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Change comes at Grille

Complaints force eatery to shift management

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Penn Grille is under new management, and it didn't come a minute too soon to keep the bar from possibly being shut down.

Owner Julie Baechler, along with the City Commission's Liquor License Review Committee, listened Monday afternoon as Police Chief Wayne Carroll cited complaints from citizens and police officers concerning disruptive behavior of both patrons and employees of the downtown night spot on Penniman Avenue.

The complaints were so numerous, Mayor Dan Dwyer indicated he would vote to recommend the Michigan Liquor Control Commission shut down the establishment if changes weren't made.

"I think you're lucky you're selling it because we'd shut you down," said Dwyer. "I've never seen a bar like this in Plymouth, ever. There's no way you're going to run a shop like that in downtown Plymouth."

Carroll listed a number of incidents over the past few months that finally forced the committee to review the license.

"Officers observed dancing on the table, and at least one incident where a female was sitting on the curb and vomiting," Carroll said. "We had several people exit the bar and get into a fight, and when an officer went to see what was going on. One rushed the officer and didn't realize he was fighting a police officer until he was in handcuffs."

"We had reports of wait staff consuming alcohol while working, and there was a beer bong behind the bar being used by patrons," he said. "We've had numerous complaints of overserving, and two incidents where we arrested drunk drivers who attributed part of their drinking to the Penn Grille. We've

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Irene Ras climbs the narrow stairs to the second floor at Starkweather, the alternative high school serving the Plymouth-Canton school district. If next week's bond passes, the school would move to a renovated building at Central Middle School.

Starkweather awaits bond results

School will get better facility at Central if vote passes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Starkweather Education Center in Plymouth is an alternative high school run by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

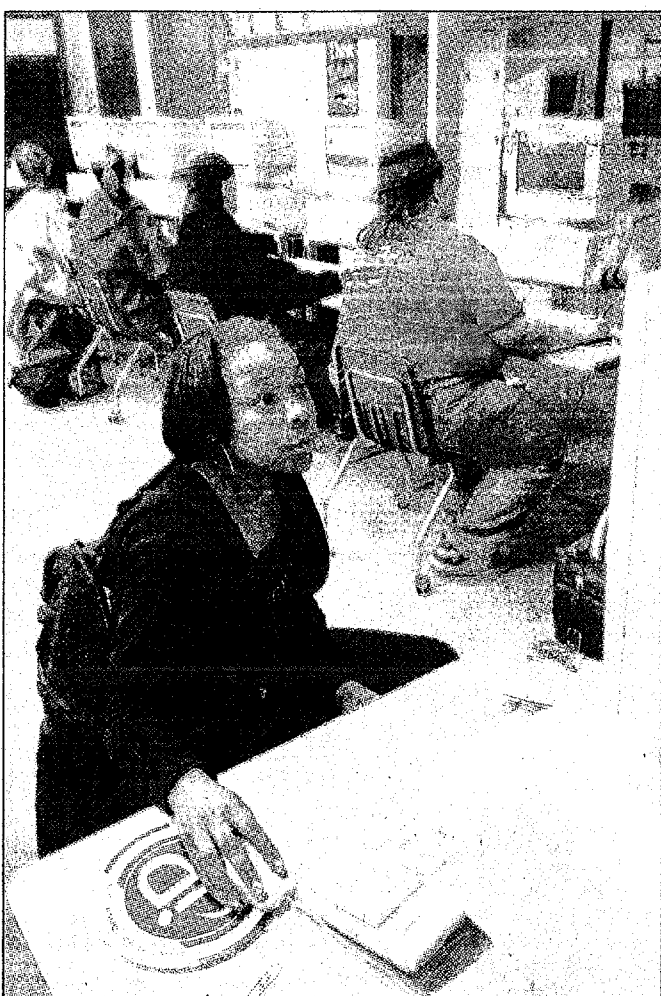
However, besides the obvious — teenagers walking the halls and in the classrooms — you might never figure out the elementary school built in 1927 is helping students working toward a high school diploma.

While Plymouth High School is the most modern high school at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park after opening in 2001, and Canton and Salem high schools are receiving millions of dollars in upgrades, Starkweather still operates without some of the basics for high school students, including science and computer labs, cafeteria and library.

And, that doesn't include the fact the urinals in the men's bathrooms are at elementary-age height, as are the blackboards, many of which are so old and damaged they can't be written on anymore; and temperatures that many times exceed the outside thermometer because the building has no air conditioning.

That could all change if voters approve a \$62.1 million bond issue next Tuesday. If passed, the compo-

PLEASE SEE STARKWEATHER, A5



Jamesia Taylor works in a computer class taught by James Lockwood.

Au revoir

Cafe Bon Homme bids Plymouth 'adieu'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

While growing up in Waterford Township, Greg Goodman didn't know much about Plymouth, except that it seemed to be on the other side of the world.

However, it wasn't until 1981 — as I-275 was being completed — that Goodman and his wife, Susan, became familiar with quaint towns like Milford, Northville and Plymouth, and his love affair began.

"Once we discovered this area, we knew this is where we wanted to be," Greg Goodman said.

Goodman was a partner for four years at McKinnon's Restaurant in Northville before moving on to open his own restaurant, Cafe Bon Homme — French for Goodman — has been recognized nationally and locally as a five-star restaurant, tucked away on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

New restaurant to be called Mombo's, A4.

After 21 years as the place in Plymouth to celebrate that special occasion, Goodman has decided it's time to move on. The couple is selling the business, which is expected to change hands and fare within the next couple of months.

"It's been 21 years and we're contemplating moving up north to ratchet down a little," Greg Goodman said. "We have grandkids and we want to slow down. I don't know what the next chapter will bring, hopefully something like a slower pace and less stress."

However, the Goodmans say Plymouth will always be a part of their hearts, no matter where the next chapter takes them.

"We garnered national, regional and local recognition, and that's all great," said Greg Goodman, who also wears the chef's hat. "But the most satisfying aspect is the people you meet that you wouldn't have an opportunity to know without having a restaurant to facilitate it."

"The most amazing parts of the whole thing has been our involvement with Plymouth, and we're

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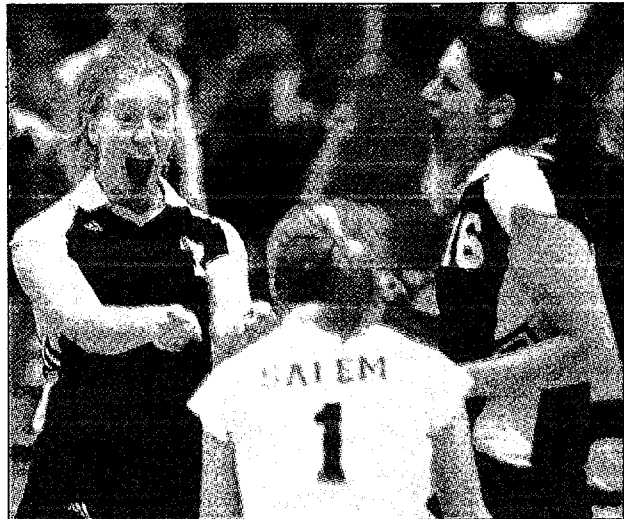


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Cafe Bon Homme restaurant in Plymouth has garnered local, regional and national attention during its 21 years in business.

Way to go

Salem's Nicole Mersch (left), Teresa Coppellie (right) and Courtney Seiler react after pulling even with Livonia Churchill in their Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball match Monday. Churchill won the fifth and deciding game to claim the Lakes Division title. For more, please see page B1.



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Metaldyne awarded \$70 million contract

Metaldyne, an Asahi Tec company headquartered in Plymouth Township, announced Wednesday it has been awarded a \$70 million contract from a global automaker to supply chassis products for multiple 2007-08 model-year car and truck platforms.

The first program is currently in production in the United States; the second begins production in Mexico later this year; a third launches in China in 2008.

Metaldyne will supply front- and rear-knuckle assemblies and front lower control arm assemblies that reduce cost, weight and complexity,

and improve noise, vibration and harshness.

The knuckle assemblies integrate the brake system with the suspension and the control arms control the stiffness and movement of the suspension for a smooth ride.

"The real value is in the design process," said Joe Nowak, president of Metaldyne's Chassis Group. "For example, we're able to simplify the system by integrating ball joints into the assemblies. This new contract allows us to continue to expand our portfolio across many global markets and provides our customers with the next-generation in chassis

development."

Metaldyne is a global designer and supplier of metal-based components, assemblies and modules for transportation-related powertrain and chassis applications including engine, transmission/transfer case, wheel-end and suspension, axle and driveline, and noise and vibration control products to the motor vehicle industry.

Metaldyne is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Asahi Tec Corporation, a Shizuoka, Japan-based chassis and powertrain component supplier in the passenger car/light truck and medium/heavy truck segments.

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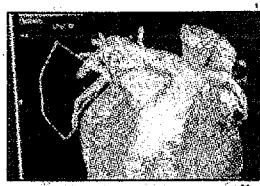
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Goodfellows meet

The Plymouth Goodfellows host their organizational meeting, at which the 2007 "No Child Without a Christmas" mission will be discussed, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Plymouth District Library.

All are welcome. The library is located at 223 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 262-3199 or email at plymouthgoodfellows@yahoo.com

VFW fish

The VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street (Lilley) in Plymouth, will host fish fry Fridays from 5-7 p.m. every Friday through Good Friday.

The cost of the all-you-can-eat baked or fried fish is \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children. Dinner includes potato or maca-

roni and cheese, cole slaw, and roll.

Benefit concert

First Baptist Church hosts its "Make a Joyful Sound" benefit concert to fund-raise for the 2007 Naga Mission Trip to Manipur, India, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, with a dessert reception to follow.

The concert will feature performances by more than nine different choirs, groups, soloists and instrumentalists.

Ticket donation is \$10, \$5 for children 12 and younger (checks payable to First Baptist Church, Naga Mission Trip on the memo line). First Baptist Church is located at 45000 N. Territorial in Plymouth Township.

To order tickets, call (734) 455-2300.

Players are 'Footloose'

The Park Players present their production of "Footloose," based on the 1980s screen version starring Kevin Bacon, March 22-24 and March 30-31 with 8 p.m. performances in the Gloria Logan Auditorium for the Performing Arts inside Salem High School.

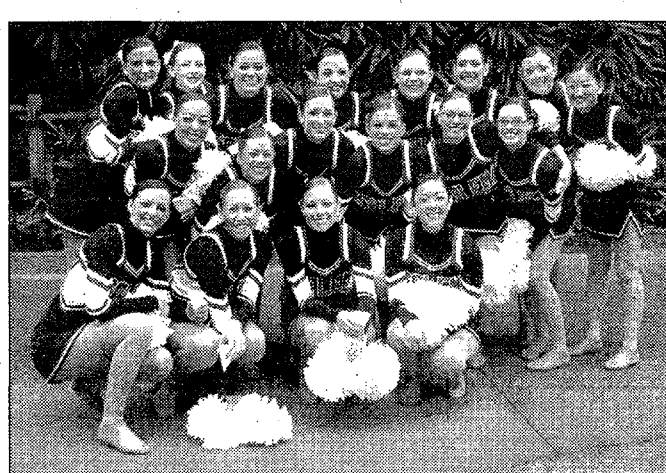
"Footloose" tells the story of city boy Ren McCormack who has to move to a small rural town in America where dancing is banned. Pandemonium strikes as Ren cuts loose and soon has the whole town on its feet.

Tickets are \$10 for all shows, all ages. Tickets can be purchased 2:30-5:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday in the upper auditorium at Salem High School, or at the door one hour before curtain on performance nights.

Visit www.parkplayers.org or contact Kristen Quesada for more information by e-mail at quesadk@pccs.k12.mi.us. or by calling (734) 582-6836.

Table Sellers Invited

In anticipation of their upcoming Mom-2-Mom Sale, the Canton Newcomers, a social, civic and charitable organization, invites table renters to sell new and gently used maternity, baby and child items including furniture and larger play equipment.



National honors

The Salem High School Rockette varsity dance team recently returned from the National Dance Team Championships in Orlando, Fla., where they placed 11th in both the jazz and pom pon competitions.

The sale will be held 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the Summit on the Park. For more information, call (734) 699-7398.

Swimming scholarship

The James W. Franklin Scholarship Fund provides \$1,000 for graduates of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools who participated in an organized swimming program during high school.

The scholarship application is available in the high school counseling offices or on-line at www.JamesWFranklin.com. Applications for this year's award are due March 1, with the award being announced at the annual Honors Convocation in May.

Texas Hold'em benefit

The Plymouth/Canton Airport Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA#113) is hosting a charity Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 24 to support its aviation education and scholarship programs.

There is a \$60 fee to participate. Top prize will be \$500-\$1000, and there will be a scaled payout to top 20 percent of players. Registration begins at 2 p.m., with a 3 p.m. state time.

For more information visit www.eaa113.org

Symons scholarships

The P-CEP Choir Boosters announce the Darlene Symons Memorial Scholarships, a pair of \$500 scholarships open to PCEP graduates from 2006 or earlier with a minimum of 2 years in PCEP choir program. Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college-vocal music education or performance program. A letter of recommendation from college instructor is required.

The Darlene Symons Memorial Scholarships are administered through the Canton Community Foundation Scholarship Program. The scholarship program, which began in 1990 and awarded \$4,000 to nine students, has grown steadily over the years. Since the program began, local students have received more than \$360,000 toward their education.

Local businesses and organizations, as well as philanthropic individuals, continue to sponsor and support these various scholarships because the need for them is so great. Last year alone CCF received 130 scholarship applications for 34 awards.

This year CCF offers Canton Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents access to 35 scholarships totaling \$35,300. The scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors, current college students, and to non-traditional students (adults who are pursuing their degrees for the first time or after an extended absence). The 2007-2008 Scholarship Application is available on our homepage at www.cantonfoundation.org. Applications are due March 2, 2007 by 5p.m. to the Foundation office.

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Proposals will be accepted by mail until COBD Friday, March 9, 2007, at the following address:
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■ A story in the Feb. 18 Observer regarding the need for dry goods in the food pantry at the Plymouth Salvation Army should have pointed out potential donors can contact Tammy Moyer, (734) 453-5464. The Plymouth Salvation is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth, just south of Ann Arbor Road.
■ A story about a marriage proposal in the Sunday, Feb. 18, Observer should have said the retail store involved was Neiman Marcus.

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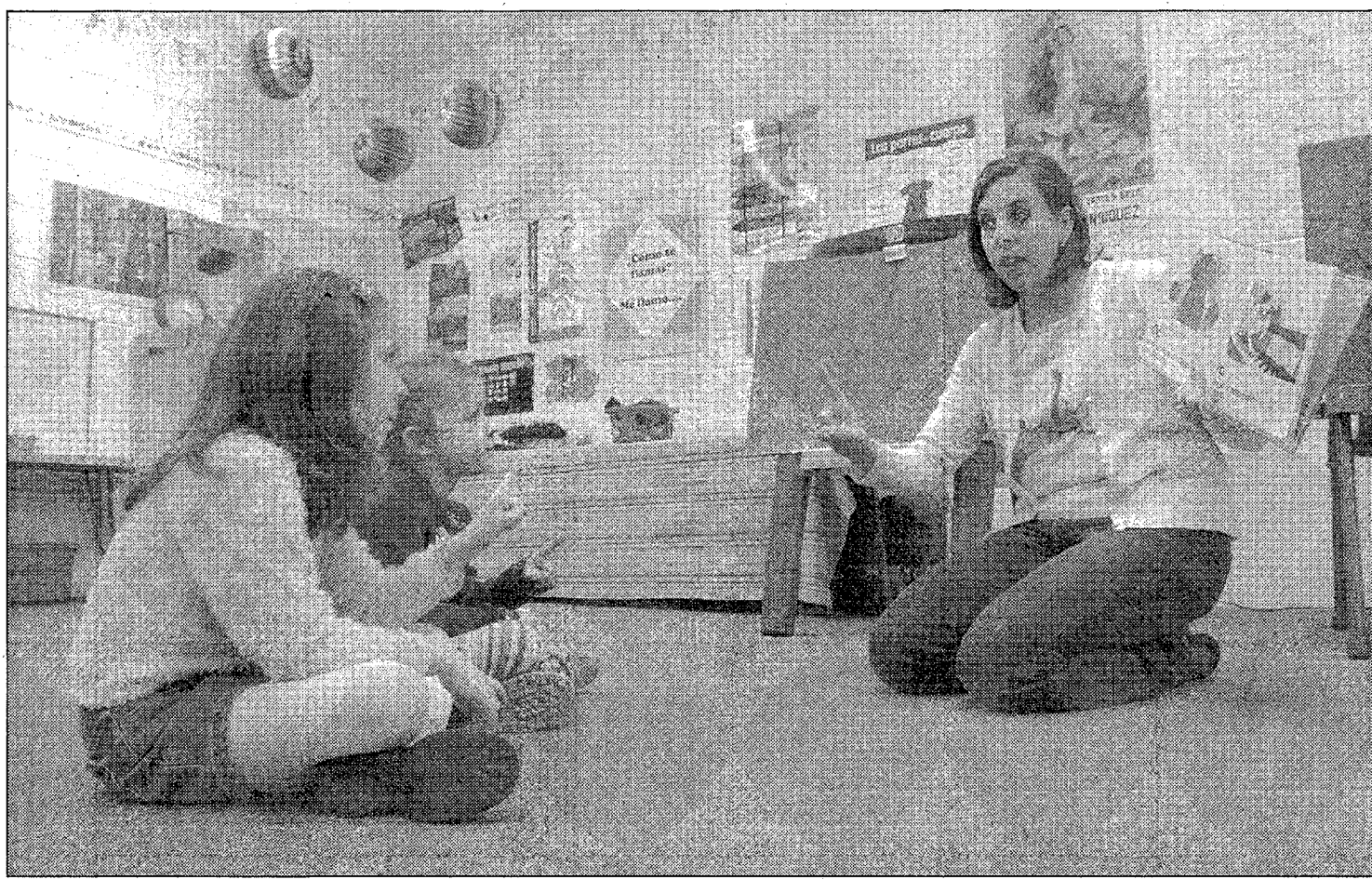
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Tuesday, March 6 9 am - Noon Organizational Meeting
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
Monday, March 12 2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
6 pm - 9 pm Hearings by Appointment
Wednesday, March 14 9 am - Noon Hearings by Appointment
2 pm - 5 pm Hearings by Appointment
Saturday, March 17 9 am - 11 am First Come - First Served
Other hearing dates and times may be scheduled as needed.
All persons protesting their assessment must complete petitions prior to appearing before the Board. A personal appearance is not required. Appeals by mail will be accepted if received by March 23, 2007.
The Board of Review will be held in the Board Meeting Room of Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.
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Bidding documents may be picked up at the office of the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith, Inc., 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335. Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., local time on Thursday, March 14, 2007 at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClendon Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned unopened. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.
Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by McCarthy & Smith, Inc. There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on Monday, March 5, 2007 @ 1:00 p.m. at the offices of McCarthy & Smith at the address referenced above. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. at (248) 427-8400. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.
The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.
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Bilingual Fun Company owner Jennifer Manriquez works with Emily Manriquez and Allison Tanana. Both girls are 4 years old.

Bilingual Fun opens up children to diversity in a fun atmosphere

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

When Jennifer Manriquez left public teaching to be a stay at home mom, a void surfaced in her life.

But instead of heading back to the classroom, the mother of two maximized an opportunity that fell into her lap.

Manriquez, 33, is the founder of The Bilingual Fun Company, a Spanish language learning program for young children and their parents.

Although Manriquez has a master's degree in bilingual education and a bachelor's degree in education and Spanish, Bilingual Fun is something she stumbled upon.

"We have a bilingual home so when I had my daughter, our neighbors and friends started asking if I would help teach their children Spanish, too," she said. "The interest was immediate and overwhelming."

When she and her husband, Mark, moved to Canton in 2003, Manriquez started having sessions in her living room. She said it wasn't long before they decided to move the classes, which infuse singing and crafts with the lesson plans.

BILINGUAL FUN COMPANY

Owner: Jennifer Manriquez of Canton
Location: First Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth
Phone: (734) 748-3898
Web site: www.bilingual-fun.com

Designed for children ages 18 months to 10 years old, Bilingual Fun was created to teach kids Spanish in a fun, upbeat atmosphere.

"We were doing around five classes a week so it was a lot to run out of a home," she said. Sessions now take place at First Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Manriquez averages six to eight classes a week. Each class has between seven to 14 students.

Her two children, Emily Rose, 4, and Aaron, 2, participate in the program.

"My husband brings our son like any other participant," said Manriquez, who used to teach Spanish to high school stu-

dents.

Bilingual Fun has been featured in a *Good Morning America* segment highlighting women-owned businesses. The company has also been mentioned in *Redbook* and *Family Circle* magazines.

Plymouth Township resident Cindy Tillapaugh enrolled her 4-year-old daughter, Rachel, in the program two years ago.

"It's great to get children at a young age and open up their minds to diversity," she said. "When we are around the house, Rachel will start singing Spanish songs out of the blue. It's amazing what kids can pick up."

Tillapaugh, who's fluent in German and speaks some Spanish, said she believes in global thinking and wanted her daughter to know more than American culture. She also praised Manriquez's teaching methods.

"The classes are really fun because she bridges the barrier between just learning another language and actually applying it," she said. "It's her own unique combination."

Manriquez hopes to introduce more languages into the company in the future.

"I knew in some capacity I

wanted to keep my foot in education's door but I wanted to be dedicated to my children," she said. "This was a natural and easy fit and it's really growing into something."

For more information on the company, log on to www.bilingualfun.com.

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Town hall meetings to focus on improving state's education

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Marc Corriveau got elected to the 20th District seat in the state House of Representatives, he said he wanted to take his cue from the residents of the district.

In the first weeks of his first term, Corriveau has scheduled a couple of opportunities to hear from residents.

Corriveau, (D-Northville) will host a town hall meeting 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the Northville District Library to discuss strengthening education in Michigan, and he's bringing the superintendents of the school districts in his constituency in to talk about it.

It's one of three such meetings — the others would be in Plymouth and in Wayne — Corriveau hopes to conduct before April 1.

"In light of some of the things the governor said about Michigan's needing to diversify and seeing a way out of some of our problems, she pointed to education," Corriveau said. "I want to touch on that with the superintendents to get their thoughts on it, surrounding the whole idea whether education can be a method of economic development."

Dr. Leonard Rezmierski (Northville), Dr. James Ryan (Plymouth-Canton)

and Dr. Greg Baracy (Wayne-Westland) are scheduled to be part of the town hall meeting. The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady in Northville.

"The questions and answers are going to be from the audience, so I'd like to get people's thoughts on what they're thinking," Corriveau said. "My role is just going to be to facilitate the discussion and get people's opinions about whether this is something I should focus on and, quite frankly, whether they're willing to pay for it."

Corriveau has also scheduled his first coffee hour, a chance for constituents to sit down with him and talk about the issues about which they are concerned.

The coffee hour is set for 7-8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at the Dandy Gander Family Restaurant, 333 E. Main in Northville.

"I am looking forward to meeting more residents and sitting down to talk over a cup of coffee," Corriveau said. "I want to be a lawmaker who truly represents the people, and the best way to do that is to listen to what our residents have to say. I will take what I learn with me back to Lansing to help fight for our communities."

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New owners find Bon Homme 'appetizing' acquisition

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Sometime this spring, the five-star menu of Cafe Bon Homme on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth will be transformed into Mombo's, what new owner Charles Shattelroe describes as a tapas restaurant.

"We'll be serving appetizers, about 30-40 different selections," said Shattelroe, who is partners with two others in the venture. "They'll be primarily Mediterranean and southwestern. Small, easy to eat, quick."

"We envision one side being just dining, with the other side more like appetizers and lounging, with soft music," he said. "As far as drinks, we'll primarily serve

mambos, which is basically a margarita with different additives, wine and sangria. We don't believe we'll have a full bar."

Shattelroe, 43, received the go-ahead from the City of Plymouth's Liquor License Review Committee and the City Commission Monday to proceed with the liquor license transfer from Cafe Bon Homme, which still needs to be approved by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Shattelroe, who owns Canton Motorsports on Michigan Avenue, is partnering with former Plymouth Township resident Joe Washko, who at one time owned the MacDonald's restaurant on Ann Arbor Trail at Ann Arbor Road in Livonia, plus several others

in Mexico. Currently a financial planner in Plano, Texas, Washko, 42, said he and Shattelroe have been best friends since they were 12-years-old and classmates at Canton High School.

"We have more Mexican restaurants in Plano than in the entire state of Michigan, so we thought about a Mexican restaurant with a lounge," said Washko. "We have some different ideas, which haven't yet been finalized."

Washko, who has been away from Michigan for 12 years, has fond memories of Cafe Bon Homme.

"I was a dishwasher at the restaurant when it first opened," Washko said. "It's just pure coincidence we now own it."

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Greg and Susan Goodman, owners of Cafe Bon Homme restaurant in downtown Plymouth have decided to sell the cafe after 21 years.

BON HOMME

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going to miss this town," he added. "It's been a most amazing journey, and one that we'll treasure, forever."

For the Goodmans, part of the lure has been the small-town atmosphere.

"We lived in Milford before moving to Plymouth; we love small towns and seek them out," said Susan Goodman, who manages the restaurant floor and financial books. "I loved the fact the kids could ride bikes to the library or to town for events. It's the best way to raise a family."

After living in several different homes over the years, the Goodmans now reside above Cafe Bon Homme.

Gary and Julie Ankers of Farmington Hills have been patronizing Cafe Bon Homme since before they were married in 1991.

"It was probably one of our first really nice dates," remembered Gary Ankers, 44. "What a great Victorian, romantic restaurant. Greg is an amazing chef, creating five-star quality food at reasonable prices."

"We had our wedding luncheon in the back end of the restaurant," he added. "I remember Greg talked us into having a chocolate tort cake, instead of the traditional wedding cake. It was awesome."

The Ankers visit Cafe Bon Homme several times a year, including last Saturday, before hearing of the news it will soon be sold.

"Greg and Susan are always so welcoming, and the food is so wonderful," said Julie Ankers, 43. "Over the years we got to learn about their personal lives, the fact their kids are growing up and they have grandchildren now. Most restaurateurs wouldn't get to know you like that. I'm sad to hear they are leaving."

Greg Goodman said he'll

miss sharing those special moments with his customers, so leaving Plymouth will be bittersweet.

"Owning a restaurant is one of the few businesses where you have manufacturing, public relations and distribution all under one roof," Greg Goodman said. "Doing it in a way that seems effortless and meets or exceeds expectations of clients."

Even as he plans to move on, Goodman said he's got lots of work to do, such as help find his employees a place to land. And he hasn't forgotten commitments to his customers.

"We will honor all valid gift certificates," Greg Goodman said. "We'll either make arrangements for the next restaurant to honor it, or will make arrangements to give cash back. We've got to do right by people who did right by us all these years."

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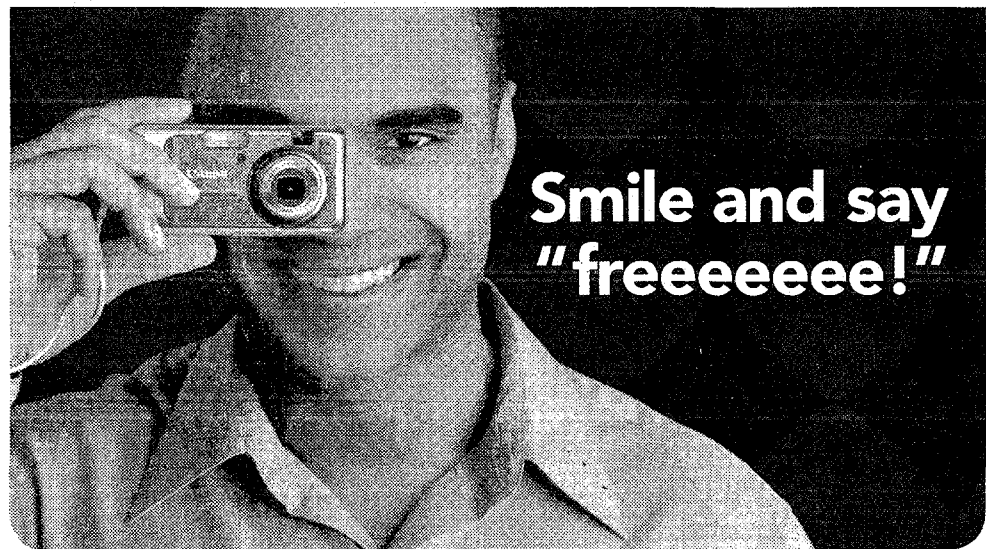
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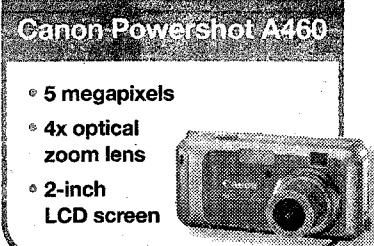
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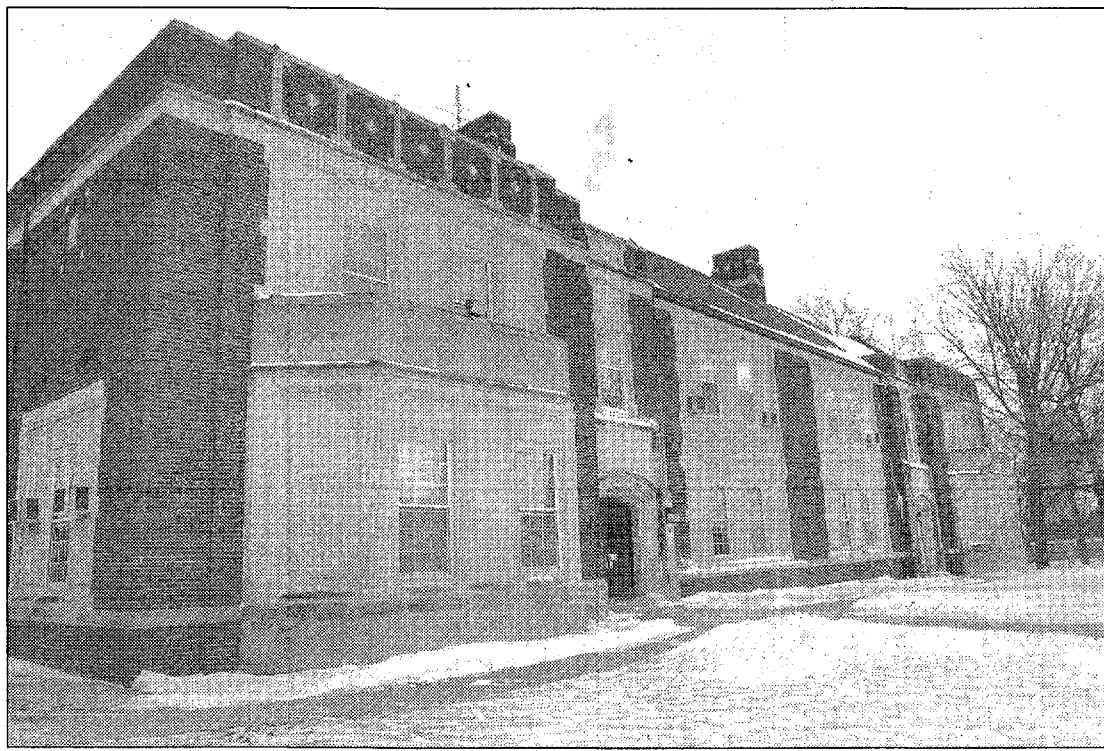
nents of the bond include constructing a new middle school in Canton Township to replace Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. Central would then be refurbished to in part house Starkweather's alternative high school.

"If the bond passes, we'd have our own library and books. Right now, students have to use the Plymouth public library or Plymouth High School, and that takes away from instructional time," said Starkweather Principal Irene Ras. "We only have two computer labs that have 15 computers each, so we're very limited as to how many kids can take a computer class or do research."

English teacher Regina Wilburn of Canton has taught five years at Starkweather, and a media center would be a dream come true for her students.

"I would like to do more intense research projects, and a new media center would give us the equipment and tools to support that," said Wilburn. "Now, we have to meet at the Plymouth public library, and if it's first hour (9 a.m.), it doesn't open until 9:30. And, a lot of times when we go there, the computers are in use by citizens of the community, and we have to wait to use them."

Students don't have access to half of the available 30 computers at Starkweather when James Lockwood is teaching his computer class. However, Lockwood is also challenged in what he's able to accomplish



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Starkweather is one of the the oldest buildings in the district, having been built as an elementary school in 1927.

during his twice-a-week class. "We don't have computers to do video editing, smart boards and as many options for publishing Web content," Lockwood said. "Students are being shortchanged because they aren't getting the outside introduction to computers across the content."

Ras said if the bond doesn't pass, life will go on at Starkweather - the way it currently is. However, passage of the bond issue would give needed resources to Starkweather's enrollment, most of whom come from the three high schools at P-CEP.

"If students aren't making it over there, and the counselors and assistant principals know they need some place different

to work, we'll meet with the student and give them another opportunity, instead of failing their classes and giving up," Ras said. "They come here with a clean slate. They tend to go to classes, do their homework and walk across that stage (at graduation) when the

time comes. "They come with a lot of baggage, but they come to school every day, and for some that is a success because they're doing it for themselves," she said. Seventeen-year-old Samantha Schulz of Canton

spent three years at P-CEP before transferring to Starkweather for her senior year.

"It's actually a lot easier for me because it's smaller and the teachers have more time to give you individual attention," Schulz said. "We do the best with the space we have, with no labs for science and no gym, compared to the park."

"We don't have a lot of computers and it's hard to get one because there are classes being held, and in government class we had a project and had to go to the Plymouth library or Plymouth High School to use computers and books," she said. "I'm not mad about it, but a little jealous compared to what they have at the park."

Ras has heard the objections by some campaigning against the bond - unruly teenagers will be roaming downtown Plymouth if Starkweather is moved to Central, and the school will encourage more students from outside the district to attend. However, Ras said it will be quite the opposite from the current situation, where students leave the school during lunch because it doesn't have a cafeteria.

"If we do move downtown, it will be a closed campus and

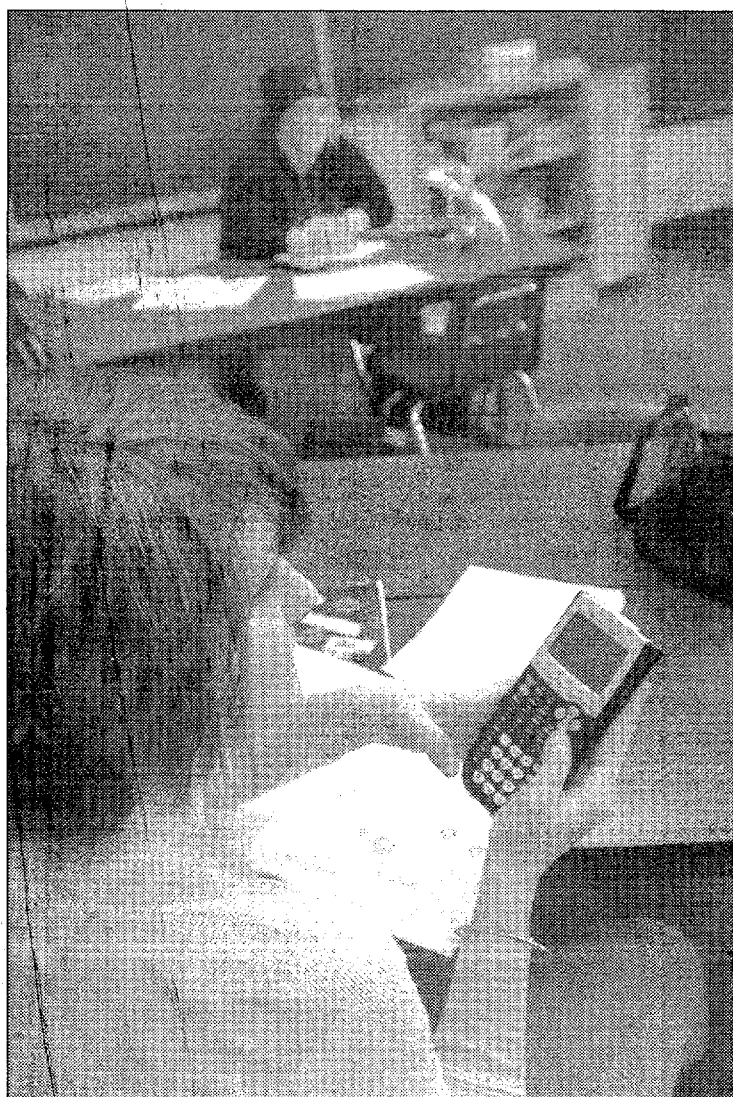
the kids won't go out for lunch, and they won't be allowed to smoke," Ras said. "You'd be surprised how respectful these kids are. The majority want to get through high school and move on."

"We won't open the school to more enrollment," she said. "With alternative education, research has shown that small class sizes are beneficial. We have classes of 15-20 students ... put any more there and you will lose half of them. It is a school of choice, but this semester 81 percent of our kids are from Plymouth-Canton."

Along with building a new middle school and moving Starkweather to Central, major features of the \$62.1 million bond include adding additional classrooms at Pioneer Middle School, Salem High School and Field Elementary; constructing a gymnasium at Field Elementary; buying 13 new school buses; creating safety improvements, including security cameras at Plymouth-Canton Education Park; and academic-related updates to comply with state-imposed graduation requirements.

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Cox honors township's Smith for work with substance abuse board

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox recently presented Plymouth Township assistant police chief Robert Smith with a resolution in honor of his long service to a local substance abuse board.

Smith resigned from the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance's substance abuse board because of additional work responsibilities. The board allocates \$1.5 million annually for substance abuse intervention and recovery programs in Wayne County and Monroe County.

"Assistant Chief Smith has been an outstanding board member who was very passionate about the board and its mission," said Commissioner Cox. "He brought real-life insights about how substance abuse and underage tobacco use impact our entire community. Wayne County is grateful for his efforts."

Commissioner Cox represents District 11, which

includes the communities of Livonia, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

Senior candidate

Annually, the St. Joseph's College Alumni Association honors one outstanding senior with the esteemed Bernard A. Balas Senior of the Year Award. The 2007 candidates are Megan Haag, Michael LaFata, Mario Leggero, Angela Shaver and Marcus Wagner. LaFata is from Plymouth. The winner will be announced April 13 at the President's Senior Dinner.

LaFata, a biology-chemistry major, is a recipient of the prestigious St. Joseph's College Presidential Scholarship, which provides full tuition for the duration of his education at SJC. He has been a member of the SJC football team for all four years of his college career and also serves as a resident assistant. LaFata hopes to pur-



LaFata

sue a medical career after graduation and has already applied to several medical schools.

The nominees for the Senior of the Year Award are chosen by fellow students in the senior class at the start of January. All candidates are required to have a cumulative grade point average of 3.25 (minimum) on a 4.0 scale and completed and passed at least 105 college credit hours.

The five nominees were recently interviewed by a committee consisting of members of the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. The winner of the award will receive an engraved clock along with their name listed on a plaque outside the Student Development Office on the second floor of the Halleck Student Center.

PENN GRILLE

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had allegations of garbage and other adult articles discarded in the parking lot."

Baechler, who is selling the business to the new management team which has restaurant experience, admitted to the committee her previous manager was the main problem.

"As far as the night life, I definitely agree it's out of control," Baechler told the committee. "I think it was a good investment and a good idea, but I couldn't baby-sit the crazy manager. The removal of the manager came too late."

Committee member Dave Workman said he's patronized the Penn Grille, and found it to be loud and unruly.

"The staff was drinking a lot more than we were as patrons," Workman said. "The notion of what has been happening needs to stop yesterday,

whether that be the loud music or the clientele that's been showing up ... the party has ended."

Melissa Lee, who works at The Doll House next door to the restaurant, said Penniman Avenue has had a different look since the Penn Grille opened.

"I'm constantly cleaning up garbage, bottles, cans and adult items," she said. "There are cigarette butts constantly in the flower boxes. Many people think it's a sleazy bar, and that Plymouth is going downhill."

Jill Andra Young, owner of a photography studio across the street, said behavior on the outside patio last fall was less than desirable.

"It was very, very loud with a lot of hooting and hollering," Young said. "The behavior was more alcohol-induced. My concern is previous behavior is going to predict future behavior, which I don't think is becoming of Plymouth."

The Penn Grille is now

being managed by Billy Farwell of Livonia and Vince Spica of Plymouth Township, who are in the process of purchasing the Penn Grille. The pair is currently in the process of selling Farwell & Friends in Westland, as well as Bamboozles in Farmington Hills, Dearborn and Warren.

Farwell said he plans to be on site to manage the establishment, and will upgrade the food menu for lunch and dinner.

"The chef here is excellent, and an upgrade of the food menu will bring more families," Farwell said. "The people that come here are well-behaved. It was the old manager who thought this was his private playhouse."

Farwell said the Penniman Grille will have new hours, opening at 10 a.m. during the week, noon on Sundays, and stay open until 2 a.m. every night.

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MILITARY NEWS

Air Force grad

Air Force Airman 1st Class Jason L. Shamberger has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

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In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn

credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Shamberger is the son of Jeffery and Regina Shamberger of Canton. He graduated in 2000 from Salem High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2004 from Michigan State University.

Combat graduate

Army Pvt. David G. Clement has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied

the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Clement is the son of Elizabeth Clement of Bedford Drive, Canton. He is a 1998 graduate of the Starkweather Education Center in Plymouth.

