 47 Williams Street, Pontiac, (248) 333-7849.

Neal Davis Gallery
Holiday exhibit with East Coast and Midwest artists, through Jan. 19, 314. W. Fourth, Royal Oak, www.nealdavisgallery.com, (248) 298-0326.

Flatlanders Art Galleries
Heavy Metal, sculptures fabricated in steel by Ken Thompson; Tidal Forces, new sculpture by Judith Greavu, through Feb. 4; 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield, (517) 486-4591, www.flatlandersculpture.com.

Lawrence Street Gallery
Hosting a call for artists for The Body Eclectic, juror is Claudi Shepard. Drop off entries noon to 5 p.m. Jan. 23-27. Jury date is Jan. 28 with reception set for 6-9 p.m. Feb. 2, all at 22620 Woodward, Suite A, Ferndale www.lawrencestreetgalley.com, (248) 544-0394.

Michigan State University
Department of Art & Art History's celebration of its 75th anniversary, exhibition includes 21 studio artists who teach and create art, the first floor of the Kresge Art Museum; Yousuf Karsh photographs, through March 18; The Worker's Landscape, through March 18, Kresge Art Museum, at Auditorium and Physics roads, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

Oakland University Art Gallery
Telegraph, featuring Harmut Austen, Haley Renee Bates, Fabio Fernandez, Shannon Goff, Tom Lauerman, Brent Sommerhauser and Christian Tedeschi, runs through Feb. 25, 208 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 or www.oakland.edu/ouag.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts
Group of Four, a group show in various media featuring Todd Mitchell, William Sadovsky, Cat Crotchett and Russ Orlando, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Jan. 19, runs through Feb. 24; Nicole Havekost exhibits drawings in Careful Measures, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Jan. 19, runs through Feb. 24, all at 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org.

Pewabic Pottery
Caulkins & Perry the Early Years, now through Jan. 19; Vessels produced from 1901-1967, Feb. 3-May 18, all at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954 or www.pewabic.org.

River's Edge Gallery
Kindred Spirits: A Showing of Works by the late Dr. Arnold Dreifuss and the late Jim Slack, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, opening 6-11 p.m. Jan. 19 through March 9, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

Sherrus Gallery
Tiny Treasures, smaller works of acrylic, pastel, glass and metal artists, through month of December' A Painter's Play – Act II, exhibit and sale, through Jan. 31; 109 N. Center, Northville, www.sherrusgallery.com.

Susanne Hilberry Gallery
John O'Reilly, Tadzio series and other montages, through Jan. 19, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, (248) 541-4700

University Art Gallery
EMU Faculty Art Exhibition Jan. 19-March 9, 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

University of Michigan Museum of Art
Embracing Etonville contemporary photography runs Jan. 20-March 18, free, guided tours available, UMMA Off/Site Exhibition Space, 1301 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 763-UMMA.

ART, ETC.

Cranbrook Academy of Art
Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts
5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Eastern Michigan University
Ford Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti (734) 487-0465.

Sisson Gallery
Henry Ford Community College, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, (313) 845-6485.

Madonna University
Simulacra: Photographic Semblances by Rachel Holland, Exhibit Gallery, exhibit runs through Feb. 6, free, (248) 875-7332.

Wayne State University
Community Arts Gallery, 450 Reuther Hall (at Cass between West Kirby and Palmer), (313) 577-2423.

BLUEGRASS

IIId Tyme Out
7:30 p.m. Jan. 26, $20, Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford (248) 341-2270.

BOOK SIGNINGS

Gail Hershenzon
Detroit's Woodmere Cemetery, 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty (on northwest corner of Six Mile), Northville, (248) 348-0696.

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra
Demaine's Dvorak, Jan 26-27; All Beethoven, Feb. 2-3; Sir James Galway, Feb. 7; Brahms' Titanic First, Feb. 8-10; Chinese New Year Celebration, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18; Branford Marsalis, Feb. 22-24, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.com.

University Musical Society
Rituals & Reveries, Feb. 1-4; Jazz Festival, Feb.10, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor, $18-$40; Sekou Sundiata, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Power Center for the Performing Arts, 121 Fletcher Street, Ann Arbor, $14-$34, (734) 764-6833.

CLUBS

220 Merrill Street & Lounge
Extensive drink menu, live music, dancing, eclectic and American nouveau cuisine, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

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Located upstairs at Jacoby's, 624 Brush in Bricktown, (313) 962-7067, 21 and over, doors open 10 p.m., cover $5, www.staticrecords.com/shows.htm.

Bachelor's One
1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (248) 682-2295.

Blue Martini
Live music from 8-11:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, (248) 258-3005.

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208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, (734) 996-8555

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Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, download music into your MP3 Player, take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

O-Zen Lounge
Formerly the Buddha Lounge; Hot 'N Ready with DJ U.N.I. hip hop soul, Thursday; Insomnia Music, hip hop, soul, old school, Friday; Super Sonic Smooth Music with DJ Shug, Saturday; karaoke with Chez, Sunday; 80s and Rock N Roll; bring your CDs, Tuesday; and Energetic House with DJ Tony Bell, Wednesday; www.ozenlounge.com, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit (313) 535-4664.

Club 2000
Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays, hip-hop, 18 and over, 299 E. Woodbridge, Detroit, (313) 235-2233.

Dino's Lounge
Live bands on weekends, hip, laid back, friendly, 22740 Woodward, just south of Nine Mile in Ferndale, (248) 591-DINO.

Edison's
Larry Lee, Jan. 18; Aaron Vaughn, Jan. 19-20; The Blue Kings, Jan. 25; Rick Stel Project, Jan. 26-27; 220 Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Elysium
Lounge, dance and happy hour from 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 962-2244, 625 Shelby, Detroit. www.elysium-lounge.com.

Fiamma Grille
Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxophone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

Gator Jake's
Retro 80s Thursdays, DJ Tony Fridays and Saturdays, 36863 Van Dyke, Sterling Heights, (586) 983-3700. www.gatorjakes.com

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 in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

Leland City Club
Avant garde, open until 4 a.m., access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building, 400 Bagley, Detroit, www.lelandcityclub.com.

The Locker Room Saloon
Wild Wednesdays with DJ Oz, Trivia Night and Ladies Night Thursdays, Funky Fridays with DJ Paul, Insane Saturdays with DJ Oz, 7790 Auburn, Utica, (586) 731-3323, www.lockerroomsaloon.com, www.ckpep.com.

The Magic Bag
Buckwheat Zydeco Feb. 13; Paolo Nutini March 6, all at 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hotline (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

X/S
High-energy dance club, 1500 Woodward, northeast corner at John R, Detroit, (313) 963-9797.

Seldom Blues
Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

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

336 1/2
336 S. Main St., Plymouth (734) 454-6500.

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase
Tim O'Rourke, Jan. 18-20, $9-$14, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

JD's House of Comedy
Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club
Nelson Addison with Dick Canty, Jan. 19-20; Dennis Ross with Simply Shanell, Jan. 26-27; 110 Battle Alley, Holly, (248) 634-5208

Joey's Comedy Club
36071 Plymouth, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, also has comedy at second location, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885; www.joeyscomedy.com.

Kathy Griffin
Performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. $37-$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle
Greg Giraldo, Jan. 18-20; Jackie Flynn, Jan. 25-26; John Bizarre, Feb. 1-3; Ted Alexandro, Feb. 8-10; Tom Wilson, Feb. 15-17; Dan Cummins, Feb. 22-24; at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, call (248) 542-9900.

Wise Guys Comedy Club
Bill Bushart with Mike Stanley and Bob Stackhouse, Jan. 19-20; Billy Ray Bauer with Crystal P and Sal Demilio, Jan. 26-27; Steve Iott with Jeff Dwoskin and Sal Demilio, Feb. 2-3; 40380 Grand River, Novi (248) 919-3216.

DANCE

Ballet Hispanico
Contemporary dance, Feb. 16-17, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. $19.50-$55, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org

Color-ography
Danced by Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, celebrating works of African American painter Jacob Lawrence, Feb. 10-11, $25-$75, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, tickets available at (313) 237-SING (7464), www.MichiganOpera.org, all TicketMaster outlets, by phone at (248) 645-6666 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Detroit Dance Collective
Winter concert, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19, $20, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696, (248) 341-2270.

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble
The Soldier's Tale, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, $18-$30, (586) 286-2222; New Dance Fest V, 7 p.m. Friday, April 20, Troy High School Auditorium, 4777 Northfield Pkwy, Troy, $6-$12, (248) 823-2700.

In the Mood: A 1940s Musical Revue
Song and dance show set to Benny Goodman, The Andrews Sisters, Frank Sinatra and more, 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. $37-$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

FAMILY

Detroit Institute of Arts
Guts, Skins and Bones: Instruments of the Renaissance with Anne and Bob Burns, replica instruments purr, chirr, growl and howl in lively music demonstration, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Fox Theatre
Sesame Street Live "Super Grover! Ready for Action," Feb. 8-25, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, $12-$22, $10 opening night (except for premium seats), (313) 471-6611, (248) 433-1515, www.ticketmaster.com, www.olympiaentertainment.com.

Metro Mid-Winter Dog Show
Obstacle and relay competitions (guests should not bring pets to the show), 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Jan. 19-21, Rock Financial Showcase, $10, $5 parking, (269) 343-9020, www.ukcdogs.com

The Toy Show
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, Royal Oak Farmers Market, 316 E. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, $5, free for kids 12 and under, (248) 646-1047.

FILM

Detroit Film Theatre
Inside the Detroit Institute of Arts, new season begins in February, for tickets, call (313) 833-3237, www.dia.org/dft.

Oakland Community College
Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth, 6 p.m. Feb. 1,

Room 123, F Building, presented by Phi Theta Kappa student honors society, OCC's Auburn Hills chapter, free, 2900 Featherstone Road, one mile east of the Pontiac Silverdome.

JAZZ

Detroit Institute of Arts
Steve Wood Quintet: Music of Yusef Lateef, the Savoy Years 6:30 and 8 p.m.. Jan. 19, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club
Ongoing gigs, 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 and dinner
"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

Jazz at Lincoln Center's Afro-Latin Orchestra
Feb. 16, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. $19.50-$55, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org

One for All
Jan. 19-20, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. $25, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org

MORE MUSIC

The Ark
David Bromberg & The Angel Band, Jan. 19; Peter Mulvey, Jan. 20, all at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451

BeckRidge Chorale
Village Voices, the BeckRidge Chorale ensemble, Remembering Fred Waring, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, $12, Village Theater of Canton, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., tickets, 1-866-924-4276, or visit Plycommunitychorus.org and print off and mail in the order form.

Detroit Institute of Arts
Pianist and composer Jessica Williams, 6:30 and 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 26, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

First Presbyterian Church
A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: The Music of Mister Rogers, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19-20; 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham, free admission, offering will be collected to benefit Variety FAR Conservatory, bring new sweaters for sweater drive, (248) 540-9124.

Hill Auditorium
The 30th Annual Ann Arbor Folk Festival to benefit The Ark, featuring headliners Rufus Wainwright and John Prine, Jan 26-27, $30-$250 patron tickets, (734) 763-TKTS.

Max M. Fisher Music Center
Big band tribute by the DSO Pops led by Erich Kunzel, Jan. 18-21; Magnificat: The Mosaic Singers in Concert, Feb. 9-10, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitsymphony.com.

Station 885
Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Temple Beth El
Peter, Paul & Mary, one of only 18 stops on nationwide tour, 6:45 p.m. March 1, $500 tickets (patrons) with private afterglow reception with band, $100 tickets for friends, and $75, $50 and $25 for general admission, 7400 Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, to purchase tickets, visit events.metroparent.com

MUSEUMS

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
220 E. Ann Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-5439 or www.aahom.org

Birmingham Historical Museum and Park
The Public Realm, Public Buildings & Spaces, through Feb. 24, 556 W. Maple, Birmingham. $1-$2. (248) 642-2817.

MUSIC

Hard bop sextet "One for All" will jam at the Jazz Café at Music Hall at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19 and 20, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. The band features jazz stars Joe Farnsworth, Nat Reeves, David Hazeltine, Eric Alexander, Jim Rotondi and Steve Davis. Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at www.ticketmaster.com, (248) 645-6666, or at the Music Hall box office. Visit www.musichall.org or call (313) 887-8501.

Exhibit Museum of Natural History
Wild Weather, Changing Climate, February through May, University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478.

Henry Ford Museum
The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design, Feb. 3-April 29, with lectures on Feb. 3 and March 31, at 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. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum
Featured exhibit is *It's a Nano World.* Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission $5-$7, planetarium, $1-$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Historical Museum
Sunday lectures include: *Art Deco in Detroit* book forum Jan. 21; *Inside the Glancy Trains Exhibit* Jan. 28, free, (313) 833-1805, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

Detroit Institute of Arts
Sphinx Competition Winner, performs for Brunch with Bach, 11:30 a.m. Feb. 11, $30, 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Detroit Science Center
Exhibits include *Our Body, The Universe Within*, new exhibit featuring real, preserved human bodies, and the center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R, Detroit, $6-$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Michigan Historical Museum
Inside Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo, Lansing, www.michigan.gov/museum, (517) 373-3559.