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Purtan hopes to top \$1.8 million in Salvation Army Radiothon

Dick Purtan's goal for this year's 20th annual Salvation Army Bed and Bread Radiothon is the same as every year since the event began - to exceed the previous year's total.

Last year the WOMC-FM radio personality and his comedy crew pulled in \$1,808,440 to help feed and shelter the Detroit area's most needy residents.

Friday, Purtan will take on the challenge to beat that number by at least a dollar.

"I go into my worry mode on how we'll do next year, because every year we go up in the total," Purtan said in a December interview. "Every year it gets tougher and tougher to raise more money that we did a year before."

The 20th Annual Dick Purtan Radiothon will broadcast live 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday from the Oakland Mall in Troy. Donations can be made by calling (248)307-1043 and will go directly to The Salvation Army's Bed and Bread program.

By making a donation of \$10 a month, for a total of \$120 a year, or \$20 a month, for a total of \$240 a year, donors gain membership to the Bed and Bread Club.

Bed and Bread Club members are eligible for a Michigan tax credit and 100 percent of the dollars donated go to the program. Donors, who pledge \$240 or more for the year, will receive a limited-edition nine-CD box set including the "Best of Dick Purtan" show highlights from the past 20 years.

The Bed and Bread program brings food, shelter and services to countless destitute people within the metro Detroit community, providing them with their basic needs and assisting them to get

back on their feet.

The program shelters 1,700 every night and has four Bed and Bread trucks - mobile feeding units that go out each day and serve over 7,000 meals to men, women and children in need.

"One of the most painful conditions that a human being can suffer is the feeling of hunger," says Dick Purtan. "I cannot imagine what it must be like to live without access to food ... it's devastating for individuals and families and because of this, I try to do all I can to help."

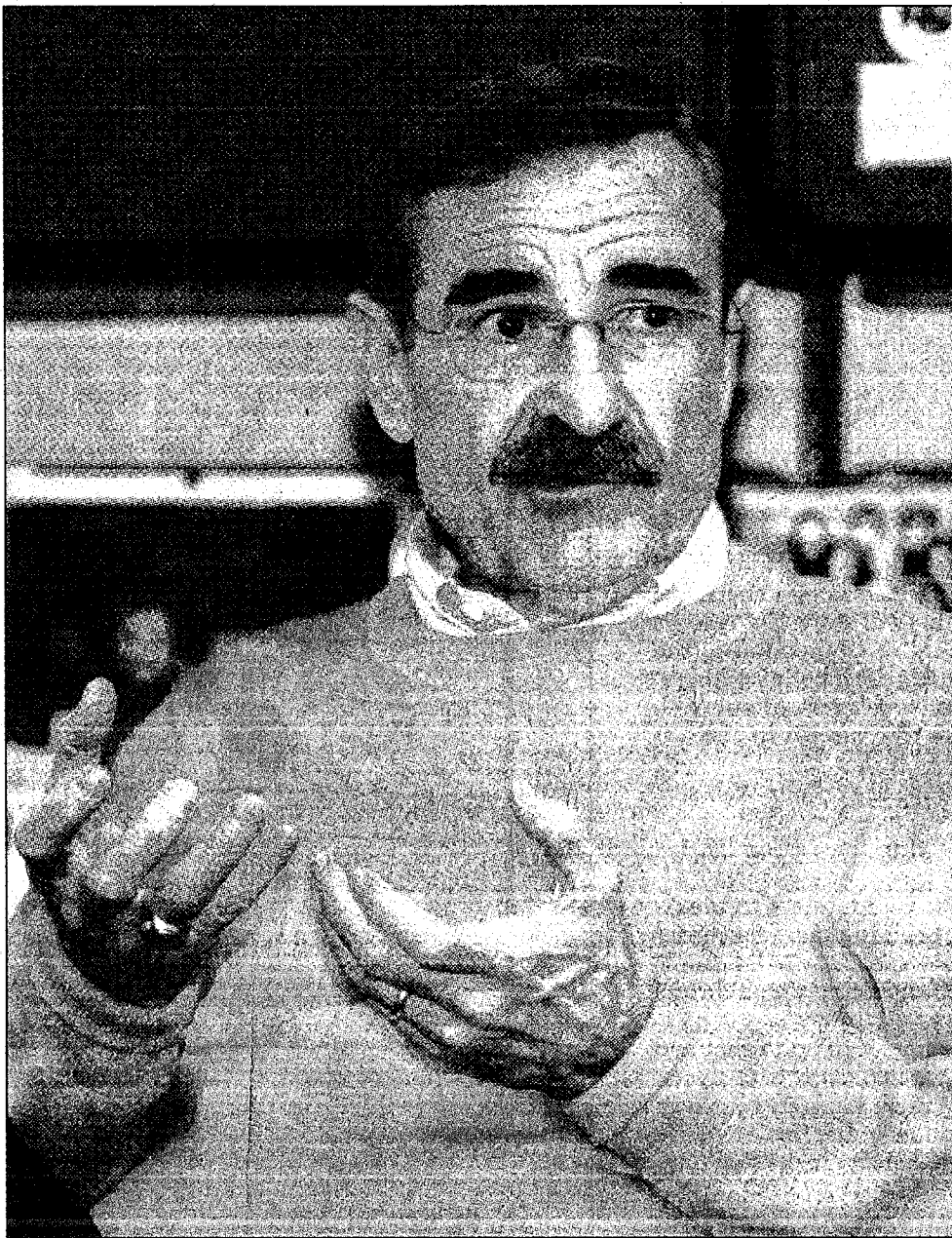
In the 20-years since the radiothon's launch nearly \$14 million has been raised for the Bed and Bread program. The 20th Annual Dick Purtan Radiothon will include live performances by local and national performers and interviews with celebrities and sports figures.

Purtan said when the radiothon was started, he was looking for a charity that everyone could support.

"We wanted to be involved with a charity and we were throwing out different charities' names and it turned out that the one charity everyone had a positive opinion of was the Salvation Army," he said.

This year the need in particularly grave, as Detroit has been named the poorest large city in the United States.

"If it weren't for the Salvation Army and this radiothon for the Salvation Army, how would these people on the streets of Detroit get fed?" Purtan said. "We've now gotten to the point, Detroit is the neediest city in the country in terms of feeding poor people. A lot of people have to decide if they want food or they want shelter, it's come down to that in many, many cases."



Dick Purtan will host his 20th Radiothon for the Salvation Army Friday.

Schoolcraft hosts Workers in Transition seminars

If you've been displaced, downsized, bought out or asked to leave your job early, Schoolcraft College on Thursday, March 1, has help available. The first of three Workers in Transition sessions is scheduled for 5-6:30 p.m. in room 200 of McDowell Center.

A second and third are scheduled for Thursday, April 5, and Tuesday, May 1, at the same time and room. Attendees can enjoy free pizza before the each of the sessions begins.

The informational event is free and directed at displaced workers looking for new options. Career counselors will talk about where to look for a new job; salaries and training requirements for some of today's better careers; how to earn college credit for life experience; and how to apply for financial aid.

Registration is required and enrollment for each session is limited. For more information or to register by phone, call 734-462-4479.

Westland hosts state budget hearing

Hoping to get residents more involved in the state budget process, state Rep. Richard LeBlanc, D-Westland, has scheduled a public hearing to let Westland residents comment on Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proposed budget and, specifically, how it might affect Michigan State Police.

LeBlanc chairs a House subcommittee that deals with appropriations for state police. He also has been a Canton reserve police officer more than 18 years.

The public hearing - the first of three across the state - has been scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at Westland

City Hall, on Ford Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson, D-Westland, will preside over the hearing with LeBlanc.

"Our residents are affected by the decisions that are made during the budget process, but they rarely have any input into how the decisions are made - we want to change that," LeBlanc said, in a statement issued from his Lansing office. "It's important for our residents to ask any questions and express any concerns they have

about how our state government works."

LeBlanc has vowed to fight to ensure that officers receive the funding they need to do their jobs, saying he has "the utmost respect for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect our residents."

"Our state government is here to work for the people of Michigan, and I value our residents' input," he said. "I invite the public to attend this hearing and offer feedback on our state budget."

County issues salmonella warning

The Center for Disease Control is currently investigating a Salmonella Tennessee outbreak related to peanut butter in several states in the U.S.

The ConAgra Food Co. has issued a recall on Peter Pan Peanut Butter starting with product code 2111.

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OUR VIEWS

We want to hear your views on news

It's been a year since the subtle shift in how this newspaper covers the community began. We are still committed to offering lively community newspapers that arrive on your doorsteps Sunday and Thursday, but the Web offers immediacy that can't be ignored.

Readers who visit the O&E Web site at www.hometownlife.com, now see daily news updates, many of which don't appear in the print version of our product.

We reported when schools were open one day and closed the next, and offered administrators a chance to explain those decisions. It's the kind of story that readers won't find elsewhere — the kind of connection to the community that other media outlets don't bother with.

Many readers have noticed the evolution of our Web product and we encourage those who haven't to check it out.

Finding the Plymouth edition is easy on our Web site. At the top left of the homepage is a directory. Click on the link to Plymouth, which is located in the section labeled Wayne County.

We are not only increasing our commitment to breaking news on the Web, we are also offering space for reader comments. Chatting up a story is a great way to let people know your views on a given topic and doing so couldn't be easier.

Just click on the link below a story, sign up to chat and log on to post a comment. If you aren't happy with a decision made by a local official, let them know in your own words. We want to provide a forum for the free exchange of ideas, but we need you, our readers, to make that happen.

If you know of news that can't wait until Thursday or Sunday or would like to offer your views on a story, give us a call at (734) 459-2700, and community editor Brad Kadrich will see to it.

Enjoy winter — in all of its splendor

It's cold, snowy and the first day of spring is more than a month away.

It seems as though winter will never end.

But there's a way to make it go faster — or at least make it feel like it's going faster.

Go outside. Take in the beauty of the season, experience its sights and sounds, and winter will melt into spring in no time.

Head to your local park for a walk in the woods, or don a pair of cross country skis or snowshoes and take to the trails. You'll see and hear why winter sports enthusiasts look forward all year long to the season's first snow.

The deep greens of fir trees, the earthy browns of tree bark, the brilliant red of cardinals and rich blue of blue-jays pop out against the all-white backdrop of winter like they do in no other season.

The sounds of birds singing and small brooks trickling are much more audible without the rustling of leaves and noises of active woodland animals that dominate other seasons.

Michigan is blessed with four beautiful seasons. Get out and enjoy the least appreciated of them.

Have a heart — volunteer, donate

Valentine's Day has passed, but don't wait until next Feb. 14 to have a heart.

Opportunities to donate money to a needy charity or volunteer time to a worthy cause outnumber the calories in a two-pound box of chocolate truffles.

Valentine's week is a good time to think about helping others. Donations to charities pour in at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and people look for ways to volunteer.

But as the new year gets under way, our attention turns to keeping resolutions to get fit and eat healthy, filing income tax returns and planning getaways to exotic vacation spots.

But there are people who need your help year-round.

Think of how you'd like to volunteer — visiting lonely seniors in nursing homes, tutoring at-risk youngsters learning to read, holding drug-addicted newborns in hospital nurseries, delivering warm meals to shut-ins.

Consider the organizations you'd like to donate to — perhaps those that give financial assistance to families who can't afford to heat their homes or feed their children.

Then be a sweetie and make that call or write that check.



Dan always made the best of winter weather.

No on school bond

The Plymouth Canton Board of Education is completely out of touch with economic reality in Michigan.

The board is asking for \$61 million based on increasing enrollment for the last 15 years. Any rational demographic analysis would project future enrollment estimates 5-10 years out, to see if a new building and facilities will be truly necessary.

Unfortunately, the board is living in the past and ignores current and future economic reality. Parents and taxpayers throughout the state know that their graduates are not finding jobs in Michigan and are leaving the state to find employment.

Our young people are the ones that are going to have families and need new schools; unfortunately, these young people are leaving Michigan and taking their new families with them. School enrollment will slow very soon and then decline in the next few years, leaving the district and the taxpayers to pay for mothballed buildings.

How many of you have tried to sell you home lately? I hope you don't have to! Housing values have dropped and taxes have risen ... not only is your school board asking for more money, hang on to your wallet because Granholm wants a chunk of it, too.

Wayne County has the highest number of home foreclosures in the state. If you can't afford your home, I'm sure you can't afford more taxes. How easy is it going to be to sell your home with a new \$60-million bond increase in your property tax bill (not to mention a 29-percent water bill increase)?

Michigan is a one-state recession. Every day, plants are closing, businesses are going bankrupt, auto sales are declining and companies like Pfizer are leaving the state. All this translates to a lot of job losses ... and people who can't afford any increase in taxes.

Finally, this Board of Education has a history of scheduling a vote when the retirees have gone south for the winter, so they don't even get a chance to vote, and this Feb. 27 is more of the same.

When you and I have to balance our family budget we cut costs and tighten our belt. We don't get to ask our employer (if we have a job) for more money.

We should expect the school board to do the same. Vote no Feb. 27.

Dan Holton

Plymouth Township

Doubled taxes

Since purchasing a house in Plymouth eight years ago, our taxes have more than doubled. The value of our house has certainly not.

We have not done any major improvements, nor have we added onto the house in any way. Our house today is worth at most a quarter more than when we bought it (and in today's market, probably less than that).

So why the huge tax leap? Put simply, it's because of bonds like the one being proposed again by the school board for the Feb. 27 vote. Plymouth likes to sneak voting days into the middle of the year for tax increase proposals, presumably because it's expected that the only people to turn out will be those strongly in favor of the increase.

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We have no doubt that the \$62.1 million bond up for our vote this month has many earnest and well-meaning backers. We are not among them. The economy is hitting us too hard to say yes to yet more taxes on this scale.

We love Plymouth, but at the rate our taxes are climbing, we're concerned that we won't be able to stay here in the long term.

Phil and Lauren Holmes
Plymouth

Chamber supports bond

At their February meeting the Board of Directors of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce unanimously passed a resolution enthusiastically supporting the passage of the Plymouth Canton Schools Feb. 27 bond issue.

It is my belief that this time the school district got it right. It is placing before the voters a proposal that will support its basic infrastructure needs and allow it to continue to provide the proper facilities to house and educate one of our most precious community resources: The children of this school district.

As we all know, the student population of the district continues to grow, seemingly exponentially, and, while we can all be proud that we have created such a desirable atmosphere to foster this growth, this requires all of us in the community to respond appropriately when the request is reasonable and in line with what is necessary.

We at the Plymouth Community Chamber sincerely believe that the current school bond proposal does exactly that and should be resoundingly approved by the voters on Feb. 27.

James Vermeulen, Jr., President
Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce

Any real plan?

Well it's February and we are ready for the Plymouth-Canton school bond election on Feb. 27. Sounds strange, doesn't it? We had elections in August and November that would have been free for our school district and yet they choose to pay thousands of dollars for a special election in February. Not very good planning, it seems. Why do you suppose they would do this?

Why now? To use their own words, I guess its because they had "no plans if the May 2006 bond failed." Or maybe because the survey firm they hired, and paid thousands of your dollars to, told them to "focus on getting out the yes votes." They have selected a time when they feel you won't be paying attention. In any case it makes no sense unless they are trying to slip one past us while we are trying to stay warm. Seems like a strange case of "planning" here as well.

It also seems the school district conclusions regarding growth are SIGNIFICANTLY different than those of the failed May 2006 bond. Now they only seem to need six new elementary classrooms, while they told us in May that they "needed" 28 classrooms. Seems like they weren't sure of their facts then, what makes us think they have their facts straight now? Sounds like more issues with planning. Also in May they never told us they

"needed" security cameras at the high schools and now they tell us it is an "educational need." Why wasn't this in the plan last May? What has changed? What will they do to pay for these cameras if this bond does not pass? Seems like they should have a plan.

I hope that before you give millions more dollars to this school board you will ask yourself if they have any real plans or they are just trying to get whatever money they can.

Mark Horvath
Canton

Rides ruin festival

The fall festival has been lousy ever since the carnival rides started. I have been going to the fall festival since 1963 when it was fun just to go uptown and relax, eat food (variety) and socialize and help all the service organizations.

The festival used to start on Wednesdays and every night was a theme dinner and Saturday mornings was always pancakes. We would go every night. Then the board dropped Wednesdays and started charging more for the groups (a percentage increase) of the take-in. A lot of the groups could not make it and started dropping out.

We had a fire safety house in the late 1980s that we rented from the Southfield fire department and in the early 90's we built our own. Then, every year, we were pushed farther back down the street till the last year when they wanted us at the far end of the street and they questioned our donation boot every year, so we quit going.

Northville city always welcomed us with open arms, even put us in front of the fire station, then the carnival rides showed up with big bucks and that's what the city wanted, and now look what they've got: Crowd problems and since they started coming we now go only on Sunday for the chicken dinner, and now only go to Northville's festival.

Stuffing huge rides on streets has taken away what the original fall festival was: for social gathering and fun. The carnies sell their junk food and this is what the city wants: The big check and hell with the little groups. Just look what's left on Main Street.

Parnell Johnson
Plymouth

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"We're not a political organization, by any means, but we hope the chamber opinion is important to the community ... We always risk offending someone, and it might be best to remain quiet, but that would be shirking a responsibility ..."

Jim Vermeulen, Plymouth Chamber of Commerce president, on the chamber's support of a \$62.1 million school bond plan

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Elected leaders need to hear from citizens their priorities

It is easy enough to pick on politicians — and I certainly have done so, many more times than once.

But we need to remember that they are human beings as well. Pause for a moment to consider the kinds of pressures our elected leaders in Lansing have to withstand during these tough times.

Most of them — like most of us — have kids and spouses that need and deserve their time and attention. They have the kinds of worries — financial, career, personal — that afflict every one of us.

But unlike us, they're in the Capitol, the pressure cooker of our troubled state, facing an extra set of burdens and responsibilities.



Phil Power

Sure, they volunteered for this duty, but it's tough duty nevertheless. They are paid better than most of their colleagues in other states — \$79,500 a year — but most could do better elsewhere.

They expect to have their performance criticized. But it's deeply unfair to make it personal, to assault their characters.

New York Times columnist David Brooks, one of the most thoughtful and insightful folks around, detailed just why in a recent column: "In our democracy, lawmakers are compelled to spend their days maneuvering for trivial advantages that nobody will remember by dinnertime ...

"In our democracy, top officials lead frantic, overscheduled lives, with almost no time alone and with major decisions made by instinct during rushed limo rides from one forgettable event to another. They spend their days talking, and pretty soon they become human jukeboxes — their snippets of conversation are just chunks of oft-repeated material they have retrieved from the stump speech audio collection in their heads ...

"Our democracy, at least as it has evolved, takes individuals who are reasonable in private and it churns them through a public process that is almost tailor-made to undermine their virtues.

"The process of perpetually kissing up to the voters destroys the leadership qualities the voters are looking for in the first place: tranquility of spirit, independence of mind, and a sensitivity to the contours and complexity of reality."

Amen!
We need to keep all that in mind, as we take a moment to consider in greater detail the pressures that face our governor and everyone else we've elected, especially the Legislature.

The fact is that Michigan is in terrible trouble. Our economy stinks. Our state budget is awash in red ink, and big decisions about how to plug the holes have to be made within just a few months. Those decisions will have enormous consequences.

The very future of our Michigan is up for grabs, as it never has been before. We can become "Michissippi," with, yes, low taxes — and poorly paid workers, a lousy education system, few state services and crummy economic prospects ... plus cold weather.

Or we can restructure our government, cut unnecessary spending, reform our tax system and find the revenue we need. The money we need, that is, to fund an investment

program in our durable, distinctive competitive assets like our universities, our "North Coast" environment and the skills and brains of our people.

The special interests (what organization, after all, is not a special interest?) are already aroused and shouting. They are stirring up citizen unease about a 2 percent sales tax on services. The anti-taxers-no-matter-what are threatening recall campaigns.

The din grows, the pressure rises. And our public officials are plunk in the middle of the pressure cooker.

Meanwhile, in our state capital, in private, everyone acknowledges how complicated and how serious the choices are.

Our public officials know full well that we are approaching a defining moment in Michigan's future. Most want to do the right thing, but many are reluctant to make the hard decisions if it means they risk defeat the next time around.

What's needed is leadership — and the task of leadership is to find ways to put aside narrow partisanship and construct those small spaces in which lawmakers have some freedom of choice.

Freedom, that is, to do what they know is right. What would make it a lot easier for our elected officials to do their work would be if the public is given a chance to be heard from.

By this I do *not* mean public opinion polls. Here's how America Speaks, a nonprofit organization promoting citizen involvement, puts it, "Unfortunately, polling is woefully inadequate for building a healthy democracy. Polls provide decision makers with aggregate data about citizens' opinions, but do nothing to identify or help build a collective view upon which decision makers can reasonably act."

"They survey opinions without providing any way for people to learn or to be challenged. In the end, a public that has no opportunity to deeply engage with an issue (and only registers its opinions in snap judgments made to pollsters) will always be a ripe target for manipulation and influence."

Right now, when our future as a state is teetering in the balance, we desperately need civic education and public engagement. After all, it's our Michigan, and our elected officials have a responsibility to consider carefully our thoughts and feelings, just as we have an obligation to be well-informed.

There are lots of ways to do this. Reading the newspapers or surfing the Web. Going to town hall meetings. Writing to our elected representatives and senators in Lansing.

Talking and telling — in coffee shops, malls, anywhere — of our hopes and fears for our Michigan and saying what we wish would happen to allow our children and grandchildren to continue to live here, in our home state. That's truly the democratic process, as the Founding Fathers saw it. Now as then, it is a process whose time has come. Join it.

Phil Power is president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate think-and-do tank based in Ann Arbor. The opinions expressed in his columns do not represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. He welcomes reader comment at ppower@hcnnet.com.

Please governor, don't tax state's intellectual capital

Governor Granholm has proposed a new 2 percent tax on services ranging from haircuts to professional services. Residents must be aware that this is a 2 percent tax on every dollar, not a "two cents" tax as some are marketing it.

What's most troubling about this proposed service tax is that it serves as a disincentive for some of the state's most highly educated, creative and intelligent service providers, such as architects, certified public accountants, attorneys, advertising and other creative businesses, as well as business consultants that aid Michigan's economy in advising companies how to work smarter and more effectively.

These services are typically the domain of small to medium sized company entrepreneurs who leverage their brain power, knowledge and education to bring value to Michigan's business, sports, entertainment and tourist communities.

Can we tout education for the young people of this state and then tax them because they put their education towards establishing a company that provides a service requiring a high level of skill and intellect? Michigan can't have it both ways.

Yes, professional service providers may "eat" the tax and not pass it along to their customers or clients, but they must still have an extra administrative

mechanism in place to track and pay the tax. Further, this is 2 percent less that companies will have to invest in new staff, technology and other future-looking upgrades.

Moreover, the ripple effect will mean that service providers will be paying the tax on the services they purchase from other professional service providers they rely on to run their business: attorneys and CPAs, for example. It's a tax that will get you coming and going.

Will large architectural, accounting, consulting and software engineering firms look to expand to Michigan if a service tax is part of the corporate welcome wagon?

Michigan already has a diminishing manufacturing base with repercussions that have touched nearly every business in this state. We don't need to be constructing additional road blocks that serve as barriers to new business or create an even greater chasm in our deeply partisan state politics.

The new 2 percent service tax does not replace the much maligned — and rightly so — single business tax. That discussion is still ongoing and will require careful scrutiny, especially in light of the 2 percent service tax proposal. We need to stop the tax train before it leaves the station. Let's reroute business back to Michigan with a tax structure that supports and encourages commerce and the Great Lakes way of life.



Ewa Matuszewski

Ewa Matuszewski is a Rochester resident and the CEO and co-founder of Rochester-based Medical Network One.

LETTERS

Tax will hurt state

The governor's proposed service tax is going to be costly to businesses and the general public. It is going to cost more to do taxes for the small business person. It will raise prices of services. What happened to the governor's work on bringing in more business to Michigan like she claimed? How come she did not fight for Michigan when there were other businesses looking into Michigan? I consider Michigan a tourist state. It looks like this additional tax will hurt the tourist industry, too.

This is beginning to look like a first step to having a service tax on everything like Spain, Italy, Mexico, and other countries.

David Hatch
Canton

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Variable life insurance policy is a poor way to invest

On my radio show, a caller asked about buying life insurance. The caller stated they needed an additional \$250,000 of life insurance and their financial salesperson recommended a variable universal life policy.

The salesperson told them the great advantages of a variable universal life policy are the fact that they could make stock market investments and those investments would grow tax-deferred. The sales pitch was that if the stock market did well, they would have a greater return on their investment than in a traditional life insurance policy. The caller wanted to know if this was a good way to purchase life insurance.

My advice to the caller was to avoid variable universal life insurance policies. On the whole, I do not believe that investments should be made in



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

life insurance contracts. Life insurance is a means of covering risks. As far as I am concerned, whenever you try to combine insurance and risk management into one product, you get the worst of both worlds.

In a variable universal life policy, not only do you pay high fees for the life insurance, but you also pay very high fees for the underlying investment options. Whenever I review a prospectus for an insurance product, such as variable universal life, there is almost always one common thread and that is high fees.

The same investment option purchased outside of a life insurance policy typically will have substantially lower fees. In addition, in these types of policies, you have limited investment options.

One other benefit that the salespeople like to talk about on variable universal life policies is the fact that your investment gain grows tax-deferred. On the whole, there is nothing wrong with deferring your taxes into the future. However, in these types of policies, they do not tell you the whole story. Yes, you do defer the tax consequences, however, by deferring your taxes, you are actually increasing your taxes substantially. When money is withdrawn from a life insurance policy, it is taxed at your ordinary income tax bracket. On the other hand, if this money would have been invested outside of a life insurance policy,

the money would have qualified for long-term capital gains treatment.

Capital gains taxes are typically half of what you would pay as ordinary income tax and, in some situations, by deferring your taxes you more than double them. Thus, the so-called advantage of letting money grow tax-deferred in this situation is a negative.

The financial salespeople also tell you that if you need money from your policy as opposed to canceling the policy, which in turn would cancel your life insurance, you can borrow certain amounts of money from your policy. Unfortunately, they do not tell you that there is a cost to borrow. My philosophy is, why should you borrow and pay interest on your own money? It doesn't make sense. Therefore, by using a life insurance policy as an invest-

ment, you lose flexibility.

One last note regarding these types of policies that the salespeople do not want to tell you the penalties involved. If you need to cancel the policy before a set period of time, you are going to take a severe financial hit.

My recommendation to the caller was to purchase term insurance for their life insurance needs. Term insurance is the least expensive type of insurance and, as far as I am concerned, for the great majority of people, the best. With term insurance, you can buy life insurance for a period of time — five, 10 or even 30 years. Thus, you can buy a policy for 30 years and have that premium set in stone, unlike these variable types of policies, where the premium can fluctuate.

There is a price war when it comes to term insurance, and

many of the insurance companies are undercutting their prices. Therefore, it is easy to shop around and receive competitive bids with regards to term life insurance. If you have an agent, have he/she give you a bid or you can use the Internet to compare prices.

My recommendation in buying a life insurance policy is that you only use companies that are rated 'A' or better.

With regards to the caller, they also informed me that they are eligible to invest in Roth IRAs. Roth IRAs allow money to grow tax-free. Therefore, I recommended that with the difference between the premiums on the variable policy vs. what the premium on the term policy would be, that they could invest that money in a Roth IRA, thus allowing that money to grow tax-free.

In this situation, the caller was able to buy the amount of life insurance they needed and have money to invest in a Roth IRA; that money would grow tax-free as opposed to tax deferred, a win-win for the caller.

The only person that does not benefit from this is the financial salesperson. The salesperson not only receives a commission when the policy is sold, but every year they receive what is known as a trailer. A trailer is a deduction from your money going to the salesperson who originally sold you the policy.

For as long as I have been in the investment world, I have always encouraged investors to not invest in life insurance policies. Life insurance is a means of covering risks and is not for investment purposes. That is why I am not a fan of the variable policies that combine life insurance and investing.

In addition, I'm also not a fan of return of premium policies that have become popular with term insurance. My reasoning once again is that the extra premium that you pay for a return of premium term policy can be better invested. In addition, I believe that in many of the return of premium policies, they are nothing but gimmicks.

If your death is going to cost someone to lose out financially and you do not have the resources to compensate for that loss, life insurance is an excellent way of covering that risk. On the other hand, if you are saving for your retirement, a vacation or whatever, life insurance is a horrible investment to achieve those goals.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. *Observer & Eccentric* readers can submit questions at moneymatters@hometownlife.com. For more information, visit his Web site at www.bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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Working on art

DIA conservator battles dust, jackhammers during renovation

BY GREG KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Barbara Heller can deal with the dusty footprints that track across the mats on the marbled floor. And the occasional vibrations that slightly ripple through the walls aren't a problem. But when the guys started jackhammering on the roof at 2 a.m., she had to stop it.

"I've only stopped work once," she said. But she had reasons for concern.

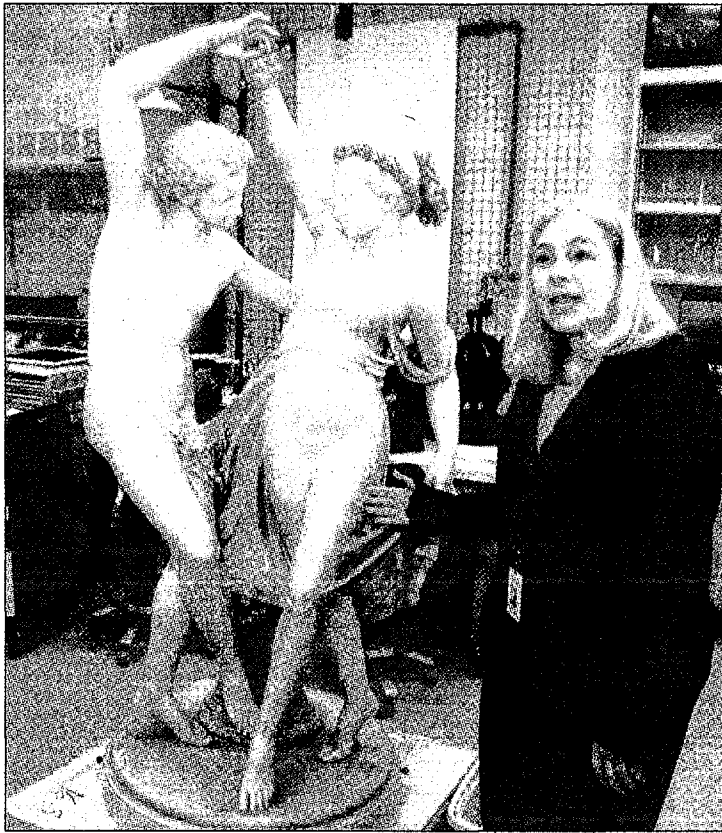
Heller, a Birmingham resident, is the chief conservator at the Detroit Institute of Arts. If you have been there in the past few years, you might have noticed that the museum is in the midst of a titanic renovation and expansion, the largest such project since the original building was opened in 1927.

The museum is adding 57,650 square feet, putting new facades on the north and south wings, renovating the Farnsworth Street lobby and converting the North Court into new gallery space, among many other changes. All this amounts to a lot of hammering, sawing, clanging, banging, grinding, chopping and dropping of various items.

It's up to Heller to ensure that none of that affects any of the nearly 60,000 works of art in the museum's collection.

"I was worried about the Diego Rivera frescoes," she said. The issue there, however, was the shaky old freight elevator. "I contacted a firm and they put in three vibration monitors."

The frescoes are priceless, as are most of the other works of art that can be damaged by vibrations, floating dust, humidity, temperature and bright lights — all of which are byproducts of construction.



Barbara Heller shows one of the statues taken off display for cleaning.

"It's a challenge, but it is something that we have been working on since 1996," she said. That's when plans were made for the major renovation at the DIA.

Although the building was hailed as the model of how to design an art museum when it was built, times have changed since the doors opened in 1927. The mechanical system became a maze of interconnected ducts. The renovations include installation of one air supply system that will serve all three museum buildings. That will also make it easier to control the dust.

Dust is a real threat. Remember, one doesn't toss a Bernini sculpture into the sink for a quick rinse. Hence, the floor mats. The museum floor

is lined with special mats that grab and hold dust from shoe bottoms.

Other precautions are in place as well. When workers had to cut, place and sand a new section of marble on a wall, they erected a plastic tent



Thomas Dickerson restores a Louie XV frame in one of the conservation rooms at the DIA.

over the site. Whole galleries under construction have been sealed off.

"We have micro-climates," Heller said. That simple display case housing precious items has a controlled temperature and humidity.

"It's technical and scientific," she said, "a mixture of art and science."

In a way, the steps taken to protect the artworks are an extension of the everyday job of the conservators at the

museum. Working in rooms out of site from the public, they stitch in missing pieces of fabrics, restore wooden picture frames, stabilize fragile paintings and clean marble and limestone sculptures.

The construction project actually has aided that process. "So many things have been taken off view (during the construction) we are finally able to work on them," Heller said.

It's a careful process, she noted. Standing in a main

DIA NUMBERS

- 1885 - year founded
- 1887 - year Vincent van Gogh painted 'Self-Portrait'. In the DIA's collection, this was the first van Gogh to be placed in a museum in the United States
- 1927 - year current building opened
- 60,000 - approximate number of works of art
- \$297 million - approximate amount raised so far in the capital improvement campaign
- \$158 million - cost of the current renovation and construction project
- 57,650 - number of square feet being added
- November 2007 - project completion date

gallery, she pointed to one of the paintings. The painting is priceless and has to be treated with extraordinary care. Even its frame is a work of art. "It's worth thousands of dollars," she said, "per foot."

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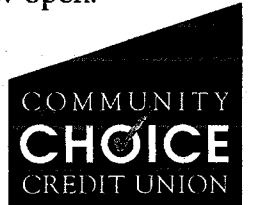
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FEBRUARY

Love's Secrets

7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. The discussion examines Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* - God is Love. Call (734) 425-5950, ext. 203 to obtain your copy of the encyclical.

Recovery program

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Christ on trial

Drama to uncover Biblical evidence that will be analyzed, eye witnesses share accounts of their encounters with Jesus, began 7 p.m. Feb. 21, and continues 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening during Lent, except for

Maundy Thursday, April 5, when Simon Peter testified concerning Jesus' disruption of social mores, at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Avenue, Farmington. Call (248) 474-6880. Christ on Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is this Jesus...for you?

Religious simulcast

Renowned author and Bible teacher Beth Moore speaks to tens of thousands of women across North America in a live satellite simulcast based on her new book *Get Out of That Pit* Saturday, Feb. 24, 2007.

Morn'g Star church

Morn'g Star Church is presenting a program in conjunction with the simulcast 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the church, 28563 Pardo, Garden City. Tickets are \$15 and include lunch. For more information or tickets, call (734) 367-3029.

In a special message titled "Straight Talk About God's Deliverance," Moore will discuss the fact that deliverance is for everyone -- no matter how you got stuck, no matter how long you've been down, whether you think you deserve it or not. From her own personal experience, Moore shares the healing to be found in Jesus and will present a message of hope.

Lent and Easter services

In His Steps, a six-part sermon series during Lent on Sunday's at 10 a.m. beginning Feb. 25 to April 1; Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. April 5, communion is around a great table in the shape of a cross to remember the last meal of Jesus with his disciples; Community Good Friday Service noon, April 6; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday April 6, an evening service focusing on the Passion Narrative and Jesus' final

moments, and Easter Sunday Son-Rise Service at 8 a.m., Worship Services at 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. for children (childcare for four-year-olds and under at both services) April 8, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860, or visit www.nardinpark.org.

Tenebrae

An evening of reflection and hope, *Song of the Shadows* is an inspiring and prayerful musical piece commemorating the passion of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, with the choirs of St. Damian and St. Edith parishes and orchestral ensemble 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted to offset production costs. Call (734) 464-1222.

Vesper services

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) conducts the first in its 2007 series of Lenten Vespers services 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18100 Merriman, Livonia, call (734) 422-0010. The general public and Orthodox Christians are invited. Refreshments will be served afterward. All proceeds from the service will be used for COCC charities and projects. For more information, contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia at (248) 476-3432 or mmatsko@twmi.rr.com. Livonia. The president of the COCC, the Very Rev. Roman Star of St. Innocent Orthodox Church, Redford, presides at the service. The COCC Inter-Orthodox Choir will sing the responses during the service.

The COCC conducts its series of Vespers services annually during the five Sundays of Orthodox Great Lent - March 4, at St. Stephen of Dechani Serbian Orthodox Church 14235 E. 11 Mile, Warren, call (586) 7731940; March 11, at St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, 18405 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, call (248) 569-4833; March 18, at St. Michael Orthodox Church, 26375 W. Chicago Road, Redford, call (313) 937-0970, and March 25, at St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church 23300 W. Davison, Detroit, call (313) 533-3437.

Church drama

Television and film actor Frank Runyon performs in *The Gospel of John: The Book of Signs* 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$20 a family. Group rates available. Call (734) 425-5950.

Young people's ministry

Burning Questions on the last Wednesday of each month, Feb. 28, 6 p.m. potluck or just come, we have food, 7 p.m. The Gathering with music, sharing, celebration, at Unit of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

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UPCOMING

Lenten fish fry

11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, pick-ups at St. Peter Claver Catholic Community Parish Rectory, 13305 Grove, one block south of McNichols, one block east of Schaefer, Detroit. Lunch orders call in by 11 a.m. at (313) 342-5292. \$8 for catfish dinner, \$7 whitening, \$5 catfish sandwich, \$4 whitening, \$1 for sides of spaghetti, coleslaw and green beans.

Church women united

Meets for World Day of Prayer 12:45 p.m. Friday, March 2, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills.

Lenten retreat

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Madonna University Center, 14221 Levan, Livonia. The cost is \$18, \$10 for students, faculty and staff, and includes lunch. Sponsored by Campus Ministry, the retreat theme is With Mary on the way of the Cross presented by Rev. Charles Fox, associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. To register, call (734) 432-5524 or send e-mail to cmws@madonna.edu by Feb. 27. Walk-in registration will be accepted, the fee is \$22.

Effective Black Parenting

Seminar presented by Kevin Threatt, created by Center for the Improvement of Child Caring with guidance from African American parenting scholars 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 3, and March 17, at First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield, north of Eight Mile, Southfield. One day seminar is \$25 per person or \$35 per couple. RSVP required. For information, call (313) 869-4728. Child care not available.

Seminar helps parents prepare children for success at school, resist pressures to use drugs and join gangs, achieve high self esteem and pride in their African American heritage. Church phone is (248) 569-2972.

Carnival night

Family fun 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, March 5, at the Jewish Community Center, Jimmy Prentiss Morris Building, 15110 W. 10 Mile, Oak Park. Includes carnival games, clowns, face painters, craft booths, candy making, prizes, costume parade, and a raffle for a family pack of tickets for the March 18 Music Fest Children's/Family Passover concert featuring the award winning Peter and Ellen Allard. Children who come in costume will receive a special prize. Purim Carnival is free to JCC members. There is a charge for non-members, \$1 for under age three. For information, call (248) 967-4030.

Clergy conference

Facing End of Life with Compassion, a clergy conference featuring presentations by local and national leaders at the forefront of palliative and end-of-life care and breakout sessions 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at Macomb Community College South Campus Building K, 14500 East 12 Mile, Warren. Cost is \$30 per person or \$25 per person for a team of three or more from the same organization; breakfast and lunch included. The clergy conference is part of a larger event, *Compassion Sabbath 2007*, an interfaith initiative to provide clergy and religious educators tools for addressing the spiritual needs of the seriously ill, the dying and their families. As part of the St. John Health and the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life collaborative project on palliative and end-of-life care, the event provides faith leaders with the resources needed to better minister to the seriously ill and dying. Palliative care addresses management of symptoms such as pain, nausea, and shortness of breath with an emphasis on quality of life throughout the course of a chronic, debilitating or life-threatening illness. For more information and to register for *Compassion Sabbath 2007*, call 1-888-440-7325.

Classes

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Book fair

Scholastic Book Fair returns the evening of Friday, March 9, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211. Church members as well as the general public are invited to the book fair being held in conjunction with a pasta supper and magic show.

Seminar

Faith Baptist Church in Royal Oak host a seminar, *Being Joyful in Tough Times*, with Duane Cuthbertson, director of Growing Together Ministries 7-9 p.m. Friday, March 9, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at 3118 Greenfield Road, Royal Oak. Topics include Experiencing Joy That Is Full, Coping With Our Hurts, Changing Bitterness to Joy, and Curing Our Hurts. No charge but a free will offering will be taken. For information, call (248) 288-6415.

Lenten symposium

The Path to Sanctity 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church, 4571 John R. Troy. Cost is \$40 per person, \$20 student. For more information, call (313) 277-8905 or (248) 625-2461, or visit the Web site at www.holytrinitypostolate.com. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., Holy Mass at 9 a.m. Featuring direct from Rome Rev. Msgr. Robert Sarno, Official of the Congregation for the Causes of Saint in Vatican City speaking on *Holiness: The Way of Life*.

Organ concert

Featuring Tom Trenney 5 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. There is no charge for the organ concert, but a freewill offering will be taken. For information, call (248) 374-7400. Trenney is Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. He won the First Prize and Audience-Prize in the American Guild of Organists' National Competition in Organ Improvisation last year.