Museum of Contemporary Art -Detroit
Meditations on an Emergency runs through April 29; Artrageous 2007 including an artist's market, fashion shows, wine tasting, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, $100-$125, all at 4454 Woodward, Detroit. (313) 832-6622

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm
1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history. General admission $5 adults, $3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

OPERA

The Pirates of Penzance
The Carl Rosa Opera Company of London performs 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. $37-$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Al Jarreau Valentine's Day Benefit
Feb. 14, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. $38.50-$98.50, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org

Birmingham Historical Museum & Park
Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, complete with vintage stove, work table, porcelain sink and monitor top refrigerator, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, $2 admission, museum open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.

Downtown Literary Series
Featuring Esperanza Cintron, George Dilla, Mary Jo Firth and Mary Mintock, 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, The Scarab Club, 217 E. Farnsworth, Detroit, Free, (313) 831-1250.

Irish Rovers
Celtic music, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 3, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. $30-$33. (313) 943-2354 or www.dearborncenter.com.

Michigan Camper and RV Show
Jan. 25-28, Ford Field, 2000 Brush Street, Detroit $3-$7.50 (800) 328-6550.

Detroit Historical Society
Offers tours of historic spots: Conservation and Museum Services Jan. 20, Gem Theatre Jan. 27, cost is $20-$25 per tour, call (313) 833-1405, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

North American International Auto Show
Open to the public to Jan. 21, Cobo Center, 1 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, visit www.naias.com.

Shows at the Redford Theatre
17360 Lahser, Detroit, visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537-2560.

White Rose Ball 2007
The Hungarian Arts Club of Detroit sponsors this event with music from Europe, Saturday, Feb. 3, Dearborn Inn, Dearborn, (248) 352-0927

THEATER – COMMUNITY

Avon Players
Over the River and Through the Woods, Jan. 19-21 and 26-27, $14, 1185 Washington (one mile east of Tienken and Rochester roads), Rochester Hills, (248) 608-9077.

Broadway OnStage
Gift of Murder, a comic mystery, through Feb. 10, 21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe.(586) 771-6333.

Community Theatre of Howell
Heywood Banks comedy night fund-raiser, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26, $15-$25; *Over the River and Through the Woods*, Feb. 2-4, 9-11, $10-$12, all at Howell High School, 1200 W. Grand River, Howell, (517) 545-1290.

Eastern Michigan University
The Tempest, Jan. 25-27; *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Feb. 9-17, Sponberg Theatre, 103 Quirk, Ypsilanti, Tickets $6-$15, (734) 487-1221.

Gross Pointe Theatre
Epic Proportions, runs through Jan. 27, $8-$15, 315 Fisher Road, Gross Pointe, (313) 886-8901

Marquis Theatre
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, through Jan. 21, $8; 135 E. Main, Northville, 222.northvillemarquistheatre.com, (248) 349-8110.

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild
Wonder of the World, featuring Ara and Roz Basherian of Bloomfield, opening Jan. 19, runs through Feb. 3, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 737-3587 to reserve tickets.

Village Players of Birmingham
Pal Joey, 8 p.m. Jan. 19-20, 26-27, 2 p.m. Jan. 21 and 28, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (2 blocks south of Maple), $15, (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Numerous musicals, movies, concerts, magic, dinner theater, bands, kids' shows, orchestra and comedy. Open for free tours, art exhibition and tickets: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 7-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday. Charge tickets by phone: (734) 394-5460. Visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road (corner of Ridge), Canton.

THEATER – PROFESSIONAL

Detroit Repertory Theatre
Millan Theatre Company, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, call (313) 868-1347, Continuing through March 18, see *Between Men and Cattle* by Richard Kalinowski.

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Farmington's Beth Cole lands break-out role

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Actress Beth Cole is content to let life happen.

So far that strategy has served her well.The Michigan native landed a lead role in New York City in the upcoming stage production *Jack Goes Boating*. There she'll star opposite Academy Award winner Philip Seymour Hoffman (*Capote*, *Magnolia*).

On stage in New York

Not bad for a former Farmington High School student who never stepped on a stage until she was 18 years old. Cole grew up in Royal Oak and lived for a time in Southfield and in New Hudson.

Now planted firmly in Brooklyn, she credits her earliest acting experiences to Farmington Players. "I did my first plays there," she said. "It was a great experience."

Growing up in metro Detroit, she never considered acting as a possible career. But she was always a fan of film. At age 18 she enrolled in an acting class on a whim — and found a career.

Cole has come a long way from that first role — a non-speaking, passed-out prostitute. She performed in five plays before heading east at the age of 20.

In 1993, she moved to New York City and studied acting, always seeking a sense of community. Cole found just that in LAByrinth Theatre Company, a multicultural collective of emerging and professionals artists. Hoffman serves as artistic director for the company. Its members write, act, direct, design and produce new works.

Founded 15 years ago, the collective has grown from 13 actors to 96 members coming from a vast array of cultures. "It's opened me up more to acting," said Cole, who joined in 2001. "I became serious about it and I knew this is what I wanted to do."

Six years later, she is preparing for a starring role in her first LAByrinth production. "I wasn't in any rush," she said. "I've just got to take my sweet time."

The waiting has paid off. In *Jack Goes Boating*, she portrays Connie, a newly transplanted New Yorker who "just wants to connect with someone." Connie sells grief seminars to funeral directors and hasn't made many friends. The play follows four characters. A married couple, played by John Ortiz and Daphne Rubin-Vega, attempts to bring two lost souls, Cole and Hoffman, together. "They go through the fumbling of trying to connect."

Beth Cole

Cole called it a well-written, sweet love story. The show was written by Bob Glaudini and directed by Peter DuBois. Ortiz has known Cole for six years and said — when it comes to this role — she will bring "intelligence, vulnerability, passion, quirkiness, beauty, sense of humor, honesty and many other things that will be a welcome surprise."

He complimented his castmate on her work ethic. "I've known Beth for a long time," he said. "She's been in the company and has worked hard on her craft, and she has earned this opportunity, which is the next logical step in her process and career. And so what she brings to this is not a surprise to me but when it comes to this show and Beth in particular, she will be the one who is being 'introduced' to New York audiences.

"There will be all kinds of folks in the audience, from savvy theatergoers to various industry types. So, yes, the opportunity is golden."

So far, Cole is keeping any excitement about working alongside Hoffman firmly in check. As the show comes closer to opening, Cole said she's "trying to keep all of that out of it. I couldn't get on stage if I were scared of him, or if I felt inferior to him. We don't have

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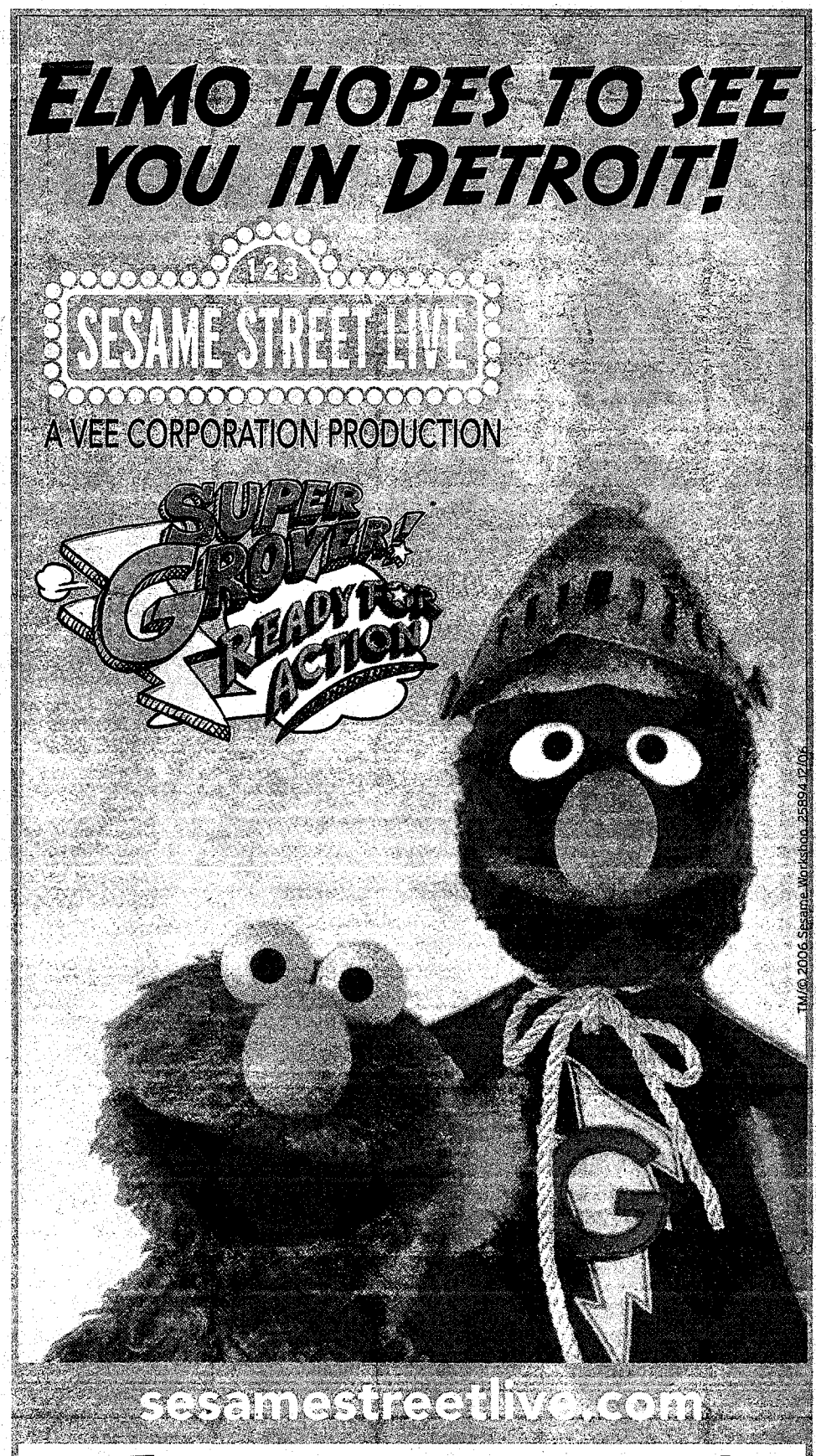

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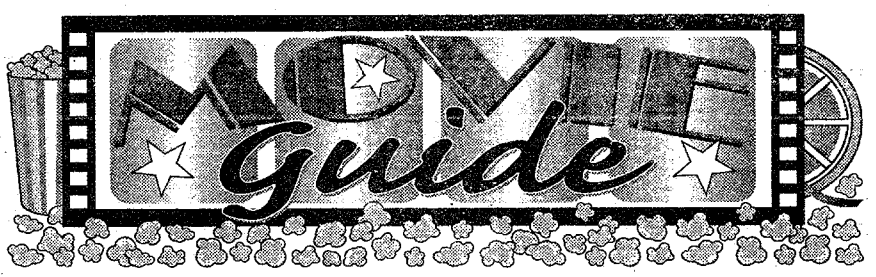

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that kind of relationship. "I was thrilled when he won the Oscar last year. I'd be lying if I said otherwise." Working with an established star does have its benefits. Already, Cole is getting offers — like an audition for a CBS pilot — without even trying. "Normally, you have to work to be seen," she said. "This is the first time anyone called me out of the blue."

For now, she's thoroughly focused on *Jack Goes Boating*, and intends to "remain as open and grounded as possible."

As for the future, she'll wait and see.

MUSIC

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the metal genre, with fake blood, fake mustaches and good music.

Electric Six creates a blend of electro, new wave and rock while Johnny Headband leans more toward the rock/experimental category. Headband is promoting its debut CD *Happiness is Underrated*, a well-suited title for this fun, and wonderfully weird band. Check out Headband's video on YouTube, search "Johnny Headband West End Girls." Or simply search "Johnny Headband" to see one of their many online skits that they create just because they felt like it.

What each band has in common is that while its music is well-written and well-composed, the shows are fun and energetic. On Jan. 27, you won't see a group of carbon-copied boys whining on stage lethargically. These guys like to entertain and make the audience part of the show.

Johnny Headband is brothers Chad and Keith Thompson, who are from the Flint area, plus drummer and longtime friend Rob Saunderson. They've already played with big names like Boston and Patti Smith and have received a lot of press. Influenced by The Flaming Lips, Johnny Headband is quickly becoming popular, playing to a packed audience recently at the Magic Stick.

Electric Six is Dick Valentine, Tait Nucleus, Johnny Nashinal, The Colonel (Zach Shipps), Percussion World and John R. Dequindre (Chris Peters).

The sound has been known as party music (such as its hit with Jack White, *Danger! High Voltage*). The band's recent CD *Switzerland* (Metropolis Records) keeps the bash alive, yet adds reality and cynicism that can only come from a band that's not sheltered.

On Electric Six's Web site, watch the video for *I Buy The Drugs* off *Switzerland* and hear a song that's melodic and a bit more serious, but doesn't lack in good times.

Wolfbait, from the Garden City area, recently released its CD *Warrior Kings*.