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Age 93, February 17, 2007. Beloved husband of Rose. Dear father of Allen (Linda), Edwin (Sandra) and Dennis (Barbara). Grandfather of Douglas, Brian, Susan, Garlick, Melanie, Nicholas and Michelle. Memorial service at a later date in Negaunee, MI. For further information call Querfeld Funeral Home 313-561-0002. www.querfeldfh.com

ANGELA (ROBBINS) MAGDA

Age 72, February 17, 2007. Formerly of Garden City, died on Sunday, February 18, 2007 in Coldwater. She was born on June 30, 1974 to Robert & Kathy (Mika) Robbins. Services for Angie were held on Wed., February 21, 2007 in Coldwater. Memorials may be made to: The American Cancer Society. Please visit www.dutcherfh.com to share a message in the family's online guestbook. Arrangements by Dutcher Funeral Home.

DORIS M. FIER

Age 74, February 17, 2007. Loved and missed by Bob Gunthner. Loving mother of Chris Fier, Kim (Larry) Casey and Scott (Leslie) Fier. Awesome "Grandma D" of Shawn, Megan, Chad, Billy, Jennifer, Jonathan, Sarah, Ryan, Brad, Erin, Evan, Tyler and Carson. Great grandmother of Emma. Preceded in death by husband Billy Fier. Will be missed by: Terri and Willie Brandon, Bobby and Linda Gunthner and David Gunthner. Memorial visitation Friday, February 23, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. until the time of service at 1:30 p.m. at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Family suggests memorials to The Salvation Army.

W. OREN PARKER, PhD

Teacher of scene design for many years in the drama department at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh and author of a "classic" textbook on stage design, died Monday, January 29, 2007 at a hospice here after a brief illness. He was 95. Among his many survivors is his brother Ken Parker of Traverse City. "Scene Design and Lighting" was first published in 1963 for use in college, community, and high school drama programs. The United States Institute for Theatre Technology has rated the book a classic. In 2001, the USITT established an award for scene design in Prof. Parker's name. Prof. Parker was professionally active with TV's "Song for Sale", which required new sets for each new song introduced. He also designed sets for the Pittsburgh Opera. Prof. Parker was an outstanding high school and university athlete. He made the first team in football for four successive years at Rochester High School and was captain his fourth year. He was also made captain of the all-conference team in his final year. In track he set the school record in the broad jump, a mark that held for several years. At the University of Michigan, he won three letters in gymnastics, a sport he began to learn in Rochester under Sandy Ennis.



DAVID E. NUSSBAUM

Age 59, February 19, 2007. Beloved husband of Deborah for 10 years. Loving father of Dawn (Mike) Daniels, Melissa Harrison, Courtney Truitt, Meghan (Keith) Hanna and Dustyn Truitt. Cherished grandfather of John, Marah-Lynn, Keith, Allison, Keegan, Luke, Kyle, Quintin, Ruth, and the late Tyler. Dear son of Lillian Nussbaum; brother of the late Ronald (Liz) Nussbaum; uncle of Lindsay, Adrienne, Michael; and nephew of Elizabeth Lindsay. David was Maintenance Director for 33 years at Marycrest Manor in Livonia under supervision of Sr. Mary Innocent (Chief). In lieu of flowers donations to the family will be used to create a Memorial Garden in David's memory. Memorial Mass Saturday 11:30 a.m. (Visiting 11 AM) at St. Gerald Catholic Church, 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington.

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MICHAEL J. MICHALSKI

February 20, 2007 of Wayne. Beloved husband of Maureen. Dear father of Marc W., Drew J., and Cassandra E. Dear brother of Patrick (Jeanie), Ellen, Greg, Eugene and Steven. Beloved uncle to several nieces and nephews. Dear son of Geraldine. Visiting Friday 3-9pm, Funeral Service Saturday 11:00am at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 34567 Michigan Ave., Wayne.

GEORGE R. HUFFMASTER

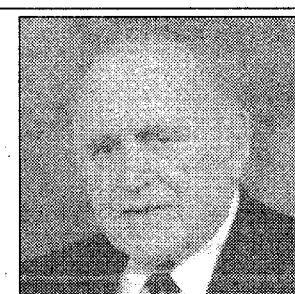
Of Oscoda; formerly of Dearborn Heights died February 19, 2007 at 76 years of age. Beloved husband of June for 46 years. Dear father of Terry (Gary) Goodson of Dallas, GA, Bob (Kathy) Peterson of Walled Lake, Tammy Koski of Oscoda, Mark Huffmaster of Oscoda and Tracy (Timothy) Wright of Oscoda. Brother of Maureen (Bob) Juergens of Canton. Also survived by ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Huffmaster retired from General Motors as a millwright and also worked as a carpenter. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and loved going to his cabin in Houghton Lake along with spending time with his family and grandchildren. Funeral services will be 1:00 P.M., Friday, February 23, 2007 at the Oscoda Chapel of the Buresh-Bennett Funeral Home. The family will receive friends Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 P.M. Interment at Pinecrest Cemetery, Rev. Timothy Azzam officiating. Memorials suggested to the Seton Cancer Center, c/o Tawas St. Joseph Hospital, Tawas City, Michigan.

KATHLEEN DRUMM BOSCARDIN

Born February 28, 1916 in Detroit, Michigan, she graduated from Birmingham Baldwin High School and Eastern Michigan University (then Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti, MI.). At Eastern Michigan, she was inducted into Theta Lambda Sigma sorority, which later became the Gamma Zeta chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, the national sorority that figured prominently in her life. She was appointed the first woman principal in the Enfield Public Schools in the State of Connecticut. Mrs. Boscardin is survived by her son, W. John Boscardin of Monroe Township, NJ; her daughter, Kathleen Morrison of Carmel, CA; three grandsons, W. John Boscardin, Jr. of Santa Monica, CA, Andrew Boscardin of Seattle, WA, and Ian Morrison of Carmel, CA; a daughter-in-law, Margaret Boscardin of Monroe Township, NJ; a step granddaughter Melissa Neumeier of Plainsboro, NJ; a granddaughter-in-law, Christy Boscardin of Santa Monica, CA; a great-granddaughter, Julia Boscardin, also of Santa Monica, CA, and two nephews, James and Mark Reid of Bloomfield Township, MI. A memorial service will be held in Enfield, CT at a future date. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alpha Xi Delta Foundation, 8702 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268. joboscard@aol.com

MARY CATHERINE VIERIK

Age 88, died on February 17, 2007 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Vierik was born on March 25, 1918 in Ohio to the late John and Mary Gaby. She was very patient and caring towards others, even allowing family members to live in her home when they needed a start. At times, there were three family members in their home in Detroit. Her daughters marveled, "she never raised her voice in all of her years of raising her family." Mrs. Vierik was the housekeeping manager at old Holy Cross Hospital. She loved Diet Mountain Dew, always giving her empty bottles to the Clawson school children for their fundraisers. She enjoyed baseball, crafts, crochet, and was an avid reader. Mrs. Vierik had a green thumb and loved gardening, especially roses. She enjoyed cutting back roses to start new plants. Her favorite recent pastime was sitting in her living room in her rocking chair and watching the world through her window. Mrs. Vierik is survived by her daughters, Rosie (Mitch) Wisniewski, Tina (Rich) Kempisty, Marilyn (Ed) Wozniak, and Cooky Vierik; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a sister, Veronica Dzuris. She is predeceased by her husband, Leo. Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Guardian Angels Church, Clawson. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, Michigan. Arrangements entrusted to Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 248-435-0660



ORVAL A. OPPERTHAUSER

February 16, 2007 in Atlantis, FL Age 84 of Ortonville, MI. Founder of Hydra-Zorb Co., Auburn Hills. Beloved wife of Ann T. and the late Ruth. Dear father of Glen (Patti), Step-father of Douglas Dodge (Sheila), Frederick Dodge, Sally MacKinnon (James) and Robert Dodge (Sarah). Also survived by 12 grandchildren. Brother of Earl (Ann), Ray (Sally), Lois Habermeyer (George) and the late Cal (Rosemary), Keith and Jean. Memorial service Thursday (today) 11am at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward (btwn 13-14 Mile). Memorial tributes to Lawrence Technological University, c/o The Orval Oppert Hauser Memorial Fund, 21000 W. Ten Mile Rd., Southfield, MI 48075 or The Multiple Sclerosis Society, 21311 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ELAINE B. KUMBIER

was born October 17, 1918, in Saginaw, Michigan, to Emil Karl Kumbier and Esther Pohlan Kumbier. She graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1936. After working for several years, she enrolled in the Teacher Education program at Central Michigan College, and graduated with a B.A. degree. After teaching for several years in the Caro, Michigan, public schools and while taking graduate courses at the University of Michigan, she moved to the metro Detroit area to assume the post of Elementary School Vocal Music Coordinator for the Livonia Public Schools. There she was largely responsible for developing a district-wide vocal music program that served thousands of elementary students over more than three decades, conveying to them her love for music and inspiring them with her enthusiasm. During that time, she completed work on a Master's degree in Music Education from the University of Michigan. When the Livonia music program was decentralized, she moved into sixth-grade teaching, serving consecutively at Roosevelt, Marshall and Grant Schools, where, among other accomplishments, she instituted and developed a distinctive program in the humanities for elementary students. Miss Kumbier retired from teaching in 1983. During her retirement years, she maintained an active and engaged correspondence with many people she had met in the course of her extensive European travels. She was also a member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, and a regular participant in the Michal Handworkers Circle. Miss Kumbier was preceded in death by her brother, William Karl Kumbier. She is survived by her sister-in-law and long-time friend, Norma Kumbier; her niece, Mary (Kumbier) Seymour and her husband, Stephen Seymour; her nephews, William A. Kumbier and Timothy Kumbier, and his wife, Mary; one grand-niece, Alana, and seven grand-nephews, David, Alec, Ben, Zack, Eric, Kirk and Karl; and one great-grand-niece, Kelly Jane. Visitation will be held at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home 280 South Main, Plymouth, Michigan, on Sunday, February 25, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia, Michigan, at 10:30 am, Monday, February 26, following visitation at the church from 10:00 to 10:30. Interment will take place at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Saginaw, Michigan, at 2:00 pm that afternoon.



FRANCIS JAMES BREMMER

Age 77 of 907 East Blodgett Street Marshfield, WI died on Monday, February 19, 2007 at his home with his family at his side. Francis was born on April 30, 1929 in Chili, WI. At the age of 17, he entered the Army Air Corp, which became the United States Air Force. Francis served in the Air Force for 28 years. During that time, he did tours in Germany (1947), Philippines (1965-1966), Vietnam (1969-1970) and Korea (1973-1974). In 1974 he retired as a Senior Master Sergeant. After retirement, Francis moved to Canton, MI where he taught at Robichard High School in Inkster, MI for 2 years after which he took over the ROTC program at Livonia Churchill High School where he spent the next 16 years. During his time at Churchill, he also organized the youth color guard for the Detroit Tiger baseball games, assisted with extra curriculum school events and coached girl's softball. After retiring from the Livonia School system in 1992, Francis and his wife Dorothy traveled until they bought a home in Marshfield, WI., where he lived until his death. Survivors include his wife Dorothy of 55 years, his seven children Diane Denesha, Thomas Bremmer; Terrance (Suzy) Bremmer; Colleen (Paul) Coile; Pamela (Michael) Brownell; La Vern (Linda) Bremmer and Cheryl (Tim) Flynn. Nine grandchildren, Elizabeth, Jennifer and Chris, Jaime, Katie and Justin, John, Francis, Celeste, Ann Marie and Samantha. He was preceded in death by his father Louis Charles Bremmer (1971), mother Anna Agnes (Welch) Bremmer (1978) and a brother Louis Roman Bremmer (1978). Mass of Christian burial will be Thursday, February 22, 2007 at St. John's The Baptist Catholic Church in Marshfield, WI. In lieu of flowers, memorials are to be sent to St. John's The Baptist Scholarship Fund for Marshfield Area Catholic School students at 201 West Blodgett St. Marshfield, WI 54449. Rembs / Kunding Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be sent online to www.rembsfh.com

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ONGOING

Divorce recovery

Workshop 7-9:30 p.m. began 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.

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, began 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.

Bible study

The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Grief workshop

From Grief to New Hope began 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 regis-

tration appreciated. For more information, call Carol Jacoby at (248) 374-5966.

Sunday service

All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

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.

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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

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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 1 Peter. For more information, call (313) 255-6330.

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McCotter calls Iraq resolution 'immoral'

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

During a House floor debate, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-Livonia) Feb. 15 delivered an impassioned speech calling a resolution against sending 20,000 additional troops to Iraq "impotent" and "immoral."

Making allusions to British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler and a resolution by Illinois Democrats in 1863 opposing the Emancipation Proclamation, McCotter argued that the resolution would undermine troop morale and embolden the enemy.

Debate on the non-binding resolution began Wednesday.

On Friday the House approved the resolution 246-182. On Saturday, the Democrats in the Senate failed by four votes to get the 60



McCotter

votes needed to bring the House resolution to the Senate floor. U.S. Rep. Fred Upton (R-St. Joseph) broke ranks with his party Wednesday by announcing that he would support the resolution, which has been picking up support among other Republicans. Seventeen Republicans joined the Democratic majority in support of the resolution. All six Michigan Democrats support the Democratic-sponsored resolution.

In the Senate seven Republicans voted with the Democratic majority.

The resolution passed in the House reads:

1) Congress and the American people will continue to support and protect the

members of the United States Armed Forces who are serving or who have served bravely and honorably in Iraq; and

2) Congress disapproves of the decision of President George W. Bush announced on Jan. 10, 2007, to deploy more than 20,000 additional United States combat troops to Iraq.

As the fifth ranking Republican House member, McCotter took a lead position in the debate to present the Republican leadership's opposition. In the past, McCotter has consistently supported funding for the war in Iraq and is a supporter of the war effort. However, he has been critical of the Bush administration's prosecution of the war and particularly of its failure to build support from the rank-and-file population.

In his remarks opposing the resolution, McCotter restated his concerns about Bush's han-

dling of the war.

"... despite the hard-earned lessons of our nation's former successes in doing so, this administration utterly failed to comprehend and implement the fundamental principles of reconstructing a defeated and belligerent nation. Importantly, this does not preclude reconstructing Iraq now," he said.

He argued that Iraq was not in a civil war and that violence was contained to the limited areas where Bush plans to deploy additional troops.

McCotter quoted Winston Churchill and Abraham Lincoln to bolster his arguments.

He concluded by saying, "I cannot in good conscience support this resolution, which is injurious to the cause of our nation's victory and, in consequence, is patently immoral."

Upton argued in his support of the resolution that Iraq was

in a civil war.

"... it is real anarchy. And, in fact, the Iraqis don't want us there. Nearly 80 percent of them in Baghdad say that American troops provoke more violence than they prevent. And those same polls show that Iraqis overwhelmingly want U.S. troops gone within a year. In fact, we know that a majority of both sides, Shia and Sunni, believe that it's OK to kill our troops.

"So much for being a liberator. In other words, we're viewed as part of the problem, not the solution."

The anti Iraq war political organization Moveon.org was planning a deliver letters to members of Congress at noon today (Thursday) and hold a rally at district offices. The group plans to deliver letters with the message "You're the Decider" to McCotter's office on Laurel Park Drive in Livonia.

HFCC sponsors criminal justice job fair

According to a recent poll of young Michiganders, nearly half say they will have to leave Michigan to pursue a career. However, there is some good news for at least one segment of the job market for those who want to stay in Michigan.

According to Richard R. Brown, HFCC Job Placement officer, the ninth annual Henry Ford Criminal Justice Job Fair is an example of HFCC's long tradition of preparing students for jobs and careers in the local market.

HFCC will host its annual Criminal Justice Job Fair 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the Andrew A. Mazzara Administrative Services and Conference Center, 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. Criminal justice program students and graduates from HFCC, Madonna University, the University of Detroit Mercy and the University of Michigan-Dearborn are invited to attend. Admission is free.

More than 20 employers will attend the HFCC Criminal Justice Job Fair, including representatives from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and corporate and retail security.

Employers attending include: the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, the U.S. Probation Department and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

Other employers attending are: the Michigan State Police, the Michigan Department of Corrections, the Milan Federal Correctional Institution, the Brownstown Township Police Department, the Dearborn Police Department, the Dearborn Heights Police Department, the Southfield Police Department, the Pittsfield Township Department of Public Safety, the Washtenaw County Sheriff Department, the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority.

Also attending will be representatives from Community Treatment Center, Inc., Fairlane Town Center, the Henry Ford Healthcare System, Greektown Casino and Target Corporation.

HFCC offers associate's degree and certificate programs in criminal justice/law enforcement, corrections/probation and parole, and security/private investigations.

"The job fair lets students know the requirements for employment in this field," said Dan Kearney, HFCC criminal justice program instructor. "It will provide information to current and prospective students about the many career paths available in the criminal justice field and enable them to make informed decisions regarding careers in law enforcement."

For more information about the job fair, please call Richard R. Brown, HFCC job placement officer, at 313-845-9860. For information about HFCC's criminal justice programs, please call Dan Kearney, criminal justice program instructor, at 313-845-9714.

Wastewater facility wins 'Silver Star'

Running a sewage treatment plant may not be the most glamorous job in the world, but Wayne County officials are proud that their Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility in Wyandotte has operated for 12 straight months without a water quality permit violation. The county will earn the American Metropolitan Sewerage Agency's "Silver Star" award for 2006.

"For the men and women of the Downriver Facility, it's like pitching a perfect game," said County Executive Robert A. Ficano. "Everyone should be proud of their efforts to ensure a quality operation that protects the environment, while delivering real value for our residents."

The facility is Michigan's second largest sewage treatment facility, serving 13 Downriver communities with a combined population of over 200,000. The facility has seen over \$300 million in improvements since 1994, and new upgrades of approximately \$40 million more are planned over the next five years.

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Tuesday, February 27**

10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.
Best Western
44315 Gratiot Ave., Clinton Township

Tuesday, February 27

10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.
Henry Ford Medical Center –
West Bloomfield
6777 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield

Wednesday, February 28**

10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.
HAP Southfield Office Tower 14,
21700 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield

Wednesday, February 28

10 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 3 p.m.
Fairfield Inn
927 Demille Road, Lapeer

We're adding new meeting dates all year long. Please call for the latest event listing.



Doris Biscoe¹

Former TV News Anchor

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** Doris Biscoe will attend these seminars.

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Rob Cossin of Westland takes a look at his Pick the Pros winnings, a \$900 travel voucher for a trip for two to Las Vegas, with Marty Carry, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers advertising director.

Westland man scores with Pick the Pros

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

director of advertising for the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers*.

Rob Cossin is going to ignore his uncle's warning not to visit Las Vegas during March Madness. The Westland resident and his wife Kim are planning to go as soon as they can.

And they're getting help with the trip after Cossin won the top prize in the *Observer & Eccentric-Mirror Newspapers* Pick the Pros contest.

"My wife was more excited that I was," said Cossin, the controller at Connelly Crane Rental Corp. "After the Super Bowl, I knew I had won, then I got nervous. I read all the rules and regulations just to make sure."

Cossin received a \$900 voucher toward a trip for two to Las Vegas after finishing first in the local online contest. There were close to 700 playing, according to Marty Carry,

"Some 130,000 nationally participated, and you were probably 138 out of that 130,000," Carry added.

Weekly winners throughout the season received certificates to restaurants like the Detroit Beer Co., Rochester Mills Beer Co. and the Royal Oak Brewery, as well as tickets to Emagine Theaters, while Cossin, as the season winner, received the travel voucher. He will be working with Bob Neugebauer Travel in Roseville to plan his trip to Las Vegas.

This is the second year Cossin has played Pick the Pros. Last year, he won a weekly prize of dinner at the Detroit Brew Co.

"I'm not a huge sports fan, but I like this game," Cossin said. "It's easy to do and it didn't cost anything."

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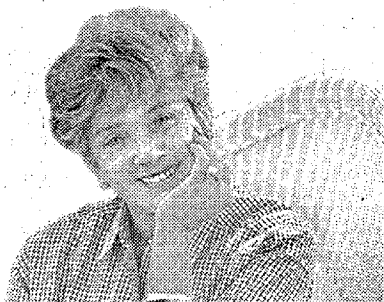
What to watch for:

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- Sweating
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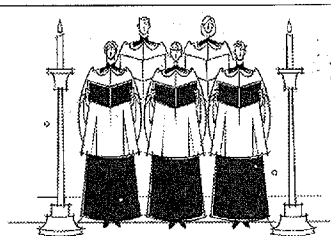


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GHOST RIDER (PG-13)

(11:05) 1:30, 3:55, 6:45, 9:10

FRISAT LS 11:35

MUSIC AND LYRICS (PG-13)

12:00, 2:10, 4:20, 6:50, 9:05

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12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:40, 9:00

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2007 for the following:

ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES

For the design of Ridge Road (Ford Road to Warren Road) Grade Establishment Project, including intersection improvements at Hanford Road as determined by Wayne County. The project length is approximately 1 mile.

Proposals may be picked up at the 2nd Floor, Engineering Services at the above address. All proposals 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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CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD. CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction February 27, 2007 at 10:00 AM. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185. The vehicles will be sold as is, starting bid is for towing and storage.

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	BODY	VIN#
1994	Pontiac	Gr. Am	2-Dr.	1G2WJ12M9RF320154
1996	Chrysler	Sebring	2-Dr.	4C3AU52N7TE264311
1996	Lincoln	Cont	4-Dr.	1LNLM97V7TY702258
1991	Ford	Escort	2-Dr.	1FAPP1LJ0MW105007
1996	Chevy	Beretta	2-Dr.	1G1LV1547TY143929
1994	Ford	Taurus	4-Dr.	1FALP524XRA154878
1994	Buick	Regal	4-Dr.	2G4WB55L2R1418349
1989	Mercury	Sable	4-Dr.	1MEBM50U7KG639689
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AROUND TOWN

Princess ball
The Northville Parks and Recreation Department hosts the Princess Ball 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, for girls ages 3 and older and their dads. The event takes place at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline in Northville. Register by going to the parks and recreation office, 700 W. Baseline. Cost is \$10, and each little princess gets a gift bag, cookies and crafts. For more information, call Cheryl Mudd, (248) 349-0203, Ext. 1411.

Suburban GOP Women's Club
The Suburban Republican Women's Club will host immigration attorney Kathleen Poppenger answering questions on America's problems with illegal immigration at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Pick-A-Bone Restaurant, 30325 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Cost is \$18. For reservations and menu choice, call (248) 320-5473. Visitors and guests welcome.

Crafters/vendors needed
Crafters and vendors are wanted for

the springtime craft show/bazaar 1-6 p.m. April 28 at the Inkster Recreational Center, 2025 Middlebelt in Inkster. Cost is \$30 per booth. E-mail vdotson@twmi.rr.com for application or call (734) 595-1083.

Eat for Education
"Eat for Education" Taste Fest with Silent Auction will be hosted by Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia, 6-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10. Tickets are \$10, as a fund-raiser for the school. Local restaurants and bakeries will serve signature dishes, while the auction features hotel packages/weekend getaways/spa packages, etc. (734) 261-9540 or visit academicpathways.tripod.com.

Genealogical society
The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets March 1 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1041 W. Grand River in Howell, with a help session starting at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Guest speaker Richard Hutchins, a Fowlerville author, will talk about "Howell Goes to War." The public

is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland, (810) 227-7745.

Grief support series
Heartland Hospice offers a five-week series, "Living with Grief," beginning Thursday, March 1 through March 29, from 5:30-7 p.m. This program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. This free series will be held at the Heartland Hospice office, 3840 Packard, Ste. 260, in Ann Arbor, and is open to anyone in the community. For more information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator, (734) 973-1145.

Beginning Genealogy workshop
The Livonia Civic Center Library and the Western Wayne County Genealogical Society will host a free beginning genealogy workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the library. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. A beginner's genealogy packet will be \$5. Topics include Census Records, Cemetery Records, Libraries/Archives, and Immigration and Naturalization. Contact Sue Cromwell, (248) 477-5846, Brenda Halseth, (734) 513-0619. Register at (734) 466-2197 by March 1.

Academic Pathways preschool
Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool, at 30330 Schoolcraft in Livonia, will host an open house from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 6. Enroll in classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings for 3-year-olds, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings for 4-

year-olds. Potty training not required; certified teacher. (734) 459-6689 or visit academicpathways.tripod.com.

Lenten fish fry
St. Sebastian Catholic Church, 20700 Colgate in Dearborn Heights, hosts its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. Feb. 23-April 6. The event features baked and fried fish, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, cole slaw and dessert. Cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$4.75 for children under 12. For more information, call (313) 562-5356.

Bocce for bucks
Visiting Nurse Association of Southeast Michigan's signature fund-raising event, Bocce for Bucks III, sponsored by Complete Infusion Services, offers patrons an opportunity to receive professional instruction on the sport from World Cup Bocce players. The event takes place 2-6 p.m. Sunday, April 22, at the Palazzo di Bocce in Orion Township. Bocce for Bucks III features an afternoon of indoor bocce ball tournament play, ideal for families and people of all ages, an Italian buffet, silent auction and much more. No prior experience or equipment needed. Dress is casual and prizes will be awarded to the top teams. New this year is a private benefactor reception to be held 6 p.m. Sunday, March 25, at Park West Gallery in Southfield. Funds raised will help provide an innovative, life-saving system - VNA's TeleHomecare program, used by VNA to educate and empower patients by checking their health between home visits. Tickets

are available with the following benefits: \$100 Guest ticket - Receives bocce play, Italian buffet dinner, beer/wine, desserts, silent auction and exit gift; \$150 Patron ticket - Receives all of the above plus expert bocce instruction from World Cup Bocce Players one-hour prior to event start; and \$200 Benefactor ticket - Receives all of the above plus invitation to Private Benefactor Reception. For sponsorship, advertising or ticket information for Bocce for Bucks III, call (248) 967-8324 or visit vna.org.

Ewald scholarship
The H.T. Ewald Foundation is accepting applications for its 2007 scholarship program. Completed application must be postmarked by March 1, 2007. To be eligible one must be a graduating high school student living in Metro Detroit and entering college full-time in the fall. Scholarship recipients are chosen based on their overall scholarship record, leadership abilities, community work, character and financial need. To apply one must send in an official H.T. Ewald Foundation Scholarship application, three or more letters of recommendation, a photograph, a minimum of 500-word autobiography and a complete high school transcript. Scholarships are awarded yearly in early August. The scholarship awards range from \$500 to \$3,500 and the amount is based on the financial need of the recipient. The number of scholarships awarded varies every year. The scholarships are renewable for up to four years. For an application or more information, call the H.T. Ewald Foundation office at (313) 821-1278.

Winter garage sale
Sts. Peter & Paul Romanian Orthodox Church Ladies Auxiliary hosts its seventh-annual Winter Garage Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with a bag sale 3-4 p.m.) Saturday, Feb. 24 at Sts. Peter & Paul Banquet Hall, 750 N. Beech Daly (between Ford Rd. & Cherry Hill) in Dearborn Heights. For more information visit www.spproc.org.

Egg-citing science
Crack Open "EGG-citing" Science at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum's March Sciencepalooza Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4. For March's Sciencepalooza, visitors can "egg-splode" the many uses of the egg. Sciencepalooza is a special themed event held the first weekend of every month at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Sciencepalooza activity hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 995-5439 for more information.

Waste to Watts
The Ann Arbor Hands-on Museum has extended the Waste to Watts exhibition through summer of 2007 due to popular demand. Waste to Watts shows how new environmentally friendly technology can turn our trash into electricity. Developed by Landfill Energy Systems of Wixom, Michigan, this one-of-a-kind exhibit demonstrates how methane gas recovery from landfills can be used as an alternative energy source, ultimately reducing our dependency on other fuels. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For information, visit www.aahom.org or call (734) 995-5439.

**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 pm, Thursday April 5, 2007 for the following:

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON METERING & PRESSURE REDUCING STATION (located at Southeast corner of Ridge Road and Proctor Road)

The project is the construction of a new connection for Canton Township to the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department water system. Project includes a live tap of 60" water main, two reinforced concrete underground vaults containing a master meter and a pressure reducing valve and various appurtenances and all piping and structures to connect facilities to existing 16" and 8" township water mains in the vicinity.

Specifications are available at Michael L. Priest & Associates, 40655 Koppnick Road, Canton, MI 48187 on Thursday February 22, 2007. A non refundable fee of \$85 dollars if picked up or \$95 if mailed will be charged for the bid packet. The phone number is (734) 459-8560. Bid documents are available for review at the Engineering Department on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building, F.W. Dodge Report, Construction Association of Michigan, Construction Market Data, and at Michael L. Priest & Associates. 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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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

**SECOND AMENDMENT TO
COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR
EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE**

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO: C-07-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE C-99-02 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH WHICH ORDINANCE SHALL BE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 9, PART I, ADMINISTRATION, PROVIDING FOR A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE COST REIMBURSEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES ORDINANCE ASSOCIATED WITH EMERGENCY INCIDENTS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS, UTILITY LINE FAILURES, ILLEGAL FIRES, FALSE ALARMS, BOMB THREATS, THREATS OF HARM TO ONESELF OR OTHERS, STRUCTURE DEMOLITION, EXTRICATIONS, STANDBY SUPPRESSION, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SIMILAR EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE C-99-02.
Section 9.010 Definitions, of Chapter 9, Part I, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Plymouth, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Definitions. This section provides for definitions of the following terms: Release of Dangerous or Hazardous Substance or Material, Utility Line Failure, Illegal Fire, False Alarm, Bomb Threat, Threat of harm to Onself or Others, Structure Demolition, Emergency Response, Expenses of an Emergency Response, Extrication, Standby Suppression, and Medical Assistance.

SECTION 2. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.
This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.
This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES.
This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION.
This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-07-02 considered for first reading at the February 13, 2007, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: February 22, 2007 OE08057619

**STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH**

ORDINANCE NO. 0-07-01

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT TO WATER AND
SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE C-06-02 TO REVISE MINIMUM WATER RATES, THE MINIMUM SEWAGE RATES AND SINGLE RESIDENCES UNMETERED WATER RATES; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OTHER INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS CLAUSE OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.
The Water and Sewer System Ordinance, Section 73.040 is amended as follows:

C. Minimum Water Rates. The following Minimum Rates shall be charged in addition to the approximate Service Charge and Capital Charge.

Meter Size	Quarterly Rates	Minimum Gallonage Charged	Monthly Rates	Minimum Gallonage Charged
3/4 x 5/8"	\$ 11.80	5,000	\$ 4.72	2,000
3/4"	\$ 14.16	6,000	\$ 7.08	3,000
1"	\$ 23.60	10,000	\$ 9.44	4,000
1-1/4"	\$ 35.40	15,000	\$14.16	6,000
1-1/2"	\$ 35.40	15,000	\$14.16	6,000
2"	\$ 35.40	15,000	\$14.16	6,000
3"	\$ 35.40	15,000	\$14.16	6,000
4"	\$ 47.20	20,000	\$18.88	8,000
6"	\$ 47.20	20,000	\$18.88	8,000
8"	\$ 47.20	20,000	\$18.88	8,000
10"	\$ 47.20	20,000	\$18.88	8,000

SECTION 2.
The Water and Sewer System Ordinance, Section 73.050 is amended as follows:

B. Minimum Sewage Rates. The minimum monthly and quarterly sewage use rates shall be as follows:

Meter Size	Quarterly Rates	Minimum Gallonage Charged	Monthly Rates	Minimum Gallonage Charged
3/4 x 5/8"	\$15.30	5,000	\$ 6.12	2,000
3/4"	\$18.36	6,000	\$ 9.18	3,000
1"	\$30.60	10,000	\$12.24	4,000
1-1/4"	\$45.90	15,000	\$18.36	6,000
1-1/2"	\$45.90	15,000	\$18.36	6,000
2"	\$45.90	15,000	\$18.36	6,000
3"	\$61.20	20,000	\$24.48	8,000
4"	\$61.20	20,000	\$24.48	8,000
6"	\$61.20	20,000	\$24.48	8,000
8"	\$61.20	20,000	\$24.48	8,000
10"	\$61.20	20,000	\$24.48	8,000

C. Single Residences Unmetered Water. For single residences having unmetered water supply, the rate shall be \$308.00 per year billed at the rate of \$77.00 quarterly and for each trailer in a trailer court having an unmetered water supply, the rate shall be \$308.00 per year billed at the rate of \$77.00 per quarter.

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.
This Section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

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This Section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

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This Section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-07-01 considered for first reading at the February 13, 2007, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: February 22, 2007 OE08057609

**NOTICE OF
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**
Charter Township of Canton

The Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees on February 12, 2007 adopted an amendment to the "code of Ordinances", Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, Appendix A, Zoning, pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006:

Zoning Ordinance Amendments - 007-TXT-001

Article 6A, Signs, shall be amended as follows:

Article 6A.11 Signs prohibited in all districts shall be amended to modify subsections 11 and 13 as follows:

11. Any sign, except traffic or other municipal signs, as permitted in section 6A.09 (4), that is located in or projects into or over a public right-of-way, publicly dedicated easement, or publicly owned property.

In any proceeding for violation of this section, the court may presume that the person, business, candidate, committee or other entity displayed on the sign, or the person business, candidate, committee or other entity to whom a phone number, e-mail address, or event address displayed on the sign, was assigned is the person, business, candidate, committee or other entity, that unlawfully displayed the sign. Violation of this section is a civil infraction punishable as follows: first offense, \$200 fine; second offense, \$400 fine; third or subsequent offense, \$600 fine.

13. Placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, when posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, stamped or in any way attached to any fence, wall, post, tree, sidewalk, pavement, platform, pole, tower, curbstone or surface in or upon any public easement, right-of-way or on any public or private property whatsoever. Nothing in this section shall prevent official notices of the township, school districts, or county, state or federal government from being posted on any public property deemed necessary. All placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, political signs, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, or stamped on any right-of-way or public property may be removed and disposed of by the township without regard to other provisions of this chapter.

In any proceeding for violation of this subsection within a publicly dedicated easement, public right of way, or public property, the court may presume that the person, business, candidate, committee, or other entity displayed on the placard, poster, circular, show bill, handbill, card, leaflet or other advertising matter, or the person, business candidate committee, or other entity to whom a phone number, e-mail address, or event address displayed on the placard, poster, circular, show bill, handbill, political signs, cards, leaflet, or other advertising matter was assigned, was the person, business candidate, committee, or other entity that unlawfully displayed the placard, poster, circular, show bill, handbill, card, leaflet, or other advertising matter. Violation of this section is a civil infraction punishable as follows: first offense, \$200 fine; second offense, \$400 fine; third or subsequent offense, \$600 fine.

6A.17 Wall Sign Area Scale, shall be amended to add wording after the table as follows:

Refer to Section 6A.23, Sign Bonuses to determine whether the building or tenant space qualifies for additional wall sign area.

Section 6A.23. Sign Bonuses shall be amended to clarify corner lot bonuses as follows:

3. Corner lot/tenant space bonus: Buildings which are located on corner lots or tenant spaces which occupy end or corner units of a multi-tenant structure shall be provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted total wall sign area for the applicable building or tenant space. The corner lot/tenant space bonus shall only be permitted when a sign is proposed on more than one wall of the building or tenant space.

Section 6A.25. Legibility and Design, shall be amended to modify the minimum lettering sizes for ground signs as follows:

2. Ground Signs

e. Lettering: minimum required lettering sizes established as follows for ground signs shall apply to all lettering on any ground sign.

1) Sans serif fonts: "block" style or sans-serif lettering shall be at least 10 inches in size on any ground sign.

2) Serif fonts: "script" or other serif lettering shall be at least 12 inches in size on any ground sign.

Minimum lettering size is based on capital or upper-case letters. Lower case letters used in combination with capital letters shall be proportional in size based on industry graphic standards.

*** Insert the new graphic 6A.25.02 Ground Sign and replace with what is currently in code***
Notice is also given that this ordinance amendment will be effective seven days following the publication of said notice. Effective date: March 01, 2007. A complete copy of the ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Office of Planning Services, 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Additional information can be obtained by calling Planning Services at 734-394-5170.

**Terry G. Bennett, Clerk
Canton Township**

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WOMEN SEEKING MEN

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

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

CLASSY BRUNETTE
Beautiful, model-type, head turner, SWF, 47, 5'5", degreed, successful entrepreneur, world-traveled, privileged lifestyle. Relocating to Illinois from Michigan. Seeking highly discriminating, degreed professional SWM, 45-62, N/S, with cultural interests, fit, affectionate. ☎165475

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

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

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

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

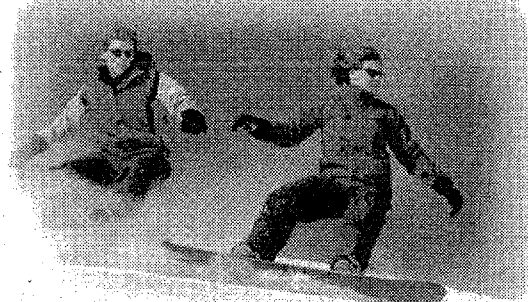
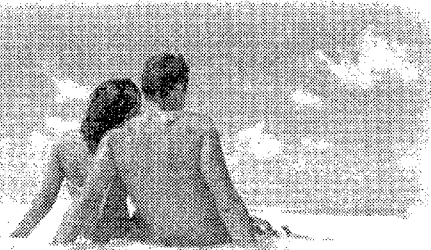
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SWF, retired, talented, fun-loving, attractive, 132lbs, 5'5", blonde, seeks well-groomed gentleman, 65+, to share life and enjoy each other's company. ☎891247

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

ONLY TIME WILL TELL
SWF, 40, 5', N/S, with big blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing walking and going to church. Seeks a W/HM, 28-48, with similar interests, for companionship, romance and more. ☎161341

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

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SOUND LIKE YOU
SWF, 44, easygoing, loves the outdoors, seeks romantic and passionate man for LTR. ☎170340

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

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

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

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

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

IRISH GIRL
SF, 59, 5'6", seeking SWM, 59+, N/S, Irish a+, respectful, honest and sociable, for companionship on my 60th birthday and more. Let's celebrate. ☎165289

PETITE, BLUE-EYED LADY
Are you, 55-65, N/S, D/D-free? Looking for a companion, someone who enjoys holding hands, long conversations about everything, laughter, cider mills and dinner dances? Call Me: SWF 60, ☎169852

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

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

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

READ THIS AD!
SWF, 61, N/S, homebody, enjoys cuddling, scary movies and antiques, searching for a SWM, 52+, with various interest and qualities. ☎164114

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

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

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

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

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

FRIENDS FIRST
W/W/F, 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

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

ARE YOU MY MATCH?
SBF, 34, 5'5", average, likes relaxing at home watching movies, seeking a SBM, 34-50, professional, outgoing and likes to have a lot of fun. ☎166214

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

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

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. ☎155588

HERE I AM
Warm, insightful, creative SBF, 53, enjoys music, cooking, art shows, gardening, going out, woodland walks, and the finer things in life. ISO like-minded SM. Sound like you? ☎161883

THE ONE
5'10", 51-year-old DWF, seeking long-term meaningful relationship with honest, caring WM, with good morals. I am a BBW, 300lbs+, N/S, light-drinker, drug-free, clean, and straight. ☎956929

GET TO KNOW ME
Loving, open-minded SBF, 60, 145lbs, attractive, enjoys music, dining, concerts, travel, ISO honest, compassionate SM, 57-65, N/S. Possible LTR. ☎963760

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

WORTH THE CALL
SM, 46, active and fun, enjoys snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, hunting, quiet ties in +, movies, drinks more. Looking for an easygoing, fun-loving, open-minded woman to share these. ☎168638

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

ENJOYS GOING TO CHURCH
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. ☎804543

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SM, 40s, 5'7", employed, no kids, well-built, sociable, enjoys nights on the town good food, good company, movies, cuddling and romance. Seeking nice, fun-loving, sincere lady to share something special. ☎168094

LET ME LOVE YOU
W/W/M, 54, 5'11", 240lbs, retired, homeowner smoker, very easygoing, likes sculpting, bike riding, outdoors, traveling, holding hands. Seeking SWF, 40-60, average build, employed, honest, affectionate, for dating, friendship maybe more. ☎161249

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

SERIOUS-MINDED GENTLEMAN
SBM, 47, N/S, hard-worker, marriage-minded, seeking a woman, 35-55, who's compassionate, down-to-earth, christian a+, and enjoys the simple things in life. No head games. ☎165969

CALL ME
SBM, 41, 6'1", 170lbs, truck driver, looking for a nice, sexy, youthful lady to get to know, chill with, share some fun times in life. ☎170237

JOIN ME?
SBM, 46, enjoys all types of food, relaxing at home, cuddling watching a movie, nice talks. Seeking a special lady to share special times. ☎171013

HARD-WORKING DAD
SM, 35, looking for fun-loving SF, 18-40, N/S, who knows how to enjoy life, to get to know +, share good times and then who knows. ☎162699

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 more. Friendship/LTR. ☎269646

SEEKING SOMEONE REAL
SM, 21, 5'9", brown complexion, intelligent, independent, seeking B/AF, 24-33, intelligent, who knows what she wants out of life. ☎164113

ALL POSSIBILITIES
SWM, 42, N/S, plays the guitar, looking to meet a W/AF, 30-45, to spend quality time with, watch a movie, go on walks, share fun and more. ☎165417

A VERY SHY...
40 y/o WM, 6', tattoo artist, dark/blue, very strong, funny, would like to meet a woman, 21+, honest, confident and attractive, for friendship, romance, possible LTR. ☎165607

DO YOU LIKE OLDER GUYS?
Handsome BM, 38, N/S, seeking a laid-back SF, 18-25, N/S, petite, 5'5", who likes music, jokes and being romanced. ☎163616

MAN WITH CUTE DIMPLES
Friendly, affectionate, warm, respectful BM, 43, N/S, in search of an easygoing, honest, active woman, with God in her heart, hwp, for friendship, romance and more. No head games/drama. ☎165436

SINGER SEEKS SINGER
SWM, 52, in shape, sober, enjoys singing karaoke, playing guitar, animals, the simple things. Seeking SF, 30-45, in shape, no kids, and a good country singing voice for friendship, more. ☎168597

WORTH IT
SM, 76, 5'10", 180lbs, dark hair, enjoys boating, travel, a good night out on the town. Seeking like-minded lady to share these. ☎169523

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

CROTCH ROCKET
Attractive SBM, 6', 220lbs, N/S, occasional drinker, 40-ish, family-oriented, likes dinner, movies, going to the gym, crotch rocket motorcycles, bike nights. Seeking SF, 25-40, HWP, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎822912

GIVE ME A TRY
SM, 44, educated, open-minded, employed, hard-working, looking for SF, to get to know, share fun times. I enjoy hanging w/friends, bungee jumping, flying planes, RC plane models, much more. Interested? ☎166071

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

LOVE COMFORT LAUGHTER
SWM, 49, 5'9", 195lbs, is nuts about nature, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, etc. Seeks compatible SWF, to have and hold. ☎992943

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

GOTTIME?
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

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

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

TAKE A LOOK
DWM, 46, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, occasional drinker, likes movies, music, dining out, bowling and the simple things. Seeking a SWF, 35-45, slender, with similar interests, for phone conversations and more. ☎163984

ARE YOU MY LADY?
SBM, 24, 6'3", N/S, D/D free, seeks a SWF, 24-33, slender, attractive, honest, easygoing, fun, active, for friendship, romance and exploring life together. ☎165682

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

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

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

ANGEL WANTED
SBPM, 52, 5'7", great SOH, enjoys movies and cooking. Seeking female, 4'5'6", for fun times, romance, possible long-term relationship, age/race open. All call returned. ☎171644

CALL ME SOMETIME
Self-employed SM, 51, 5'11", 177lbs, blue eyes, loves enjoys motorcycling, the outdoors, travel, cooking, music from modern rock to motown, and much more. ISO, affectionate, honest SF, slim-medium build. Friendship/LTR? ☎146467

READY WITH A SMILE
Cute Italian male, 55, 6'2", 240lbs, N/S, shaved head/glasses, loves photography, comedy shows and making people laugh. Seeking a SWF, 40-55, N/S, to make her smile. ☎165658

TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF
Employed, sincere, respectful SM, 27, well-built, attractive, looking for down-to-earth, shapely, attractive, sweet woman with good attitude and nice smile to share the good times in life. ☎169916

THIS ONE'S FOR YOU
SWM, 52, seeks SWF, 36-54, fun-loving, commitment-minded, happy and sociable, to share concerts, sporting events, travel, nature walks, camping, simple fun. Interested? ☎166300

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

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

THE BASICS
SWM, 66, 5'9", slim build, youthful, 160lbs, seeks WF, 40-61, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎116789

OPEN DOORS
SWM, 60, 5'8", long wavy/blue, masculine build, lumberjack, likes the outdoors and physical activities, seeks a SWF, 57-65, N/S, slender, fit, for companionship and more. ☎165259

It's important to be 'exit aware'

Many adults recall the video footage of the fire that broke out at "The Station" nightclub in Rhode Island on Feb. 20, 2003.