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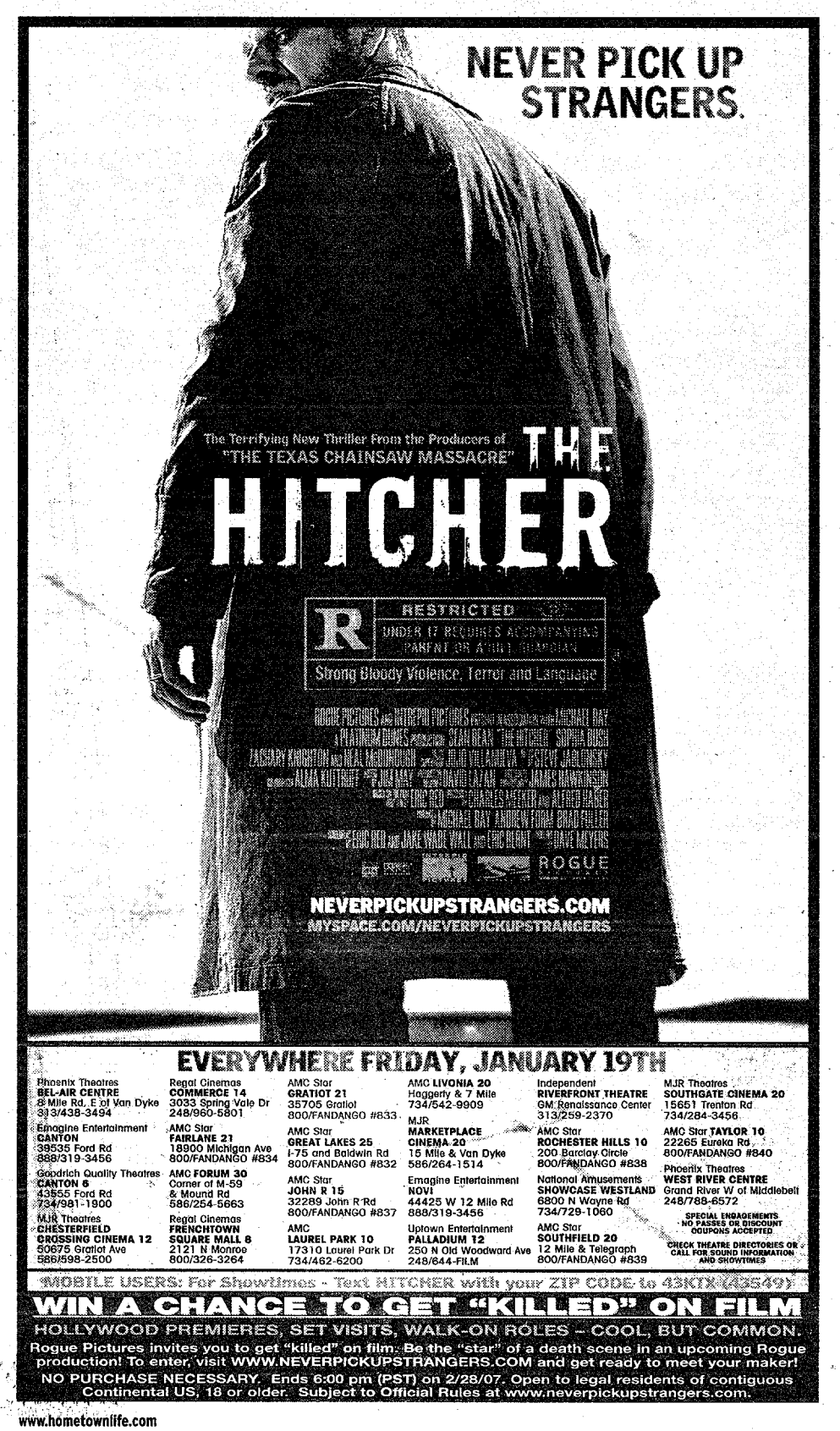

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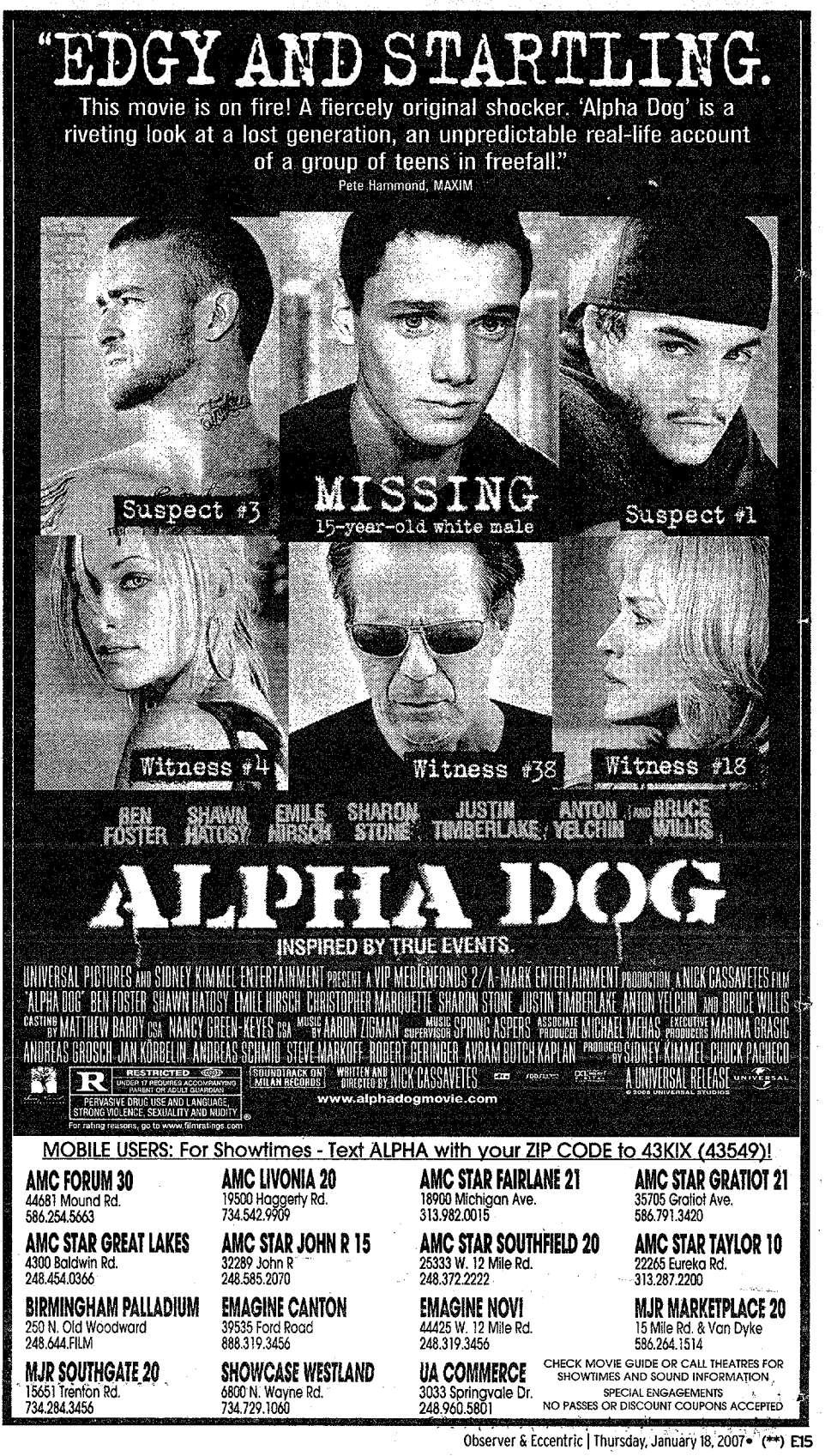

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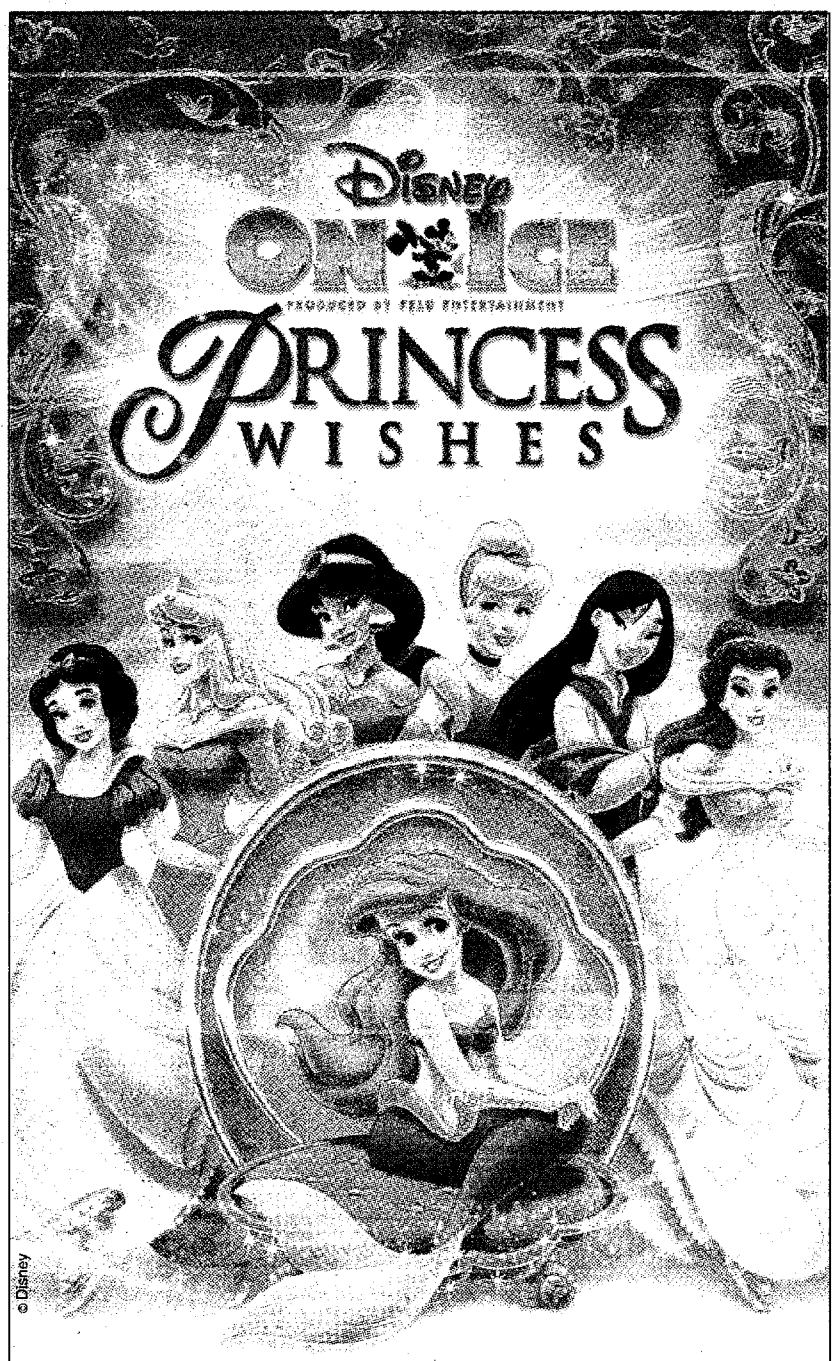
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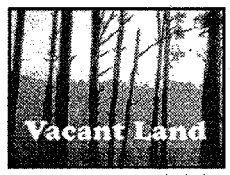


BUILDERS DREAM! Multiple lots w/access to all sports Horseshoe Lake. 13 lots available, survey available.
$159,900 (P-000ID)

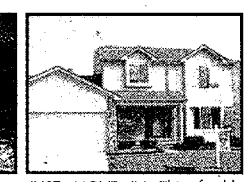
WONDERFUL CONDO 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo offering a finished bsmt, newer carpet, fresh paint, home warranty, low association dues include water, & seller can help w/closing costs.
$132,000 (P-457DO)

JUST PERFECT Unpack & relax in this comfortable 2 bd, 1 bath ranch just minutes from downtown Royal Oak. Remodeled Kitchen, fresh paint, new carpet in Family Room, updated bath, extra deep fenced yard, & 2 car Garage.
$114,900 (P-304BR)

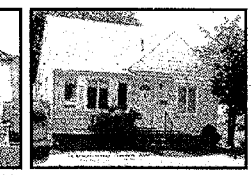
CANTON COLONIAL 4 bd, 3.5 baths, FR w/frpl, light oak Kitchen w/ceramic, 1st floor laundry, Master w/cath ceiling & bath, finished lower level, & stamped concrete Patio.
$285,000 (P-552PO)

READY TO MOVE IN TO! This beautiful 3 bd brick ranch in Canton offers neutral décor, fireplace, updated Kitchen & Bath, gorgeous yard, & all the big ticket items are done! Home warranty included.
$207,900 (P-429WO)

LOCATION, LOCATION Great interior location for this end unit condo w/new windows on main floor, furnace, hwh, neutral décor, 6 panel doors, private Deck, pool, clubhouse, full bsmt, & Garage.
$185,000 (P-430WO)

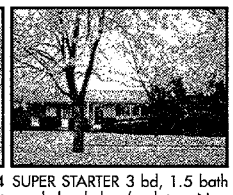


JUST MOVE IN This freshly painted 3 bd, 2.5 bath colonial, is ready for you now! Island Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, 1st floor laundry, formal LR & DR, finished bsmt, & rec room.
$222,900 (P-128RI)

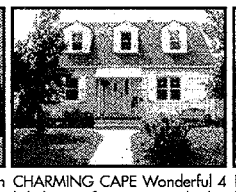


GREAT BUNGALOW Nice home featuring updated Kitchen, hwd floors under carpet, Master w/WIC, finished bsmt w/Family Room & _ bath, Deck, extra deep lot, & garage w/covered porch.
$124,900 (P-527WA)