The band playing that night was Great White, for those of you who are old enough (as I am) to remember their name. This became the fourth deadliest nightclub fire in U.S. history, killing 100 people and injuring nearly 200 more. Pyrotechnics used by the band started a fire when sparks ignited soundproofing foam behind the stage. As the above-capacity crowd headed for the main entrance, panic ensued when the crowd jammed up and slowed to a crawl.

There are some things you



Tom Kiurski

can do to lessen your chances of becoming a statistic in situations like this. You can become "Exit Aware". As you enter a structure, note where all of the exits are located, and which one is closest to you at all times. Exits in buildings where groups gather are usually equipped with illuminated "EXIT" signs and the door needs no key to be opened from the inside of the building. The closest exit should be used in an emergency, an action that often goes against our natural

tendency, which is to leave a structure through the same door through which we entered.

If you see a locked or blocked exit, report it to the building management so that management knows it is being watched and won't be allowed to put lives at risk. If you get no corrective action, feel free to contact our fire prevention bureau to find out how the codes apply to that building.

If you ever feel so crowded that you begin to feel uncomfortable, then it is time to leave. It's better to lose a few dollars that to put your life in danger.

Remember that smoke and heat rise. It may seem "faster

to run, or stand and walk quickly, but crawling in heat and smoke is the safest way to get out of a building. It buys you more time away from the heat, smoke and the confusing effects of early carbon monoxide poisoning.

After you have exited, move away from the building. It's natural that people want to see what is going on, but that slows down others who may be exiting the building, or may hamper us in our suppression efforts.

By taking a few precautionary steps, and learning the actions listed above, you will increase your chances of surviving should a tragedy occur.

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter.

Fourth-grade students discover 'Our Historic Places'

Michigan students in fourth grade are eligible to compete in the second annual "Our Historic Places" essay contest sponsored by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN).

Essays must describe one historic site, at least 50 years old, located in the student's community. This may be a historic home, commercial building, school, house of worship, farm, cemetery, bridge or other site. The essays must briefly describe the historic site, explain its significance to the local community, and discuss the importance of its preservation for both the student and future generations. Entries are limited to 500 words (two typed or

three handwritten pages).

The essay contest deadline is March 2, 2007, with the winning essays announced at MHPN's 2007 conference at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, May 4-6.

Visit www.mhpn.org for complete rules and entry forms.

"Our essay contest is a hands-on opportunity to engage young people in discovering our state's history - right in their own neighborhoods," explains Nancy Finegood, executive director of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network. "Through the process of researching and writing, students realize the important value of historic homes, buildings, and other sites in the representation of their history."

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Chief cagers silence Rocks in WLAA tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For the first time in recent memory, Salem's basketball team was accompanied by its own chanting, revved-up student cheering section in Canton's Phase III gymnasium Tuesday night for the Rocks' first-round WLAA tournament game against the Chiefs.

However, Canton's Eric Thornton, Neil Sharma and Josh Butler made sure the blue-and-white-clad Rock boosters didn't have much to cheer about.

Thornton poured in a career-high 15 points — including a soaring baseline jam in the third quarter — while Sharma added 14 points, nine rebounds and five steals to lift the Chiefs over the Rocks, 56-32.

Butler only scored four points, but his

shadowing man-to-man defensive effort held Salem's No. 1 offensive threat, Grant Stone, to just two first-half points.

With the win, Canton (12-6) advanced to Friday night's WLAA semifinal contest at No. 1-seeded Westland John Glenn. Salem (8-10) will host Walled Lake Western on Friday in a consolation-round contest. Both games are set to tip off at 7 p.m.

The Chiefs played perhaps their best defensive first half of the season as they held the visiting Rocks to 1-of-16 shooting during the opening 16 minutes and led 25-5 heading into the intermission. Salem's lone field goal was Ross Davis' driving layup with 2:30 left in the first quarter. The Rocks didn't convert another shot from the field until Davis connected on another driving layup with 6:05 left in the third quarter.

Butler and Ryan Langdon, who make up Canton's starting senior backcourt, each registered four steals and made life difficult for the Salem guards from the opening tip.

Salem finished the game with 22 turnovers, 20 of which came in the first three quarters.

Canton led 11-4 after one quarter before reeling off a 14-1 run in the second quarter to put the clamps on the victory. Chief senior center Ryan Waidmann scored six of his nine points during the decisive second stanza.

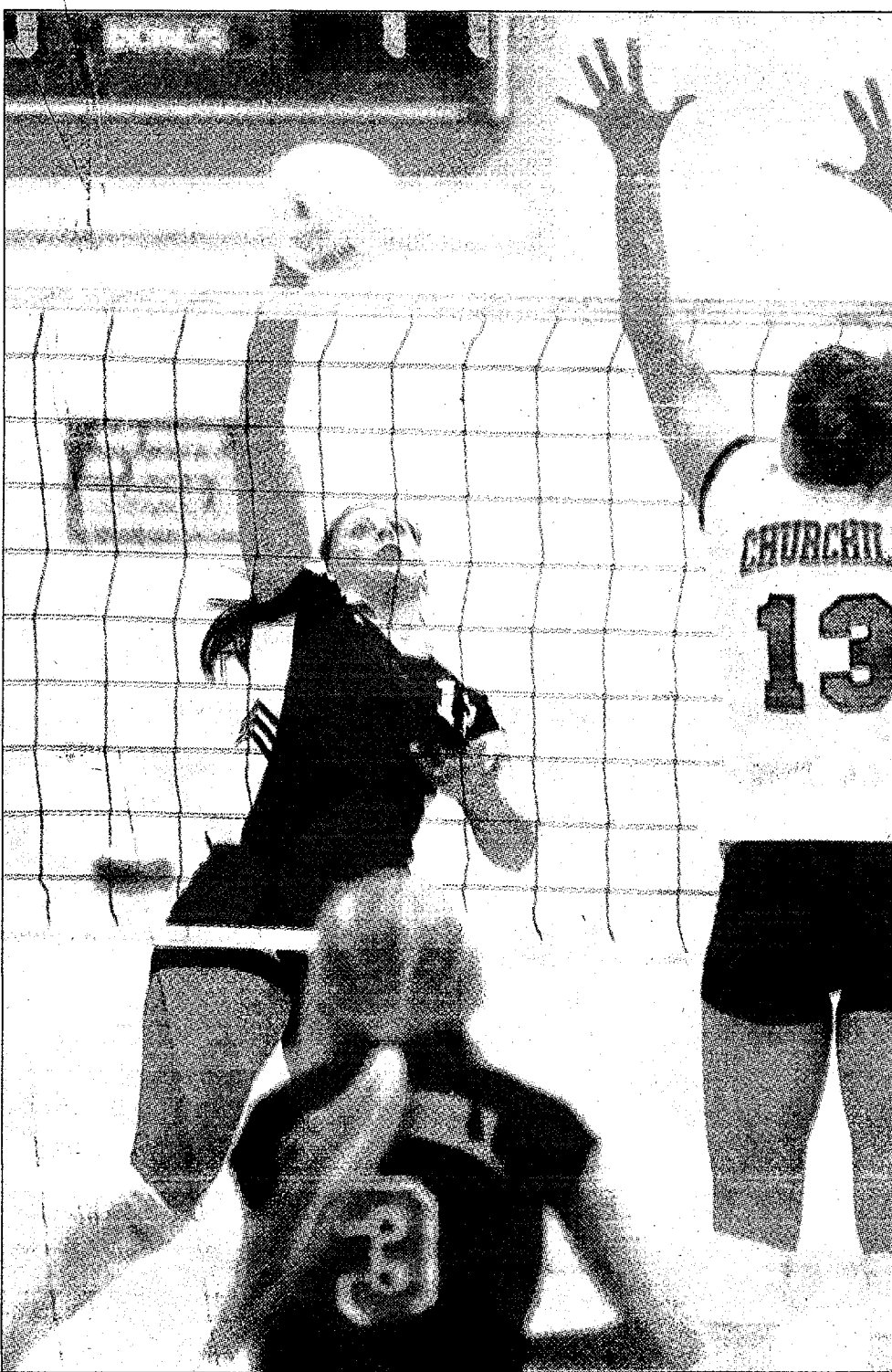
A goal-tending call — something rarely seen in high school games — was whistled on Davis late in the second quarter when he went high to knock away a Thornton lay-up that, in the referee's estimation, was already on a downward path to the cylinder.

Thornton's high-rising slam dunk came with 2:50 left in the third quarter. He secured a pass near the corner, exploded down the baseline and rocked a two-hander through the rim after three dribbles to extend the Chiefs' advantage to 33-10.

Stone led the Rocks with 12 points and six rebounds. Other than Davis (eight points and five boards), no other Salem player scored more than three points.

Langdon complemented his strong defensive effort with six points. Canton hit 20-of-53 field goals (37.7 percent) and while draining 15-of-19 free throws (78.9 percent). The Rocks canned just 11-of-42 shots from the field (26.1 percent) and 9-of-16 free throws (56.2 percent).

The Chiefs turned the ball over just 11 times.



Salem's Lauren Kurtz eyes a kill against Churchill's Lauren Krupsky during Monday night's key WLAA Lakes Division contest at Churchill.

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Salem's Teresa Coppiellie (center) rejoices along with teammates Courtney Seiler (left), Katrina Cope (right) and Lauren Kurtz (12).

To the limit Churchill outlasts Rocks in five thrilling games to take the Lakes

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Salem's Teresa Coppiellie was a star among stars Monday night, but Livonia Churchill walked out of its own gym with a Lakes Division girls volleyball title.

The Chargers overcame Coppiellie's 33 kills and 15 digs with a hard-fought 25-20, 25-21, 22-25, 16-25, 15-12 triumph in a battle for first place.

State-ranked Churchill, getting 29 kills from senior outside hitter Lauren Krupsky and 24 digs from senior Libero Kelly Archer, improved to 42-4-1 overall and 9-0 on the Lakes side of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The loss drops Salem to 35-7-1 overall and 7-2 in the division.

Coppiellie, a 5-11 senior headed to Albany State (N.Y.), helped mount a

comeback in the third and fourth games with the help of fellow senior Lauren Kurtz, who finished with 19 kills.

The Rocks trailed 19-16 in the third game before rallying and going ahead for good, 21-20, on sophomore Jansen Falcusan's block.

Salem then dominated the fourth game as Coppiellie, who had nine kills, aced Chargers three straight times with serves for a commanding 13-5 advantage.

But things abruptly changed again in the decisive fifth game as the 5-10 Krupsky, headed to Central Michigan University, gave her team a boost with seven kills, including the game-winning tip.

"Amanda (Suder) is a good coach and she made an adjustment where they served us short and got us out

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Sidelines

Johnson lauded by MISL

The Major Indoor Soccer League announced Detroit Ignition defender Matt Johnson has been named the League's Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Saturday's 16-10 victory over the Chicago Storm in front of a sellout crowd at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

After beginning Saturday's contest serving as bench coach for Ignition head coach Mark Pulisic, Johnson came in to tally two blocks while solidifying the backline against a well-balanced Chicago attack. At the 2:36 mark of the fourth quarter, Johnson assisted the eventual game-winning goal by Miodrag Djerisilo to move the first-year club into second place in the MISL standings. In 12 games during the 2006-07 campaign, Johnson has scored two goals and added two assists for six points while registering 13 blocks. Johnson also received the Defensive player of the year award for the seven-day period ending on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2006.

"Matt has been a huge contributor for us this season," Ignition President Greg Bibb stated. "He has been a leader on the field, in the locker room and behind the bench. I am very happy he has received this distinction."

Canton Leisure Services events

■ The MRPA Hoop Shoot basketball skills competition will be held Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township. The event, which will be sponsored by Canton Leisure Services, is free and open to all boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 15.

The "hot shot" format give players 60 seconds to score points from various locations on the court. Certificates and ribbons will be given to all participants.

Winners will advance to the area competition for a chance to compete at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and the contest will start promptly at 9 a.m. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

■ A 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament will be sponsored by Canton Leisure Services on Feb. 24 at the Summit on the Park in Canton Township.

Boys and girls divisions will be set up for grades 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. Awards will be presented for division winners and runners-up.

All games will be officiated and teams are guaranteed two games. Only one representative from each team is needed to register. Registration ends at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

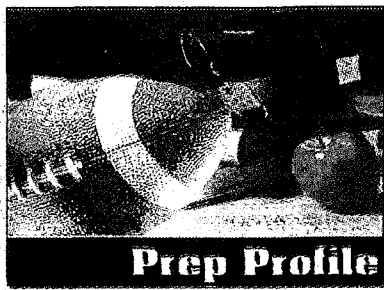
'Ben' there, done that Kosmalski has seen it all during his three-sport career at Plymouth

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

On a late-October Friday last fall, Plymouth three-sport athlete Ben Kosmalski came face-to-face with something he's not accustomed to seeing: downtime.

The day earlier, Kosmalski's Plymouth golf team had played its season-ending match and the Wildcats' first wrestling practice of the season wasn't scheduled until the following Monday, which left Kosmalski in a less-than-ideal predicament.

"I went home after school that day and I was bored out of my mind because I had nothing to do," Kosmalski said, remembering one of the rare sports-free afternoons he's encountered the past seven months. "I'm not one of those people who likes sitting on the couch. That's why I like playing in three sports — there's always something to do."

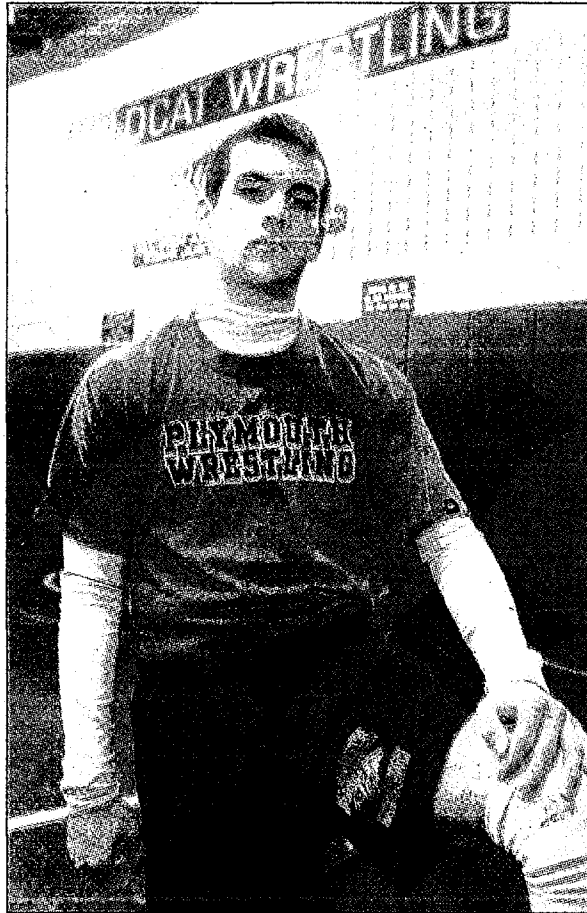


Prep Profile
NEVER A DULL MOMENT

Kosmalski's year-round sports trip begins in August when he cleans off his clubs and hits the driving range for the Plymouth golf team. He capped off a solid senior season last fall by firing an 81 at the Western Lakes Activities Association league meet at the challenging Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

About the time the leaves start dropping off the trees, Kosmalski

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Plymouth senior Ben Kosmalski is a three-sport standout for the Wildcats. He's earned multiple varsity letters in golf, wrestling and baseball. On Saturday, Kosmalski will be competing in the Division I Regional wrestling tournament in Novi.

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10 PCEP matmen advance

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Ten local wrestlers are one step closer to the Division I individual state meet thanks to their stellar performances at Saturday's District tournament at Saline High School.

Six grapplers from Canton, three from Salem and one from Plymouth advanced to this Saturday's Regional competition at Novi High School. A fourth-place-or-better effort there will earn them a ticket to the individual state final at the Palace of Auburn Hills on March 8-10.

Unbeaten 140-pound senior Corey Phillips paced the Chiefs' pack of advancers, which also included Donnie Watkins (103

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MATMEN

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pounds), Carl Lucke (112), Steve Cox (125), Brent Winekoff (130) and heavyweight Donnie Laramie.

The Rocks' trio of Regional qualifiers included Nick Steiger (125), Kevin Hayter (135) and Jeremy Epley (152). Plymouth's lone representative this weekend will be 112-pound senior Ben Kosmalski.

Phillips improved his record to 47-0 by cruising through the 140-pound brackets like a bull in a china shop. After receiving a first-round bye, he pinned Livonia Churchill's Josh Gustitus in 57 seconds in the quarterfinals before dropping Ypsilanti Lincoln's Brandon Farrell in the semis in 1:34. Phillips then put an exclamation point on his day by dominating Livonia Stevenson's Jon Reale with a 21-6 technical-fall triumph in the championship show-down.

"Corey had a great day," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "He was on fire from his first match to his last. It was probably the most dominating performance of any wrestler in any weight class on Saturday."

Both Watkins (43-2) and Winekoff (36-9) defied the odds by advancing to the Regional round in spite of their freshman status. Watkins made history when he became the first Canton ninth-grader to ever win a District title while Winekoff nearly won, dropping a 4-2 decision to Livonia Franklin's Jon Roos in the championship dual.

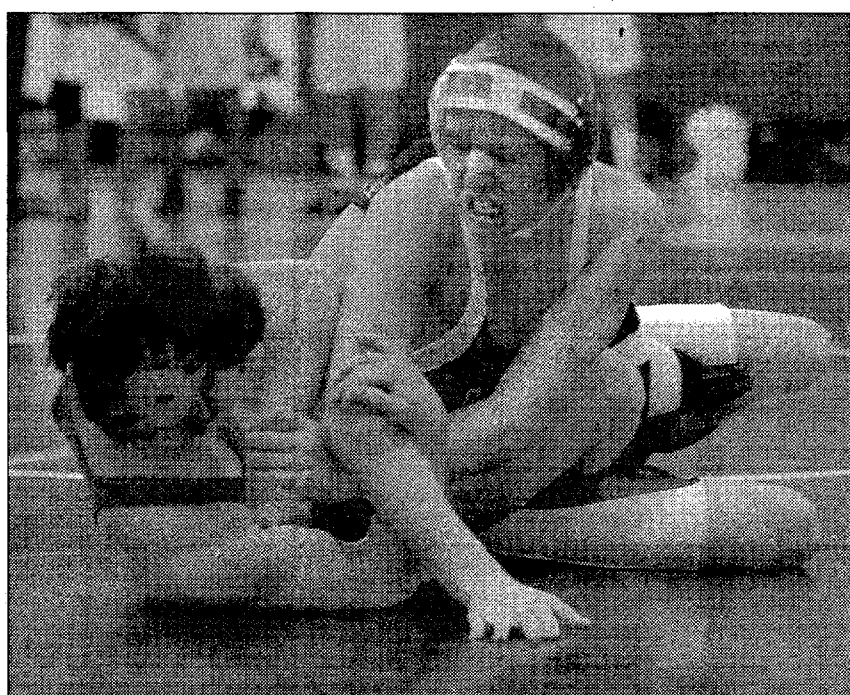
"Donnie is a quiet, confident kid who has remained level-headed despite all the success he's had as a freshman," said Randolph. "He's very mature for his age — both emotionally and mentally. He takes to coaching very well."

"Brent has been a little overshadowed this year by Donnie because of the weight-class differences, but he's definitely as talented as Donnie. The 130- and 135-pound weight classes he's been wrestling in all year are generally dominated by upperclassmen, so to do as well as he has is amazing."

"The kid who beat Brent on Saturday is a former state-qualifier and he only beat him by a last-second takedown."

Canton's strong effort in the lower weight classes was enhanced by Lucke's third-place effort at 112 and Cox's runner-up showing at 125.

"Carl's big win came against



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Canton's Steve Cox, pictured above in a meet earlier this season, advanced to this weekend's Division 1 individual Regional tournament by placing second in Saturday's District tournament at 125 pounds.

Stevenson's Tommy Myshock," said Randolph. "We thought it would be a one- or two-point match, but Carl won by major decision (11-2). He really wrestled well against a good wrestler."

"We call Steve the 'Scrapper' because he's not perfect technically, but he has as much heart as any kid out there. Steve had three great matches."

Rounding out the Chiefs' six-pack of qualifiers was Laramie, who improved to 40-5 with a pair of decisive wins before falling in the finals to Novi Catholic Central's Mike Martin, 4-1. Laramie's biggest win came in the semifinal round when he pinned rival Kyle Brown of Franklin in 2:40.

"I'm very happy we were able to get six through to Regionals, but I'm a little disappointed we didn't get a couple more," said Randolph. "Considering we lost 10 starters from last year's team, it was a good day for us."

The Rocks' Steiger opened with a decisive 7-0 victory over Stevenson's Mitch Gonzalez before dropping down into the consolation brackets with a tough 7-4 setback to Catholic Central's Trevor O'Connor. He regrouped by ousting Ann Arbor Pioneer's Dan Crowley, 15-3, before edging Novi's Robbie Yusko and O'Connor, 8-2, to place third.

Hayter's road to the Regionals

started with an impressive pin of Churchill's JonPaul Gaffke in 3:27. After losing to CC's Shea Hasenauer, Hayter rebounded to knock off Farmington's Kyle Muller, Franklin's Brian Rink and Northville's John Hebert to take third at 135.

Epley, a junior, improved to 35-10 by placing third at 152. Following an opening-round bye, the tall, slender grappler pinned Churchill's Allen Frantsen in 1:29 before dropping a hard-fought 10-5 decision to Franklin's Nate Turco in the semis.

Epley qualified for this weekend's action by outpointing Canton's Kiel Price and Ypsilanti's Alex Aldridge in the consolation brackets.

Kosmalski's fourth-place showing at 112 was incredible considering he was battling a energy-sapping case of the flu for most of the day. He opened by pinning Saline's Nick O'Neill in 48 seconds before taking an 8-2 decision against Stevenson's Michael Fobar.

The Wildcats' lone Regional qualifier overcame a semifinal loss to Franklin's Jared Pieknik by winning a thrilling 5-3 decision over Salem's Kevin Bennett to advance to the third-fourth-place match. Too weak to continue — but with a ticket to the Regional already in hand — Kosmalski defaulted to Canton's Carl Lucke.

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KOSMALSKI

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becomes a fixture in the Wildcats' wrestling room. On Saturday, he shrugged off the effects of a flu-like illness to place fourth in the 112-pound weight class in the Division 1 individual District meet, thus qualifying for a berth in this weekend's D1 Regional meet.

A top-four finish on Saturday will catapult him into the D1 individual state meet March 8-10 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

HIS FIRST LOVE

Although he's a proven winner in both golf and wrestling, it's on the baseball diamond that Kosmalski truly sparkles. A three-year varsity player, the top-of-the-order hitter and sure-handed fielder has been one of the Plymouth baseball team's catalysts since pulling on his first black-and-white jersey in the spring of 2004.

"Baseball is my favorite sport, probably because I've been playing it since I was 5," said the reliable middle infielder. "I'd really like to play it in college. After this season I'm going to send out some letters and see what happens."

Kosmalski, who started playing travel baseball when he was 9, can't get enough of the sport during the summer months when he splits his time playing for the Michigan Braves, an elite travel team, and the Plymouth High School summer squad.

"I love it — I play every day if I can," he said. "Overall, I'll play in at least 50 games over the summer. There were times last summer when I played for one team in the morning and the other in the afternoon."

LASTING IMPRESSION

Participating in wrestling never crossed Kosmalski's mind until his freshman year at Plymouth when a sophomore classmate of his suggested he give the sport a shot.

"One of the kids in my Spanish class told me I should try it, so I did," he recalled. "Well, it turns out we both wrestled at the same weight (112) and I beat him in the first challenge match of the year. We were still friends, though."

Kosmalski's passion for the sport paralleled the almost-instant success he enjoyed in it.

"One of the reasons I like wrestling so much is because how well you do in it depends on what you do — you don't have to rely on your teammates or anybody else when you're out there on the mat," he said. "Even though it's an individual sport, you still have to count on your teammates to get you through

THE KOSMALSKI FILE

Name: Ben Kosmalski, Jr.;
School: Plymouth;
Family: Parents — Ben, Sr. and Cheri; and sister, Erica;
Family ties: Ben, Sr. is an assistant coach for Plymouth's baseball team; Cheri is a teacher at Plymouth; and Erica is a member of the Wildcats' gymnastics team.
Has lettered in: baseball, wrestling and golf;
Kosmalski's favorite...
-Restaurant: Antonio's;
-Teacher: My mom;
-Sports movie: "Rookie of the Year";
-TV show: "The Simpsons"

things. But once you're out on the mat, it's all you."

DRIVE-THRU OFF LIMITS

Keeping the weight off during wrestling season isn't as hard as you might think for Kosmalski, who wrestles at 112 but tips the scales at around 135 during the golf and baseball seasons.

"It's not too bad, as long as I don't do anything stupid," he says. "I don't eat fast food and I don't drink pop during wrestling season. It's not hard, though, because I really don't eat those things much even when it's not wrestling season."

NEVER TOO ILL TO WIN

Kosmalski's resolve was tested last Saturday when he started feeling the effects of a flu bug shortly before his opening-round match of the District tournament. As the day wore on, the bug started to put a headlock on him.

"I wasn't feeling well at all before the match I had to win to get into the third-fourth match," he said. "Somehow, I got through it and won."

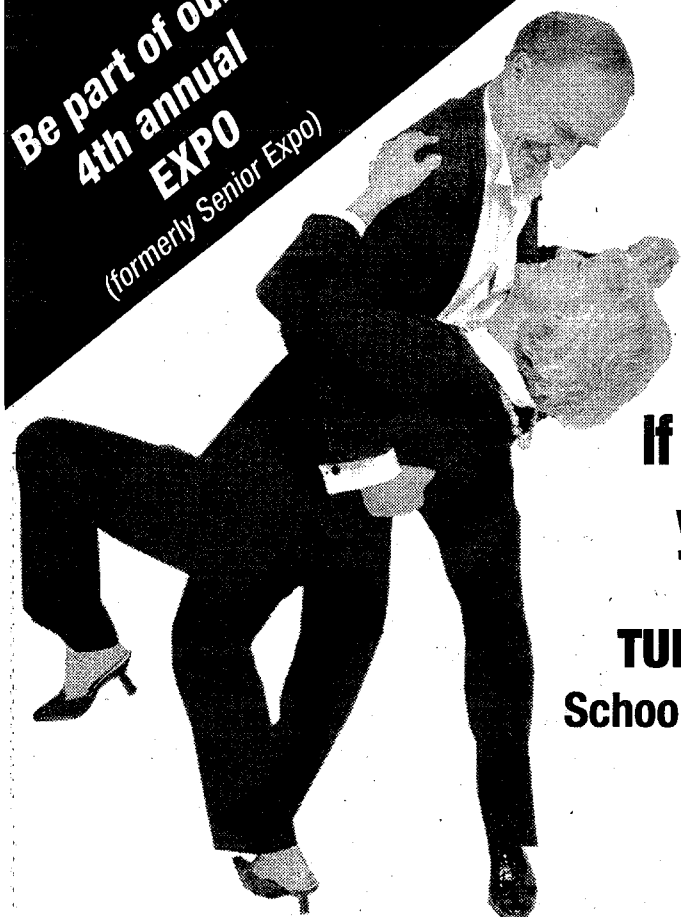
"Then when they called my name to come down for the third-fourth match, I could barely make it down the bleachers. That's when I told them I couldn't continue."

Kosmalski's default left him in fourth place, which was good enough to advance to this weekend's competition.

"Hopefully, I do well on Saturday and I qualify for the state meet the following week," he said, "or else I'll have a whole week off until baseball starts."

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Wildcat spikers fall to Franklin

Plymouth's volleyball team closed out its Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season schedule Monday night with a hard-fought four-game setback at Livonia Franklin: 25-12, 25-21, 25-23 and 25-11.

The Wildcats were trailing at one point by six points in the pivotal game three before falling just short.

The loss dropped Plymouth to 17-18-3 overall and 3-7 in the WLAAs Western Division.

The Wildcats were led by Rachel Heaton (eight kills, 12 digs), Lindsay Jewett (14 digs) and Brittany Hengesh, who added 10 kills.

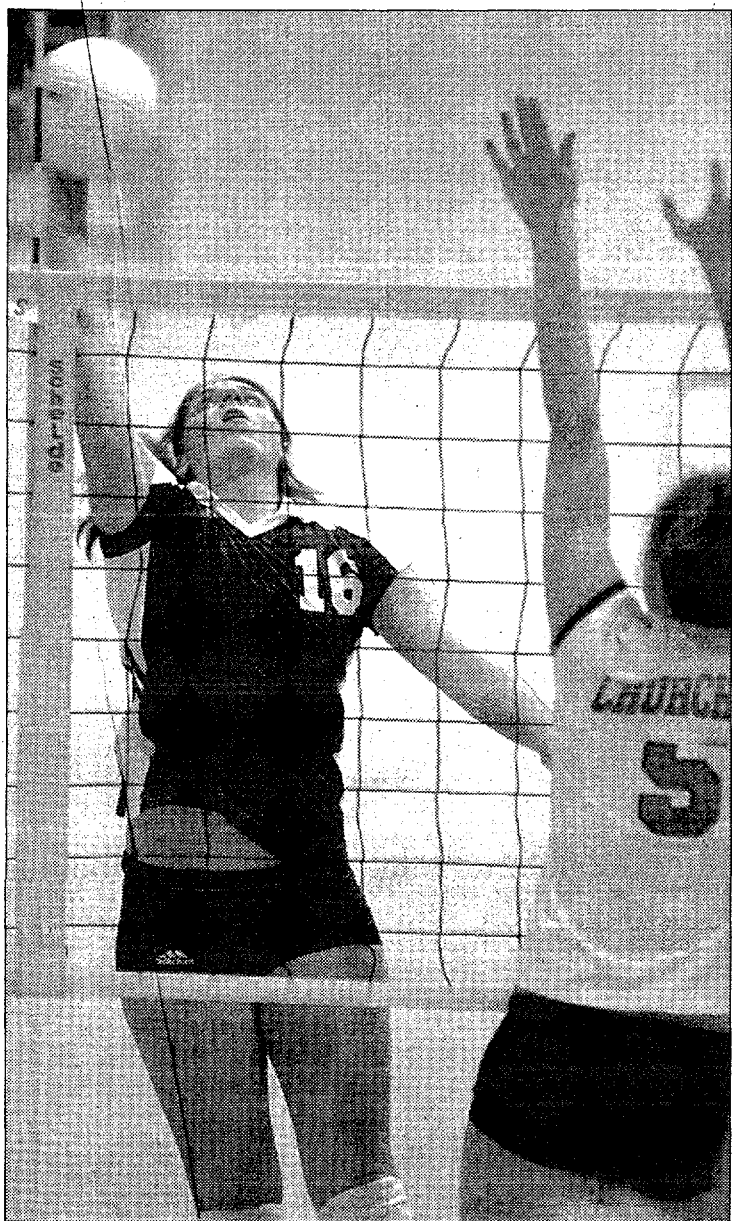
"Franklin played a great match, especially Liz Dempsey," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland. "They're very athletic and they're very smart."



MARTY SCHEDEL

Fitting tribute

Canton's lone senior volleyball player, Joellen Heldt, was honored prior to Monday night's "Senior Night" match against Northville. Heldt is pictured with her parents, John and Jamie. The Chiefs dropped a three-game match to the first-place Mustangs. Details of the match were not available as of Tuesday night's deadline.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Teresa Coppiellie nails a spike past Livonia Churchill blocker Shari Zakalowski. Coppiellie finished with 33 kills and 15 digs in the Rocks' tough five-game setback to the Chargers.

VOLLEYBALL

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of our rhythm," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said of the third game. "The momentum changed and we didn't get it back. Fortunately, we regrouped in Game Five and played pretty well.

"She (Coppiellie) played wonderfully. She hit the ball off our block and got the ball in different spots around the court. She did a nice job."

Kyndra Abron, a 6-2 junior committed to Michigan State, finished with 18 kills and three blocks. Setter Kelsey McKenzie had 37 assist-to-kills, while junior Jordan Kerr and senior Anna-Marie Gatt combined for 19 digs.

"This is the third time we've played them," Grenier said. "They (Salem) switched their lineup a bit with Coppiellie at the left front . . . they did most of the things they normally do, but they've gotten better as the season goes on.

"Defensively we stopped them. We got a lot of touches at the net to slow them down. That's always been a point of emphasis. Defense and serve receive is always our calling card. You've got to play defense and have ball control in order to get things going offensively."

Salem's senior Libero Courtney Seiler finished with a team-high 26 digs, while

Falcusan had 52 assist-to-kills.

"We were trying to stay away from their Libero (Kelly Archer)," said Suder. "We served away from her and I think it opened things up offensively and defensively with our blocking. We got more free balls.

"Teresa (Coppiellie) was just unstoppable tonight. She's one of the best players in the state and she really showed it tonight."

With two more potential matchups looming during the next two weeks against Churchill, Suder said there are some things that need to be corrected.

"Our hitting percent was not as good," she said. "We had four kids with 10 errors or more. That's essentially a full game that we gave them. There's room for improvement in that area.

"But overall I'm encouraged. Each time we've gotten closer and it gets us closer to where we want to be. I think this sets us up nicely for Saturday at (Western Lakes) conference tournament (at Walled Lake Northern)."

Grenier was also looking forward to season-ending WLAAs tourney along with next week's district tournament.


"This is the fun stuff now," he said. "This is what you wait for all season and what you play for."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
WLAAs Tournament
Friday, Feb. 23
Semi-final games
Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Northville, 7 p.m.
Consolation games
W.L. Western at Salem, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 28
Championship game, 7:30 p.m.
at Plymouth High School
Friday, Feb. 23
Livonia Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
MIAC games
Friday, Feb. 23
PCA at Canton Agape
at G.C. United Christian, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Saturday, Feb. 24
WLAAs Conference Tourney
at W.L. Central, TBA
PREP HOCKEY
Friday, Feb. 23
W.L. Northern at Canton at Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Saturday, Feb. 24
Individual Regional Tournament, TBA
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Feb. 22
WLAAs Conference Swimming

Prelims at Salem, 1 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 23
WLAAs Conference Diving
Prelims at Salem, 2 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
WLAAs Conference Finals
at Salem, noon
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Feb. 22
WLAAs Conference Meet
at W.L. Central, TBA
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Thursday, Feb. 22
(WHAC Playoffs-1st Round)
Indiana Tech at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 23
MCCAA Semifinals
at K'zoo Valley CC, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
MCCAA Finals at K'zoo Valley, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Feb. 23
MCCAA Semifinals
at Muskegon CC, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
MCCAA Finals at Muskegon CC, 3 p.m.
MAJOR INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
Sunday, Feb. 25
Detroit Ignition vs. Philadelphia KIXX
at Compuware Sports Arena, 4:35 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced.




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Agape leaps over Washtenaw, 55-54

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape Christian's Showla Olojo stands just 6-foot-1, but the high-flying senior plays much bigger. Washtenaw Christian found that out the hard way Tuesday night.

Olojo had a career night against the Wildcats, registering 14 points, 14 rebounds and a pair of blocks in the Wolverines' exhilarating 55-54 triumph in the Washtenaw Christian gymnasium.

The victory propelled surging Agape's record to 14-3. The Wildcats dropped to 13-4.

"Showla is only 6-1, but he can dunk with just one step, so he can get up there," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "He had his best game of the season tonight, no doubt. We're going to need Showla to continue to play well as we head down the stretch and in the District tournament in a couple of weeks."

While Olojo was the brightest star, he wasn't the only one for Agape, which also received strong efforts from Terrell Pierce (14 points), Jack Anleitner (eight points, six assists and seven rebounds) and Ty Majeski, who contributed seven points.

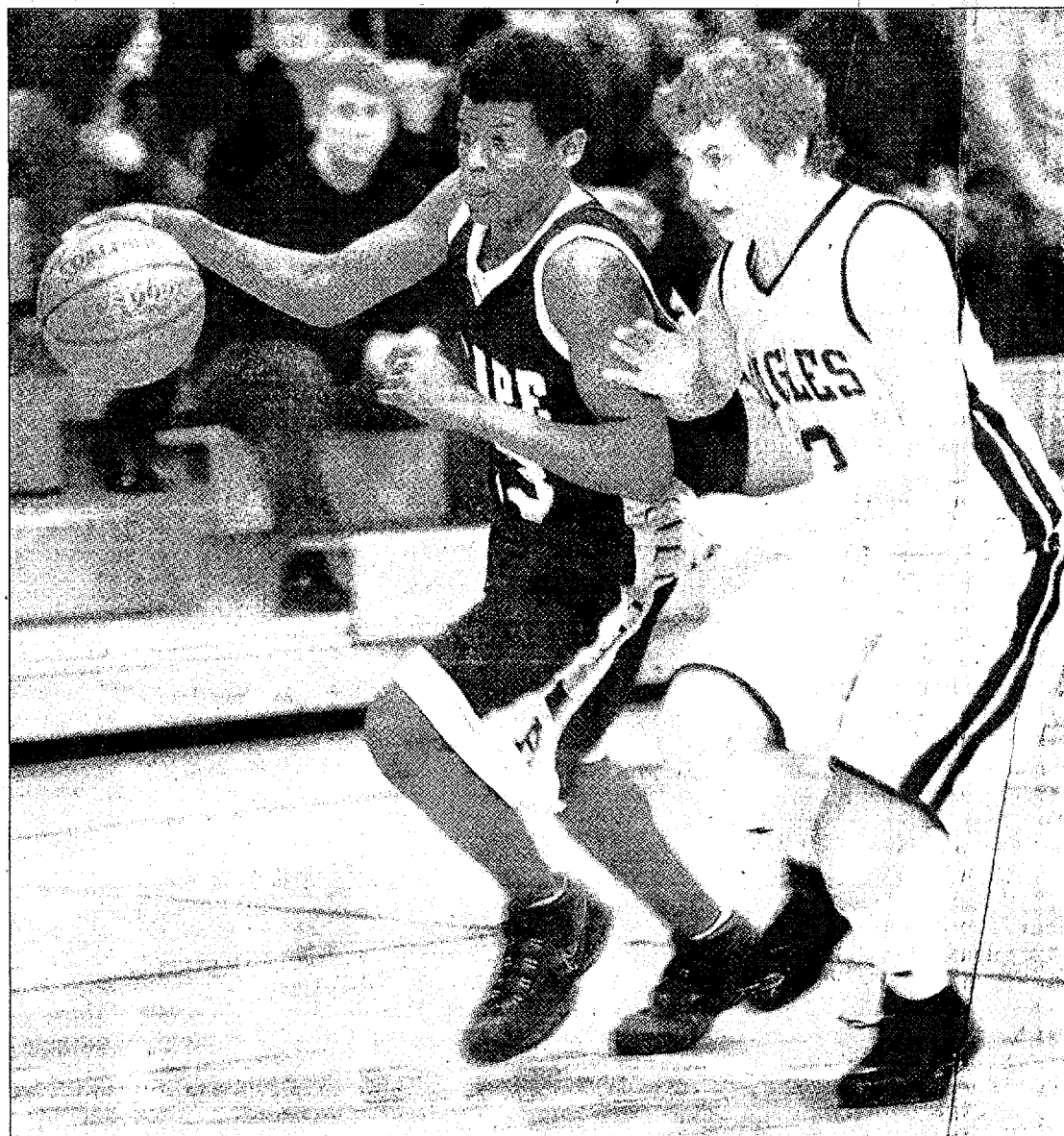
Washtenaw was led by Nick Livingston's 18 points. Agape led 15-12 after one quarter, 33-27 at the half and 49-41 with eight minutes to play.

"Our shooting went cold in the fourth quarter, as we only scored six points," said Anleitner. "They had the ball at the end, but I put Jack Anleitner on their key player and he made him take a tough shot."

Pierce secured the missed shot with 1.6 seconds left to seal the deal for the Wolverines.

"It's a nice win for us because they have a very good team," said Anleitner. "They're leading their league like us, so it was a game with two good teams."

The Wolverines canned 4-of-7 free throws while the



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Canton Agape's Terrell Pierce, pictured above in a game earlier this year, netted 14 points in the Wolverines' 55-54 victory over Washtenaw Christian Tuesday night.

hosts drained all eight of their shots from the charity stripe.

AGAPE 78, MACOMB CHRISTIAN 26: On Monday at Macomb, the Wolverines raced to a 25-10 lead after one quarter and never looked back.

Agape led 42-16 at the half and 64-22 at the end of the third stanza.

Tyler Majeski paced the winners with 16 points. Also making major contributions were Mark Mullett (14 points), Jared Miller (career-high 10) and Jack Anleitner (10). Justin Kuhnle led Macomb with 10 points.

The Wolverines were nearly perfect from the free-throw

line, netting 13-of-15 attempts (86.6 percent). Macomb swished its only charity toss.

AGAPE 52, LIGHT & LIFE 38: On Saturday, the Wolverines earned a convincing victory on "Homecoming" night in a game played at Ypsilanti Calvary Christian.

Agape trailed 12-11 after one quarter before storming back to take a 24-18 halftime advantage and 38-27 lead with eight minutes to play.

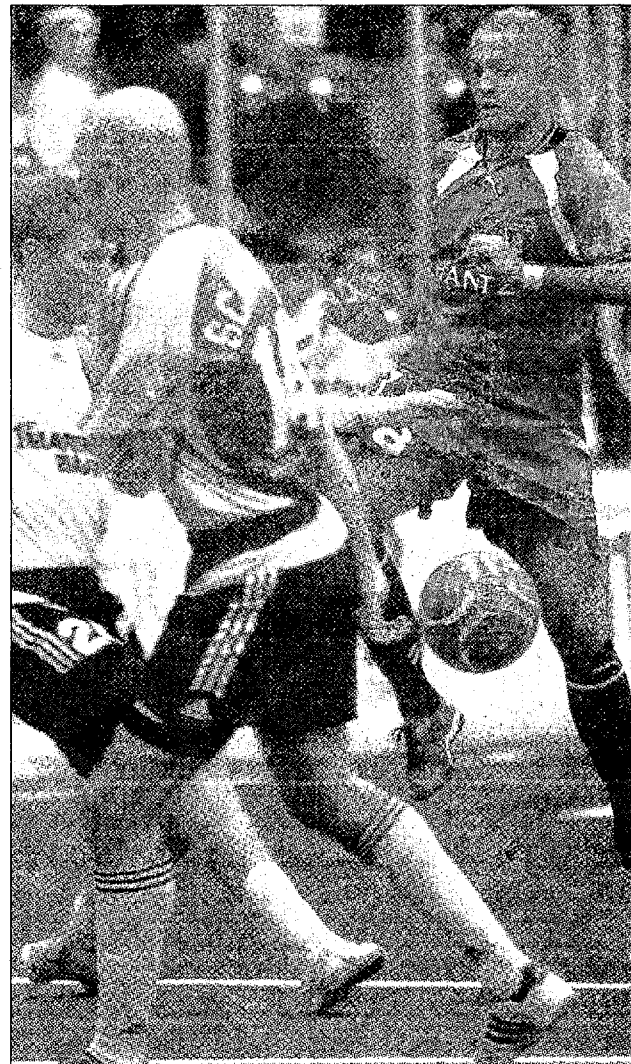
Jack Anleitner, who buried 9-of-13 free throws, led all scorers with 16 points. Others making major contributions to the winners' cause were Ty Majeski (12 points), Terrell

Pierce (10 points) and Jared Miller, who played exceptional defense against 2006 All-State player Aaron Layne.

"Jared held him to 11 points," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "Jared played a great defensive game. He gave up three inches to Layne, but he had him so frustrated that he ended up fouling out."

The Wolverines return to action Friday when they host crosstown rival Plymouth Christian Academy. The game is set to tip off at 7:30 p.m. at Garden City Unified Christian.

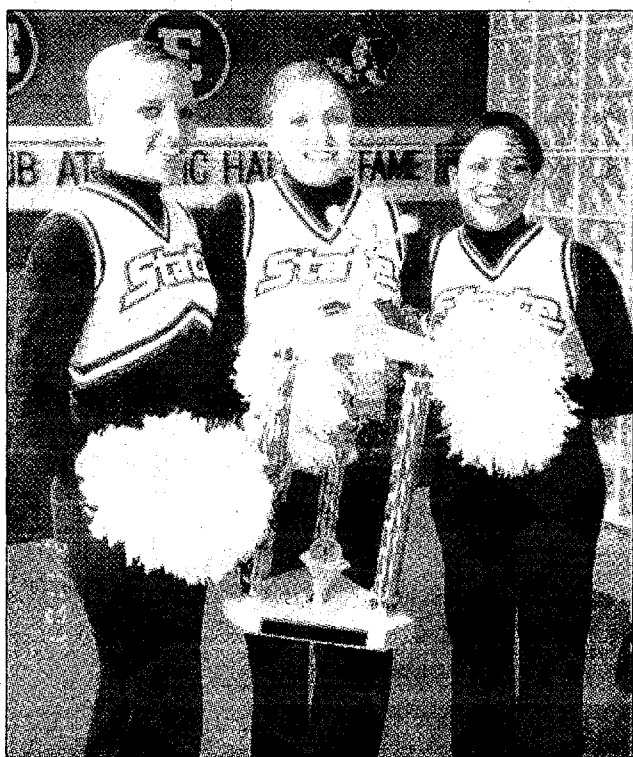
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Shooting for first

The Detroit Ignition's Ricardinho (right), pictured above in a match earlier this season against the Baltimore Blast, has played a key role in the Major Indoor Soccer League team's rise to the upper tier of the standings this season. Following Saturday's 16-10 triumph over the Chicago Storm, the Ignition are in second place in the MISL standings, just one game behind the Philadelphia KIXX, who the Ignition host Sunday at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Sunday's battle for first place will kick off at 4:35 p.m.



Different colors, same success

Four former members of the Canton High School Chieftette pompon squad are currently part of the Michigan State University pompon team that earned the inaugural "State Collegiate Pompon" championship on Sunday, Feb. 11, at Eastern Michigan University. The former Chieftettes and current Spartans are (left to right) Elise Simpson, Amanda Paden, Kenya Talton and Lindsay Tomlinson (not pictured).

'Cat cagers fall in '3-fest' to Knights

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It was raining threes in the Walled Lake Northern gymnasium Tuesday night, as visiting Plymouth and the host Knights combined for 22 made triples.

In the end, though, the Wildcats came out feeling all wet as they suffered a heart-breaking 71-65 double-overtime setback to Northern in a Western Lakes Activities Association consolation round-robin contest.

Both teams stood at 6-12 following the game.

Led by Brandon Roberts' five triples, the Wildcats went 11-for-23 from beyond the arc while the Knights converted an amazing 11-of-20 try attempts.

Roberts finished with 24 points while Dan Jeong netted 16 (four threes). Jake contributed 13 and junior Garrett Rebaun chipped in with a pair of triples and six points.

Ryan Bahnmiller paced the winners with 19 points, 12 coming from three-point range and the other seven from the charity stripe. Steve Knurick (15 points) and Andy Tinkey

(10) joined Bahnmiller with double-digit scoring.

Northern led 20-13 after one quarter, 34-27 at the half and 44-39 with eight minutes to play. The Wildcats forced the extra sessions by outscoring their hosts, 18-13, over the final eight minutes.

Bahnmiller was clutch in the overtimes as he contributed one three-pointer and four free throws.

"This was a good game to play in because it gave us a chance to face the kind of atmosphere we'll be facing in the District tournament in a

couple of weeks," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "They came out and hit four threes in the first quarter, so that kind of forced us to make something that we could stay up with them."

The referees had a busy time blowing their whistles. Plymouth went 14-of-21 from the free throw line while the Knights drained 18-of-31.

Plymouth returns to action Friday when it hosts Livonia Churchill. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

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Handicap important component in league bowling

What is your league's handicap? It could be 70, 80, 90 or even 100 percent. This has been a hotly debated subject for many years. The lower average teams seek a higher handicap. Conversely, those with the higher averages prefer it to be lower.

There have been many studies made during the past 25 years, and the ABC and WIBC had determined that a league handicap of 100 percent would be the fairest overall. The studies and field tests showed a range of handicaps from 66, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100 and 116 percent. Of the lowest four categories, they showed no championships won by teams with averages below the median in the league.

At 100 percent, 70 out of 100 teams with averages higher than the median averages won. In fact, at 116 percent, the winners were evenly split at 50-50. Based on these and other

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studies, the ABC and WIBC decided to recommend a league handicap of 100 percent. It has also been the recommendation of USBC to do likewise.

It is up to the discretion of the individual league to make its own choice based on the makeup of the teams and go along with it.

Many leagues seek a compromise position with a 90 percent handicap, which still seems fair to most bowlers of high or low averages. No matter what the leagues decide for a percentage, you can't make everybody happy.

At any rate under 100 percent, if everyone bowls around his or her average, the high

bowlers will usually win the game, because they are better at making clutch shots.

The USBC rulebook (rule 100g) states (1) The percentage shall be 100 percent unless otherwise provided by league rule.

Leagues also may have the option of setting a cap on the amount of pins to be used by any team to prevent the likelihood of teams being out of any chance to win even if they bowl well.

Jason Maples of Livonia almost had his first 300 game last week in the Friday Night Trio league at Country lanes in Farmington Hills.

After the first 11 strikes, his final shot resulted in a 7-10 split on a pocket hit.

Jason said he was a bit nervous going into the 10th frame, but he felt relieved after the game. He was happy his 298 helped his team to victory.

Jason sports a nice 204 average and is one of the counter persons at Country Lanes.

Dick Bond, a 65 year-old bowler from Belleville, bowled his second 300 game in a span of two weeks in the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic League at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

He had accomplished this feat only two weeks earlier in the Monday Senior Men's League in the same house. His series totals were 772 and 776, respectively. Bond now has six lifetime perfect games to his credit.

Greg Bride, a Livonia resident, rescued an old bowling ball that had been sitting in a friend's garage, just gathering dust.

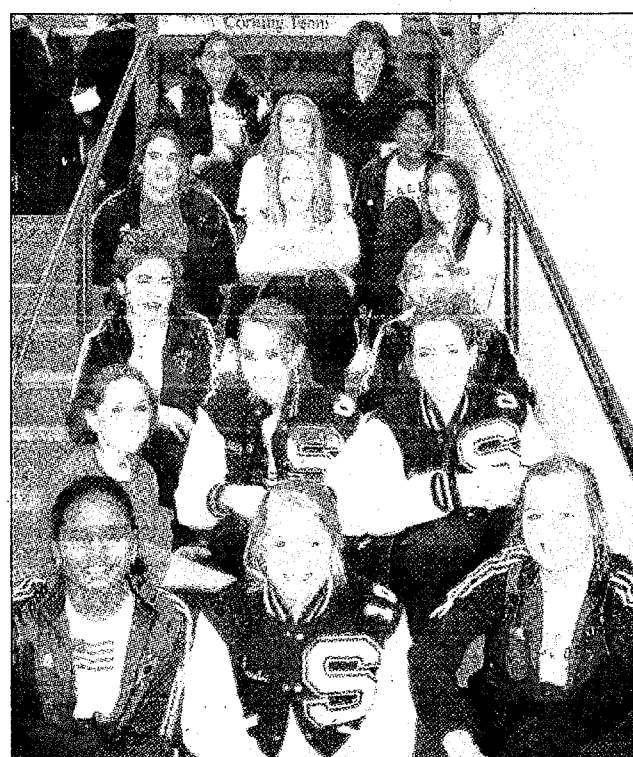
He took it in to Todd Stuart's pro shop at Cherry Hill Lanes and had it redrilled, so it would go long and finish strong for him.

It was just a few weeks later that Greg used it in his TBN Sunday Morning League at Skore Lanes. He opened with a 299 (the nine pin stayed up), followed with 274 and 277 for a grand series total of 850 with 31 out of a possible 36 strikes.

It was Greg's first 800 series, and he is still hoping for his 300.

Greg is a building contractor by trade, specializing in home improvements and resurrecting old bowling balls.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a member of the Bowling Writers Association of America. He can be contacted at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net



Never too cold for tennis

The Salem girls tennis team participated in the "High School Tennis Day" at the Dow-Corning Tennis Classic on Feb. 3. A pair of Rocks - Tracy Lytle and Allie Carpenter - teamed up to reach the finals of the doubles competition. Pictured are (front row from left) Sharanya Kandaagatla, Alex Lamb, Jaclyn Hoover (second row from left) captain Liz McKinley, captain Tracy Lytle, Amanda Emmons, (third row from left) Allie Carpenter, Katelyn Kovalik, (fourth row from left) Melissa Giannini, Ashley Davis, Bethany Haller, (fifth row from left) Katie Fletcher, Leah Bridges, (sixth row from left) Ariel Rojo and Jenna Gambino.

What a comeback!

Whalers overcome 5-goal deficit to down 'Hounds

Last Saturday night, the Plymouth Whalers were treated to a concert by the popular band "Barebacked Ladies" at the Steelbick Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

The next night, the Whalers took on the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds and didn't need a million dollars after the first period. But trailing, 5-0, they needed some goals.

Mission accomplished in one of most exciting games of the season.

The Whalers chipped away at the deficit and trailed 6-4 after 40 minutes. Plymouth took the game over in the third period with four unanswered goals to win, 8-6.

Tom Sestito scored the game-winning goal with 2:58 in regulation to give the Whalers their first lead of the game. Sestito had the hat trick, Daniel Ryder scored two and A.J. Jenks, Sean O'Connor and Dan Collins scored one each for Plymouth.

"If this isn't a lesson in the importance of playing 60 minutes, I don't know where their (the Hounds players) lesson will lie," Sault Ste. Marie head coach Craig Hartsburg told the Sault Star. "We played for one period and then got sloppy. We gave up some goals that were questionable and we tried to find a way to get it done without working."

Here's what the Whalers players said about the wild game:

Sestito: "In the first intermission, (assistant coach) Todd Watson told everybody to go out and get a hit. So we did that on our first shift and got a goal. On the fourth goal, it was a play that was a one-on-one with their 'D'."

"On the winning goal, I just wheeled out to the red line and I was all alone. It was a good thing OC (Sean O'Connor) made the pass. I was thinking backhand, five-hole, but Neal's move has been working a lot so I tried that. It wasn't perfect, but it got the job done."

"Our goal was to be down by two goals going into the third period, so we made that happen."

O'Connor (who scored the Whalers' second goal and set up Sestito's game-winner): "(On the second goal), the puck was put into the offensive zone. I came across the blue line slowly and fed the puck through to Jenks, because he was behind the defenseman. Nobody took me going to the net and I was wide open."

"Jenks slid the puck back to me and I had a one-timer. I had to shoot the puck between the defenseman's arm and his body to get it on the net, because he had a pretty good angle on me. Luckily, it

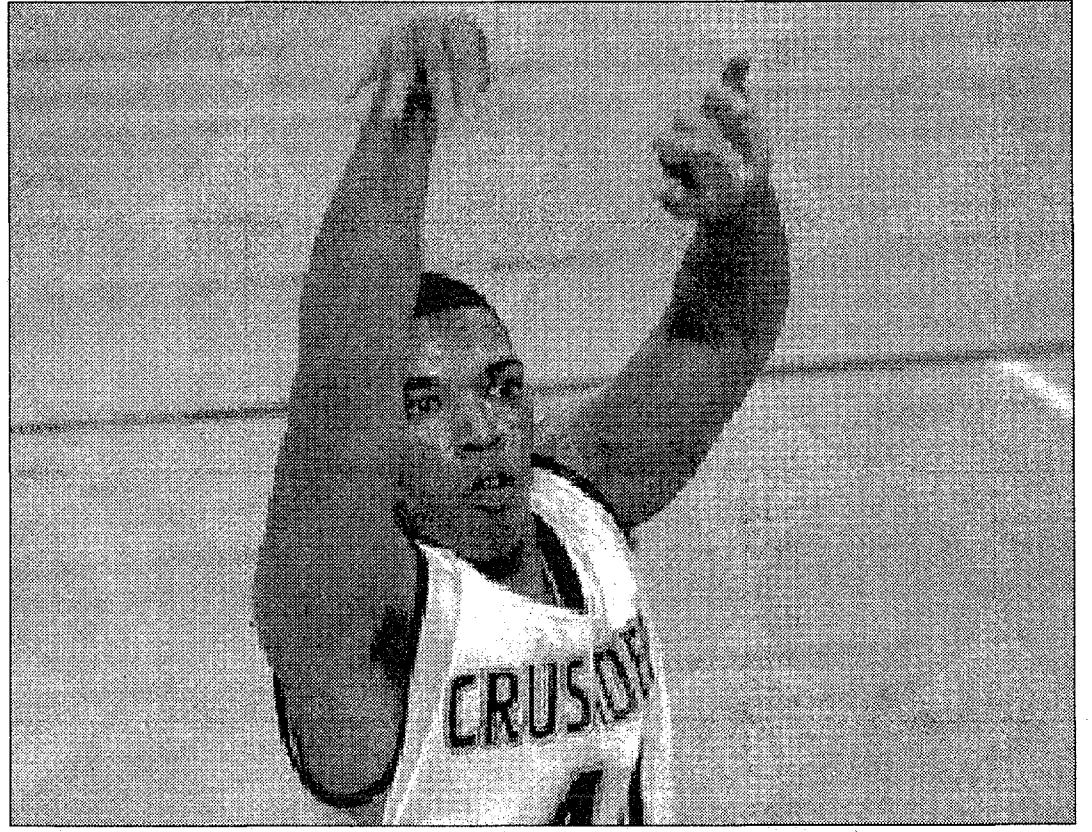
squeezed by him (Soo goaltender Kyle Gajewski) and went into the far side of the net."

"(On the game-winning goal), I picked up the puck in front of the boards (in neutral territory). I looked up ice and realized I had a lot more time than I thought. I was originally going to give the puck to (Andrew) Fournier, because he was cutting across through the middle, but Tommy (Sestito) was about even with his defenseman and looked like he was about to beat him. So I gave him a nice saucer pass through the middle of the ice and let him skate into it."

The last word came from Sault head coach Craig Hartsburg.

"That's why they're one of the top teams in the league," Hartsburg said. "They revved it up a notch and we went down a notch. We had it in our hands, but we have to stay hungry to finish off a good team."

Plymouth (40-14-1-2) hosts Belleville on Friday and Oshawa on Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena. Game time both evenings is 7:05 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Compuware Sports Arena at (734) 453-8400 or by going to Ticketmaster at www.ticketmaster.com.



MADONNA SPORTS INFORMATION

Canton graduate D.J. Bridges has been a key player in the Madonna basketball team's fine season.

Ex-Chief Bridges plays pivotal role

For the first time in Madonna University history, the men's basketball team will play a home playoff game, 7:30 tonight against Indiana Tech.

Madonna, the fourth seed in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, finished the regular season with a mark of 12-18 overall and 8-6 in the conference following Saturday's 84-70 loss to host Concordia (17-13, 9-5) in the finale.

Leading the fifth-seed Cards was guard Anthony Bates, who hit 16-of-25 from the floor en route to a game-high 41 points.

The Crusaders fell behind 38-27 at halftime and were down by 22 points in the second half before mounting a late comeback bid that cut the lead to 10.

Junior forward D. J. Bridges (Canton) had another excellent game for Madonna, scoring 24 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Senior forward Derrick

Mudri scored just three points, but he led the Crusaders with 11 rebounds - 10 at the defensive end.

Tallying eight points each for the Crusaders were senior guard Charlie Henry (Plymouth Agape Christian) and senior center Doug Creighton (Redford Catholic Central).

Ocelots drill OCC

Josh Samarco and Nate Minnoy each scored 19 points as Schoolcraft College ended its Eastern Conference regular season schedule Saturday in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association with a 99-74 triumph over host Oakland CC at Highland Lakes Gymnasium.

Jerome Hutchins added 18 points and dished out seven assists for the Ocelots, who improved to 18-9 overall. Schoolcraft ended conference play at 13-5 in second place behind Flint Mott.

The Ocelots, who led 41-19

at the half, hit 15-of-31 shots from three-point range to win handily.

Korey Spates and Duncan Jones (Westland John Glenn) added 14 and 13 points, respectively. Minnoy also had a team-high eight rebounds.

Odgra Bobo led the Raiders, now 3-22 overall and 3-15 in the conference, with a game-high 34 points, including 19-of-22 foul shots. He also had a game-high 10 rebounds and dished out six assists.

Lawrence Ricks and Nick Roberts chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

The Ocelots opened MCCA quarterfinal playoff action Wednesday at home against 18-10 St. Clair CC. The winner advances to Friday's semifinal at Kalamazoo Valley.

Last Thursday, Schoolcraft defeated Macomb CC in a makeup game on Thursday, 99-66.

Macomb falls to 18-9 and 10-8.



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Plymouth's Nicholas Rieckhoff (right), pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored a key goal in the Wildcats' victory over Livonia Franklin.

Plymouth icers edge Patriots, 3-2

Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division champion Plymouth needed a third-period power-play goal Friday from Jason O'Guinn to beat host Livonia Franklin (3-16, 1-6), 3-2, at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia.

The Patriots slipped to 3-16 overall and 1-6 in the Western Division.

Franklin led 1-0 after one period on Dan Ostrosky's goal from Tyler Barnes and Stefan Witte at 2:17. Plymouth answered in the second period on goals by Nick Rieckhoff and Brandon Patterson (short-handed) before Franklin's Ben Kubiak tied it at 2-all with 29 seconds left on a power-play from Alexander Wypych and

Brandon Pump. Franklin's Austin Mesler stopped 29 of 32 Plymouth shots, while Wildcat netminder Justin Desilets made 27 saves.

"This was the best game that we have played all year," Franklin coach Terry Jobbitt said. "Everybody stepped up and played a great game."

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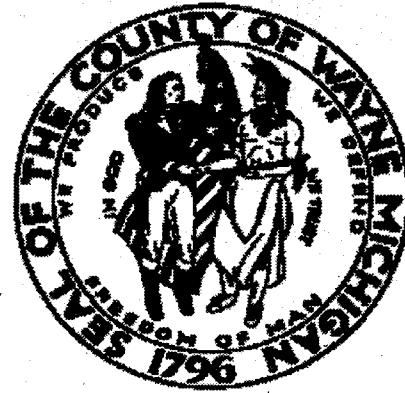
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- February 13, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave), Kirchgatter Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding a closed session for pending litigation at the end of the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of January 23, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of January 30, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Payment of Bills Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. Expenditure Recap for February 13, 2007

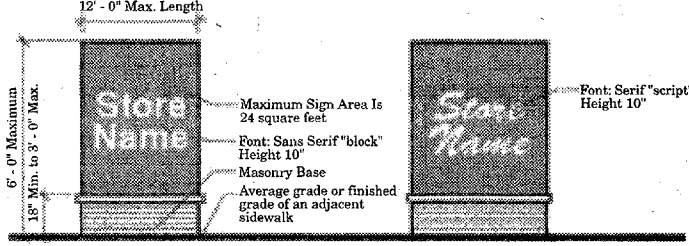
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Total - All Funds 2,669,901.43

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPOINTMENTS TO THE CANTON TAX BOARD OF REVIEW. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Canton Board of Trustees approve the appointment of James Malinowski, Anthony Rosati, and Donald Nash to the Canton Tax Board of Review for a two-year term to expire March 1, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS ADVERTISING THE PARADE OF HOMES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to grant special event status and to approve installation of signs advertising the Parade of Homes. Motion carried by all members present. Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR ST. DAMIAN SCHOOL'S MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs for St. Damian School's Mom to Mom Sale. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. AUTHORIZE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS FOR CANTON LEISURE SERVICES EVENTS. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the placement of signs for Leisure Services events in accordance with the Canton Township Sign Ordinance. Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. APPOINTMENTS TO THE COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the re-appointments of Chris Edwards, Doug Weber, Hans Neuroth and Lynda Neuroth to the Council for Community Excellence to serve three-year terms effective immediately, running through December 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR WTUA LOWER ROUGE EXPANSION. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for special use for WTUA Lower Rouge Expansion. Motion carried by all members present. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for WTUA Lower Rouge Expansion WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Aaron Sprague, has requested special use approval for the WTUA Lower Rouge Expansion to be located on Haggerty Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Road, identified as tax EDP# 099-99-0001-705; 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 Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Aaron Sprague, to conduct the special use for the proposed WTUA Lower Rouge Expansion subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 2. CONSIDER ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS (SIGN REGULATIONS). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the zoning ordinance text amendments (007-TXT-001). Motion carried by all members present. The Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees on February 12, 2007, adopted an amendment to the "Code of Ordinances", Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, Appendix A, Zoning, pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006. RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments (007-TXT-001) WHEREAS, the Township has proposed amendments to Appendix A- Zoning of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton; and WHEREAS, the requested changes would be in conformity with the general development objectives of the community, reduce ambiguity, and assist with interpretation of the ordinance by the Community Planner; and WHEREAS, the Canton Township Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of the amendments; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the amendments to Article 6A of Appendix A -Zoning of the Code of Laws and Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton as follows: Zoning Ordinance Amendments - 007-TXT-001 Article 6A.11 Signs prohibited in all districts shall be amended to modify subsections 11 and 13 as follows: 11. Any sign, except traffic or other municipal signs, as permitted in section 6A.09 (4), that is located in or projects into or over a public right-of-way, publicly dedicated easement, or publicly owned property. In any proceeding for violation of this section, the court may presume that the person, business, candidate, committee or other entity displayed on the sign, or the person business, candidate, committee or other entity to whom a phone number, e-mail address, or event address displayed on the sign, was assigned is the person, business, candidate, committee or other entity, that unlawfully displayed the sign. Violation of this section is a civil infraction punishable as follows: first offense, \$200 fine; second offense, \$400 fine; third or subsequent offense, \$600 fine. 13. Placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, when posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, stamped or in any way attached to any fence, wall, post, tree, sidewalk, pavement, platform, pole, tower, curbstone or surface in or upon any public easement, right-of-way or on any public or private property whatsoever. Nothing in this section shall prevent official notices of the township, school districts, or county, state or federal government from being posted on any public property deemed necessary. All placards, posters, circulars, showbills, handbills, political signs, cards, leaflets or other advertising matter posted, pasted, nailed, placed, printed, or stamped on any right-of-way or public property may be removed and disposed of by the township without regard to other provisions of this chapter. In any proceeding for violation of this subsection within a publicly dedicated easement, public right of way, or public property, the court may presume that the person, business, candidate, committee, or other entity displayed on the placard, poster, circular, show bill, handbill, card, leaflet or other advertising matter, or the person, business candidate committee, or other entity to whom a phone number, e-mail address, or event address displayed on the placard, poster, circular, show bill, handbill, political signs, cards, leaflet, or other advertising matter was assigned, was the person, business candidate, committee, or other entity that unlawfully displayed the placard, poster, circular, show bill, handbill, card, leaflet, or other advertising matter. Violation of this section is a civil infraction punishable as follows: first offense, \$200 fine; second offense, \$400 fine; third or subsequent offense, \$600 fine. 6A.17 Wall Sign Area Scale, shall be amended to add wording after the table as follows: Refer to Section 6A.23, Sign Bonuses to determine whether the building or tenant space qualifies for additional wall sign area. Section 6A.23. Sign Bonuses shall be amended to clarify corner lot bonuses as follows: Corner lot/tenant space bonus: Buildings which are located on corner lots or tenant spaces which occupy end or corner units of a multi-tenant structure shall be provided 150 percent of the otherwise permitted total wall sign area for the applicable building or tenant space. The corner lot/tenant space bonus shall only be permitted when a sign is proposed on more than one wall of the building or tenant space. Section

6A.25. Legibility and Design, shall be amended to modify the minimum lettering sizes for ground signs as follows: 2. Ground Signs e. Lettering: minimum required lettering sizes established as follows for ground signs shall apply to all lettering on any ground sign. Sans serif fonts: "block" style or sans-serif lettering shall be at least 10 inches in size on any ground sign. Serif fonts: "script" or other serif lettering shall be at least 12 inches in size on any ground sign. Minimum lettering size is based on capital or upper-case letters. Lower case letters used in combination with capital letters shall be proportional in size based on industry graphic standards. * Insert the new graphic 6A.25.02 Ground Sign and replace with what is currently in code*



Notice is also given that this ordinance amendment will be effective seven days following the publication of said notice, effective date: March 01, 2007. A complete copy of the ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Office of Planning Services, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. Additional information can be obtained by calling Planning Services at 734-394-5170. Item 3. CONSIDER TEMPORARY PERMIT WHICH PERMITS WORKS TO BE DONE ON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AS PART OF THE CANTON CENTER (CHERRY HILL TO PALMER) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the temporary permits for the four (4) parcels along Canton Center Road (Cherry Hill to Palmer) as part of the reconstruction project for part of tax id number 71-083-99-0004-707, Library Site, Municipal Office Site, Museum Site, and North of the Museum Site and have the Township Supervisor and Clerk sign the documents. Motion carried by all members present. Item 4. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE \$6,000.00 INVOICE FROM THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR CANTON'S STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize payment of the invoice in the amount of \$6,000.00 for Canton's Storm Water Discharge Permit from account number 101-445-928-0000, Storm Water Permit Fees. Motion carried by all members present. Item 5. CONSIDER ADDING CHERRY HILL ROAD FROM RIDGE WEST TO THE COUNTY LINE TO THE WINTER MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve adding Cherry Hill Road west of Ridge to the winter maintenance agreement with Wayne County for an additional amount of \$1,045.32, bringing the total 2006/2007 winter maintenance cost to \$47,066.84 (Wayne County Road Maintenance Account No. 101-441-950-0000). Motion carried by all members present. Item 6. APPROVE WATER RATE STUDY. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Water Rate Update with Utility Financial Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$13,200 and authorize the Township Clerk to sign the Engagement Letter. Motion carried by all members present. Item 7. APPROVE MCACA GRANT APPLICATION. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$2,400 to the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs for a series of four children's workshops, and to authorize a match amount of \$3,200 (Contracted Services/Special Events, Account #101-691-818-4000). I further authorize the budgeting of \$5,600 in the Contracted Services/Special Events account for the project. Motion carried by all members present. Item 8. RESOLUTION APPROVING 35TH DISTRICT JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY REFUNDING CONTRACT ALLOCATING THE BONDS AND APPROVING FOR THE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve: 1. The Township Board hereby approves the Refunding Contract in substantially the form on file with the Township for the refunding of the Prior Bonds. The Supervisor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the Authority the Refunding Contract approved by this resolution. 2. The Township Board does hereby approve, ratify and confirm its covenant in the Refunding Contract to levy ad valorem taxes against all taxable property in the Township to the extent necessary to meet the obligations of the Township there under in the event revenues from other sources are insufficient for any reason whatsoever. Any such taxes levied to pay the cash rentals under the Contract shall be limited as to rate or amount in the manner provided by law. 3. The Township Board shall take all actions within its control and it shall not fail to take any action as may be necessary to maintain the exemption of interest on the bonds issued by the Authority for the Project from gross income for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). If the bonds are then eligible for such designation, the Township Board hereby designates the bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions pursuant to Section 265 of the Code. 4. The Township hereby agrees that, if required, it shall execute a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking in form and substance satisfactory to bond counsel (the "Undertaking") to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, on or prior to the last day of the 6th month after the end of the fiscal year of the Township, commencing with the current fiscal year. The Township Finance Director be and is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Undertaking. 5. The Refunding Bonds be and are allocated among the Incorporating Units as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made part hereof. Motion carried by all members present. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON County of Wayne, State of Michigan

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUILDING AUTHORITY REFUNDING CONTRACT, ALLOCATING THE BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held on the 13th day of February, 2007. PRESENT: Members Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo ABSENT: Members Caccamo, Kirchgatter

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Clerk Bennett and supported by Member McLaughlin: WHEREAS, Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended ("Act 31"), provides through the procedures of building authority financing a means for the acquisition, construction and financing of public buildings and facilities and the necessary sites thereof, together with appurtenant properties necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof, for the use and benefit of incorporating municipalities; and WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Act 31, the Charter Township of Canton, the Charter Township of Northville, the Charter Township of Plymouth, the City of Plymouth and the City of Northville (collectively, the "Incorporating Units"), have previously adopted Articles of Incorporation and have established the 35th Judicial District Building Authority (the "Authority"), with full powers under Act 31 to acquire and construct such buildings and facilities for use as a court facility by the 35th Judicial District of Michigan (the "Project"); and WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Act 31, the Authority has issued its 1999 Building Authority Bonds (the "Prior Bonds"), the proceeds of which were used to acquire and construct the Project; and WHEREAS, the Authority has been informed it is possible to refund the Prior Bonds through the issuance of refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") and achieve interest savings which will result in reduced costs for the operation of the Project and the Incorporating Units; and WHEREAS, a contract (the "Refunding Contract") has been prepared and must be entered into by the Authority and the Incorporating Units prior to the issuance of the Refunding Bonds; and WHEREAS, it is to the advantage of the Incorporating Units to allocate the principal amount of the refunded bonds among the Incorporating Units for purposes of Section 265 (b)(3)(C)(iii) of the Internal revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and WHEREAS, it is reasonable and necessary that the Township undertake to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c(2)-12. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The Township Board hereby approves the Refunding Contract in substantially the form on file with the Township for the refunding of the Prior Bonds. The Supervisor and the Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the Authority the Refunding Contract approved by this resolution. 2. The Township Board does hereby approve, ratify and confirm its covenant in the Refunding Contract to levy ad valorem taxes against all taxable property in the Township to the extent necessary to meet the obligations of the Township thereunder in the event revenues from other sources are insufficient for any reason whatsoever. Any such taxes levied to pay the cash rentals under the Contract shall be limited as to rate or amount in the manner provided by law. 3. The Township Board shall take all actions within its control and it shall not fail to take any action as may be necessary to maintain the exemption of interest on the bonds issued by the Authority for the Project from gross income for

Federal income tax purposes pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). If the bonds are then eligible for such designation, the Township Board hereby designates the bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions pursuant to Section 265 of the Code. 4. The Township hereby agrees that, if required, it shall execute a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking in form and substance satisfactory to bond counsel (the "Undertaking") to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, on or prior to the last day of the 6th month after the end of the fiscal year of the Township, commencing with the current fiscal year. The Township Finance Director be and is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Undertaking. 5. The Refunding Bonds be and are allocated among the Incorporating Units as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and made part hereof. AYES: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo NAYS: None NOT VOTING: Caccamo, Kirchgatter RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk I HEREBY CERTIFY that the annexed paper is a true and complete copy of a resolution regularly and duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on February 23, 2007, as appears from the official minutes in the office of the Township Clerk, and that said meeting was conducted in public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk REFUNDING CONTRACT THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into as of the first day of February, 2007, by and among the 35th JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY, a public corporation organized and existing under the authority of Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended (the "Act") (the "Authority"), under the provisions of Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, ("Act 34") and the Act (collectively the "Acts"), and the CHARTER TOWNSHIPS OF CANTON, NORTHVILLE AND PLYMOUTH and the CITIES OF NORTHVILLE AND PLYMOUTH, each a Michigan municipal corporation organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan (collectively the "Incorporating Units" or "Incorporating Unit" as the context may require). WITNESSETH: WHEREAS, the Authority has been incorporated under and in pursuance of the provisions of the Act for the purpose of acquiring, furnishing, equipping, owning, improving, enlarging, operating and maintaining a building or buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, recreational facilities, stadiums, and the necessary site or sites therefor, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof, for use for any legitimate public purpose of the Incorporating Units; and WHEREAS, the Incorporating Units and the Authority have entered into a Contract of Lease under date of March 1, 1999 wherein the Authority agreed to acquire public facilities and lease said facilities to the Incorporating Units (the "1999 Contract"), and WHEREAS, bonds have been issued pursuant to the 1999 Contract, denominated 1999 Building Authority Bonds (General Obligation Limited Tax), (the "Prior Bonds"); and WHEREAS, the Authority and the Incorporating Units have been advised that conditions in the bond market have now improved to the point that the Prior Bonds could be refunded at a considerable savings; and WHEREAS, it is the determination and judgment of the Authority and the Incorporating Units that the Bonds should be refunded to secure for the Incorporating Units the interest savings anticipated and thereby permit the operation of the financed facilities in a more economical fashion for the benefit of the users of the facilities and the taxpayers of the Incorporating Units; and WHEREAS, the execution of this contract (the "Refunding Contract") is necessary in order to implement a refunding program; NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants of each other, the parties hereto agree as follows: 1. The Authority and the Incorporating Units hereby approve and confirm the refunding of all of the outstanding 1999 Bonds due on or after June 1, 2008 under the provisions of the Acts in the manner provided by and pursuant to this Refunding Contract. 2. The Authority will issue a single series of refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") in the total principal amount of not to exceed \$3,400,000 in order to pay part of the costs of refunding the Bonds. All costs of retiring the Bonds and of issuing the Refunding Bonds, including payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, call premiums, underwriting/discount, bond and other printing, administrative, legal and financial advisory expenses, credit enhancement costs, rating fees, trustee and paying agent/registrars fees and all related expenses shall be paid from the proceeds of sale of the Refunding Bonds or from cash amounts to be made available by the Incorporating Units to pay such costs. 3. To carry out and accomplish the refunding in accordance with the provisions of Michigan law, the Authority shall take the following steps: (a) The Authority will adopt a resolution providing for the issuance of the Refunding Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$3,400,000 (the "Refunding Bond Resolution"), such Resolution to be substantially in the form attached hereto and based upon the Authority's analysis of the financial benefits of the refunding. The Refunding Bonds shall mature serially, as authorized by law, and will be issued in anticipation of the debt service installment payments required to be made by the Incorporating Units as provided in the Contract and as hereinafter provided in this Refunding Contract and will be secured primarily by the contractual obligations of the Incorporating Units to pay said installments when due, including interest. After the adoption of the Refunding Bond Resolution, the Authority will take all legal procedures and steps necessary to effectuate the sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds. (b) The Authority, upon receipt of proceeds of sale of the Refunding Bonds, will comply with all provisions and requirements of law, the Refunding Bond Resolution and this Refunding Contract relative to the disposition and use of the proceeds of sale thereof. (c) The Authority shall not make any investments or take any other actions which would cause the Refunding Bonds herein authorized to be constituted as arbitrage bonds pursuant to any applicable federal statutes or regulations. (d) The Authority shall take all steps necessary to refund the Prior Bonds on June 1, 2007. 4. The full principal amount of the Refunding Bonds shall be charged to and paid by the Incorporating Units to the Authority in annual principal installments, together with interest and other expenses as herein provided. It is understood and agreed that the Refunding Bonds of the Authority will be issued in anticipation of such payments by the Incorporating Units. It is agreed that the Incorporating Units shall pay to the Authority, at least one business day prior to the annual maturity date of principal amounts of the Refunding Bonds, such principal amount, and in addition, at least one business day prior to each interest payment date on the Refunding Bonds, as accrued interest on the principal installments remaining unpaid, an amount sufficient to pay all interest due on the next succeeding interest payment date. From time to time as the Authority is billed by the registrar/transfer/paying agent for the Refunding Bonds for their services, and as other costs and expenses accrue to the Authority from handling of the payments made by the Incorporating Units or from other action taken in connection with the Refunding Bonds, the Authority shall notify each of the Incorporating Units of the amount of such fees, costs and expenses, and the Incorporating Units shall, within thirty (30) days from such notification, remit to the Authority sufficient funds to pay such amounts. The Authority shall, within thirty (30) days after the delivery of the Refunding Bonds, furnish the Incorporating Units with a complete schedule of said installments and the interest thereon and due dates and shall also, at least thirty (30) days prior to each due date, advise the Incorporating Units, in writing, of the exact amount due on the next due date. The failure to give such notice shall not, however, excuse the Incorporating Units from making required payments when due under the provisions hereof. 5. The Incorporating Units, pursuant to authorization of Section 8a of the Act and Act 34, hereby irrevocably pledges their respective full faith and credit for the prompt and timely payment of their respective obligations pledged for payment of the Refunding Bonds as expressed in this Contract. Pursuant to such pledge, if other funds are not available, the Incorporating Units shall be required to pay such amounts from any of their general funds as a first budget obligation and shall each year levy an ad valorem tax on all the taxable property in the Incorporating Units in an amount which, taking into consideration estimated delinquencies in tax collections, will be sufficient to pay such obligations under this Refunding Contract becoming due before the time of the following year's tax collections, such annual levy shall however be subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations. Commitments of the Incorporating Units are expressly recognized as being for the purpose of providing funds to meet the respective contractual obligations of the Incorporating Units in anticipation of which the Authority Refunding Bonds are issued. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the Incorporating Units from using any, or any combination of the means and methods provided in Section 8a of the Act for the purpose of providing funds to meet their respective obligations under this Refunding Contract, and if at the time of making the annual tax levy there shall be other funds on hand earmarked and set aside for the payment of the contractual obligations due prior to the next tax collection period, then such annual tax levy may be reduced by such amount. 6. Additional moneys over and above any of the payments