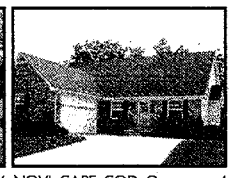
SPACIOUS LOT Spectacular 4 bd colonial on a premium lot w/mature trees. Open floor plan, neutral décor, marble & ceramic tile, 2 tier Deck, Family Room, & finished bsmt. Freshly painted, new roof & carpet.
$259,900 (P-379CL)



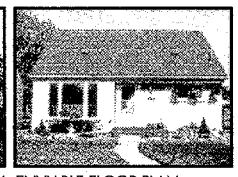
SUPER STARTER 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch loaded w/updates. New roof in 05, updated furnace, windows, carpet, raised oak cabinets, new floors, huge Garage, & immediate occupancy. Great Location.
$187,500 (P-120BA)



CHARMING CAPE Wonderful 4 bd home featuring 2 baths, huge Master Suite, updated Kitchen w/Pergo, remodeled bath w/jacuzzi tub, tear off roof, updated windows, siding, 6 panel doors, & more.
$182,500 (P-375FL)



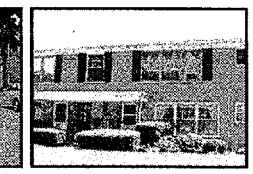
NOVI CAPE COD Gorgeous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Bright, open floor plan, spacious island Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, 1st floor Master, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt, & stamped concrete Patio.
$339,900 (P-291HO)



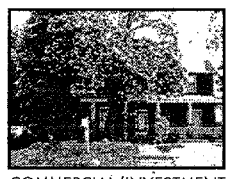
ENVIABLE FLOOR PLAN
Extra large master on the upper level and 2 bedrooms on the main floor. Hardwood floors, new windows, new roof, kitchen w/nook, doorwall to fenced yard w/hot tub & 2 car garage.
$119,889 (P-468IN)

BETTER THAN NEW Built in 2004, this Farm Hills home offers a low traffic location backing to woods, huge 1st floor Master w/bath, neutral décor, ceramic Foyer, granite Kitchen, 3 car Garage, & daylight bsmt.
$535,000 (P-206LU)

OUTSTANDING Beautiful 3 bd brick ranch w/2 car Garage, hwd floors, newer carpet, remodeled bath, all appliances, C/A, full bsmt, great curb appeal, & gigantic backyard.
$98,000 (P-964OA)

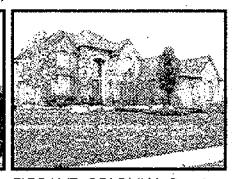


STARTER CONDO Great opportunity to own in popular Royal Oak community. Large Living Room, spacious Master w/large closet, association dues include heat & water.
$61,900 (P-230SH)



COMMERCIAL/INVESTMENT Opportunity knocks! Own a commercial building in Plymouth's Olde Village! Great income possibilities for a great price with 2 units plus storage. Large lot. Call for details.
$299,000 (C-446ST)

WELCOME HOME Popular Belmont model featuring 2 story Foyer, 9 ft ceilings, dual staircases, gourmet Kitchen, walk-in pantry, Master w/cath ceiling & sitting area, guest room w/bath, & prof landscaped.
$479,900 (C-508SY)



ELEGANT COLONIAL Premium brick home in desired Stonewater. Bright open floor plan. 4 bd, 3.5 ba, kitchen w/ granite, 2 story Great Room w/ fp, WIC in each bedroom, & premium walkout lot just a stroll from Stonebridge Lake.
$674,900 (P-392BI)

BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD Open & spacious! Built in 2003, 1st floor master suite w/jetted tub, maple Kitchen, formal Dining Room w/ trey ceiling, full daylight bsmt, inviting Great Room w/frpl & 2 story windows, & much more.
$339,900 (P-868BU)

LOTS OF UPDATES Cute 3 bd Dearborn Heights ranch. Updates include A/C, furnace, roof, windows, doors, 2 car Garage, immediate occupancy, & priced to sell!
$78,900 (P-416CA)

CHERRY HILL VILLAGE Beautiful 4 bd, 3.5 bath home in move in condition. Loaded w/upgrades & extras, open floor plan, extra deep finished bsmt w/egress windows, cherry cabinets, & more.
$359,900 (P-572FI)

GORGEOUS INSIDE & OUT Great starter home featuring a huge Living Room w/skylights, remodeled bathroom, huge Deck w/Jacuzzi, neutral décor t/o, & close to everything.
$86,000 (C-917GU)

CHARMING STONE HOME 4.65 Acres embraces this charming 4 bedroom home. Fireplace, hwd & ceramic floors, 48X30 pole barn, Pool, great craftsmanship, built in 1930 w/ numerous updates. Also for lease.
$375,000 (P-291NO)

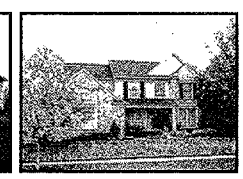
STYLISH CONDO Affordable Plymouth 2 bd, 1 bath condo close to downtown. 1st floor unit, light & bright t/o, skylights, open floor plan, & private laundry room. Clean & sharp!
$132,900 (P-163PL)

CENTRAL PARK BEAUTY Gourmet island Kitchen w/hwd, spacious Family Room, formal Living & Dining, large Master w/WIC & private bath, 3 car Garage, & a paver Patio.
$389,900 (P-366SP)

COUNTRY ESTATE 10 acre estate w/stunning 3500 sq ft home. Formal LR & DR w/hwd, Master w/his & her WIC's, gourmet Kitchen, walkout bsmt w/frpl, oversized Deck w/ gazebo, & 3 car Garage. Too much more too list!
$999,000 (C-988STO)

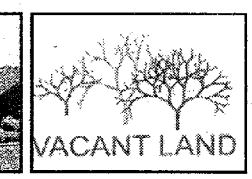
CORNER LOT Nice 3 bd brick ranch w/full bsmt, 2 car Garage, Dining Room off Kitchen, covered Patio, & more.
$129,900 (C-208BA)

LIVONIA SCHOOLS Contractors or Car-lovers, here it is! Custom built 4 bd, 3 bath ranch on 1.25 acres. 3 car att garage & another 4 car det garage w/ heat. Large Kitchen w/granite, Deck w/built-in bbq, & much more.
$424,900 (P-540BE)



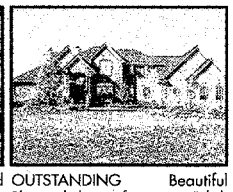
DELIGHTFULLY DIFFERENT Canton colonial featuring 2 story Great Room w/hwd, private study, stunning Kitchen w/extra tall cab's & granite, 9 ft ceilings, private yard, & garden w/fish pond.
$345,000 (P-110BI)

A RARE FIND Unique find in Pheasant Run. Brick ranch featuring 3 bd, 2.5 baths, 3 car Garage, Kitchen w/hickory cabinets, Family Room w/frpl, Master w/his & her WIC's, & paver Patio w/mature evergreens.
$339,900 (C-431CY)



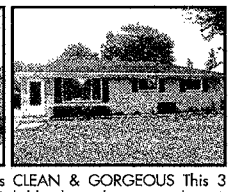
BUILDABLE LOT Large lot for a home of your choice. City allows modular or manufactured home. Seller will consider land contract.
$53,000 (C-008EC)

A RARE FIND! 3 bd Westland colonial w/4th bd in walkout bsmt. Updated Kitchen, hwd floors, beautiful Deck, large yard, & more.
$213,500 (C-221LA)



OUTSTANDING Beautiful Plymouth home featuring 5 bd, 3 full & 2 half baths, 4 car Garage, open floor plan, cherry Kitchen w/granite, 1st floor laundry, luxurious Master w/ bath, & premium walkout lot.
$750,000 (P-571OL)

CARE FREE LIVING Spacious ranch condo featuring 3 bd, 3 baths, 9 ft ceilings t/o, formal LR & DR, Kitchen w/nook, Master w/cath ceiling, finished bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, & more.
$234,000 (P-839PA)

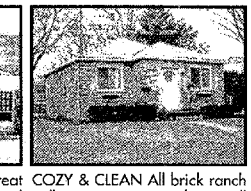


CLEAN & GORGEOUS This 3 bd brick ranch is super clean & neat. Large eat-in Kitchen, 3 bd/poss 4, 2 baths, updated windows, baths, roof, carpet, 2.5 car Garage, rec room/ office area, & much more.
$172,500 (C-732PI)

CUSTOM HOME Impressive approach to this 1998 custom built home. Many high quality amenities, 4 bd, 3.5 baths, home gym, 3 car garage, finished bsmt, enclosed Deck, partially heated pole barn, & situated on 5 _ acres. South Lyon schools.
$595,000 (P-710PO)

EXECUTIVE RETREAT Acreage, privacy, walkout bsmt, wine cellar, maple & granite Kitchen, custom tile work, vaulted bonus room, pool room, home theater, & situated on 4+ acres.
$599,900 (C-015SA)

AWESOME LOCATION Great chance to buy in popular Royal Oak location. 2 bd condo featuring large Living Room, separate dining area, spacious Master w/large closet, & close to everything.
$109,900 (C-2265H)



COZY & CLEAN All brick ranch w/bsmt & 1 car garage. Well maintained w/many quality upgrades. 2/possible 3 bds, 1 bath, great quiet neighborhood. 21 ft pool w/deck & patio. Priced low to sell fast.
$129,900 (C-333WAK)

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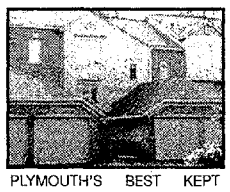
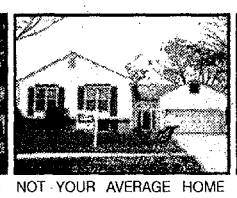


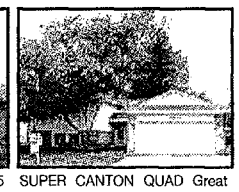
PLYMOUTH'S BEST KEPT SECRET Walk to town & take in all Plymouth has to offer. 2 bd, 2.5 ba, Great Room w/gorgeous view, Marble frpl, 2nd floor laundry, 2 balconies & Immed Occupancy!
$159,000 (C-806YO)

WOW! Virtually maintenance free exterior! Begin w/covered porch, brick paver walk, updated kitchen, Family Room leads to custom 2 tiered Deck, finished bsmt, & prof landscaped. Also for lease.
$245,000 (C-409AD)



NOT YOUR AVERAGE HOME Huge contemporary hoe on cul de sac w/parklike backyard. Open floor plan, Kitchen w/ snack bar, Family Room & Den w/big screen TV included!
$222,000 (C-259BO)

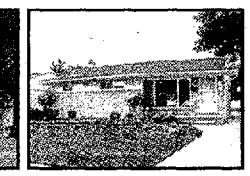
A BEAUTIFUL START 3 bd, 1.5 bath home in nice neighborhood. Full bsmt, Garage, natural fireplace, large Dining Room & immediate occupancy.
$134,900 (C-644CH)



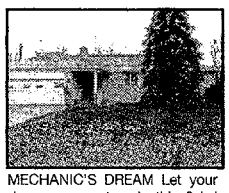
SUPER CANTON QUAD Great location for this brick home w/13 acres of interior parks. Ceramic floors, fireplace, 18x11 lighted Deck, glass block, triple doorwall, vaulted ceilings & 1 yr home warranty.
$197,500 (C-889CO)

FANTASTIC END UNIT CONDO Open floor plan is great for entertaining. 2 story entry w/ ceramic, Great Room w/cath ceiling & gas frpl, Dining Room w/doorwall to large Deck, Master suite, & finished bsmt w/office.
$219,900 (C-239ED)

COUNTRY RANCH Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 5 acres w/creek winding thru it. Great Canton location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room & too much more to list.
$469,900 (C-150HA)



NOT YOUR TYPICAL RANCH Beautiful 3 bd, 2 bath ranch w/ many updates. Living * Dining rooms, gorgeous Great Room, updated Kitchen & Bath, & part finished bsmt w/full bath.
$152,900 (C-655IR)



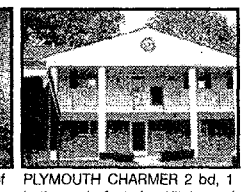
MECHANIC'S DREAM Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/pit & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt & covered Patio.
$214,000 (C-025JO)

NEW COLONIAL Transfer forces sale of this recently built home w/over 65k in upgrades. Cherry Kitchen w/granite, plasma tv, new sod & sprinklers & more. You cannot build a new home here for less than this price, lets make a deal!
$399,999 (C-488LA)

A NATURAL BEAUTY Custom ranch on 5 acres in Canton. Features include: 9' ceilings, egress windows, "euro style" island kitchen w/granite, ceramic floors, side entry garage & an out of this world master.
$350,000 (C-250MO)

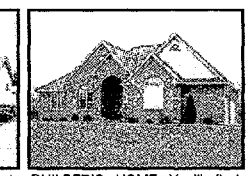
WHAT A HOUSE! Beautiful custom ranch w/2775 sq ft, in ground pool, 2 fireplaces, a Master Suite you have to see to believe, huge Kitchen, Florida Room, & a private 1 acre lot.
$369,900 (C-030NE)

CARE FREE LIVING Maples of Novi colonial condo featuring an open floor plan, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, formal LR & DR, Family Room w/ frpl & doorwall to Deck, Master w/WIC & bath, & fantastic walkout bsmt.
$229,000 (C-842PA)



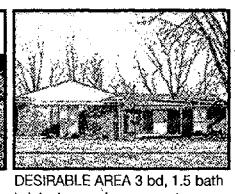
PLYMOUTH CHARMER 2 bd, 1 bath condo featuring Kitchen w/ all appl, laundry room w/washer & dryer, large Living Room w/ doorwall to Deck, Master w/ doorwall to deck & low association dues.
$109,900 (C-650PL)

GREAT OPPORTUNITY Great price & location for this home. Plenty of room to roam, 3 bd, 2 baths, formal LR, FR, updated windows, new gutters w/guards, updated Kitchen & more.
$175,000 (C-818RA)

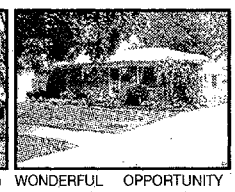


BUILDER'S HOME You'll find features here that are found only in the most elite of custom homes. Maple cabinets, granite, tray ceilings, Master bath w/ heated floor, finished walkout, 1100 sq ft Deck & 2.6 acres.
$425,000 (C-909RA)

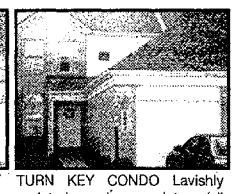
AWESOME OPPORTUNITY 2 bd condo w/over 1100 sq ft, Master w/WIC, fresh neutral paint & carpet, Great Room w/cath ceiling, formal DR, open floor plan, & all appliances stay.
$108,500 (C-839WI)



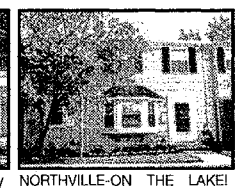
DESIRABLE AREA 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick home in a great area. Family Room w/frpl, part finished bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, all appliances included, & immediate occupancy.
$189,900 (C-308WI)



WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY Nice home feat. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, open floor plan, formal LR, oak Kitchen w/Nook, cath ceiling Family Room, finished bsmt, updated hwh, elec, sprinklers, & too much more to list.
$159,900 (C-227FRA)

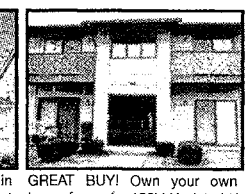


TURN KEY CONDO Lavishly updated condo complete w/all the upgrades. All appliances included, pond views from the Deck. Move right in. Also for lease.
$159,000 (C-882HA)

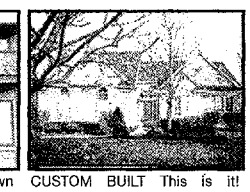


NORTHVILLE-ON THE LAKE! Live on Crystal Lake in this pristine condo that is beautifully updated & maintained. 2 bd, 1.5 baths, area pool, tennis, & clubhouse, & Northville Schools.
$143,900 (C-830IR)

BETTER THAN NEW Built in 2004, this home has it all! Front porch overlooks park, prof finished lower level, Master w/ bath & vaulted ceiling, Living Room w/frpl, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, & appl stay.
$190,000 (C-337LE)



GREAT BUY! Own your own home for under 100k! Updated t/ o. 2 bd, 1 bath, balcony overlooks pool, private laundry room, large Master w/WIC, newer carpet & fixtures.
$84,900 (C-494MA)



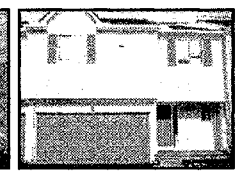
CUSTOM BUILT This is it! Gorgeous home featuring a 2 story Foyer, Great Room w/ marble fireplace, gourmet island Kitchen w/granite, 1st floor Master Suite, formal Dining, brick paver Patio, & backs to commons.
$475,000 (P-020AB)

HI-RISE CONDO Great Plymouth location for this 2 bd, 2 bath condo that was completely remodeled in 2002. Neutral carpet, Kitchen w/granite, Master w/WIC & nice balcony.
$159,900 (P-770DE)

GORGEOUS WOODED SETTING Fabulous colonial situated on _ acre lot. Updates include Kitchen, roof, baths, flooring, carpet, brick paver patio, Family Room w/frpl, 2nd floor laundry, full bsmt, & very private yard.
$359,900 (P-615GA)

HOME SWEET HOME This updated ranch is ready to move into. Updates include furnace, roof, porch, & windows. Large Living Room, nice Kitchen w/all appl, finished lower level, & 2.5 car Garage.
$144,900 (P-327GI)

ELEGANT CONDO Enjoy the convenience of condo living in beautiful Links of Fellows Creek. 2 bd, 2 bath, Master w/large WIC, upgraded kitchen cab's, carpet, custom valances & blinds, & area pool & clubhouse.
$180,000 (P-463GL)



GREAT BUY! Open & airy condo featuring 2 bd, 2.5 baths, att 2 car Garage, full bsmt, Great Room w/vaulted ceiling, doorwall leading to Deck w/view of pond, upper level w/loft or Den area. Great location.
$172,900 (P-282HE)

CONDO FOR LEASE Comfort & style in this ranch end unit condo w/full bsmt, attached Garage, breakfast area, & close to everything. Lease terms negotiable.
$900/month (P-283IN)

LIVONIA RANCH Nice brick ranch on a huge lot. Updated include Kitchen, concrete, roof, & mechanic's dream 30 x 24 heated Garage. A country feel w/ plenty of large trees in fully fenced yard.
$184,900 (P-405OP)

FULLY FURNISHED CONDO Perfect for rental or 1st time buyer. Very clean, 2 bd, 1 bath, open floor plan, large Dining Area, Deck off Living Room & Master, neutral décor t/o, & all appl stay.
$120,000 (P-670PL)

TURN KEY CONDO Decorated to the "nines"! Kitchen w/ cherrywood cabinets, stain steel appl's, Master Suite w/cath ceiling & WIC, & comes almost fully furnished! Call for details.
$162,750 (C-114RA)

SPACIOUS COLONIAL Great home featuring 5 bd, 3.5 baths, formal LR & DR, Family Room w/ frpl, beautiful Master Suite, oak paneled Library, 1st floor laundry, finished walkout & backs to wooded ravines.
$419,900 (P-903SU)

ABSOLUTLEY GORGEOUS Great interior lot! Bright open floor plan, island Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl & soaring ceilings, formal LR & DR, Master w/bath & WIC, & finished lower level w/ bath, sauna, & workshop.
$325,000 (P-664RA)

CHARMING HOME Updated interior, newer roof, electrical, 2 bd, 1 bath, oversized lots, 2 car Garage, super 1/3 acre, full bsmt, & much more to offer.
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■ Inspect the roof edge for damage caused by wind, driving rain and ice dams (where water freezes and backs up under the roofing system).

■ Watch for discolorations on the roof, especially dark spots. They could be signs of moisture damage and algae or mold growth.

■ Clean your gutters, leaders, window wells and drains of any debris. Leaves, sticks and other items can cause water to back up and flow under the roof. It's also important to make sure gutters are securely fastened to your house and to direct all downspouts away from your foundation.

MAINTAINING ROOF HEALTH

If you spot damage, work with a professional roofing contractor who uses quality materials. Doing so can save you time and money and prolong the life of your roof. Plus, it can keep you from having to spring for costly repairs down the road.

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To meet the demand of real estate professionals needing to access MLS data any time, anywhere, Realcomp II Ltd. recently announced the launch of its new Realcomp MobileTM MLS access service. Offered exclusively to Realcomp REALTORS®, this new service gives real estate professionals the ability to better serve their customers and clients by creating real time wireless access to important property data and photos.

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Over the past year, Realcomp has launched other services and technology to benefit REALTORS®. These include enhanced online forms through a Web-based application that allows real estate professionals to enter transactional data into the system once and automatically populate all associated forms for that transaction, and Realist®, a national public record data product. In 2007, Realcomp plans to introduce ShowingAssist™ — an innovative, online-based property showing and scheduling system and an integrated Transaction Management System.

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As a special introduction, Realcomp MobileTM is being offered free of charge to all Realcomp Subscribers throughout the first quarter of 2007.

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...rt rinds garage sale not a nuisance

Q. One of our members of our condo association wants to conduct a garage sale and there is nothing in our documents that specifically prohibits it. Can the board, in any event, do so?

A. Based upon a recent New York case on similar facts, the garage sale was not deemed to be nuisance and the board did not have the authority to impose a fine. The court said that the board's powers were derived from state law and the association governing documents and neither banned garage sales. The only way the board could consider the garage sale to be a prohibited nuisance was if the board could prove that it substantially inconvenienced and caused other members damages. But in the case in question, the board could not prove either one of those things.

Q. A section of fence area fell from our roof at the condominium injuring two persons who were on a public sidewalk in front of our unit. They are suing the Association and its Board of Directors for negligent failure to maintain the common elements including a roof top security fence. They are also claiming damages in excess of the amount of our insurance and are suing individual co-owners of the condominium. Do you think we have any liability?

Robert Meisner

A. It, of course, depends upon the state in which you are located but in a case of first impression in New York, the court held that the unit owners did not have statutory liability for safe maintenance of the building because the nature of the unit owners interest in the common elements is "materially dissimilar to the free hold interest" normally held by owners of multiple dwellings. The court also indicated in that case that vicarious liability for unit owners was inappropriate because the common elements were solely under the control of the board of managers. It would appear, therefore, that the individuals may have some immunity from liability since it should be a corporate obligation, namely that of the association.

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

State group hosts annual conference

The Michigan Association of REALTORS® is hosting its annual Achieve Leadership Conference, Jan. 18-19 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

This year's conference will feature an exciting lineup of nationally recognized speakers, including REALTOR® and author Roger Turcotte, and Emmy-Award winning TV reporter Jeff Crilley. Other highlights of the event include the extensive coverage of industry leadership issues, with key MAR speakers Greg McClelland, Gail Anderson and Rob Campau, and the installation ceremony for MAR's 2007 incoming officers and president, Furhad Waquad of Real Estate One in Bloomfield Hills.

Waquad has been a REALTOR® since 1988, and was awarded the MAR REALTOR® Active in Politics in 2002 and named REALTOR® of the Year in 2003. He is the only MAR member to ever be awarded both of these honors back to back. Some of his other accomplishments include being appointed by former Gov. Engler to serve on the Michigan Commission on Asia in Schools, and earning the GRI, CRS, ABR, CIPS and RCS industry designations.

For more information on Achieve 2007 or to obtain media passes, please contact Corie Costello at ccostello@mirealtors.com or 800.454.7842.

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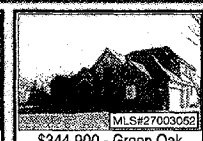

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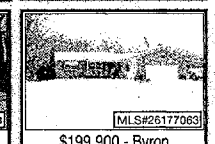

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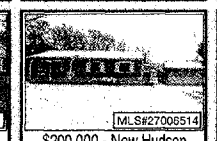

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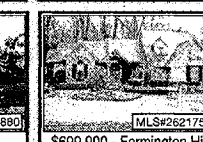

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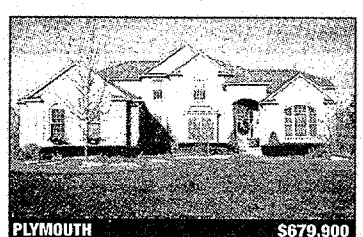

PLYMOUTH $679,900

Waterfront home. 2 story GR. kit w/lrg eating area & doorwalls to cstm deck. Library & Formal DR. Main flr mstr ste w/luxury ba. Full w/o bsmt.

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GR W/2story Fieldstone Fp, 1st Flr Mstr W/Jacuzzi, Newer Cpt T/o, 42" Maple Cabs In Kit Fin W/o, Deck, Hw Flr In Foyer, Kit, & Hallway., 3 Car Garage

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NOVI $525,000

Updates Incl; Roof, Andersen Windows T/o, james Hardy Siding,freshly Painted Ext, Dishwasher. Full Bths Remodeled. Fin Bsmt W/in-law Quarters

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NOVI $475,000

4.5 Bths, Frml LR & DR, Kit W/Eat-in Nook, FR W/ Gas FP, Bay Window, Sunrm W/wet Bar, Hot Tub, Mstr Ste W/wic, Glam Bth, 2nd Flr Lndry, 3 Car Garage,

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NOVI $460,000

hw flrs in 2 story foyer, 1/2 bath, kit, dr & lr. newer cpt, updated mstr bth w/maple cabs. mstr ste w/ cathedral ceiling, 2.5 car gar, &alarm

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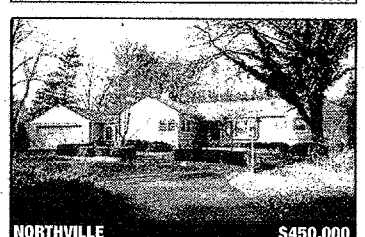

NORTHVILLE $450,000

4 Bdrm Ranch on Spectacular 2 Acres, w/Frml Living Rm, Mstr w/New Bth, Bdrm/library W/Gas Frpl, Sunroom w/French Door, 2+Garage & Outbuilding w/bath.

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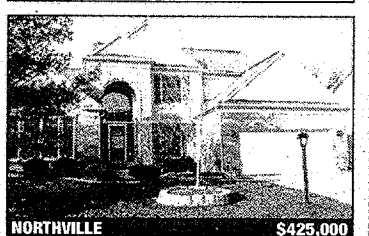
Over acre lot backing to mature trees. New gourmet kit w/ceramic flr & desk area. Enormous mstr suite w/sitting area, WIC & glamour BA w/jet tub.

MLS# 26215345 734-453-6800

NOVI $429,900

New Construction. Brand New Colonial In Pulte's New Subs. 9ft 1st Flr Ceilings. Hwd Flrs In Kit. 2nd Flr Lndry. Mstr & Main Bath have Dual Vanities.