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specified in this Refunding Contract may be prepaid as provided in the Contract. 7. All provisions of the Contract not inconsistent herewith, and particularly all covenants relative to the payment of and security for the Prior Bonds made by the Incorporating Units therein, shall remain in full force and effect and shall apply with equal effect to the Refunding Bonds authorized hereby, it being understood that upon issuance of the Refunding Bonds, the Prior Bonds will be defeased and the Refunding Bonds shall be substituted therefor and shall be outstanding in their place and stead. 8. Nothing herein contained shall in any way be construed to prevent additional financing under the provisions of the Act. 9. The obligations and undertakings of each of the parties to this Refunding Contract shall be conditioned upon the successful accomplishment of the proposed refunding, and therefore if for any reason whatsoever the Refunding Bonds are not issued, then this contract shall be considered void and of no force and effect; provided, however, that in such event, all costs and expenses shall be paid by the Incorporating Units in accordance with existing commitments to the Authority, and the Authority shall not be obligated for such costs and expenses. 10. The Authority and the Incorporating Units each recognize that the holders from time to time of the Refunding Bonds will have contractual rights in this Refunding Contract, and it is therefore covenanted and agreed by each of them that so long as any of the Refunding Bonds shall remain outstanding and unpaid, the provisions of this Refunding Contract shall not be subject to any alteration or revision which would in any manner materially affect either the security of the Refunding Bonds or the prompt payment of principal or of interest thereon. The Incorporating Units and the Authority further covenant and agree that they will each comply with their respective duties and obligations under the terms of this Refunding Contract promptly at all times and in the manner herein set forth, and will not suffer to be done any act which would in any way impair the Refunding Bonds, the security therefor, or the prompt payment of principal of and interest thereon. It is hereby declared that the terms of this Refunding Contract insofar as they pertain to the security of the Refunding Bonds shall be deemed to be for the benefit of the holders of said Refunding Bonds. 11. This Refunding Contract shall remain in full force and effect for a period of forty (40) years from the date hereof, or until such lesser time as the Refunding Bonds issued by the Authority are paid, at which time this Refunding Contract shall be terminated, and the provisions of the Contract relative to disposition of the financed facilities shall be carried out. In any event, the obligations of the Incorporating Units to make the payments required hereunder shall be terminated at such time as all of the Refunding Bonds are paid together with all interest and penalties and other obligations hereunder. 12. This Refunding Contract shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective parties hereto, their successors and assigns. 13. This Refunding Contract may be executed in counterparts. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the 35TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT BUILDING AUTHORITY, by its Commission, and the CHARTER TOWNSHIPS OF CANTON, NORTHVILLE and PLYMOUTH, and the CITIES OF NORTHVILLE and PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN, each by their respective legislative body, have each caused their name to be signed to this instrument by its duly authorized officers and its seal to be affixed hereto the day and year first above written. In the presence of: 35TH JUDICIAL BUILDING AUTHORITY **Item 9. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - MEMBERSHIP DUES - MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE 2007 MEMBERSHIP.** (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following General Fund budget amendment for 2007 membership dues in the Michigan Municipal League: Increase Appropriations: Fund Balance Appropriation #101-000-699-0000 \$10,959 Increase Appropriations: Membership Dues- General Government #101-200-805-0000 \$10,959

This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$1,689,080 to \$1,700,039, and the General Fund budget from \$26,820,414 to \$26,831,373. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. AWARD CONTRACT FOR PORTABLE TOILETS FOR 2007 SEASON.** (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award the contract for portable toilets for the 2007 season to John's Sanitation, Inc. of 24700 Milford Road, South Lyon, MI 48178 in the amount of \$6,648. Funds are available in account #101-270-818-0000 (Parks-Contracted Services) and 584-756-818-0000 (Pheasant Run Golf Club-Contracted Services). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. AWARD BID FOR 2007 LEISURE SERVICES PUBLICATIONS.** (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for layout and design of the 2007 editions of the Discover Brochure to Black Bear Media, located at 14643 Village Ct, Plymouth, MI 48170 in the amount of \$6,300.00. This budget amendment increases the Recreation Division budget from \$2,054,283 to \$2,061,779, and the General Fund budget from \$26,831,373 to \$26,838,869. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. PURCHASE ORDER APPROVAL FOR THEATER TICKET PROCESSING FEES FROM SABO.** (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve a purchase order for Seat Advisor Box Office, located at 3094 Groton Street, Suite 103, San Diego, CA 92110, for ticket transaction fees in the amount of \$25,000 from account number 101-760-818-0000, Village Theater Contracted Services. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. CONSIDER ANNUAL PATROL LAPTOP SERVICE AGREEMENT.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Patrol Laptop Services for March 2007 through February 2008 with Motorola, in the amount of \$5886, account #207 301 818 0000. (Cost Center P00049 0000 0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. CONSIDER PRINTERS FOR DISPATCH AND DETECTIVE BUREAU - DRUG FORFEITURE PURCHASE.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the purchase of a RICOH Aficio 3045SP business machine from IKON in the amount of \$8700. I move to approve the purchase of an HP LaserJet 9040n printer from MicroSource, 655 Fairfield Court, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 in the amount of \$4090. Further, I move to approve the following budget amendment for this purchase: Increase Revenue Forfeitures - Drug Enforcement 207 000 655 0000 \$ 12,790 Increase Appropriations Drug Enforcement Program 207 301 744 0000 \$ 12,790 This budget amendment increases the FY 2007 Police Budget from \$14,650,255 to \$14,663,045. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 15. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 40 PORTABLE RADIOS - 911 SERVICE. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of 40- EX-600 XLS Motorola prep radios, model # AAH38KD9DU6N through a State Bid Contract from ComSource Inc, 2130 Austin Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 in the amount of \$33,340. Funding to come from 911 Service Funds, Capital Outlay Police Account # 261 346 977 2060. (Cost Center P00049 0000 000000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 16. AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRE PERSONNEL TO ATTEND SCHOOL OF FIRE STAFF & COMMAND.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the tuition expenditure for three lieutenants: Glenn, Dunn and Caruso to attend the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University at a cost of \$2600/each for a total of \$7800—funding to come from Fire Training Account No. 206 336 952 0000. (Cost Center P00055 0000 0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 17. CONSIDER INCREASING PURCHASE ORDER FOR RANGE BUILDING CEMENT FLOOR REPLACEMENT.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to increase Purchase Order #62786 for the replacement of the floor at the Range Building in the amount of \$8,855 to cover the cost of unanticipated repairs. Funding to come from Police Maintenance of Building/Grounds, account # 207 301 930 0000. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DNR RECOMMENDATION ON PROPOSED HUNTING CONTROLS.** (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution as proposed by the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES HUNTER SAFETY SECTION WAYNE COUNTY CANTON TOWNSHIP-HC-82-07-001 - Hunting with a firearm unlawful in sections 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 T2S R8E, except as follows: Hunting with a shotgun, Hunting with a rimfire rifle or handgun, .22 caliber or smaller, Hunting with a conventional (smokeless powder) handgun single-or multiple-shot using, straight walled cartridge only, Hunting with a muzzle loading rifle, shotgun or black powder handgun, Discharge of a firearm for target shooting while using a recognizable target. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 19. APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO LAND CONTRACT DATED JUNE 2, 2005, CANTON DEVELOPMENT LLC., PURCHASER.** (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the "Addendum To Land Contract" dated June 2, 2005, tax ID# 71-134-99-0014-000 which extends the Land Contract, six months until August 2, 2007. I further authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 20. FIRST READING TO AMEND**

PART 1, CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, ON HUNTING REGULATIONS. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce and table the first reading of the amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Canton Charter Township, Michigan, Chapter 46, Article IV, Division I, Section 46-202 and Chapter 46 Article IV, Division II, Subdivision II, section 46-243 of the Hunting Area Control, and Possession / Discharge / Generally. Publication on February 22, 2007. The second reading will be on February 27, 2007 with effective date and publication of March 8, 2007. Motion carried by all members present.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY/ORDINANCE CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY" AT DIVISION 1, SECTION 46-202 ENTITLED "HUNTING CONTROL AREA" PROVIDING FOR INCREASED AREAS PROHIBITED TO HUNTING IN THE TOWNSHIP; AND AMENDING PART I CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV ENTITLED "OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC SAFETY" AT DIVISION 2 ENTITLED "WEAPONS", SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "FIREARMS", SECTION 46-243 ENTITLED "POSSESSION POINTING OR DISCHARGE" GENERALLY PROVIDING FOR NEW PROVISION PROHIBITING DISCHARGE OF FIREARM WITHIN 150 YARDS OF CERTAIN DEFINED BUILDINGS PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 46-202, HUNTING AREA CONTROL. **Ordinance Chapter 46 is hereby adopted to amend Part I, Chapter 46, Article IV, Division I, Section 46-202 entitled "Hunting Area Control" to read as follows: Sec. 46-202. Hunting area control. (a) *Definitions.* All words and phrases used in this section shall be construed and have the same meanings as those words and phrases defined in part 435 of Public Act No. 451 of 1994 (MCL 324.43501 et seq.). (b) Hunting is prohibited in the Township in areas listed below subject to the conditions set forth hereinafter. (1) *Canton Township, part of Section 6.* Hunting with or the discharge of a firearm, except at a target range recognized and approved by the township board, is unlawful in the south 1/2 of Section 6, T2S, R8E. (2) *Canton Township, Section 4.* Hunting with or the discharge of a firearm, except at a target range recognized and approved by the township board, is unlawful in Section 4, T2S, R8E, bounded on the north by Joy Road on the east by Canton Center Road, on the south by Warren Road and on the west by Beck Road. (3) *Canton Township, eastern portion.* Hunting with or the discharge of a firearm, except at a target range recognized and approved by the township board, is unlawful in that part of the township east of Canton Center Road. (4) *Canton Township, part of Section 6 and Sections 5 and 9.* Hunting with or the discharge of a firearm is unlawful in the north 1/2 of Section 6 and in Sections 5 and 9, T2S, R8E, except as follows: a. Hunting with or the discharge of a shotgun loaded with shot not larger than no. 6 is permitted from October 20 to March 1. b. The discharge of a firearm is permitted all year at target ranges that are registered by the township clerk. (5) *Hunting with a firearm is unlawful in Sections 7, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33 T2S R8E except as follows:* a. Hunting with a shotgun b. Hunting with a rimfire rifle or handgun, .22 caliber or smaller c. Hunting with a conventional (smokeless powder) handgun single-or multiple-shot using straight walled cartridge only d. Hunting with a muzzle loading rifle, shotgun or black powder handgun e. Discharge of a firearm for target shooting while using a recognizable target. The prohibitions contained in this ordinance shall not apply to peace officers or members of the armed forces in the discharge of their duties. (c) *Violations.* Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 46-243, POSSESSION, POINTING OR DISCHARGE GENERALLY** Ordinance Chapter 46 is hereby adopted to amend Part I, Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 2, Subdivision II, Section 46-243 Entitled Possession, Pointing or Discharge Generally shall be amended to read as follows: **Sec. 46-243. Possession, pointing or discharge generally.** (a) *Pointing or discharging without malice.* It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally, without malice, point or aim any firearm at or toward any other person. Or to discharge any firearm while so aimed. (b) *Discharge upon or across certain places prohibited.* It shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm within the township, except at an approved range. [It shall be unlawful to:] (1) Discharge a firearm within 150 yards of an occupied building, dwelling, house, residence, or cabin, or any barn or other building used in connection with a farm operation, without obtaining the written permission of the owner, renter, or occupant of the property. (2) Discharge any firearm upon any platted land or within 150 yards of any public or private school property. (3) Discharge any firearm upon or across any public road or highway within the township. (c) *Discharge by person under 17 years of age.* It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 17 years to discharge a firearm unless under the direct supervision and control of and accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or adult authorized by the parent or legal guardian to have direct supervision of the person under the age of 17. It shall be the responsibility of every parent, legal guardian or other person having the physical custody or charge of any minor under the age of 17 years to control the minor and prevent him from violating or attempting to violate any provision of this subdivision. **SECTION 3. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE.** The balance of Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 46, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance. **SECTION 4. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.** Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court. **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof. **SECTION 6. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE.** This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto. **SECTION 7. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS.** Portions of the Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 46 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect. **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Ordinance becomes effective on the ___ day of ___, 2007 after publication of the second reading. This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the ___ day of ___, 2007 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY: TERRY BENNETT** Its Clerk Introduced: 02-13-2007 Published: 02-22-2007 Adopted: Effective Upon Publication: Item 21. FIRST READING, AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTION 74-81, 74-82, 74-83 AND 74-84 AND AMENDING DIVISION 3 THEREOF ENTITLED "SEWER CONNECTION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL", SECTIONS 74-131, 74-132 AND 74-133. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce the first reading of the AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED "RATES AND CHARGES", SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82, 74-83 AND 74-84 AND AMENDING DIVISION 3 THEREOF ENTITLED "SEWER CONNECTION AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL", SECTIONS 74-131, 74-132 AND 74-133, with publication on February 22, 2007 and table for Second Reading on February 27, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO UTILITIES ORDINANCE, CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 74 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES PART I, CHAPTER 74 ENTITLED "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II ENTITLED RATES AND CHARGES, SECTIONS 74-81, 74-82, 74-83 AND 74-84 AND AMENDING DIVISION 3 THEREOF ENTITLED SEWER CONNECTION AND****

SEWAGE DISPOSAL, SECTIONS 74-131, 74-132 AND 74-133 PROVIDING FOR A NEW WATER SYSTEM EQUITY CHARGE, A NEW TAP AND METER CHARGE AND A NEW WATER CONSTRUCTION CHARGE, TO ELIMINATE WATER CONNECTION-APPLICANT TAPS, TO PROVIDE FOR WATER TAP SIZES FOR MULTI-UNIT DWELLINGS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPLICATION OF INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGES AS SUCH CHARGES ARE BILLED TO THE TOWNSHIP BY DETROIT WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT AND THE YPSILANTI COMMUNITIES UTILITIES AUTHORITY, TO PROVIDE FOR NEW SEWER SYSTEM EQUITY RATES, TO ELIMINATE SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW MINIMUM INSPECTION FEE, TO ELIMINATE THE WATER CONNECTION CHARGE AND TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW TAP & METER CHARGE, TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW MINIMUM SEWAGE DISPOSAL RATE FOR CUSTOMER WITH TOWNSHIP SUPPLIED WATER METER FOR THEIR NON-TOWNSHIP SUPPLIED WATER SOURCE, TO PROVIDE FOR A SEWER CONNECTION CHARGE TO BE BASED UPON WATER METER SIZE, TO PROVIDE FOR A SEWER LEAD INSPECTION FEE, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES, TO PROVIDE FOR SERVICE CHARGE AND PROCEDURES FOR DISHONORED CHECKS OR "E-CHECK" FOR PAYMENT OF WATER AND SEWER DISPOSAL BILLS, TO REVISE ACTS WHICH CONSTITUTE TAMPERING OR REMOVING WATER METER, TO PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM SEWER CONNECTION SIZE AND CLEAN OUT AND MANHOLE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, TO PROVIDE FOR REVISED RESPONSIBILITY AND PROCEDURE AND CREATION OF TOWNSHIP POLICY FOR REPAIRS TO SEWER LEADS IN AN EASEMENT OR PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION II RATES AND CHARGES. **Ordinance No. 30 is hereby adopted to amend Part I, Chapter 74, Article II, Division 2, Subdivision II Rates and Charges to read as follows:** Sec. 74-81. **WATER CHARGES GENERALLY** (1) *Consumption rates.* The consumption rate shall be as set forth in section 74-83. The minimum water bill per reading cycle, or any part thereof, shall be for a minimum of 5,000 gallons. (2) *Water system equity charge.* In addition to the consumption charge, a water system equity charge will be assessed which consists of a connection charge and a front footage charge as follows: a. *Connection Charge.* The connection charge shall be set forth in section 74-83. Connection charge for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the Township Board. b. *Front footage charge.* In addition to the connection charge, there shall be a front footage charge as set forth in section 74-83. However, the front footage charge shall be waived in those instances where the township incurred no cost in the design, easement acquisitions, or installation of the water line along the frontage of the property, and in those instances where the water line is installed as part of a special assessment district. All water charges shall be paid in full prior to the actual installation. Corner lots will be exempt from front footage charges on the lesser frontage road only. (3) *Tap and meter charge.* The tap and meter charge shall be set forth in section 74-83. (4) *Water construction charge.* The water construction charge shall be set forth in section 74-83. (5) *Water connection.* The minimum size for all water services is one inch. Irrigation systems shall be connected to the meter via a one inch line. Irrigation systems shall be connected to the domestic service in all cases except for developments or projects with a general or common area owned or controlled by a subdivision, condominium or other legally constituted landowner association or its equivalent. In those instances a separate irrigation tap shall be permitted. (6) *Tap sizes for multi-unit dwellings.* A duplex is considered a two-unit dwelling regardless of where located. A one-inch service shall be provided for each unit unless the duplex is part of a larger multi-unit dwelling complex where the landowner, association or its equivalent is responsible for payment for water usage. In which case, the developer may elect to either have a one-inch tap for each unit in all buildings, or a two-inch tap for each building, but not a mix of 1 inch and 2 inch tap sizes within the development. (7) *Fire lines.* Fire lines will have a Township issued meter for detecting water usage other than fire suppression. Fire lines will have backflow preventer devices and shall be approved by county for cross connection prior to installation. Fire lines serving fire suppression systems shall connect directly to the public main. Domestic services shall not connect to fire lines. The charges for such fire lines shall be as set forth in section 74-83. The township will supply the meter detection unit and inspection after installation of the meter by a contractor. Construction plans shall be submitted to the township engineer for approval prior to installation. (8) *Duplexes.* A duplex is considered a two unit dwelling regardless of where located. A one inch service shall be provided for each unit unless the duplex is part of a larger multi-unit dwelling complex where the landowner association or its equivalent is responsible for payment for water usage, and then a two inch service is allowed. (9) *Attached Condominiums.* The developer of an attached condominium development has the option of providing a one-inch water service for each dwelling unit, or one two-inch or larger water service for each building. The development must be consistent, but not a mix of 1 inch and 2 inch service sizes within the development. If one-inch services are provided for each dwelling unit within the attached condominium development, then a separate irrigation tap and meter must be installed for irrigation of the common areas. The detailed engineering plans submitted for review must include the proposed water service sizes. Once the engineering plans are approved for construction, the water service sizes cannot be changed without approval of the township engineer. (10) *Classes of water and sewer accounts.* There shall be the following classes for water and sewer accounts: a. **Residential Class:** Dwellings used primarily as a domicile such as single family homes, detached condominiums, duplexes, and the like where each dwelling unit is serviced by one meter including irrigation systems that service their common areas. b. **Multiple Classes:** Multiple dwellings such as apartments, condominiums, townhouses and the like where one meter services more than one dwelling unit. c. **Commercial Class:** Establishment involved in a commercial enterprise, business or service including social, charitable, governmental, religious or educational functions including irrigation systems that services their common areas. **Sec. 74-82. Sewer charges generally.** The rates and charges shall be as follows: (1) *Sewage treatment rates.* The charge for sewage disposal shall be computed and paid on the basis of 100 percent of the water consumption used, except residential class customers will be granted a sewer cap set forth in Section 74-83 for sprinkling system and irrigation usage during summer usage months. Summer usage month period is defined as May 1 through September 30th. An industrial waste charge (IWC) will be added to commercial and industrial users based on meter size, and, where applicable, industrial surcharges will be applied, as such charges are billed to the township by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department and the Ypsilanti Communities Utilities Authority. The rates shall be as set forth in section 74-83. (2) *Minimum sewer bills.* The minimum sewage disposal bill per reading cycle shall be as set forth in section 74-83 plus other applicable charges. In the case of a bimonthly bill, the minimum sewage disposal charge shall be as set forth in section 74-83 per unit, plus other applicable charges. (3) *Sewer system equity rates.* The sewer system equity charge shall consist of the following: a. *Connection charge.* A connection charge, which shall be as follows: The connection charge shall be set forth in section 74-83. The connection charge shall be based on water meter size. Connections charges for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the Township Board. b. *Front footage charges.* In addition to the connection charge, there shall be a front footage charge as set forth in section 74-83 per front foot of property service by the sewer line. However, the front footage charge shall be waived in those instances where the township incurred no cost in the design, easement acquisitions, or installation of the sewer line along the frontage of the property, and in those instances where the sewer line is installed as part of a SAD. All sewer charges shall be paid in full prior to the actual installation unless otherwise provided by the township board. Corner lots will be exempt on the lesser frontage road only. (4) *Minimum Inspection Fee.* A minimum inspection fee as set forth in section 74-83 shall be collected. Inspection fees on larger connections shall be determined after review of construction plans and based on actual inspection time. (5) *Special storm sewer projects.* In all storm sewer projects initially financed by the township, the cost assessed to and paid back by each property owner shall be determined pursuant to the following equations: a. $Cost = (26 + (0.5 \cdot Flow)) \cdot (Distance)$ (1)(2)Percentage of Cost (%) = $(26 + (0.5 \cdot Flow)) \cdot (Distance) / (26 + (0.5 \cdot Flow)) \cdot (Distance)$ Assessed Cost = Percentage of Cost (%) \cdot Total Project Cost b. In the equation in subsection (5)a, the terms are defined as follows:**

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Meter Size	Bi-Monthly Customers	Quarterly Customers
1" meter or less	\$ 3.50	\$ 5.25
1.5	7.88	11.82
2.0	14.00	21.00
3.0	31.50	47.25
4.0	56.00	84.00
6.0	126.00	189.00
8.0	224.00	336.00
10.0	350.00	525.00

METER SIZE	RATIO FACTOR	METER & TAP CHARGES*
1"	1.00	\$1,450
2.0	4.00	1,900
3.0	9.00	2,700
4.0	16.00	4,200
6.0	36.00	7,500

METER SIZE	RATIO FACTOR**	WATER SYSTEM EQUITY CHARGE
1" or less	1.00	\$1,519
2.0	4.00	6,077
3.0	9.00	13,673
4.0	16.00	24,308
6.0	36.00	54,694
8.0	64.00	97,237

1. "Flow" is the amount off runoff generated by a specific parcel of property expressed in cubic feet per second. 2. "Distance" is how far a specific parcel of property is from the location of discharge to a county drain, natural watercourse expressed in feet. 3. The symbol "Σ" denotes the summation of equation (1) for all properties in the drainage district. (b) Township not obligated to finance sewers. Nothing [in] this section shall be construed to require the township to finance any portion of a storm or sanitary sewer unless in its sole discretion such project would be deemed necessary and in the best interest of the township. **Sec. 74-83. Schedule of rates and charges.** (a) *Water rates and charges.* Water rates and charges shall be as follows: (1) Consumption rate: \$2.26 per 1,000 gallons. a. In addition to the consumption charge, there shall be a water cost of service charge per reading cycle, or portion thereof, based on meter size: (2) Water charges shall be as follows: (a) *Tap and Meter Charge:* The tap and meter charge for township taps and applicant taps shall be based on meter size: *Township completes the 1" tap to the main, installs the stop box, meter and MXU. All taps 2" and above shall be completed by the applicant at the applicant's expense. All meters 2" and above shall be supplied by the township and installed by the applicant at the applicant's expense. (b) *Water System Equity Charge.* The water system equity charge is based on the meter size. The charge for unusual or other conditions shall be determined by the township board. **Ratio factor is the ratio of the flow areas of

the water meter to the flow area of the 1" meter. (c) *Water Construction charge:* Minimum water construction charge: \$150.00 times the meter ratio factor in the table above. (d) *Water Front Footage charge:* \$17.51 per foot of property serviced by the water line. (e) *Fire Line Meter:* There shall be installed on all fire line systems a detector check and a Township three-fourths-inch by-pass meter. The three-fourths-inch by-pass meter shall be purchased from and inspected by the township and installed by the owner. The charge for the three-fourths-inch by-pass meter and township inspection shall be \$300.00. (b) *Sewer rates and charges.* Sewer rates and charges shall be as follows: (1) Sewage treatment rate: \$3.30 per 1,000 gallons of the water used or per 1,000 gallons of metered sewage flow. Sewage disposal charges for residential class customers with a one-inch or less meter shall be capped at 60,000 gallons per reading cycle or any part thereof during summer months, as defined in section 74-82(1). For residential class customers with water meters larger than one inch, this cap shall be computed by multiplying the 60,000 gallons times the ratio factor listed in section 74-83(a)(3); i.e., for a two-inch meter the cap shall be 60,000 times ratio factor of 4.0 = 240,000 gallons. a. In addition to the consumption charge, for customers connected to the sanitary sewer system there shall be a wastewater cost of service charge per reading cycle, or portion thereof, based on meter size:

Meter Size	Bi-Monthly Customers	Quarterly Customers
1" meter or less	\$ 5.20	\$ 7.80
1.5	18.26	27.39
2.0	32.46	48.69
3.0	73.06	109.59
4.0	129.88	194.82
6.0	292.22	438.33
8.0	519.50	779.25
10.0	811.72	1,217.58

Meter Size	Ratio Factor*	Connection Charges
1" meter or less	1	\$ 2,864
2.0	4.00	11,455
3.0	9.00	25,773
4.0	16.00	45,819
6.0	36.00	103,093
8.0	64.00	183,277
10.0	100.00	286,371

METER SIZE (INCHES)	RATES (\$/MONTH)
5/8	5.69
3/4	8.54
1	14.22
1 1/2	31.29
2	45.50
3	82.47
4	113.75
6	170.83
8	284.38
10	398.13
12	455.00
14	568.75
16	682.50
18	796.50
20	910.00
24	1,023.75
30	1,137.50
36	1,251.25
48	1,365.00

*Ratio factor is the ratio of the flow area of the water meter to the flow area of a one-inch meter.

Bi-Monthly Customers	Quarterly Customers
\$ 4.36	\$ 6.54

b. In addition to the consumption charge and wastewater cost of service charge, there shall be an additional fixed charge for customers with footing drains connected to the sanitary sewer system per reading cycle or portion thereof set forth as follows: (2) Minimum sewage bill: a Minimum sewage disposal bill if connected to the township water system, per reading cycle: \$16.50 plus the fixed charge for customers with footing drains connected to the sanitary sewer system. b. Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to the township water system, per quarterly reading cycle: \$123.75 plus applicable fixed charges. c. Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to the township water system, per bi-monthly reading cycle: \$82.50 plus applicable fixed charges. d. If a customer has a township supplied water meter, installed per Township specifications for their non-township water source, then readings from that meter shall be used for sewer charges in lieu of the minimum sewage disposal charge. (3) Sewer front footage charge: \$22.06 per front foot of property serviced by the sewer line. (4) Sewer connection: The sanitary sewer connection charge shall be based on the water meter size: For new wastewater customers not connected to a public water system, the connection charge shall be based on an equivalent water meter size for comparable users. (5) Sewer Lead Inspection fee: \$50.00. (6) Industrial waste charge (IWC) rates: (7) *Industrial surcharge rates.* The following industrial surcharges will be charged when billed to the township by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department: a. Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) in excess of 275 mg/l . . . 0.271 b. Total suspended solids (TSS) in excess of 350 mg/l . . . 0.309 c. Phosphorus (P) in excess of 12 mg/l . . . 4.456 d. Fats, oils and grease (FOG) in excess of 100 mg/l . . . 0.164 **Sec. 74-84. Water billings; water meters (a) Billing generally; payment of bills; collection of delinquent charges.** Bills for water and sewage disposal shall be billed as directed by the township board. All bills shall be payable on or before the due date. A penalty equal to ten percent of any unpaid current charges shall be added to any bill not paid on or before the due date. A dishonored check, regardless of the reason for return, is subject to a service charge per item. This charge also applies to "e-check" payments returned from an electronic payment center. If two or more customer checks or "e-checks" are dishonored, future payments may be required to be made by bank check or cash payment at the Canton Township Treasurer's Office. Customers whose bills are unpaid on the due date may be forwarded a shut off notice, and if the bills are not paid within 15 days after the date of the shut off notice, the customer's service shall be turned off without further notice. An additional charge of \$100.00 will be charged to the customer for involuntary disconnection and \$100.00 for reconnection. Both charges must be paid prior to the resumption of service. Charges for water supply and sewage disposal services as set forth in this article shall constitute a lien on the property served. On or before October 1, of each year, the township clerk shall deliver to the supervisor a certified statement of water and sewer disposal charges six months due and unpaid, including a \$100.00 service charge. The supervisor shall place such delinquencies, including the \$100.00 service charge, on the next general tax roll and the same shall be collected as part of the general township taxes. (b) *Annual removal and reinstallation of irrigation meters.* There shall be a charge of \$50.00 for shutoff and removal of irrigation meters and a charge of \$50.00 for testing and reinstallation of irrigation meters. (c) *Shutoff and turn-on service charge.* If the township receives a request from a customer to discontinue service, there shall be a \$15.00 shutoff service charge. At such point when a request is made to reinstate the service, there shall be a \$15.00 service charge for turn-on. (d) *Meter reading.* Residential water accounts will be read quarterly. Commercial accounts will be read bimonthly unless designated otherwise by the township board. (e) *Service charge for resealing meter.* A service charge of \$100.00 will be charged to reseat an open bypass on those meters that have bypasses. Water usage that did not register on the meter during the open bypass period will be estimated based on previous usage and/or the usage of similar users. (f) *Estimation of use when meter fails to register.* The official water meter for billing purposes is the meter located inside the residence, building or meter pit. If a water meter fails to register as a result of a mechanical failure, the township shall have the authority to estimate the quantity of water on which the billing is made until such time as the meter is repaired or replaced. The estimated water use shall be based on previous usage and/or the usage of similar users. (g) *Access to meter.* The owner or lessee of the real property which is a water service customer shall provide access inside the owner or lessee's building to an authorized representative of the township for the purpose of examining, repairing, updating or replacing the water meter or other remote reading equipment so that such equipment is operating properly. Failure to provide access inside the building to the township within seven days after the township has made a written demand to the owner or lessee for such access shall constitute a misdemeanor. (h) *Tampering with or removing meter.* Tampering, damaging, changing, rerouting, winterizing, removing or by-passing the water meter by persons other than township personnel is strictly prohibited and would constitute a misdemeanor. **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO DIVISION 3. SEWER CONNECTIONS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.** Ordinance No. 30 is hereby adopted to amend Part I, Chapter 74, Article II, Division 3, Sewer Connections and Sewage Disposal to read as follows: **DIVISION 3. SEWER CONNECTIONS AND SEWAGE**

DISPOSAL Sec. 74-131. Use of public sewers required. (a) *Deposit of objectionable waste prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit or permit to be deposited in an unsanitary manner upon public or private property within the township, or in any area under its jurisdiction, any human or animal excrement, garbage or other objectionable waste. (b) *Discharge of polluted water to natural outlet.* It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet, any sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, or other polluted water, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with the provisions of this article. (c) *Private sewage disposal facilities.* Except as provided in this article, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage. (d) *Connection to suitable sewer required.* The owner of all houses, buildings, or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purpose situated within the township and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary sewer of the township, is hereby required at his expense to install suitable sewage facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this article, within 90 days after date of official notice to do so provided that such public sewer is within 200 feet of the property line. **Sec. 74-132. Private sewage disposal systems.** (a) *Use generally.* Where a public sanitary sewer is not available, the building sewer shall be connected to a private sewage disposal system complying with the provisions of this division. (b) *Permit.* Before commencement of construction of a private sewage disposal system, the owner shall first obtain a written permit from the county health department. (c) *Design and specifications.* The type, capacities, location, and layout of a private sewage disposal system shall comply with all recommendations of the county health department. No permit shall be issued for any private sewage disposal system employing subsurface soil absorption facilities where the area of the lot is less than 30,000 square feet. No septic tank or cesspool shall be permitted to discharge to any public sewer or natural outlet. (d) *Discontinuance use.* At such time as a public sewer becomes available to a property served by a private sewage disposal system, as provided in this article, a direct connection shall be made to the public sewer in compliance with this article and any septic tanks, cesspools, and similar private sewage disposal facilities shall be abandoned and filled with suitable material. (e) *Operation and maintenance.* The owner shall operate and maintain private sewage disposal facilities in a sanitary manner at all times, at no expense to the township, WTUA, YCUA or DWSD. (f) *Additional requirements.* No statement contained in this division shall be construed to interfere with any additional requirements that may be imposed by the state or county health department or state department of environmental quality. (g) *Connection to public sewer required.* When public sewer becomes available as provided in this division, the building sewer shall be connected to such sewer within 90 days and private sewage disposal system shall be abandoned in accordance with county standards. **Sec. 74-133. Building sewers and connections.** (a) *Permit for work involving public sewers.* No person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter, or disturb any public sewer or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the Township Engineer. (b) *Classes of building sewer permits.* There shall be two classes of building sewer permits: (1) For residential and commercial service; and (2) For service to an establishment producing industrial wastes. In either case, the owner or his agent shall make application on a form furnished by the township. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent, in the judgment of the building official. A permit and inspection fee for a residential or commercial building sewer permit and for an industrial building sewer permit shall be paid to the township treasurer at the time the application is filed. In addition, all applicants for sewer connection permits shall pay the applicable system equity charge, front footage charge, connection charge and all other applicable charges at the time the sewer connection permit is issued. (c) *Payment of costs; indemnification; fees; insurance; license bond.* The costs, expenses, indemnification, fees, insurance and license bond for building sewers and connections are as follows: (1) All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the township, WTUA, DWSD and YCUA from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer. The application fee, inspection fee and review fee shall be prescribed from time to time by resolution of the township board. (2) Each person, other than a homeowner, applying for a sewer connection permit shall have insurance in a form approved by the township and with limits equivalent to or greater than the insurance policy limits established by resolution of the township board. (3) For all residential service lead connections, the owner or contractor shall cause to be issued a license bond in favor of the township in an amount determined by the township, but not less than \$5,000.00. The license bond shall be prepared on the form prescribed by the township. The initial license bond shall be issued to the township prior to issuance of sanitary sewer permits. The initial license bond shall be renewed at least once each year. It is the intent of the bond to guarantee that the owner/contractor shall faithfully observe and

s honestly comply with such ordinances, rules and regulations, and amendments thereto as may apply to the installation, alteration or repair of any building sewer or house lead and further, that the owner/contractor shall keep all work undertaken within the period of such bond, whether done by himself or someone for him, free of defects due to faulty workmanship or defective materials, for a period of one year from completion of such work. This work is to be done at no expense to the township. The township shall give the contractor written notice of corrections needed on the project and in the event the contractor fails to undertake the correction of the work, as indicated in the notice within one week, after the date of such notice, the township may cause the corrections to be made and charge all expenses therefore to the contractor of the surety. (d) *Separate building sewer required for each building; exceptions.* A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for every building, except for those instances where the township determines that one of the following conditions prevails, in which case a multiple connection may be allowed: (1) Where one building stands in the rear of a residential building on an interior lot and no sewer is available or can be made available for the rear building through an adjoining alley, courtyard or driveway and where both buildings are under common ownership. (2) Where a complex of commercial establishments or multiple dwelling units are situated under a common roof and share common interior walls. The interconnection of adjacent units by companionways or underground utility tunnels does not constitute sufficient physical connection to allow the use of a single building or house lead. (3) Where an industrial complex consists of several adjacent buildings which are an integral part of an industrial process or production sequence and where all portions of the complex are under a common ownership. In the event of sale of a portion of the complex a separate and independent building sewer or house lead will be required for each portion of the divided complex. (e) *Use of old building sewers.* Old building sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found, on examination and test by the building official, to meet all requirements of this article. (f) *Specifications building sewer.* The size, slope, alignment, and materials of construction of a building sewer; and the methods to be used in excavating, placing of the pipe, jointing, testing, and backfilling the trench, shall all conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the township. In the absence of the code provisions or in amplification thereof, the materials and procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the ASTM and WEF Manual of Practice No. 9 shall apply. (g) *Elevation of building sewer.* Whenever possible, the building sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. In all buildings in which any building drain is too low to permit gravity flow to the public sewer, sanitary sewage carried by such building drain shall be lifted by an approved means and discharged to the building sewer. (h) *Discharge of surface runoff or groundwater to sanitary sewer.* No person shall make connection of roof down spouts, exterior foundation drains, areaway drains or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which, in turn, is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer or combined sewer. (i) *Specifications for connection.* The connection of the building sewer into the public sewer shall conform to the requirements of the building and plumbing code or other applicable rules and regulations of the utilities authority or the procedures set forth in appropriate specifications of the ASTM and the WEF Manual of Practice No. 9. All such connections shall be made gas tight and watertight. The minimum connection size for commercial buildings shall be six inches, with a cleanout every 100 feet or a four-foot diameter manhole every 400 feet. Any deviation from the prescribed procedures and materials must be approved by the township, WTUA, YCUA and/or DWSD before installation. (j) *Size of the sewers.* Any public sewer, or sewer to be dedicated as a public sewer, shall be sized to correspond to the requirements of the master plan, but in no case shall such sewer be less than ten inches in diameter. (k) *Inspection and supervision of connection.* The contractor installing the building sewer shall notify the township, WTUA, YCUA and/or DWSD when the building sewer is ready for inspection and connection to the public sewer. The connection shall be made under the supervision of the township, WTUA, YCUA and/or DWSD. (l) *Excavations.* All excavations for building sewer installation shall be adequately guarded with barricades and lights so as to protect the public from hazard. Streets, sidewalks, parkways, and other public property disturbed in the course of the work shall be restored in a manner satisfactory to the township engineer and YCUA, WTUA, and/or DWSD. (m) *Adequacy of treatment capacity.* The township shall not allow any connection to the sanitary sewer unless there is sufficient capacity in the sewage works to convey and adequately treat the additional wastewater from the proposed connection. (n) *Public and private sewers.* Except as provided in this article, all sanitary sewers serving more than one building shall be public sanitary sewers. (o) *Manhole castings in concrete paved areas.* All sanitary manhole castings which fall in concrete paved areas shall be isolated from the main slab with a four-foot-square cutout, as illustrated on the sanitary manhole casting isolation detail. (p) *Capping of plumbing connections.* All plumbing connections to the sanitary sewer system shall be securely capped until such time as the basement has been backfilled and the house roofed over. (q) *Repairs to Sewer Lead.* Structural repairs to any damaged portion of the sewer lead located in the public right-of-way and/or easement shall be undertaken by the township, with the written permission of the building owner, for the purpose of minimizing the risk to public health and safety. Ownership of and responsibility for the entire private sewer lead shall however remain with the building owner from the point of connection to the public sewer main to the building, regardless whether the public sewer main is located in an easement and/or within the public right-of-way. The Public Works Division shall maintain a written policy on repairs to private sewer leads that defines the types of damage that the township will and will not consider cost sharing of with the building owner. The policy shall also define the maximum amount of cost sharing that a building owner would incur for a repair to a private lead located in the public right-of-way and/or easement. **SECTION 3. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE.** The balance of Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 74, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance. **SECTION 4. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.** Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court. **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof. **SECTION 6. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE.** This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto. **SECTION 7. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS.** Portions of the Code of Ordinances, Part I, Chapter 74 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect. **SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** The Ordinance becomes effective on the day of , 2007 after publication of the second reading. This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the day of , 2007 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law. **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON By: TERRY BENNETT Its: Clerk** Introduced: February 13, 2007, Published: February 22, 2007 Adopted: Effective Upon Publication: OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will a Board Study Meeting on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m., Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to move from open session to closed session at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. A closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. Supervisor Yack called the closed meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave), Kirchgatter Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to move from closed session and adjourn at 8:40 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.cantontownship.org after Board Approval. Publish: February 22, 2007



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ACROSS

1 Brownie
4 Vacillates (hyph.)
9 Web site
12 Mr. Mineo
13 Burglar deterrent
14 Prizm maker
15 Big bird
16 -- and woolly
17 Univ. degrees
18 Spree
20 Yes, in Bonn
21 VCR button
23 Asian export
24 Doll for collectors
28 Jungfrau
30 Most cloudy
32 Fizzy beverage
34 News channel
35 Cumberbund
36 Storage places
39 Ginger and Fred, once
40 Curiosity
41 DJ gear
43 Element no. 99
44 Derby st.