MLS# 26214417 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE $425,000

Gourmet Kitchen, Granite Stainless Steel Appl, 2-way Frpl, Brazilian Cherry Hrdwd Flr Thru Out, 1st Flr Mstr Ste, Guest Ste, Lower Level w/Theater Rm

MLS# 26214194 248-347-3050

NORTHVILLE $400,000

Custom Home w/Gourmet Granite Kitchen, 9' ceilings, HW flrs, frml Living & Dining Rm. Mstr w/ 2 Walk-in Closets, Glamour Bath & Fininshed Lower Level

MLS# 27004233 248-347-3050

MILFORD $399,900

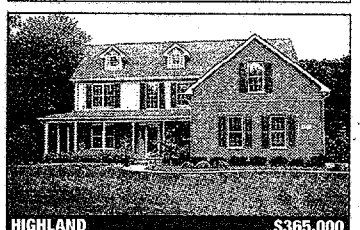
3 BR 2.5 Bath Home In Lakes Of Milford! Almost 3000 Sq' & Over An Acre Of Land! Oak Flr In Kit W/ appls, Great Rm W/Fp, Library, 3 Car Attchd Garage

MLS# 26215653 248-347-3050

NOVI $375,000

Best Buy In Island Lake. End unit, 1st floor mstr., kit w/granite, neutral t/o, mint condition, lake view, open floor plan, covered deck and patio.

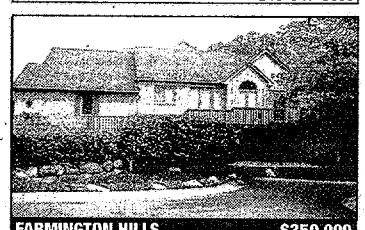
MLS# 26210020 248-646-1800



HIGHLAND $365,000

Spectacular estate, on cul-de-sac backs to woods. 2 story ent w/HDWD, grmt kit, FR w/stone gas FP, vltd mstr w/WIC & glam BA. Prof fin LL w/ day wndws.

MLS# 26211966 734-453-6800



FARMINGTON HILLS $350,000

Priv Entrance Condo. Additional 1300 SqFt Pro Fin Lower W/O. Mstr Bed Ste W/2 Wic & Glam Bath. Doorwalls Lead To Huge Deck. Atrium W/hot Tub.

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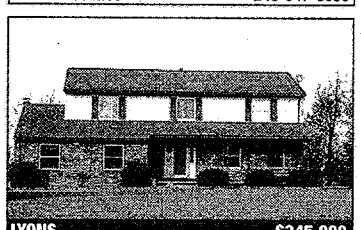


LYONS $345,000

4 BD Colonial. Pergo Floors, Fla Rm W/Hot Tub. 1.5 Acres. Pole Barn, Master Ste. Newer Septic, Furnace, Water Heater. Will Consider Land Contract

MLS# 26211275 248-437-4500

HAMBURG $339,000

Yesteryear Charmer! Restored 4 BR, 2 BA Greek Revival farmhse on 2.2 acres. 2-sided fireplace, 9' ceilings, 3-car carriage hse, white fencing & more.

MLS# 27003726 248-437-4500

CANTON $335,000

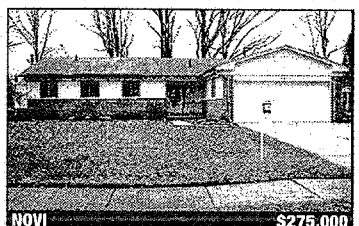
2-story foyer w/HDWD thru grmt kit w/huge isl. Bkfst nk w/drwl to deck. Crown mldg t/o. FR w/ gas FP. Vltd mstr ste w/WIC & glam BA w/WIC & dbl sinks.

MLS# 26209499 734-453-6800

LIVONIA $305,000

Large Family home. 5 BR, 3.5 bth, Gr w/Fp, Dr, 1st flr lndry., 1st flr. MBR w/walk-in, jet tub & private deck. Finished basement w/wet bar.

MLS# 26219031 248-347-3050



NOVI $275,000

Open foyer w/cer tile. Grmt kit w/granite & stainless. FR w/natural FP & drwl to new brick paver patio. Glam BA w/cer, skylight, jet tub & ped sink.

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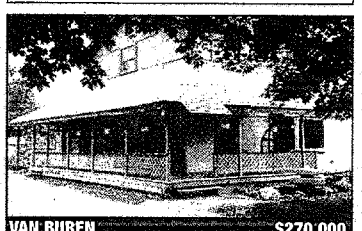

VAN BUREN $270,000

4 Br 2 Bth Col On 3 Acres Kit W/oak Cabs, Loft As 4th Br & Dr W/bay Win, Fr W/slate Flr & Opn To Lg Dk. Grnds Incl Pool, Pole Brn Wkshp W/wd Flr.

MLS# 26216072 248-347-3050

FARMINGTON HILLS $264,900

4 Br, 2.5 Bath Mbr Ste W/updated Bathrm & Balcony Off Mbr. Br's W/ Hw Flrs, Marble Fp In Fr. Updated Refaced Kit. Cabs, Cnters, Crwn Mldng In Lr & Dr

MLS# 26215661 248-347-3050

LIVONIA $264,900

1st Flr Mstr BR W/ Jet Tub &Walk In Shower. 1st Fl Lndry, Balcony Overlooks GR. Doorwall From DR Leads To brick Patio. Fully Fin Rec Rm In Full Bsmnt.

MLS# 26205227 248-347-3050

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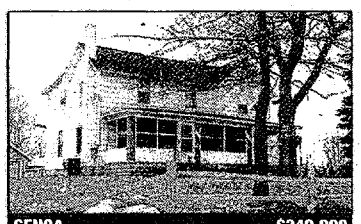
SOUTH LYON **$260,000**
Pool & Clubhouse. Upgrades; 42" Maple Cabs,granite T/o, Carpet, Lighting, &Tile. 1st Flr Lndry, Fp In Gr. $10,000 Bonus To Buyer W/accept. Offer
MLS# 26214509 248-347-3050

NOVI **$259,900**
Over $20,000 in Upgrades. Recessed Lighting T/o Condo. HW Flrs T/o 1st Flr. Kit W/Corian Counters. 1st Flr Lndry. 3BRs: Mstr Ste W/jet Tub& Sep Shower
MLS# 26207720 248-347-3050

WEST BLOOMFIELD **$250,000**
POTTERY BARN PERFECT!!! Spotless colonial is move in MINT! Hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths & countless amenities. Nice yard. Check the V-tour
MLS# 26217156 248-360-1425



GENOA **$249,900**
New Lg GR w/french doors. Door wall & Hot Tub. Bonus Room off Master. Needs TLC to Complete. Finishing material in Garage. 2.4 Acres, Brighton Schools
MLS# 26211603 248-437-4500

CANTON **$209,750**
Well priced 4BR, 2.1 BA Colonial with over $28,000 in updates since 1999! Open Kit (all appls incl). Cozy FR w/FP. Formal DR. Fabulous master w/WIC.
MLS# 27000580 734-453-6800

SALEM **$205,000**
Almost 6 acres on paved road in established subdivision. Beautiful wooded site with stream. Twp taxes, South Lyon Schools. 1 of 10 lots left.

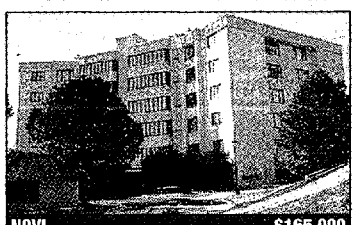
MLS# 26117128 Wanda Wozniak 248-437-4500

LIVONIA **$189,900**
Brick Colonial. 150 Ft Lot,nicely Landscaped. Newer Kit, Energy Furnace, Lrg FR W/FP Leads To Covered Patio. Oak Flrs. Cement Turn-around In Front.
MLS# 26204290 248-347-3050

FARMINGTON **$185,000**
New Roof, Hi-eff Furnace, Vinyl Windows, & Front Dr. Updated Kit W/Granite Cnters. Fin w/o W/FR, Patio/deck W/hot Tub, 2.5 Car Gar, Hw Flrs On 1st flr
MLS# 27000414 248-347-3050

CANTON **$180,000**
3 BRs & 1.5 Bths. Brick Ranch w/Almost 1300 SqFt, C/a Plus Ceiling Fans, FP In Fam Rm, Appls Stay, Fin Bsmnt & 2 Car garage W/ Opener. In-ground Pool
MLS# 26215913 248-347-3050

COMMERCE **$179,900**
Beauty and relaxation awaits you with this charming rustic 3BD,1BA ranch home w/ Commerce Lk access. Close to schools, x-ways and shopping. A MUST see!
MLS# 26217497 248-360-1425

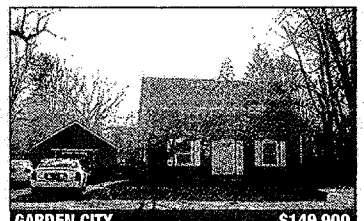


NOVI **$165,000**
Perfect For Corp. Living, 2nd Flr Offers exercise Rm, Pool, Community Rm, Lake View, All Appls Incl. Mstr Ste W/wic, Priv Bth, 2nd bdrm W/bth.

MLS# 26210011 248-347-3050

LIVONIA **$160,000**
Best Buy! 3 Bdrm 1.5 Bath Brick. Updates Incl. Kit, Ceramic Flr, Appliances, Newer Hw Flrs. Huge Garage. Ready To Move In. Gotta See This One.

MLS# 26208712 Linda Morace 248-737-9000



GARDEN CITY **$149,900**
3 Bedroom Bungalow. Nw Windows/Storm Doors. Nw Roof, Furnace, AC & Water Heater. Lg Backyard W/above Pool & Deck. Lg Utility Rm, MTR BD On Main FL.
MLS# 26207893 248-437-4500

SOUTHFIELD **$145,000**
Updates Have Been Done: Windows, Roof, Vinyl Siding & 95% High Efficiency Furnace.Walk To Shopping, Restaurants & Miller Park. Subject To Short Sale.
MLS# 26212658 248-347-3050

COMMERCE **$140,000**
Updates Have Been Done: Windows, Roof, Vinyl Siding & 95% High Efficiency Furnace.Walk To Shopping, Restaurants & Miller Park. Subject To Short Sale.
MLS# 26212658 248-347-3050

FARMINGTON HILLS **$135,000**
Charming Bungalow w/updates galore! HDWD floors throughout, kitchen w/all appliances, fenced yard, newer roof, windows, furnace, electric & much more!
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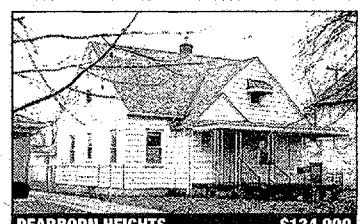


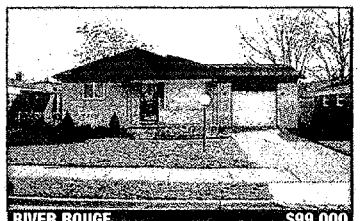
DEARBORN HEIGHTS **$134,900**
This Updated Bungalow is Nestled On 1.5 Lots. Features A MBR Suite, Wet Bar, And MB. New Lighting, Carpet, Windows,Roof, Siding, Flooring, And More!
MLS# 26209503 Danielle Fella 734-591-0333 ext..136

REDFORD **$129,900**
All Brick Home, Highly Maintained, 1-1/2 Lots, Fin Bsmnt w/Storage. Updates Incl; Bth, New Roof, Windows, Carpet(1st Flr), HWH, &Landscaping. HW Flrs,
MLS# 27001044 248-347-3050

REDFORD **$129,900**
Kit W/newer Oak Cabs, Recessed & Track Lighting. 3 Br's On Main Flr, Updated Main Bath, New 4th Br. 2nd Flr Mstr Ste. Fin Bsmt W/custom Cedar Ceiling
MLS# 26211119 248-347-3050

WESTLAND **$120,000**
Double lot with fenced yard on quite dead end street. Livonia Schools. Open flrplan w/HDWD T/O. Updates: furn, BA, kit nk w/drwl to deck w/hot tub.
MLS# 26209473 734-453-6800

TAYLOR **$112,900**
Mint Condition Completely Updated Condo In Gated Community. New Kit, W/cherry Cabinets, New Appliances.Custom Trim Throughout. Move In Condition.
MLS# 26206257 Frank Feldt ABR,CMRS 734-591-0333



RIVER ROUGE **$99,000**
Well Maintained Ranch With Attached Garage and Finished Bsmt.Updates Include New Garage Door and Opener, New toilet, and New Patio Door.

MLS# 26208842 Ryan Haines 734-591-0333

DEARBORN HEIGHTS **$93,900**
Wonderful Starter Home. Completely Updated W/ spacious Master Br,walk-in Closet & Completely Remodeled Bath. New Kit And Flooring.This Is A Great Area.
MLS# 26211312 Frank Feldt ABR,CMRS 734-591-0333

DETROIT **$74,900**
Perfect For 1st Time Home Buyers Or Rental. Completely Renovatedin 2004. Hw Floors, Ceramic Ba, Newer Windows,Furnace,Plumbing, Electric, Paint, Etc.
MLS# 26209510 Danielle Fella 734-591-0333 ext..136

STERLING HEIGHTS **$1,200**
Georgeous Condo With Great Room, 2 Full Baths, Freshly Painted Ready To Move In, Very Close To Shopping Area And Expressways.