DOWN

1 Brooklyn ender
2 Flee
3 Screw up
4 Opened wide
5 Rule by a few
6 Sturdy lock
7 California's Fort --
8 Not lge.
9 Snort of disgust
10 Flaming
11 -- Angeles
17 Eiffel Tower site
19 The thing

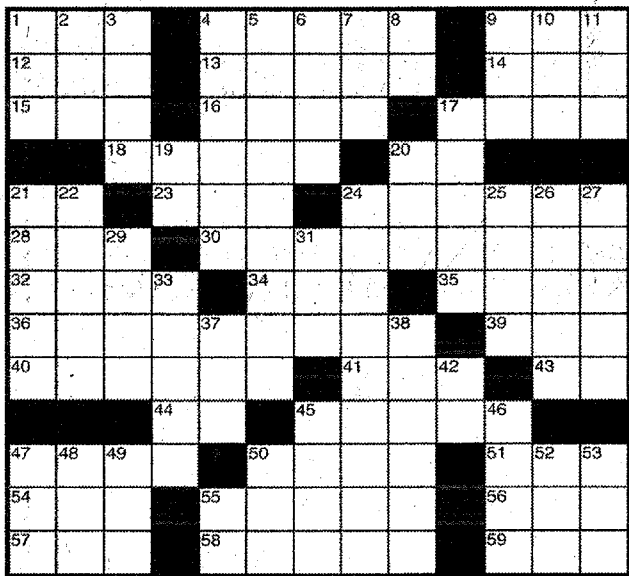
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21 Ipso --
22 Oversupply
24 Giving first aid
25 Tiny sphere
26 Newsstand buy

27 Cultural values
29 Tramp along
31 Chemical suffix
33 Comparable
37 Farm enclosure
38 Common sense, slangily
42 Not C.O.D.
45 Famous last word
46 Popular auction site
47 Omitting none
48 Noon on a sundial
49 UPS units
50 NASA excursion
52 Mademoiselle's date
53 Come unzipped
55 UFO pilot

Answer to Previous Puzzle

MOONS UNFIT
HUDDLE HULLED
ALOE TOADY XI
HER RUE MTN
ASST MAL ARUN
RE ROIL SPIRE
ADIEU VEAL
PUNS RIB YAWL
ICK DES ZIP
DA MEDAL TURN
STUBBY ADORES
ELATE COMES

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SUDOKU

5	2	3	6					
			1					7
4	9	1	7					6
1						7		
2	8	6	7			5		
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	4	6	5	2		1	7	
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BROWN **KODIAK** **SLOTH**
GRIZZLY **PANDA** **TEDDY**

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

N Q O P A S T Y J E
R N M K O A L A O P
A S P O L A R E R T
U J B D I K L P U Y
W G R I Z Z L Y N G
O B O A W E R D D F
P L W K P L N D B V
P A N D A R T E Y U
D C F G S L O T H H
C K D S E R A T R P

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

3	2	7	2	9	3	8	1	5	4	6	7	8	9	3	8
8	9	1	6	8	7	2	2	7	8	1	6	8	7	2	2
7	8	1	6	8	7	2	2	7	8	1	6	8	7	2	2
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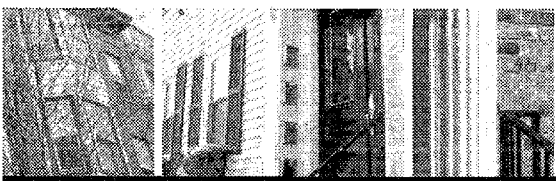
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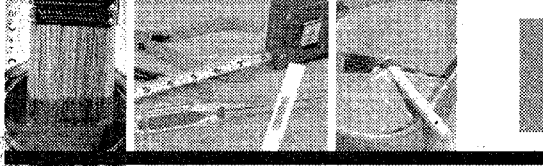
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CREATING THE CONDITIONS FOR OPPORTUNITY



WORKWISE

by Mildred L. Culp

What creates the conditions for opportunity?

Not selling, according to Lisa Aldisert, president of New York City's Pharos Alliance Inc., which nurtures growth among small- to mid-sized businesses. She describes the selling mindset as "a focused state, making a match between your product and service and the need for a prospective buyer." You ask yourself, she says, "How can my pig fit into this hole?"

Networking doesn't necessarily create the conditions for opportunity either, because most "networkers" are reaching out to grab what's in your net rather than creating something of mutual benefit. Another negative is that many people you approach want to be in the driver's seat, retaining control over you, too.

MIND AND BODY

Beth Shaw, president of YogaFit Training Systems Worldwide Inc., in Torrance, Calif., built her business from her living room to \$3 million. She maintains that creating the conditions conducive to opportunity requires an attitude of openness. "Be open to any opportunity that comes your way," she says. "Put yourself in a state of being open. Your first response must always be a yes. This doesn't mean that you need to act on it right away. Be agreeable to the possibility."

Aldisert somewhat agrees, advocating

"expansive" thinking. "Your inspiration may have something that has nothing to do with your business," she states. "Sometimes you have to have physical movement to get unstuck. Take a walk around the block. People have epiphanies getting up from their desk and walking to the restroom." She says that movement can break through a constricted mindset, the one most business owners have because of their intense focus upon the daily pressures of running a business.

YogaFit's Shaw emphasizes the importance of "gut instinct and intuition" -- for herself -- and not focusing directly upon opportunity. The name of her business (and subsequent television program) crystallized during a bicycle ride in 1994. Shaw recommends using yoga, meditation, walking, cooking, a shower, a dream as a signpost, whatever it takes for you to "get into a flow state, where moving and breathing make body and mind become one. This makes you a lot more receptive to information coming from beyond yourself." She points out that the majority of good ideas don't occur in the office.

WHAT TO DO

Aldisert says you must "pay attention and look for (opportunity). Pay particular attention to what people might call coincidences." These are repetitions of a similar theme appearing in different places, such as a conversation, reading or on the street, in a short period of time. Rather than networking as such, she suggests exchanging information by "planting seeds through a bit

of self-disclosure (not self-promotion or selling) through casual comments about what you do." These seeds may be slightly off the beaten trail of the purpose of your business.

Shaw uses the Map-Quest approach to creating opportunity, such as taking multiple steps to overcome the problem of "looking from your vantage point." Membership in a professional group will help you gain perspective from the outside of the business. Invite sources of inspiration to affect you.

Mark Metz, CEO of Optimus Solutions L.L.C., in Atlanta, says that large organizations in his industry go about creating opportunity by using a marketing research company. "We make decisions a lot quicker," he states. He listens carefully to "good customers," taking action "only when we hear two to three ask if we're providing this product or service." If the idea seems feasible, he hires an employee or two to test ease of delivery before investing large amounts of money. "By trying a bunch of opportunities, we'll have a few more failures, but we ask all of our employees to embrace change, because we change frequently." He emphasizes that "you take a lot of swings at



Opportunity-generator Lisa Aldisert (l), president of Pharos Alliance Inc., in New York City, and client Leigh Talmage, president of Asian conservation Corporation, Manila, Philippines, are all smiles at the thought of increasing opportunity.

the bat and get a lot more hits and more strikes. We're trying to hit a lot of singles." Obviously, he creates the conditions for opportunity by providing good service to customers and encouraging them to communicate with Optimus.

Does the method work? It's taken him from one conference room and two suites in a Wingate Inn in 1998 and borrowed furniture, returned to his church on Saturday nights, to \$220 million and 350 employees offering IT services from storage to networking.

Creating a structure for opportunity to emerge requires openness, attentiveness and mobility.

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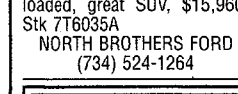
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By Dale Buss

It's a good-enough car, for sure. But the 2007 Avalon also is an exemplary embodiment of the Toyota juggernaut that is muscling to the forefront of the global automotive industry these days. Some say that this is the best American car ever built by a Japanese manufacturer.

Actually, check that: Avalon may be the best American car from an American manufacturer, given that it was designed in Newport Beach, Calif., engineered by the Toyota Technical Center in Ann Arbor, and is built in Georgetown, Kentucky.

In any event, the new Avalon is a great expression of Toyota's dead-on feel for the American market, its deft use of understated styling, its U.S. design and development capabilities, its manufacturing base here, and its mastery of continuous improvement. Avalon's evolution over the course of 12 years from a mere "stretch" Camry -- kind of a product afterthought -- to a strong flagship for Toyota's entire U.S. car fleet has been something to watch.

And in the newest Avalon, Toyota has finally given U.S. car buyers yet another thing that they haven't had before: a truly game alternative to the company's full-size Lexus luxury vehicles at a decidedly mainstream price. Despite the fact that it is front-wheel drive, and that it seems smaller on the outside than its American competitors, the Avalon is capacious inside and robust in its execution of characteristics that make it quiet, easy and convenient.

Despite a tweak here and there for 2007, Avalon still doesn't generate any visual excitement; its most noteworthy design cue may be the high window lines that are reminiscent of the Chrysler 300. But the nondescript sheet metal wraps a truly remarkable package.

The 3.5-liter, 24-valve engine is smooth as silk



The 2007 Toyota Avalon is a contender for the best car built in America

and plenty responsive, meshed seamlessly by Toyota's usual aplomb with a five-speed automatic transmission. At 31 miles a gallon, Avalon's highway fuel economy is stand-out impressive for a full-size sedan.

Providing a comfortable ride for middle-market posteriors is the obvious priority of the finely tuned suspension, but Avalon doesn't even venture toward a Big Three-type marshmallow ride. The cabin purrs with quiet, if you know what I mean. Both front and rear passenger cabins are plenty ample. And I was able to cram a bunch of Home Depot stuff into the back of Avalon's capacious trunk.

Even in the details, Avalon makes you feel like you're in a Lexus. Its interior shows a bit of flair, including nicely integrated strips of maple-colored burl wood on the door and dash. The steering column both tilts and telescopes. Both front and rear seats have numerous adjustments that can make Avalon comfortable for just about any body.

And Avalon excels in an area that often helps separate truly well-designed vehicles from the pretenders: front-seat compartments. They are everywhere, but they are all useful and not at all intrusive. That includes the best little multi-purpose center-console holder that I've seen yet: It's got one slot designed specifically to hold a cell

phone, with a power outlet right next to it; a deep well with a felt bottom to hold wallets and keys; and none of that takes away from the cup holders or the armrest or the compartment that covers. Handy for holding coins, there's even a floor on the hand well in the front-door handles -- where in most other vehicles you see an inconvenient hole.

I noticed a few flaws. The off-center speedometer was a pain to try to monitor through the steering wheel. The front-seat belts almost always catch on the seat back if you're trying to pull them forward with the door closed. And the two-section tail lights look discombobulated. But -- big deal.

Avalon would be a great candidate for political office: It's hard to find things to object to in this vehicle. And that is no mean accomplishment. The 2007 version of Avalon, little-changed from the car's complete overhaul two model years ago, is convenient, efficient, roomy, and comfortable, and presents only minor annoyances.

The 2007 Avalon is available in four trim levels: XL, Touring, XLS, and Limited. All are powered by the 3.5-liter engine, connected to a five-speed automatic transmission with a sequential-shift feature.

The version I drove, an XLS, was stickered at \$35,954 -- and that's a lot of car for a lot less than the price of a Lexus.

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Chef Jason Jones cooked up NOMI's champion chili.

Chili and salsa spice up festival

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

In order to take the chill off winter, the Northville Chamber of Commerce hosted its 2nd annual Fire and Ice Festival on Jan. 27. In addition to ice sculptures, entertainment and special shopping promotions, the highlight of the day was a chili and salsa competition.

Celebrity judges and festivalgoers sampled spicy concoctions from dozens of local restaurants and voted for their favorites. The Northville Township Fire Department won the Firehouse Chili Challenge for the second year in a row, while NOMI and Rocky's of Northville walked away with honors for best restaurant chili. When it came to salsa, Poole's Tavern and Sizzling Sticks came out on top.

Here, the restaurant winners agreed to share their recipes in an effort to spread the warmth.

"Chili and salsa are perfect additions to a winter meal," Bloom said. "They provide some great heat when you look outside and it's all snowy."

NOMI'S CHILI

Winner - Judges Choice
NOMI Turkey Chili
Chef: Jason Jones

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2 yellow peppers, diced small
10 tomatoes, diced small
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3 tablespoons cumin

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The crew at Sizzling Sticks won for best salsa, people's choice.

This multi-function printer impresses with features, price

The next time you go shopping for a printer, consider a multi-function model (also known as an MFP) instead of a standalone laser or inkjet.

For about the same price, you can buy a device that not only prints, but also scans, copies, and faxes.

Those capabilities aren't just for businesses anymore. I don't know of a household that couldn't benefit from having the tools to copy newspaper articles (ahem), scan bills for electronic filing, send the occasional fax, and so on.

When my seven-year-old HP OfficeJet died recently, I went shopping for a more capable replacement. In short order I settled on a model that offered all the features I wanted (and then some) for a very affordable price: the Brother MFC-440cn.

As a printer, the MFC-440cn relies on four separate inkjet cartridges, a potentially money-saving design. Many other printers employ three-color cartridges; when one color runs dry, you have to replace the entire thing, even if there's ink remaining.

The MFC-440cn doubles as a photo printer, complete with memory-card slots, a PictBridge interface port that's compatible with many cameras, and a two-inch color LCD for reviewing and selecting photos to print.

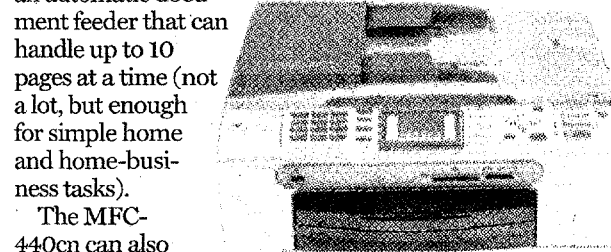
It also has a special slot for feeding 4- by 6-inch photo paper, which you can use for borderless snapshot prints. That's in addition to a 100-sheet standard paper tray and an automatic document feeder that can handle up to 10 pages at a time (not a lot, but enough for simple home and home-business tasks).

The MFC-440cn can also scan, copy, and fax in color. You may find yourself using the scanning features more than you think thanks to the inclusion of PaperPort, an excellent program that enables you to organize scanned documents into virtual filing cabinets.

For me, the icing on the cake is the MFC-440cn's network interface. By connecting it to my router, every computer in my house can use the printer. Of course, it also has a standard USB interface for connecting directly to a PC.

For such a feature-packed MFP, the MFC-440cn consumes precious little space. It measures just 7.1- by 15.7- by 14.6-inches, so it won't overwhelm your desk if you decide to place it there.

At the risk of sounding like a commercial, all this can be yours for the estimated street price of just \$149.99. That's a bargain, but I scored an outright steal by shop-



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PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D2

Get ready for gardening

Classes help beginners plan for spring

Michigan soil might be frozen solid, but that doesn't stop gardeners from daydreaming.

"We are so frustrated," said Bob Cairns of the Master Gardener Association of Wayne County. "You're inside so long that you start crawling the walls. You just want to get out there and do something."

Even though you can't prune or plant just yet, Cairns said winter is the perfect time to

plan ahead, especially for beginners.

"Get some magazines, take a look at the view outside your window and think of what will look nice in the spring," Cairns suggested.

In order to give beginners the seeds they need to grow green thumbs, the MGAWC is launching a series of free workshops called "Introduction to Gardening."

"This is for people who want to garden, but don't know where to start," Cairns said.

The series kicks off with "Get Ready for Gardening," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at the Environmental Interpretive Center on the campus of The University of Michigan-Dearborn, 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn.

Advance Master Gardener Kathy Israel will cover basic gardening tips from preparing the

soil to finding the most suitable plants.

The workshops continue with "Get Ready for Gardening Part II" on March 28, and "Container Gardening" on April 29.

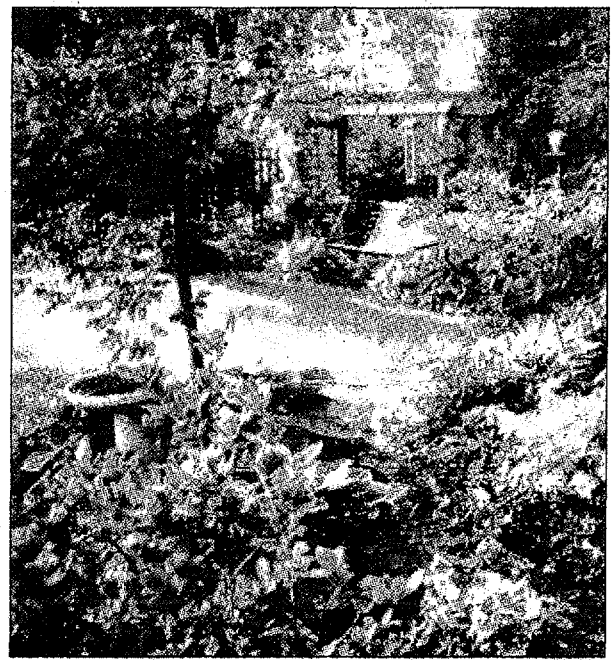
The series is part of the MGAWC's commitment to distribute current research-based gardening information to the community.

"This is something new that we're trying," Cairns said. "I don't know of any other local organization offering free classes like this."

No pre-registration is required, he said. Just show up with pen and paper ready to take notes.

For more information visit www.mgawc.org/programs, or call (734) 786-6860.

For more gardening events, visit hometownlife.com.



ELLEN LEIGH NIEMISTO

Radiothon benefits Salvation Army Bed and Bread Club

If you don't mind, I need to tug on your coat about something. For the last 19 years, I have been involved with an incredible group of people whose sole mission is to

make a difference in our city, in our community and in our lives.

I speak of my friends at the Salvation Army. For the last 19 years, I have hosted the Dick Purtan Radiothon to benefit the Salvation Army Bed and Bread Club. This "club" is responsible for serving an astonishing 7,000 meals a day on the streets of Detroit.

Think about that as you watch the wind chill fall. Every single, solitary day — 24/7, 365 — the Salvation Army Bed and Bread trucks take to the streets of Detroit feeding men, women, children — whomever needs to be fed, gets fed. No questions asked. No strings attached. In addition, the Salvation Army serves 1,700



Dick Purtan

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more meals every day at its various shelters around the area.

It's an incredible effort that requires an Army to accomplish. As you can well imagine, this effort requires regular funding.

The Salvation Army could teach us all lessons in fiscal restraint. For the last 19 years, the organization has stretched its budgets beyond expectations. Today, as it was when we started our Radiothon, \$120 feeds one person for an entire year! (Think of that the next time you check out at Kroger.)

A mere \$10 a month feeds one person in Detroit for one year. Amazing.

Beginning Friday at 6 a.m., I invite you to join me for the 20th annual Dick Purtan Radiothon. We will be broadcasting live from the Oakland Mall until 10 p.m. doing our best to raise funds for the Salvation Army's Bed and Bread Club.

This year, perhaps in the defiance of better judgment, we are offering a premium for anyone who donates at the \$240 level (that's only \$20 dollars a month and feeds two people for an entire year).

If you are blessed and generous enough to help us at this level, we will send you a nine-CD box set of the *Best of Purtan* that covers our last 20 years on Motor City radio.

And every donation is tax-deductible. As a matter of fact, the state of Michigan has a special tax program just for the Bed and Bread Club. A \$200 individual donation ends up costing you \$48 after taxes. For a couple, a \$400 donation ends up costing you \$84.

Now, I'm not a tax adviser (but I play one on the radio), so you should consult professional help before proceeding.

Of course, any amount you can donate would

be appreciated. You can call (248) 307-1043 right now and someone will gladly help you. Or you can go to www.womc.com and donate online.

Every penny raised stays right here in the Motor City and goes directly to the feeding and sheltering program — no administrative costs are taken out. Without your help and the dedication and devotion of the Salvation Army, there are thousands of people who would be hungry every day. These are people who are often forced to choose between food and shelter and that's a decision no one should have to make.

It seems that every day the need gets greater. It seems every day the news gets bleaker. For 19 years, you have defied the odds and helped.

I cannot begin to thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Join Dick Purtan from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday for his 20th annual Radiothon to benefit the Salvation Army Bed & Bread Club — live from Oakland Mall and live on your radio at the Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.

Reader gets quick response on recall service request

John Courtney writes: "I am a big fan of your Appliance Doctor column and have a lot of trust in your opinions and advice. I installed and serviced Crosley-Bendix appliances as a young man in the early 1950s (remember the Crosley Shelvador and the Bendix Duomatic?)."

"I own a Maytag dishwasher that was the subject of your Feb. 8 column in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. I heard

about the recall on news broadcast the week of Jan. 28. I found, online, the link to the Maytag repair site and filled out a form with model number, serial number, my name, phone, etc. I was given a choice of dates to have it repaired and chose Feb. 9. I received e-mail back from them confirming the appointment.

"On Feb. 8, the parts arrived via Federal Express and later that day I received a phone call from Maytag to confirm that the parts had arrived and that A&E Factory Service would arrive the following day between noon and 5 p.m. At 11 a.m. Friday, A&E Factory Service called and said they would be at my house between 1

and 1:30 p.m. The serviceman arrived at 1:15 and installed a new door liner, wiring harness, insulation and seals. The process took about an hour. The whole process took about 10 days. I am completely satisfied.

"Granted, Maytag manufactured an appliance that has a defect. And granted, although one fire is one too many, a failure rate of 0.006 percent is pretty low. I feel that Maytag's first responsibility is to correct their mistake. In my case, they did this in a very professional and timely manner. I don't think that the \$75 cash back reimbursement is going to be a big incentive for many to go out and buy a new \$400 dishwasher unless they

were on the verge of doing so anyway. So it is hard for me to agree with you this time that 'they will be laughing all the way to the bank.'"

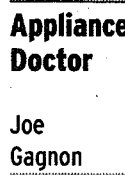
You sure have brought up some very good counterpoints and you gave me food for thought. Even though I was a bit tough on Maytag with my column of Feb. 8, I still stand strong in my views. In a few months from now, I will contact several retailers and inform you if they had any increase in Maytag brand dishwasher sales.

One Maytag dealer I've already contacted thinks this dishwasher fire potential is somewhat of a joke. He compares the fire potential coming

from clothes dryers across this country to be much more severe than the possible fire from a dishwasher.

A final thought — it was so nice to hear a positive service response to a consumer's need for appliance service. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to kabramcz@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

The correct tests can give a timely diagnosis

Another vet asked me recently if I had ever seen *House*, the TV series. I dismissively informed her I had not.

She then smiled broadly and excitedly, saying that I simply had to see it.

She said the main character, Dr. House, reminded her of me. I asked her how, and she gushed about how he was brilliant, which I immediately accepted as a valid observation. Then she continued about how he's obnoxious and arrogant and that everyone irritates him.

In the few episodes I've seen, within a few minutes of each opening, House has figured out the answer that no one else in the world could ever guess.

He'll berate the young doctors working with him for not thinking the right way, then will say it's a subpancreaticoduodenal arterial aneurysm, or some such thing, and will recommend an experimental drug, that's only been used on goldfish previously. Then the patient will crash, saved only by the quick work of his young

doctors.

It seems to be a plot pattern on the show: bad disease, hard to diagnose ... House figures it out without tests ... House is wrong ... and now has to do a test.

The test shows that the problem could be something else, and House has them treated. (Usually with some level of "there's no time for more tests! Start the treatment.")

The person does badly again. Then they literally go back to the drawing board, finally and miraculously, doing the appropriate test in the last 10 minutes to divine

the answer that saves the life.

Batting .333 is great in baseball, but not in medicine. From the few shows I have seen, House is only a genius when you grade on a curve.

You could argue that doctors run too many tests anymore. My grandma was hospitalized for about eight days a few weeks before she died, and each day the battery of tests they ran found a new terminal problem. Tests on days six through eight seemed a waste of time. The other side of this would be that simple tests can get a diagnosis much more quickly, which House could do if he just ran these tests to start with.

On a recent show, a young man had a toothpick through his intestinal wall, which took them the entire show to diagnose.

Bloodwork? X-rays? An ultrasound? Simple reasoning with the results of these tests could have given the answer. But he held off, and the patient nearly died.

Of course, if he had started out with the appropriate tests, the show would only be a half hour long, but that's not important here. The important concept would be that diagnostics help medical people know what's going on. Included in that group would be veterinarians.

DOING DIAGNOSTICS

Few things frustrate veterinarians more than being hindered from arriving at a complete diagnosis by not getting to perform diagnostic tests, or having to wait to perform those tests until the disease has progressed too far.

Too often we face a medical situation where in we have to treat problems for what they look like, without the confirmation some bloodwork or X-rays could deliver.

Two reasons define this problem, the first

being money. When an owner can't afford a workup, you can't do a workup. The other is a failure in educating clients as to what is available and about what each test can tell us.

Most people think bloodwork sounds like a good idea, but it also can sound confusing. What do these tests show? Why does some bloodwork cost more than others?

Bloodwork tends to be a general term for any test that involves blood or urine. Smaller tests, like a CBC, or complete blood count, can give clues about infections, anemias, even cancers based on the quantities and types of the cells.

Full panels would also include a serum chemistry, which checks the health of many of the organs, and looks at the blood particles that keeps the animal functioning.

A thyroid level, looking for metabolic disease, and a urinalysis, which gives a window into the basic operations of the body, are often included in major panels.

INVALUABLE INFORMATION

The data attained from these diagnostics can be invaluable. When no disease is found, nuances of the blood can give an idea of what to watch for down the line. Perfect blood can allow the owner to exhale, and smile in relief.

Radiographs, or X-rays, allow the vet to look at the organs, intestinal tract, and bones more clearly, again trying to find nuances that could mean a problem. Sometimes these nuances are pronounced, like a belly full of coins that require surgery.

Sometimes the change is slight, like a subtly oversized heart in a cat's chest radiograph, or a mildly enlarged liver. Radiographs allow the vet to hone in on a problem, sometimes locating it without a full diagnosis.

Ultrasounds often help get even closer to that

final diagnosis. These have become commonplace throughout human medicine over the last few decades, but remain too expensive for many veterinary clinics to maintain. Some clinics do ultrasound, with other vets in the area sending cases to them for referral testing.

While both radiographs and ultrasounds give images of within the body, the ultrasound differs in as much as it shows the vet inside the organ.

It would be like looking at a building, and thinking it looks big. You see the architecture, but what is the building used for? Warehouse? Apartments? Office space?

Ultrasound allows viewing of the functioning structure of organs, not just their shape and density, which can give the diagnosis of why the organ is abnormal.

Many other tests have their particular moments to be used, such as endoscopy, and skin scrapings, but bloodwork, radiographs and ultrasounds are the major players when it comes to getting early information to figure out what's wrong with your pet, or to just make sure your senior pet is doing okay.

As with older people, regular routine bloodwork is a good idea for an older pet.

Getting tests done early in the course of a disease can help to get problems figured out faster, and that usually means a better chance of getting problems resolved.

Now someone mail this concept to House ... maybe then he'll stop irritating me so much.

Hmm ... maybe she was right about me.

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BROIDA

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ping online: PriceGrabber.com steered me to several vendors selling the MFC-440cn for just over \$100.

Of course, this MFP isn't without its shortcomings. I had trouble with the network setup, though the thorough instruction manual helped me through it.

I also found the printing to be a bit slow and the low-capacity input tray a bit annoying, as I frequently had to reload paper. But because my home-based business needs are modest, these aren't deal-breakers.

There are other multi-function printers in this price range, including the Canon Pixma MP500 and Lexmark X7350. You should definitely investigate all the options before making a purchase decision.

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- 2 tablespoons garlic, fresh ground
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 bunch cilantro
- 3 jalapeno peppers, diced and seeded
- 1 smoked turkey wing (optional)
- sour cream garnish

Heat pan and sauté ground turkey. At same time, put chicken stock in separate pot with one smoked turkey wing, then boil. When turkey is 75 percent cooked, add vegetables and seasoning to pan. (Do not add white beans at this time.)

When vegetables are cooked about halfway, add chicken stock to pot. Remove turkey wing and discard. Adjust seasoning and tighten with roux (melted butter and flour mixed together) if necessary. Add cooked beans and diced tomatoes. Fold them in well. Remove from heat and chill. Garnish with sour cream.

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ROCKY'S CHILI

Winner - People's Choice Rocky's of Northville Chili Chef: Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz

- 5 pounds hamburger, chili grind
- 1 pound tasso ham, ground
- 1 pound andouille sausage, ground
- 2 pounds chuck roast, cubed and cooked
- 4 green peppers, small dice
- 2 medium size onions, small dice
- 1 quart of chopped tomatoes
- 1/2 cup prepared mustard
- 5 ounces chili powder
- 1 ounce Creole seasoning
- 1 quart rich beef stock

Saute peppers and onions and garlic in medium size heavy bottom pot. Add the burger, meats and all the spices and cook for 5 minutes. Add mustard. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for 30 minutes.

Taste and adjust seasoning.

Rocky's of Northville is located at

41122 W. Seven Mile Rd. Call (248) 349-4434 or visit www.rock-ysofnorthville.com

POOLE'S SALSA

Winner - Judge's Choice Poole's Tavern Salsa Chef: Matthew A. Jagusch

- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 6 ounces jalapenos and juice
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 cup cilantro
- 3 quarts chopped tomatoes
- 2 cups diced onion
- 2 64-ounce cans tomato juice

In food processor, add garlic, jalapenos and juice, olive oil and cilantro. Blend well.

Mix remaining ingredients with blended garlic, cilantro and jalapenos. Squeeze in juice from 6 limes, cut in half.

Poole's Tavern is located at 157 E. Main Street. Call (248) 349-1715.

SIZZLING STICKS SALSA

Winner - People's Choice Chefs: Juan and Dorian

Dry Spices:

- 1 teaspoon garlic
- 1 teaspoon onion
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper

- 1 onion, diced
- 3 green peppers, diced
- 1/2 bunch cilantro, chopped
- 8 cloves fresh garlic
- 2 cans fresh crushed tomatoes (16 ounce or 24 ounce size)

Sauté onion and green peppers with fresh garlic for 5 minutes. Add one can of fresh crushed tomatoes with equal amount of water. Add all dry spices into tomato sauce. Cook for 25 minutes on slow heat. Add onions, green peppers, and cilantro into tomato sauce. Mix all together. Serve warm or cold.

Serves 10 people.

Sizzlin' Sticks Café is located at 144 Mary Alexander Court. Call (248) 380-9400.

Strong opinions lead to great wines

Stefano Inama is a talented, yet opinionated, Italian winemaker who believes that he should spend his time in the vineyard looking after his vines because that's the "root" of fine wine. If Inama does his job, the wines he makes will reflect the site where they were grown.

Inama's problem is that he's located in the northeastern Italian region known as Soave, east of Verona, where an ocean of mediocre wines have been produced by large cooperatives. Over the years, these wines have lost favor with American wine drinkers.

Fortunately for Stefano, his father Giuseppe believed in Soave's potential and in the 1950s began to purchase steep hillside vineyards, laden with ancient volcanic soils that grow quality grapes and produce wines capable of restoring Soave's reputation.

PROVING A POINT

To prove that the hills of Soave Classico are capable of great white wines, Inama began not with the indigenous variety, garganega, but with sauvignon blanc, a non-traditional Soave variety. "Our sauvignon is like no other sauvignon in the world," Inama said. "It shows none of the grassy, pepper and gooseberry character like so many wines made from the variety." Inama's sauvignon exhibits great structure with exotic flavors of citrus, pineapple and passion fruit.

It goes to show that when the correct grape is planted on the right site, great wine is possible. Today, Inama makes a totally stainless steel sauvignon known as Vulcaia, a riper, barrel fermented wine called Vulcaia Fumé and, in special vintages, a late-harvest version known as Vulcaia Apres.

After this success, Inama returned to the classic Soave variety to make a top quality, traditional Soave from old-vine garganega that faithfully reflects the Soave terroir. "It is essential to have a unique environment, a grape variety



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

adapted to it and the passion and patience to master the site," Inama said.

INAMA WHITE WINES

■ Vulcaia 2003 (\$20) shows floral and mineral aromas, supported by ripe pear, pineapple and tropical fruit flavors. "Wine should first have a site identification and then the varietal," Inama emphasized. "All classic wines take the name of the area — the terroir is then indicated. Lava over basalt soil gives this wine its minerality and offers a very personalized sauvignon blanc."

■ Vin Soave Classico 2004 (\$26) is 100 percent garganega from 30-year-old vines, made by a traditional method where the juice remains in contact with the grape skins for several hours. The wine is floral with mineral notes, full on the palate and delicious with seafood.

■ Foscarino Soave Classico 2004 (\$20) is fermented in neutral cooperage giving a complex, multi-layered impression that is rich but dry. It fills the palate from front to back and ends with an intriguing finish.

■ DuLot Soave Classico 2002 (\$26) is a single-vineyard wine boasting tropical fruit and honey from grapes matured on the vine and exposed to the sun. Barrel fermented in 25 percent new French oak, it's generous and rich with an almond note characteristic of Soave.

INAMA RED WINES

Wishing to extend production to red wines, Inama began a search for a great site in the early 1990s. By 1997, he had settled on an area known as Colli Berici, 10 miles east of Soave in the province of Vicenza.

WINE PICKS

As pointed out in our Focus on Wine column, Inama 2000 Oracolo has wow-power. The following California Cabernet Sauvignon wines were also impressive in a broad range of prices.

- 2004 Ray's Station North Coast Cabernet \$15 - good deal.
- 2003 St. Francis Sonoma County \$21
- 2004 Sebastiani Alexander Valley Cabernet Sauvignon \$30
- 2004 Bennett Lane Napa Valley Maximus \$35
- 2003 Girard Artistry \$40
- 2002 Rodney Strong Sonoma County Reserve \$40 - age-worthy.
- 2003 Silverado Napa Valley \$43
- 2003 Sbragia Monte Rosso, Sonoma Valley \$50
- 2003 Wattle Creek Alexander Valley \$50 - age-worthy
- 2003 William Hill Napa Valley

- Reserve Cab \$52 - age-worthy
- 2004 St. Clement Oroppas Napa Valley \$55
- 2003 Raymond St. Helena Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon \$55
- 2003 Grogich Hills Napa Valley Estate-Grown \$58
- 2003 Sbragia Rancho Del Oso, Howell Mountain \$75
- 2003 Silverado SOLO, Stags Leap District \$75
- 2003 Louis Martini Lot 1 Napa Valley \$100 - best ever from this winery.

Word to the wise: With escalating popularity of North Coast California Cabernets and a shorter crop in 2006, prices are bound to rise in the near future.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor or order it direct from the winery.

■ Bradisimo Veneto Rosso 2001 (\$30) is 65 percent cabernet sauvignon, 25 percent carmenere and 10 percent merlot. A mélange of black and red fruits, this wine shows good structure with mellow tannins - full, rich and delicious.

■ Oracolo 2000 (\$52) is the launch vintage for this 100 percent cabernet sauvignon. It's a truly lavish wine with aromas of violets and anise, flavors of blackberries, dark

cherries and currants, and concentrated with generous, supple tannins. After tasting hundreds of cabernets each year, many at twice and three times the price, our immediate reaction was "Wow!"

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MAC's new collection is just for dollfaces

Before Bratz and Disney's Princesses burst onto the scene, one doll ruled playtime for girls everywhere. From her tiny heels to her thick blonde mane, Barbie was unbeatable. Growing up in Rochester Hills, our house was filled with Barbie goods - dolls to dreamhouses, pink Corvettes to pools. My older sisters began the collection. I inherited it, with one complaint. Back then, the bendable-legged babe always seemed to be a blonde. In our house, there was one brunette in the bunch and she wasn't a Barbie at all. Sure she fit into the fashionable attire, but she came from a *Charlie's Angels* collection. Raven hair alone secured her status as my favorite. I was going to look just like her someday.



Staff Writer Stephanie Angelyn Casola sports pink and green shades from the Barbie Loves MAC collection, new at MAC stores.

Now officially grown up, at age 30, I never managed to make it beyond a 5' 1 1/2 inch frame. "Bendable" knees and a growing obsession with shoes are about all I have in common with the Mattel-made sensation. That's about to change. Girly girls unite. On Feb. 13, MAC Cosmetics revealed a new line of Barbie-inspired lipsticks, glosses, shadows, shimmers, nail polish and more. The moment I saw that hot pink pony-tailed silhouette, I couldn't wait to see what the glam brand had in store. The hype had begun.

Richard Dickson, senior vice president of marketing for Mattel, predicted: "Our collaboration will not only have the fashion and beauty community - but the world - ablaze this spring."

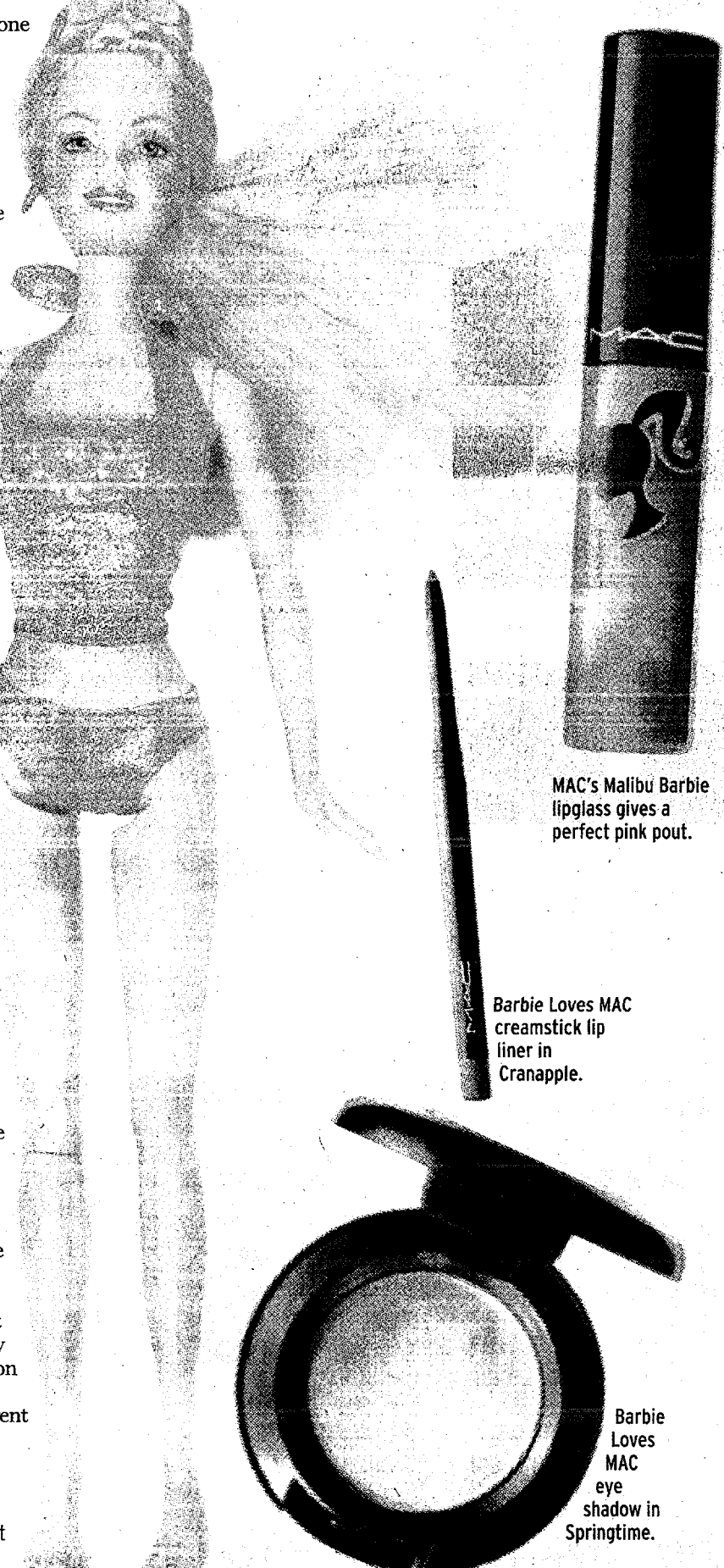
I was sold. I made an appointment. My MAC make-up artist chose to play up my brown eyes with vibrant greens, like Springtime and pinks ranging from Playful to Steamy. For my pale face she opted for a light mineralized powder base, and then flushed my cheeks in a combination of Pearl Sunshine powder and Fab blush. To get that unmistakable hot pink Barbie pout, she combined Cranapple cream lip liner with Rocking Chick lipstick and a coat of Malibu Barbie Lipglass.

In no time, I was all-dolled-up. And I wasn't the only one to go ga-ga for this Barbie and MAC union. On Wednesday, the store was flooded with faithful customers who bought out the limited edition Barbie dolls and a few key products in no time.

Lisa Blackie of Rochester Hills was the first in line at the MAC at Somerset store in Troy. She waited in the parking lot from 4 a.m. until they opened the doors. "I love MAC and my two daughters love dolls," she said. Blackie called the collection "very cool."

MAC at Somerset will host a special Barbie Loves MAC event Feb. 22-24. Schedule an appointment by calling (248) 649-5700.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola has a long-standing love affair with make up. She writes for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and can be reached at scasola@hometownlife.com or (248) 901-2567.



MAC's Malibu Barbie lipglass gives a perfect pink pout.