MLS# 26208481 Ellen Obsum 734-591-0300

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HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept.18-22, 2006 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton

1834 Ashbourne Dr	$148,000
2110 Ashbourne Dr	$161,000
2111 Ashbourne Dr	$161,000
42336 Chase Dr	$310,000
314 Constitution St	$185,000
257 Cornell St	$301,000
44265 Cranberry Dr	$240,000
41741 Echo Forest Dr	$340,000
44240 Fair Oaks Dr	$203,000
41474 Hanford Rd	$238,000
46541 Hanford Rd	$252,000
39683 John Dr	$183,000
2431 Knollwood Dr	$166,000
2570 Liberty St S	$390,000
46797 Mornington Rd	$370,000
1049 Mystic Ct	$311,000
246 N Village Way	$40,000
8506 Newbury Ct N	$219,000
41381 Northwind Dr	$115,000
1591 Peninsula Ct	$290,000
363 Pinehurst Dr	$400,000
2552 Pond View Ct	$440,000
795 Queens Way	$215,000
42720 Redfern St	$259,000
390 Robyn Dr	$193,000
48346 Roundstone Ct	$143,000
50051 S Wintergarden Ct	$146,000
41982 Saratoga Cir	$175,000
41082 Southwind Dr	$117,000
5903 Valley View Dr	$100,000
179 Village Way Blvd	$40,000

Farmington

35551 Heritage Ln	$165,000
31781 Lamar St	$189,000
23133 Lilac St	$125,000
33242 Slocum St	$220,000
23215 Violet St	$144,000

Farmington Hills

23175 Albion Ave	$162,000
33076 Biddestone Ln	$230,000
25835 Branchaster Rd	$240,000
28021 Brandywine Rd	$164,000
34580 Bunker Hill Dr	$250,000
21440 Collingham Ave	$98,000
29059 Forest Hill Dr	$310,000
31785 Homewood Dr	$273,000
25717 Lynford St	$220,000
36567 Martel Ct	$262,000
30414 Orchard Lake Rd	$140,000
24365 Power Rd	$203,000
34675 Princeton St	$220,000
37973 Rhonswood Dr	$290,000
28868 Rockledge Dr	$285,000
21744 Ruth St	$154,000
30005 Shiawassee Rd	$185,000
29504 Sylvan Ln	$220,000
27265 W Skye Dr	$257,000
28751 Wintergreen	$867,000

Garden City

816 Arcola St	$150,000
30755 Barton St	$109,000
28979 Bock St	$151,000
31025 Brown St	$225,000
1652 Harrison St	$130,000
31437 Maplewood St	$191,000
258 N Venoy Cir	$135,000

Livonia

36549 Ann Arbor Trl	$250,000
27856 Barkley St	$179,000
9251 Cardwell St	$108,000
9837 Fairfield St	$163,000
14509 Fairway St	$170,000
11192 Garden St	$132,000
18321 Glengarry Dr	$356,000
29184 Grandon St	$148,000
14122 Hubbard St	$219,000
18905 Irving St	$217,000
18525 Levan Rd	$208,000
29738 Mason St	$125,000
14036 Mayfield St	$247,000
20114 Mayfield St	$300,000
31640 Myrna St	$400,000
29532 Nottingham Ct	$143,000
34334 Orangelawn St	$260,000

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14429 Park St	$173,000
27621 Pickford St	$170,000
29514 Pickford St	$154,000
16345 Pollyanna St	$204,000
14882 Riverside St	$260,000
Milford	
660 Bellevue	$234,000
3111 Granda Vista Dr	$239,000
937 Pearson Dr	$203,000
936 Queen St	$170,000
548 River Oaks Dr	$281,000
709 Squire Ln	$220,000
Northville	
19064 Angell Blvd	$616,000
18744 Bayberry Way	$637,000
46562 Crystal Downs W	$628,000
16764 Dover Dr	$149,000
45685 Greenridge Dr	$345,000
39413 Jasmine Cir	$466,000
49186 Rainbow Ln N	$358,000
49185 Rainbow Ln S	$389,000
20145 Woodbend Dr	$372,000
16721 Yellowstone Dr	$196,000
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41915 Cantebury Dr	$176,000
25896 Clark St	$180,000
45254 Jacob Dr	$358,000
40576 Ladene Ln	$235,000
40632 Lenox Park Dr	$344,000
40658 Lenox Park Dr	$369,000
45667 Marlborough Pl	$468,000
41851 Ridge Rd E	$235,000
45613 S Lake Dr	$436,000
22359 Sunrise Blvd	$249,000
25331 Sutton Ct	$675,000
Plymouth	
9294 Ball St	$199,000
748 Coolidge St	$219,000
46733 Danbridge St	$378,000
163 Hamilton	$294,000
11486 N Haggerty Rd	$209,000
1683 Nantucket Rd	$243,000
40239 Newport Dr	$121,000
40869 Newport Dr	$117,000
40879 Newport Dr	$128,000
11132 Tremont Ln	$282,000
50550 W Fellows Creek Ct	$700,000
12392 White Tail Ct	$520,000
Redford	
26527 Clarita	$148,000
18406 Delaware Ave	$135,000
17356 Fox	$123,000
19664 Garfield	$125,000
12064 Hemingway	$156,000
19969 Indian	$91,000
16180 Kinloch	$139,000
15602 Lola Dr	$175,000
8991 Lucerne	$147,000
19335 Norborne	$38,000
9913 Riverdale	$140,000
13536 Salem	$152,000
14314 San Jose	$120,000
9551 Sarasota	$129,000
12871 Sioux	$151,000
20560 Sumner	$129,000
25835 Westfield	$165,000
South Lyon	
26240 Daria Cir E	$100,000
26580 Daria Cir W	$100,000

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FEATURE HOMES

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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! NEW CONSTRUCTION. 324 Tortoise Dr. 2706 sf, 1.5 story, walk-out bsmt, volume ceiling in great rm w/beautiful FP. Large, well appointed kitchen, 1st flr master w/gorgeous bath. 3 upstairs bedrooms & bonus room complete this lovely home. 3 car garage, hydroseed & sprinklers! $359,900 MLS#25110804

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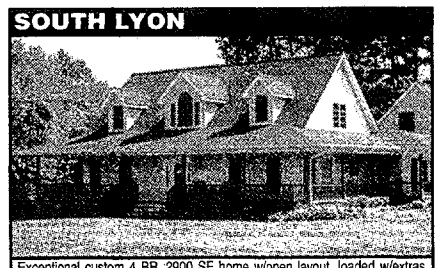
SOUTH LYON



Exceptional custom 4 BR. 2900 SF home w/open layout, loaded w/extras. Light & bright, built in 2000. Scenic views from every window. Wooded 1+ acre cul de sac lot in lake-access sub. 1st flr master & laundry, 3-car garage w/upper level bonus rm for in-law quarters, extra bedroom, or office. Desirable South Lyon Schools. Lower Green Oak taxes. MLS#26161116 $439,900

Call Sue Shepard/Tom Griffith (810) 844-2335/810-844-2696
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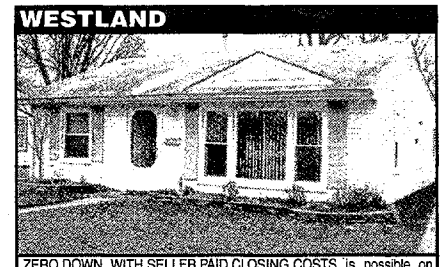
WESTLAND



ZERO DOWN WITH SELLER PAID CLOSING COSTS is possible on this move in condition ranch home with many new features. Great location close to schools, shopping and everything you need. Call Nick Natoli of the Michigan Group for details! Don't miss out - this one is priced for today's market! MLS#26214537 $124,900 nnatoli@michigangroup.com

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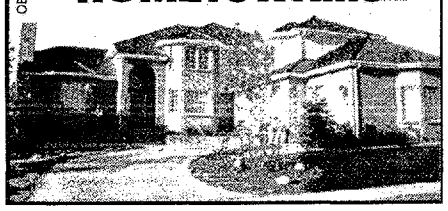

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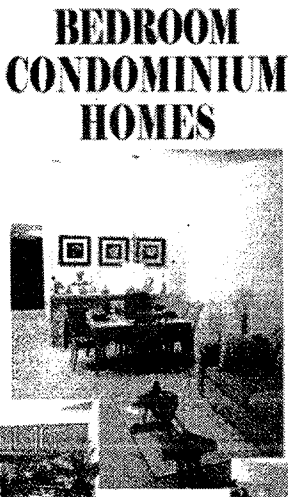

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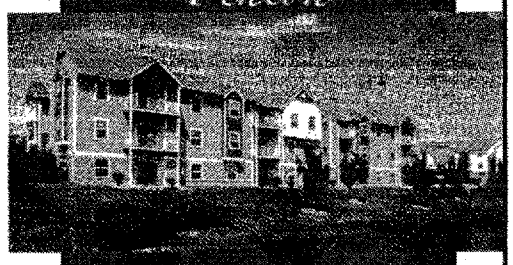

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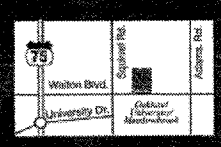

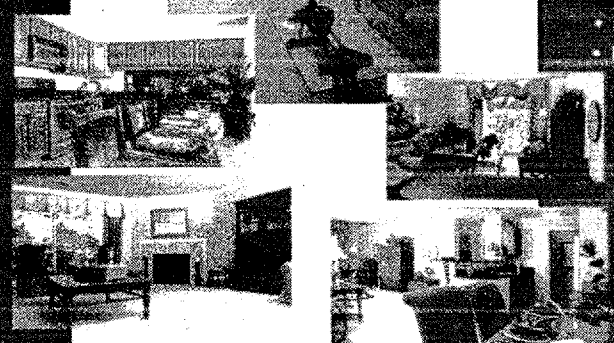

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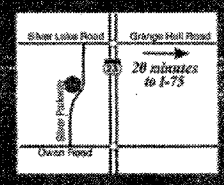

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26670 Pontiac Trl	$270,000
23684 Prescott Lake W	$468,000

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32883 Anita Dr	$105,000
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33701 Cherry Hill Rd	$163,000
33679 Glen St	$178,000
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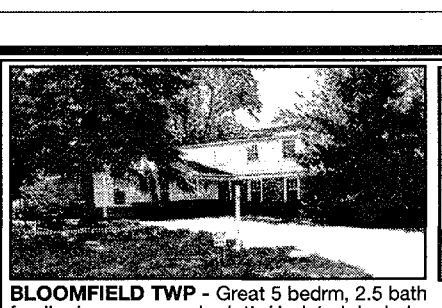

BLOOMFIELD TWP - Great 5 bedrm, 2.5 bath family home on a lg lot! Updated include: cherry ktch w/ granite counters, carpet, paint, huge 4 Season rm leading to park-like setting, hardwood flrs in office & family rm, full wall fireplc+more. $369,900 (D17Wag)

CANTON - Great buy in Pheasant Ridge on cul-de-sac. Premium elevation on this better-than-new 4 bedrm 2.5 bath home w/grand foyer, wonderful maple ktchn, beautiful lrg deck over-looking prof landscaped yard, daylite bsmt + $3000 buyers incentive! $459,000 (L34Lin)

CANTON - Beautiful huge 4 bedrm, 3.5 bath home on choice lot backing to pond w/woods. Dream ktchn w/lg island, Jack & Jill luxury master w/2 walk-in-closets, daylite bsmnt, 3 car side entry garage + more! $399,900 (L101Hud)

CANTON - Enjoy this charming 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial in Sunflower Village Sub w/tennis cts, pool & club house. 2 tier deck overlooking professionally landscaped yard. Many updates + beautifully fin'd basement w/office space. $268,000 (L75Han)

FARMINGTON HILLS - "Ready to move into" 2 bedrm, 2.5 bath condo in lovely private setting on premium lot. Great rm w/gas frplc & door wall to private deck, fin'd lower level w/ fresh paint & new carpet, new roof '05, security alarm...a great unit for the money! $169,900 (D90Mis)

NOVI - Fantastic 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath condo w/ open flr plan, neutral carpet, new ktchn, ceramic flr, updated baths, master w/cathedral ceiling & walk-in-closet, cedar deck & privacy fence, etc. Complex offers clubhouse, pool & tennis! $129,900 (L02Woo)

PINCKNEY VILLAGE - Beautifully updated 3 bdrm home on large lot at great value! Lower level prepped & framed for 2nd full bath, newer roof '05, H2O heater '05, furnace '03, newer garage door, interior freshly painted + more. Great neighborhood! $165,999 (L68Ash)

MILFORD - Charming 3 bdrm, 2 full bath ranch on beautiful hillside lot within walking distance to historic, quaint Milford. Spacious floor plan, warm oak ktchn, neutral liv rm, 2 lg decks, paver patio + more. Home Warranty included. $159,900 (L18Mai)

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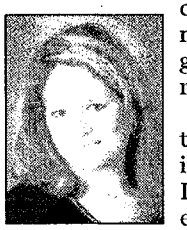
REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Michelle Walder join Paragon

Michelle Walder has joined Paragon Property Management Services as director of operations, a new position for the growing commercial real estate firm.



Walder

Walder had been controller at Etkin Equities in Southfield. A Walled Lake resident, Walder earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Walsh College, and has more than 12 years of experience in commercial and residential property management.

Paragon Corporate Realty Services (www.paragoncrs.com), founded in 1998, is a Farmington Hills-based commercial real estate firm that specializes in property leasing, management and development of office and industrial properties.

Free workshop

A workshop for first-time homebuyers will be held 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at 28544 Orchard Lake Road,

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Farmington Hills (just north of 12 Mile on the east side of the road). It is sponsored by Century 21 Today Inc.

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Career seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a career seminar at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Plymouth Office, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road Suite 100, in Plymouth.

The seminar will explore a career in real estate. Find out all you need to know about costs, compensation, training and prelicense requirements.

RSVP by calling (734) 459-4700.

Mortgage credit seminar

Approved Mortgages is hosting a seminar on how to improve your credit score from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 3, at the Public Library of Westland located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland.

Call Diane Adamick at (734) 516-8043 to register.

Builders Institute

The Oakland Builders Institute will offer:

■ A 16-hour seminar to help students pass the Michigan state builder's license exam. It will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20-21, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people. Cost is $205 including manual, sample questions and text application. A $25 deposit is needed by Jan. 18 to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. To register, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 or online at www.buildersinstitute.com.

■ A seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license exam will be offered by the institute in cooperation with Lake Orion Community Education. It will be 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 22, 24, 29 and 31, at the Community Education Resource Center, 455 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people. Cost is $199 plus $20 for textbook and sample questions. Preregistration with payment is needed by Jan. 18 to Lake Orion Community Education. Call (248) 693-5436 to register.

■ A seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license exam will be offered by the institute in cooperation with Walled Lake Community Education. It will be 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Jan. 22, 24, 29 and 31, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes as well as real estate investors, developers and building trades people. Cost is $199 plus $20 for textbook and sample questions. Preregistration with payment is needed by Jan. 18 to Walled Lake Community Education. Call (248) 956-5000 to register.

Investors

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland County (REIA of Oakland) is a nonprofit organization that provides new and seasoned real estate investors a forum for networking, education and socialization with local and nationally known real estate investment experts. It meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the second Thursday of every month at the MSU Management Education Center 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy, MI 48098. For more information, or to join REIA, visit www.reiaofoakland.com or call (248) 663-2350.

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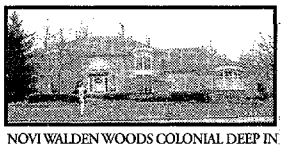
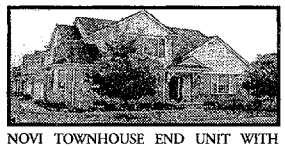


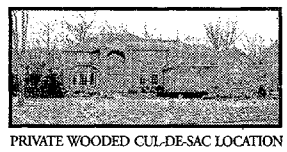
NOVI WALDEN WOODS COLONIAL DEEP IN SUB-BACKING TO WOODS!
Oversized family rm w/fieldstone fireplace, master suite w/glamour bath, 2 wic & tray ceiling, gourmet kitchen w/granite, ceramic tile, cooktop and double ovens, 4 bedrooms/3.1 baths, new carpet t/o, beautiful finished Llevel w/family rm bedroom, bath and rec, rm, large deck and 3.5 car garage. $475,000 (jgarc)



NOVI TOWNHOUSE END UNIT WITH POND VIEW!
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2.1 baths, 2 story foyer, 9ft ceilings and hardwood floors on 1st floor, large kitchen w/ 42" maple cabinets, stainless steel appliances & granite counters, great room w/ vaulted ceiling, 1st floor laundry, study w/French doors, deck w/lovely pond view, 2 car garage and quick occupancy. $265,000 (jgmit)

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! GREAT LAKE VIEWS BACKING TO WOODS
This beautiful home w/premium stone elevation features 2 story foyer w/marble floor, kitchen w/42" maple cabinets & granite counters, butlers pantry, sunroom, bridge overlooking 2 story FR, jack & jill bath, awesome master suite!, beach, clubhouse, tennis courts & pool in sub. $815,000 (jgsho)

HEADER: BEST VALUE IN NORTHVILLE COLONY ESTATES.
Family room w/natural fireplace, kitchen with granite countertops and ceramic tile, extensive wood detailing in master suite, neutral throughout, partially finished lower level, newer windows, roof, & central air. Huge 20' x 19' deck overlooking large backyard. Immed. Occupancy. $269,900 (jglad)



PRIVATE WOODED CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION IN LIVONIA
Large 2 story great room with fireplace, kitchen with stainless steel appliances and maple cabinets, 9 ft ceilings on the first and second floor, 4 bedrooms/ 2.1 baths, dual staircases, granite throughout, extra deep walk out lower level with roughins, hardwood floors, 8 foot doors, paver walks and 3 car attached garage. $475,000 (jgmun)

IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY ON THIS BARELY LIVED IN NORTHVILLE HOME
Awesome kitchen with oversized granite island & countertops, stainless steel appliances, hardwood floors and two way fireplace to great room, Luxurious 1st floor master suite with granite and oversized Jett tub and dual walk in closets, 4 bedrooms / 3.1 baths, daylight basement, 3 car garage. $ 600,000

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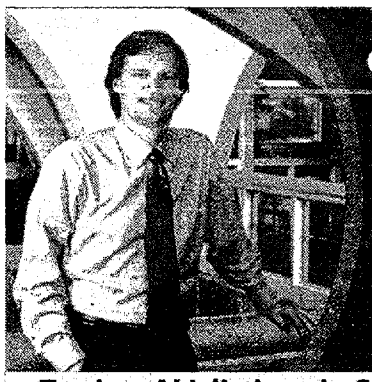

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FARMINGTON				
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32718 Grand River	2BR/1BA/car/condo	$63,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26143315
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35233 Knollwood	2BR/2BA/2car/condo	$231,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26076139
22635 Colgate	3BR/2BA/car/ranch	$155,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26122963
30038 Twelve Mile	2BR/2BA/car/condo	$112,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26115015
FOWLERVILLE				
8755 Lamoreaux	2BR/2BA/car/ranch	$130,000	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26170450
GARDEN CITY				
6256 Harrison	3BR/1BA/car/ranch	$137,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26169764
33045 John Hauk	3BR/2BA/2car/bnglw	$125,000	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26139826
5740 Gilman	3BR/1BA/car/updtd	$119,800	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26186338
31472 Hennepin	2BR/1BA/2car/ranch	$99,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26201046
HIGHLAND				
1230 Plover	3BR/2.1BA/2car/bsmt	$329,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26210012
3565 Center Road	3BR/2BA/1car/bsmt	$199,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26068146
2885 Central Blvd.	3BR/1BA/car/ranch	$95,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26206152
INKSTER				
605 Fairwood	3BR/1BA/1car/bnglw	$112,000	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26144051
1062 Shadowlawn	3BR/1BA/2car/bnglw	$86,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26167999
LIVONIA				
34091 Orangelawn	3BR/2BA/2car/huge	$243,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26179441
28641 Bayberry Park	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	$229,900	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26120728
36641 Gardner	4BR/1.1BA/2car/col	$224,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26094322
15915 Sunbury St.	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	$200,000	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26203151
35709 Grennada	4BR/2.5BA/car/ranch	$199,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26108359
28732 Bayberry Ct.	2BR/1.5BA/2car/ranch	$199,500	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26149433
33038 Grennada	3BR/1.5BA/2car/ranch	$198,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26149886
11210 Stark	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	$195,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26197299
33647 Michele St.	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	$187,000	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26177304
14385 Blue Skies	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	$180,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26001870
19642 Ingram	3BR/2BA/2car/bsmnt	$179,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26095936
11842 Farmington Road 60	2BR/2BA/1car/condo	$174,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26102038
19908 Saint Francis	3BR/2BA/car/bnglw	$144,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26177027
19645 Rensellor	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	$140,000	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26170823
27815 Long	3BR/2BA/2car/bnglw	$119,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26182865
MILFORD				
3170 E. Maple	4BR/2.1BA/2car/frplc	$399,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26112518
1286 Yellowstone Valley Drive	4BR/2.1BA/3car/bsmt	$319,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26185224
NORTHVILLE				
18415 Clairmont Circle	4BR/2.1BA/3car/deck	$674,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26103957
44589 Larchwood Dr.	4BR/3.2BA/3car/col	$575,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26144940
1196 Concord Ct.	2BR/2.1BA/2car/condo	$173,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26123205
520 Griswold	2BR/1BA/car/rent	$850	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26097615
NOVI				
45776 Irvine Dr.	4BR/2.1BA/2car/col	$439,957	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26009115
45100 Huntingcross Dr.	4BR/3.1BA/2car/	$324,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26064162
24703 Jamestowne	4BR/2.5BA/car/frplc	$289,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26108746
23876 Heartwood Dr.	4BR/2.1BA/2car/FR	$285,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26020361
24711 Highlands	4BR/2.1BA/2car/hrdwd	$250,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26095717
40187 Ladene Lane	2BR/2BA/2car/ranch	$190,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/27001200
23898 W. Le Bost	3BR/1BA/car/frplc	$169,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26092999
22723 Cranbrooke Dr.	3BR/1.5BA/1car/condo	$159,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26174527
1289 E. Lake Rd #3	1BR/1BA/car/lease	$650	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26117947
ORCHARD LAKE				
3815 Sunset	4BR/2.1BA/2car/bsmt	$246,800	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26207812
PLYMOUTH				
10470 Fellows Hill	4BR/4.2BA/3car/col	$575,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26180319
11640 Hills Dr. E	4BR/3.1BA/3car/fp/fr	$439,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26143161
13959 Tall Timbers Ct.	4BR/2.1BA/3car/xtras	$424,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26092393
51013 West Hills Dr.	3BR/2.1BA/2car/CpCod	$389,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26193691
11637 Amherst	4BR/2.1BA/2car/col	$339,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26182144
1273 S. Harvey St.	4BR/3BA/1car/col	$299,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26134121
305 Pacific St.	3BR/2BA/2car/patio	$293,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26218501
620 Byron	3BR/1.1BA/2car/ranch	$229,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26196533
11639 Aspen	3BR/2.1BA/2car/sunrm	$209,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26167629
1174 S. Harvey	3BR/2BA/1car/ranch	$205,000	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26193277
633 Fairground	2BR/1BA/car/ranch	$199,000	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26208276
9207 Brookline	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	$184,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26165091
49433 Plymouth Way	2BR/2.1BA/2car/condo	$174,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26082449
REDFORD				
14950 Delaware	3BR/2.5BA/2car/col	$269,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26171361
11371 Garfield	4BR/2BA/2car/Tudor	$197,500	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26208720
19436 Lennane	3BR/1BA/2car/bnglw	$124,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26156189
15882 Lennane	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	$105,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26207486
15539 Wormer	3BR/1BA/car/ranch	$89,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26212224
RIVERVIEW				
20191 Wellesley	3BR/1.5BA/2car/2-stry	$217,900	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26211810
ROMULUS				
5818 Essex	3BR/2BA/car/ranch	$159,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26150489
SALEM				
10572 Homestead Lane	4BR/2BA/2car/updtd	$379,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26116524
6505 Napier Rd.	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	$329,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26204803
SOUTH LYON				
23473 Spy Glass Hill	3BR/2.5BA/2car/2-stry	$479,900	248-851-1900	realestateone.com/26199303
1122 Colt	4BR/2.1BA/2car/deck	$317,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26148778
61261 Heritage	BR/BA/car/	$49,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26045141
SOUTHFIELD				
25473 St. James	2BR/2.1BA/2car/condo	$189,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26212028
21811 Hidden Rivers Dr. N	2BR/2BA/car/condo	$119,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26130042
20749 Indian	3BR/1BA/car/ranch	$85,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26166503
WALLED LAKE				
2068 E Hidden Meadows Dr.	2BR/1.1BA/1car/condo	$145,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/25124058
2107 Hidden Meadows	2BR/1BA/1car/condo	$129,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26082718
WATERFORD				
5184 Denwood Street	3BR/2.1BA/2car/bsmt	$175,000	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26157151
WAYNE				
4113 Carnegie	4BR/1BA/car/bnglw	$119,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26171392
WEST BLOOMFIELD				
7468 Lakepoint	2BR/1.1BA/1car/lkfrt	$449,900	248-644-4700	realestateone.com/26194751
6081 Beachwood	4BR/3.1BA/2car/lake	$449,000	248-644-4700	realestateone.com/26182006
6581 Noble	02BR/02BA/2car/gar	$350,000	248-644-4700	realestateone.com/26201854
5652 Tequesta Court	4BR/2.1BA/2car/bsmt	$299,900	248-684-1065	realestateone.com/26193502
3002 Moon Lake	2BR/2BA/2car/deck	$209,000	248-644-4700	realestateone.com/26210131
WESTLAND				
35126 Cherry Hill	3BR/2BA/3car/2-stry	$194,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26143801
7605 Flamingo	4BR/1.5BA/2car/ranch	$179,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26173677
7780 N. Henry Ruff Rd.	3BR/2.1BA/2car/brick	$165,800	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26182692
352 Marigold	2BR/2BA/1car/condo	$150,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26143016
2543-47 Ackley	2BR/2BA/car/dplx	$129,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26040195
1360 Berkshire	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	$109,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26096463
34854 John Hauk	2BR/1BA/1car/ranch	$99,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26142236
2569 Ackley	2BR/1BA/car/condo	$65,900	734-326-2000	realestateone.com/26208534
WHITE LAKE				
551 Hill Top Dr.	6BR/3.2BA/2car/ranch	$775,000	248-644-4700	realestateone.com/26003621