Barbie Loves MAC creamstick lip liner in Cranapple.

Barbie Loves MAC eye shadow in Springtime.

business

HFCC's Women's Luncheon
Henry Ford Community College will hold its 33rd annual Women's Recognition Luncheon, 11:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23 in the Student & Culinary Arts Center, 5101 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn. The event includes a silent auction, and lunch catered by the students and staff of HFCC's Hospitality Studies. An awards ceremony will honor three women for outstanding achievements helping women. Tickets, \$35, benefit the HFCC Student Emergency Fund, which provides financial assistance to help students stay in college. Register by Feb. 16 by calling (313) 317-4092.

Wow!
You are in charge of getting the life you want. The Wonderful Opportunities for Women networking event, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at

the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills, will help you reach your goals. Business Coach Kim Greenspan will demonstrate simple steps to create a personal vision statement and a plan to achieve it. Bring business cards to pass out. For tickets, \$25, call (248) 854-6445.

Taking Care of Business
The Michigan Business and Professional Association will host its 11th annual Women and Leadership in the Workplace Conference and Award Luncheon, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at Burton Manor in Livonia. "Taking Care of You, Takes Care of Business" will focus on how to balance career and personal



Donna Rockwell

life. Panelists include Dr. Donna Rockwell (pictured) of the Center for Creative Living, Katherine Lucas of Karma Yoga, and Sue Kaufmann of the Center for Education of Women will present. Tickets are \$75 for MBPA members and \$95 for non-members. Call 888-277-6464 or visit www.michbusiness.org.

What Men Know
Ever wonder what men talk about during those boy's-only golf outings and board rooms? Find out as the Detroit Chapter of Women in Communication hosts "What Men Don't Tell Women About Business." Entrepreneur Chris Flett will talk about how women can claim their power in the workforce at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at Shield's in Southfield. Tickets are \$30 for WIC members and students; \$40 for nonmembers. Call (248) 652-1460.

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Romona Keveza Trunk Show
The Bridal Salon at Macy's Somerset will host a trunk show of Romona Keveza designs Feb. 23-25. Known for her refined taste and use of luxurious fabrics, Keveza's name has become synonymous with elegance, sophistication and timeless modernism. Call (248) 816-4270 for an appointment.

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Community Shopping Day
Local nonprofit organizations can register now to participate in Parisian's Community Day, set for Saturday, March 3. Groups sell \$5 Parisian discount savings booklets and keep 100 percent of profits to support their organization. Shoppers receive a \$10 coupon, along with 20 percent off almost all merchandise during the sale event. For information, visit www.communitydayevent.com.

American Girl Fashion Show
The Junior League of Birmingham will host American Girl Fashion Shows 7 p.m. Friday, March 2; 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, March 3 and 1 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. The programs will showcase historical and contemporary fashions for girls and their dolls. The shows also feature more than 150 local models, refreshments, party favors, door prizes, and souvenirs. Not recommended for children under age five. Tickets, \$35 benefit the JLB. Call (248) 203-9841 or visit www.jlweb.org/birmingham.

Oscar Night America
Dress to impress and walk the red carpet into Ann Arbor's Michigan Theater on Feb. 25 for Oscar Night America. The evening includes gourmet food, drinks, photos with an Oscar statuette, casino games, silent auction and a telecast of the Academy Awards. Guests also will receive an official Oscar Program Book - the same as those distributed at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood. Tickets, \$50-\$150, benefit the theater and Iitich Family Charities. Call (313) 983-6340 or visit www.iitichcharitiesforchildren.com

Diva Shopping Party
Macy's and WJLB will team up to help the ladies of Detroit embrace their inner diva at an exclusive "Diva Shopping Party" 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at Fairlane Town

Center. Stop by for VIP gift bags, refreshments and special offers. Customers will be given the opportunity to put together a look and participate in the "Best Dressed" contest hosted by WJLB's DJ Kris Kelly. Visit www.macys.com.

Sewing Expo Seeks Input
Are you a newbie to fashion, home decor, quilting or craft sewing? The American Sewing Expo is looking for novice sewers ages 20-35 to participate in a focus group. Participants will meet in early April for about 2 hours in the Novi area, and will be compensated. If interested, please e-mail jessicapray@comcast.net or call (248) 889-3111 x 22 by March 15.

beauty

Wigs for Kids
Birmingham hair salons will collaborate with Wigs for Kids to host a special hair donation event, noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at Village Players Playhouse, 34600 Woodward, Birmingham. Get a free haircut in exchange for donating your locks to create wigs for children who've lost their hair to cancer treatments. Hair must be at least 12" long and free of chemicals and colorings. The event is sponsored by the Birmingham-Principal Shopping District and the Village Players. The lead actress, Holly Conroy, in the player's new play, *Wt*, will shave her head and donate her locks in preparation for the award-winning play, which opens March 9. For information, call (248) 644-2075 or visit www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

Estee Lauder Event
Estee Lauder Celebrity Makeup Artist Derek Miller will visit Parisian Laurel Park Place March 1-2. Derek will demonstrate new spring looks, along with tips and techniques to fit your lifestyle. Call (734) 953-7511 to book an appointment.

NM Beauty Week
Neiman Marcus Beauty Week is March 1-11. Visit for special deals and gift-with-purchase promotions at all your favorite makeup counters. Spend \$85 or more and receive a white vinyl tote, stocked with spring products from Fresh, Lancome, Kiehl's, Natura Bisse and more. Visit www.neimanmarcus.com.

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Presidential Tea
Visit Greenmead Historical Park for a Presidential Tea at the Alexander Blue House 3-5 p.m. Feb. 24. The patriotic afternoon includes tea sandwiches, scones, favorite cookies of past presidents, tables set with presidential china - and, of course, teal Sandy Knollenberg will serve as guest speaker. Tickets, \$25, benefit the historic park, located at Newburgh and Eight Mile in Livonia. Call (248) 477-7375.

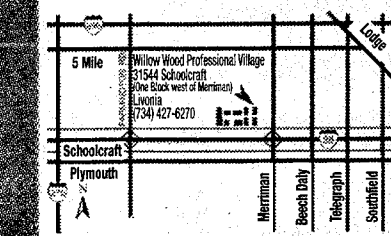
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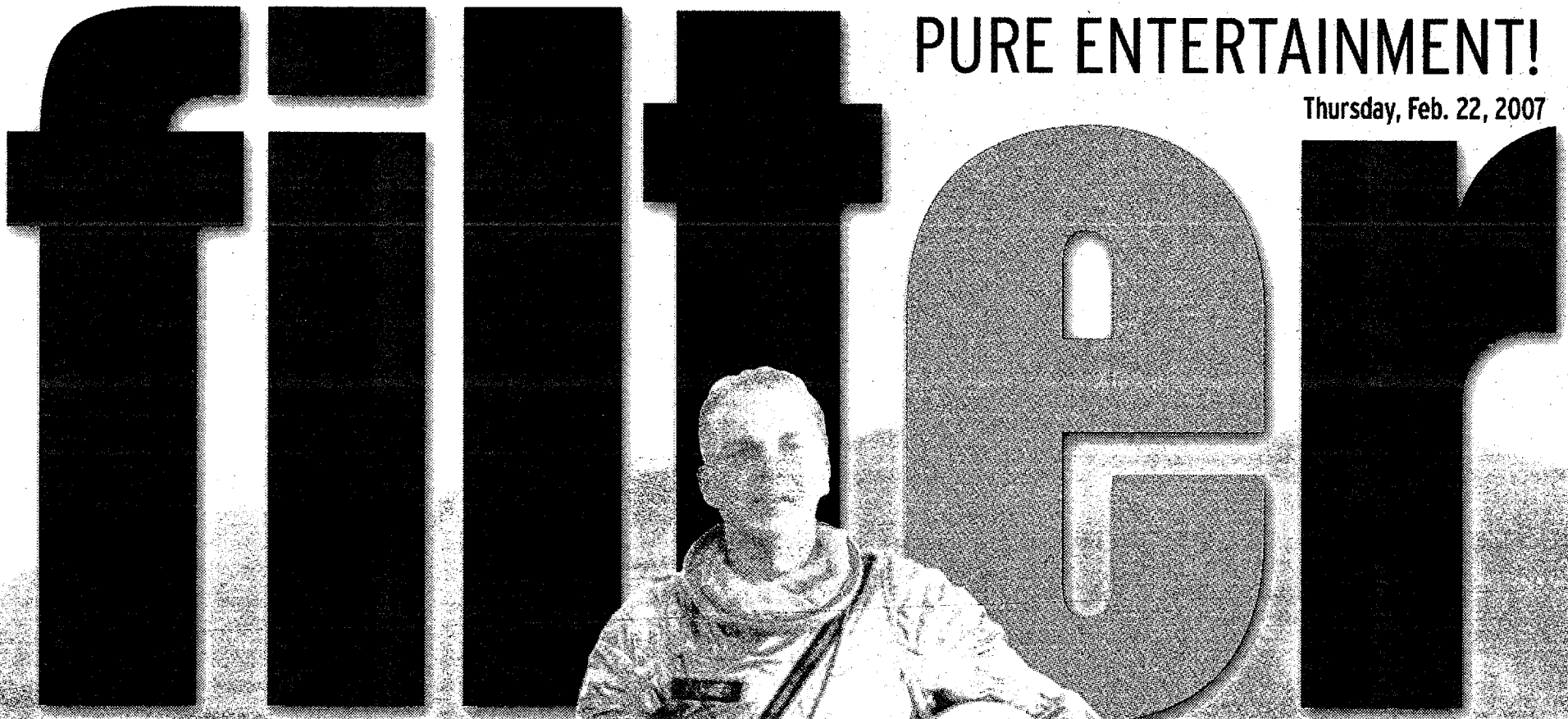
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Midori violin Robert McDonald piano

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 4 PM Hill Auditorium

Former child prodigy and world-renowned violinist Midori returns to the Hill Auditorium stage with the Ann Arbor premiere of Finnish composer Einojuhani Rautavaara's *Lost Landscapes*, a work she commissioned for her 2006/2007 season.

PROGRAM

Beethoven Sonata No. 5 in F Major, Op. 24 ("Spring") (1800-01)

Rautavaara *Lost Landscapes* (2005)

Hindemith Sonata in E-flat, Op. 11/1 (1918)

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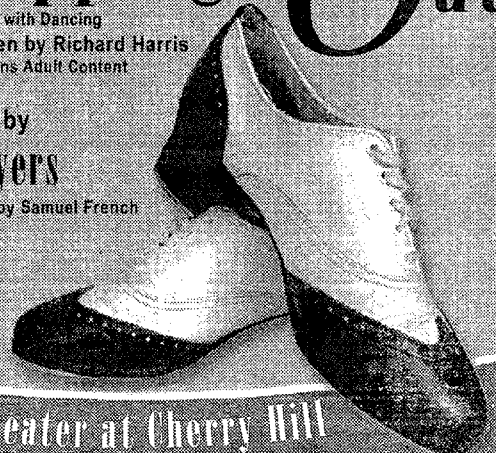


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Flogging Molly once played Irish pubs, but today the band performs at large music houses and enjoys a diverse fan base.

MCR, Flogging Molly, Iggy visit Detroit

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Nothing heats up winter better than a crowded, sweaty concert hall.

Anyone who attended the still-talked-about, sold-out Iggy and The Stooges reunion show at DTE in 2005 can remember the tightly-packed pavilion and lawn, heating up body temperatures on that cool summer evening.

Iggy and The Stooges return to warm things up, this time at the Fox Theatre on Friday, April 13. Tickets (\$36 and \$60) go on sale Friday, Feb. 23. (Special guests will be announced at a later date.)

The Irish folk punk band Flogging Molly performs at the State Theatre on Friday, March 2. And Wednesday, Feb. 28, the horror-film-influenced rockers My Chemical Romance appear at Joe Louis Arena.

The Stooges show will support the band's first release in 34 years, *The Weirdness*, due out March 20 on Virgin Records.

During the band's 1967-74 incarnation, The Stooges generally played to indifferent, oftentimes hostile, crowds. As a result, they took to manic onstage antics to

gain recognition.

Pop is the inventor of stage diving. Forty years later, Pop's energy is as wild as his earliest days.

My Chemical Romance, known by fans as MyChem or MCR, is touring in support of its gold album *The Black Parade*, an epic theatrical concept album about mortality.

MyChem, one of the first bands that gained popularity through free musical downloads on

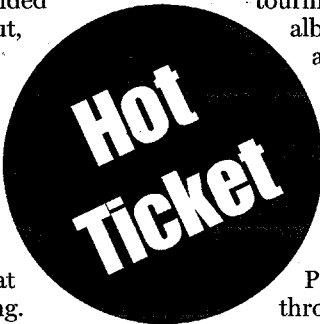
Purevolume.com and through myspace.com, was thrust into mainstream acceptance on MTV.

Tickets are \$30. Special guest is Rise Against.

Like any good alternative band, MyChem isn't free of controversy. Other rockers call them sellouts because of the band's gothic looks. Harder rockers accuse them of playing the soft side of emo music, but loyal fans show support through massive record sales and more than 2.9 million Web site mentions on Google.

Lastly, Flogging Molly's third annual *Green 17* tour, touring 17 cities, celebrates St. Patrick's Day two weeks early with the band's Detroit show.

The Irish folk-punks are on the road nationwide and then are off



PLEASE SEE **SHOWS, E5**

Classical Roots

DSO celebrates African-American musicians

BY WENS DY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

When Algea Harrison-Hale was growing up in West Virginia in the late 1940s, blacks were only allowed to attend the symphony in Charleston one day a month. Her grandmother, a live-in maid, made sure Harrison-Hale was there.

"My mom would dress us up, and my dad would drive us and stop by the big house to pick my grandmother up. She said if I went and I learned to listen, I'd grow up to be smart," Harrison-Hale said. "I knew the symphony was important if everyone was making such a huge effort to get us there."

Harrison-Hale moved to the Detroit area in 1956 and went on to earn a doctorate. Now a professor of psychology at Oakland University, she has continued to attend concerts and is passing on the tradition to her grandniece and nephews.

The Franklin Township resident is co-chair of this year's Classical Roots Gala.

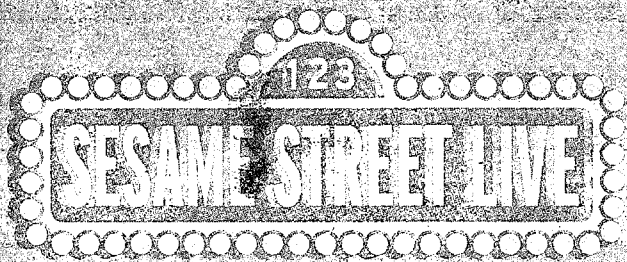
"It is such an elegant evening, I just wanted to get involved with it."

PLEASE SEE **DSO, E11**



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Saturday, February 24

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Sunday, February 25

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CHRISTOPHER CHOUINARD

My Chemical Romance visits the Joe Louis Arena Feb. 28. Turn to the next issue of Filter for a related story about rock photographer Christopher Chouinard.

SHOWS

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to Australia and Japan for a series of festivals and shows.

Fronted by Dublin-born singer/guitarist Dave King, Flogging Molly has sold more than 1 million albums worldwide. The recent CD/DVD release, *Whiskey on a Sunday*, was shot over a two-year

period in seven countries and chronicles Molly's rise from pub band to international phenomenon.

Tickets are \$20.

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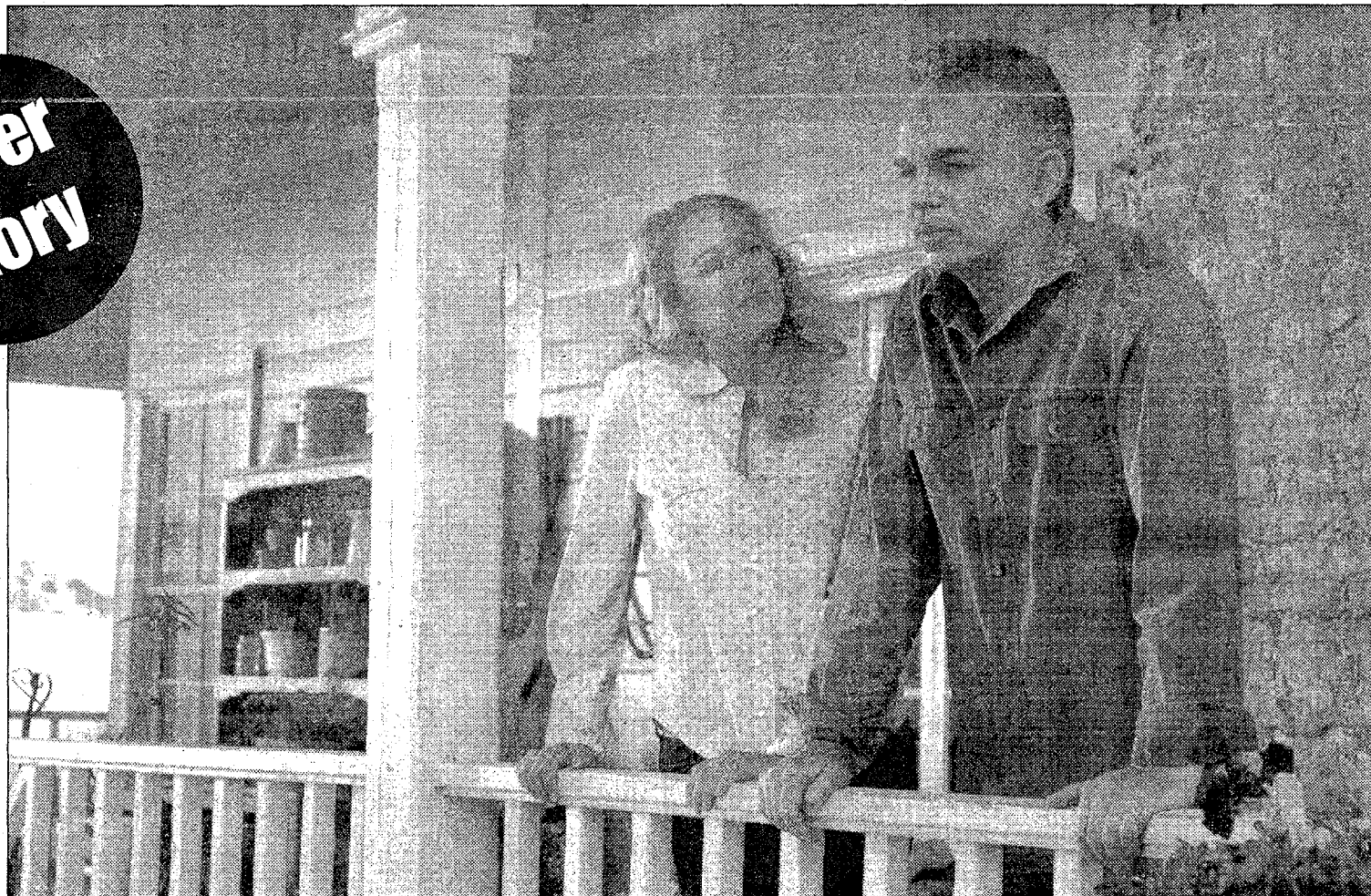
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Virginia Madsen and Billy Bob Thornton star in 'The Astronaut Farmer,' in theaters Feb. 23.

DARE TO DREAM

THORNTON PLAYS HERO IN 'THE ASTRONAUT FARMER'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

See move guide, page E14.

There's something inherently surreal about the opening scenes in *The Astronaut Farmer*. Directors Mark and Michael Polish reveal an expansive landscape bathed in golden light. They waste little time before introducing their hero, a space cowboy named Charles Farmer. He rides a horse into the frame, donning a vintage space suit. Cue music: Elton John's *Rocket Man*, naturally.

Viewers know right then and there, this is no ordinary story.

Actor Billy Bob Thornton said he'd been looking for a dramatic role like the one Jimmy Stewart made famous in *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington*. He found his own David and Goliath-type tale in *The Astronaut Farmer*, due in theaters Feb. 23.

As Charles Farmer, Thornton embodies a loving husband, father and eternal dreamer. Though family circumstances cut his NASA training short, Farmer refused to give up on his life's goal —

becoming an astronaut. He sets out to build and launch his own rocket into space.

The world might as well be against him. His neighbors in Story, Texas, doubt his efforts, and even his sanity. The Federal Aviation Administration and Federal Bureau of Investigation step in to block his purchase of fuel, and the possibility of flight. But his family — wife Audie Farmer, teenage son Shepard and young daughters Sunshine and Stanley — stand firmly behind him and share in his dream.

Virginia Madsen portrays his strong, supportive wife. Much of the story hinges on their relationship. In a recent interview with the cast and directors held at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Madsen said the opportunity to work with Mark and Michael Polish, and Thornton, made it an easy decision.

She read the script while vacationing in

Hawaii with her son Jack. Though she tried to break away from work completely, her agent convinced her to consider the role. Having befriended a rocket scientist on that Hawaiian vacation, Madsen said she took it as a sign. She was immediately drawn to the character of Audie Farmer, whom Michael Polish calls "the soul of the film."

"You need people in life who will come and pick you up," he added.

The Polish brothers credit their childhood, and solid relationship with their own father, as the impetus for the story. They were encouraged to follow their own dreams when it came to filmmaking. Beginning with their critically-acclaimed 1999 debut *Twin Falls Idaho*, movies might as well be the Polish brothers' rock-etship.

"Every time we start a new (project), it's like we're launching a rocket," Michael Polish said. Having a supportive family is what makes it possible.

For this film, their family wasn't just

PLEASE SEE **DREAM**, E15



Director Michael Polish (left) and writer Mark Polish are on the set of their latest film, 'The Astronaut Farmer.'

Restaurant takes a stand to save baby seals

It's risky for business owners to publicly take a moral stand, especially in this current economic climate, because there's a risk of offending clients.

But the owners of the legendary Fox & Hounds restaurant in Bloomfield Hills are standing up for compassion anyway.

Manager Dave Duey announced that Fox & Hounds is boycotting the buying and serving of all Canadian fish to protest the slaughter of Canada's baby seals. That means no Canadian whitefish, Lake Erie perch, walleye and pickerel. The fish will instead come from other sources in the



Lana Mini

are doing the same. Did you even know that baby white

United States.

"The inhumane treatment of these baby seals is intolerable and needs to end," Duey said.

Fox & Hounds is the first Michigan restaurant to take the virtuous stand. The prestigious Tavern on the Green in New York, RM Seafood in Las Vegas and Whole Foods markets

harp seals are still slaughtered in Canada?

The killing stopped in the early 1980s, but began again just a few years ago. It's an off-season action conducted by commercial fishermen from Canada's East Coast. Even in Newfoundland, where more than 90 percent of sealers reside, sealing income accounts for less than one percent of that province's gross domestic product and only two percent of the landed value of Newfoundland's fishery, according to the Humane Society of the United States.

Boycotting fish to support baby seals

may not seem like a big deal, but it is. Most of us would like to think that everyone wants violence to end. But public boycotts actually are a risk because any stance can drive away disagreeing customers.

Fox & Hounds hopes metro Detroiters agree with their compassion and will come to their restaurant in support.

"We hope the concern spreads to many more local restaurant establishments," Duey said.

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Haandi Cuisine of India

Tandoor, other dishes blend exotic spices

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Years in the hotel and restaurant business have taught Rakeesh Sabharwal plenty about hospitality. Sabharwal knows it takes more than just great food to make a great restaurant.

Sabharwal opened Haandi Cuisine of India seven months ago in Livonia with two silent partners. He takes immense pride in a clean dining area and kitchen, and putting out delicious Northern Indian cuisine.

"It isn't a fusion cooking like you see at so many places here," he said. "We specialize in Northern (Indian) food, and we want to specialize in that."

Originally the restaurant seated 45, but with the purchase of the space next door and remodeling, it now seats 140. Now he can host banquets and has space available for weddings, gradua-

tions and other parties for large gatherings.

He's in the process of obtaining a liquor license.

"We have dishes nobody else has," he said. He cites Harra Kebab (patties

made with potatoes, spinach, paneer, peas, herbs and spices), Tandoori Aloo (potatoes scooped and stuffed with a mixture of potatoes, paneer, nuts and spices in a creamy sauce cooked in Tandoor) and Paneer Kathi Roll (homemade cheese, cooked with green peppers, onions and rolled in special Indian bread, served with mint sauce).

Two house specialties are Chicken Haandi and Lamb Haandi (cooked in brown onion paste with yogurt, shahi jeeri (cumin).

He hopes the restaurant's northern Indian cuisine offers something different from the nearby Haggerty corridor of chain restaurants. "To be more cre-

HAANDI CUISINE OF INDIA

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(734) 432-2088, www.haandimichigan.com

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Hours: 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., 5-10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Cost: Entrees \$10-\$14, Treasures from Tandoor \$10-\$16, appetizers \$3-\$8, biryani and rice specialties \$6-\$15, vegetables and beans/lentils \$8-\$9, desserts \$2.50-\$3.

Lunch buffet is 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day, \$7.95 weekdays, \$8.95 weekends. The buffet also has vegetarian items.

ative, you have to be more different and appeal to people's tastes," he said.

Chef Ramprasad (that's his entire name, according to Sabharwal) is from

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Chicken Tikka (on platter) is marinated in Tandoori sauce, then cooked, while Chicken Makhani (in bowl) is cooked in rich tomato sauce, then finished with cream and butter.



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India, working with Sabherwal 20 years ago in Delhi. Ramprasad also worked in Japan and Germany, then moved from India to Michigan. "He's the first chef I had to open a restaurant in India," he said.

The restaurant serves Treasures from Tandoori with Naan bread, including kebabs and tikka dishes, like the Chicken Tikka, cooked in Tandoori sauce, and Boti Kebab, marinated then cooked lamb chunks. Appetizers feature Chicken Pakora, which is marinated chicken, battered and deep fried.

The menu is divided into vegetarian and non-vegetarian areas, and there are plenty of choices between the two. Some of the vegetarian entrees consist of cottage cheese, so vegans may want to try some of the vegetable and/or bean or lentil dishes.

"The vegetarian is as good if not better than the non-vegetarian dishes," Sabharwal said. He highlights the Methi Malayee Mattar (garden peas, spinach and fenugreek leaves cooked in a creamy sauce) and Daal Makhani (black

lentils and kidney beans, cooked overnight on a slow fire with a delicate blend of herbs, spices and butter). "That takes 24 hours over a small fire, and it is finished on a frying pan," Sabharwal said.

In 1978, Sabharwal started working in the hospitality business. He has worked for the International Chains of Hotels in Delhi, India, and worked with the Taj group of Hotels there for eight years. Sabharwal worked in New York, then returned to Delhi and opened two restaurants.

Sabharwal is the operational partner, and has two silent partners, one of which has a similar background in the hospitality business. He moved to the area because his two children wanted to attend school here. Both attend the University of Michigan in Dearborn.

His son Arjunveer is studying engineering and helps him in the restaurant. Both of his children want to attend U of M in Ann Arbor.

Sabharwal loves the hospitality business and it shows.

"I enjoy meeting people, and I have a love for food," he said. "Running a restaurant is always divided into two parts — production and service."

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Canton winemakers celebrate

Celebrate the second anniversary of the **Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery** this weekend with the winery's owners.

Owners Kathy and Darryl Nowicki will be opening their award-winning Amarone wine on Friday for tasting and serving some food pairings. (WineMaker magazine awarded Darryl Nowicki's Amarone a gold medal, as it scored 18.5 out of 20 points in a competition.) On Saturday, the owners will have an open house and wine tasting all day with prizes awarded at 5 p.m.

The grand prize is a private wine tasting at which the winner will make a batch of 25 bottles of the gold medallion wine of their choice, dinner at Bennigan's Pub and Grill and a one-night stay at a local hotel. First, second and third prizes (consisting of a wine cooler filled with Vintner's Cellar wine, wine-of-the-month certificates and a wine basket) will be awarded.

Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery is located at 8515 N. Lilley in Canton. For information, call (734) 354-9463.

Many of us will be checking out the Academy Awards Sunday night on television, but **Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar** will throw its own party at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, celebrating the wines of a great filmmaker. A red carpet will welcome patrons. During dinner, *The Godfather* will be playing as a backdrop and diners'

Hollywood IQ will be challenged with movie trivia. The All-Coppola Wine Dinner feature wines of Francis Ford Coppola with cuisine created especially for the occasion by Executive Chef Russell Skall, prepared by chef partner Mark Strausberg of Livonia. After the meal every guest will walk away with an award — a scrumptious dark chocolate statuette.

Tickets are \$85 per person. To purchase, call (619) 231-1155. Fleming's is located at 17400 Haggerty Road (at College Park, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads) in Livonia. For more information, visit www.flemingssteakhouse.com.

Oceania Inn, 3176 Walton, Rochester Hills, will be offering a special dinner menu through Feb. 28 in continuing its celebration of Chinese New Year. A dinner menu is offered at \$12.50 per person, with a minimum of two persons. The menu includes Beancake Seafood with Corn Soup, Spring Roll, Steamed Shrimp Kow, Pot Stickers, Crab Rangoon, Golden Fried Shrimp Ball, Sizzling Tender Beef in Tasty Tomato Sauce, Oceania Special Chow Mein (with shrimp, lobster and Chinese mixed vegetables) and Deluxe Fried Rice (with ham, chicken and roast pork). For more information, call (248) 375-9200.

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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.

Flint Institute of Arts

After Lewis and Clark, The Forces of Change 1806-1871, paintings, drawings and prints by artists who accompanied explorers, including Meriweather Lewis and William Clark, as they encountered the unexpected and unique subjects of the American West, through April 29, 1120 Kearsley, Flint, (810) 234-1695, flintarts.org.

The Henry Ford

The Eames Lounge Chair: An Icon of Modern Design will run through April 29 at the museum in Dearborn. The exhibit will feature more than 30 objects from the creative design partnership of Charles and Ray Eames, the duo who revolutionized the world of furniture design in form and function. Lecture at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 31, in the Museum Gallery. Call (313) 982-6001, visit www.thehenryford.org.

Shrinking Cities

Runs through April 1 at two locations: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills and The Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit: Where: 4454 Woodward Ave. at Garfield, Detroit. Programs: 7-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23 at Cranbrook experience Sound Effects: Music Builds Community in Shrinking Cities, a gallery talk and music by Walter Wasacz and at 9 p.m. at MOCAD hear Detroit Jazz with Raw Truth Ensemble. Special free shuttle bus schedule for Feb. 23 departs at 6:15 p.m. from MOCAD; departs at 8:15 p.m. from Cranbrook; departs at 10:50 p.m. from MOCAD; 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at Cranbrook is a Gallery Talk, Cranbrook Academy of Art graduate students offer studio tours, at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at MOCAD Dan Peterman and Dan Wang discuss the Experimental Station and the Mess Hall; 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 at Cranbrook is a Literary Reading: Writers William Copeland, Lynn Crawford, Robert Fanning, and Kim Hunter present spoken word pieces about the city of Detroit; 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1, at MOCAD is a Lecture on City Planning Discussion. For more information, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu.

ART GALLERIES

Beauty (Salon)

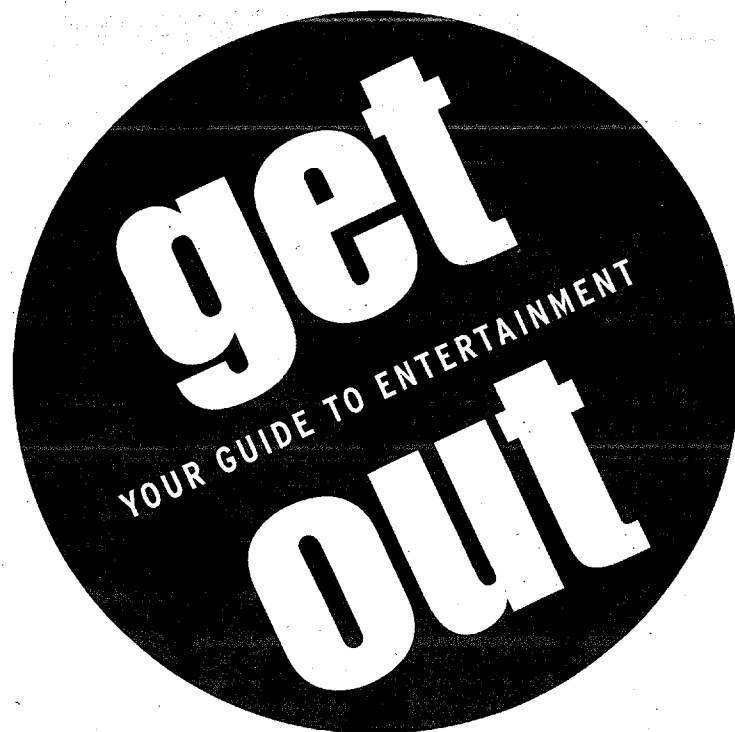
Paintings by Mark Sengbusch, opening reception, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, runs through April 27, B. Gallery, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham, (248) 540-0046.

Cranbrook Art Museum

Shrinking Cities exhibit runs through April 1; Gord Peteran: Furniture Meets its Maker, runs through April 1, all at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Lawrence Street Gallery

The Body Eclectic runs through Feb. 23, all at 22620 Woodward, Suite A, Ferndale



www.lawrencestreetgallery.com, (248) 544-0394.

Lemberg Gallery

Urban Landscape with several artists, through March 10, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com

Oakland University Art Gallery

Telegraph, featuring Harmut Austen, Haley Renee Bates, Fabio Fernandez, Shannon Goff, Tom Lauerma, 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 Sadosky, Cat Crotchett and Russ Orlando, now through Feb. 24; Nicole Havekost exhibits drawings in Careful Measures, now through Feb. 24, all at 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org.

The Print Gallery

New Yorker magazine covers from the 1930s and 1940s, through March 10, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com, www.MonaLisaMania.com.

River's Edge Gallery

Kindred Spirits: A Showing of Works by the late Dr. Arnold Dreifuss and the late Jim Slack, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, through March 9, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

Sherrus Gallery

Object of Desire, exhibit through Feb. 28, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrusgallery.com.

Sherry Washington Gallery

Moments and Movements II: New Drawings and Paintings from Chun Hui Pak, exhibition runs through April 14, 1274 Library (at Grand River), Detroit, RSVP at (313) 961-4500, www.sherrywashingtongallery.com

Synergy Gallery

Andrew Drisko and Serge Gay Jr., through March 16, 4111 W. 12 Mile, Berkley.

University Art Gallery

EMU Faculty Art Exhibition through March 9; Michigan Collects Ruth Weisberg, a 40-year retrospective of the Southern California painter and printmaker, runs March 12-April 27, all at 210 Student Center, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti, (734) 487-0465.

University of Michigan Museum of Art

Embracing Etonville contemporary photography runs through March 18, free, guided tours available, UMMA Off/Site Exhibition Space, 1301 S. University Ave., Ann Arbor. (734) 763-

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Eastern Michigan University

Faculty Collects, from the private collections of faculty members, through Feb. 23, Ford Gallery, 114 Ford Hall, Ypsilanti (734) 487-0465.

Laurel Park Place

Art-Is-In-Children with Lynn Edwards Newman, 3:30-9 p.m., mall is located northwest corner of Newburgh and Six Mile, Livonia.

AUDITIONS

Spotlight Players

Children of Eden, children ages 1-16 who are interested in being animals, 1:30 p.m. Feb. 25, at Curtain Call Dance Studio, 41719 Joy Road, Canton, and for young singers and adults, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26 and 27 (use back stage door entrance), The Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill, Canton, bring non-returnable photo and resume, www.spotlightplayers.net for information.

Farmington Players

Casting call for men who can sing and dance in the chorus for Oklahoma, shows are May 18-20, May 23-27, May 31-June 3, June 7-9, for information, call (248) 790-9673

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Detroit Institute of Arts

World Music: Heritage Organic Percussion, 6:30 and 8 p.m. Feb. 23; Rico Africa, artist demonstration, noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 24; Spirit of Harriet Tubman, 2 p.m. Feb. 25, for admission and other information, call (313) 833-7971.

Southfield Public Library

Welcome to Idlewild: The Black Eden of Michigan, through March 10; Jess Brown, discusses Detroit Idlewild Club, bring vacation photos to reminisce, 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22; Idlewild Today with Betty Boone, Michigan's director of cultural development, 6:30 p.m. March 6; 26300 Evergreen, www.sfdlib.org, (248) 796-4224.

Michigan Historical Museum

Each of These Legs is a Road, stories of African Americans who escaped enslavement by walking, rowing or riding to Michigan, reception 5:30 p.m., program 7 p.m. Feb. 22, \$15, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., one block east of M.L. King Boulevard, in downtown Lansing, www.michigan.gov/museum or call (517) 373-3559.

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Branford Marsalis, Feb. 22-24; Ohlsson Plays



Interactive Improv

Playwright Ed Thomas' comedy *Parrot Heads of the Caribbean*, runs through March 24, on StarBrite's stage at the Uptown Eatery, 19701 West 12 Mile Road in Southfield. The production features both scripted and interactive improvisation based on audience response. Dinner theater shows are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evenings. \$40 per person. Visit www.starbriteprod.com or call (248) 423-1452.

Mozart, March 2-3; Tchaikovsky's Pathetique, March 22-24, all at 3711 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitssymphony.com.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra

7:30 p.m. March 3, Louis Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia
Principals Night Out with selections by principal players, \$17, (734) 421-1111 for information.

CLUBS

Cliff Bells

Scott Gwinell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

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.

The Magic Bag

Paolo Nutini March 6, all at 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

Memphis Smoke

bugs Beddow band, March 3, 100 N. Main, Royal Oak (248) 543-4300.

Peabody's

Meri Slaven Trio, March 3, 34965 Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 644-5222.

COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club at Kickers

Al Romero, Feb. 22-24; Horace Sanders, Feb. 28-March 3; <http://www.kickerscomplex.com/joeyscalendar.html>, (734) 261-0555

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

The Irish Comedy Tour, special show, limited engagement, Feb. 23-24; shows 8 and 10:30 p.m., 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

Kathy Griffin

Performs 8 p.m. Saturday, March 31, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. \$37-\$45 (313) 943-2354 or www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Dan Cummins, Feb. 22-24; Jon Reep, March 1-3; Greg Warren, March 8-10; Don Friesen, March 15-17; Scott Henry, March 22-24; Christopher Titus, March 29-31; Danny Bevins, April 5-7; Jim David, April 12-14; Peter Berman, April 19-21; Henry Cho, April 26-28, at 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, call (248) 542-9900 or visit www.comedy-castle.com.

The Comedy Room at Portofino

Irish Comedy Tour, 8 p.m. Feb. 22; Demetrius Nicodemus with Russ Brown, Feb. 23-24; 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 624-5561.

The Second City

Michigan Impossible: All Laid Off & No Place to Go, opens Feb. 28, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com

DANCE

Ballet

Stars of Ballet and Broadway, April 20-21, all at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. \$19.50-\$75, (313) 887-8501 or www.musichall.org.

SRO Productions

Dancing at Lughnasa by Brian Friel, 36060 Berg, Southfield, Feb. 23 - March 11, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, \$12, (248) 796-4645 for reservations.

FAMILY

Fox Theatre

Sesame Street Live "Super Grover! Ready for Action," through Feb. 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.

Detroit Kennel Club Show

9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 3 and 4, 3,000 dogs representing 167 different breeds and varieties compete, including obedience, also visit pet therapy and leader dog areas, terrier races and more, best in show in the ring at 6 p.m. (248) DKC-SHOW, (248) 352-7469, or online at www.detroitkennelclub.com.

FUND-RAISER

Royal Oak Music Theatre

Just Let Me Breathe Cystic Fibrosis Benefit with South Normal, Grand Nationals, Hellen & Alex Winston, 8 p.m. Feb. 24, \$20 at www.tickets.com, all ages, non-smoking show, 318 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 399-2980; www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.

Wigs for Kids Day

Donate hair for wigs for kids undergoing cancer treatment, appearance by Red Wing goalie Dominik Hasek, noon-3 p.m. Feb. 25, Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, (248) 644-2075, www.birminghamvillageplayers.com

Oakland University

It Seems to Me I've Heard that Song Before, Songs of Sammy Cahn presented by Mike Dempsey and Friends, 8 p.m. March 3, Varner Recital Hall, Oakland University, special fundraiser for the Pontiac Oakland Symphony, \$25, reception follows, (248) 975-6474.

Read a more comprehensive calendar listing of events on the Get Out! calendar online at the Filter Entertainment section at www.hometownlife.com.

Sparklehorse shines with new album, tour

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

After five years of near-silence, Sparklehorse rides again.

The band, which is truly the creative vision and voice of Mark Linkous, re-emerged late last year with the lilting and lovely new release titled *Dreamt for Lightyears in the Belly of a Mountain*.

And now fans of this delicate fairy-tale pop finally have an opportunity to see the band perform live - Thursday, Feb. 22 at Detroit's St. Andrews Hall.

Speaking from Southern California just days into the headlining tour, Linkous revealed what a long musical journey it's been.

"When I was a kid my parents used to watch the *Johnny Cash Show*," he said. "It was on TV in the '60s. He would start the show with his back turned to the audience, dressed in black and turn around and say, 'Hi. I'm Johnny Cash' - at the start of every show. I thought he was so cool."

SPARKLEHORSE

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22
Where: Saint Andrews Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit
Tickets: \$15, call (313) 961-8137

Cash represented a different life than the one Linkous knew. "My mother and father worked in the coal mines, my grandfather too," he said. "They would come home covered in coal dust. I saw Johnny Cash and said 'That's what I want.'"

And so he pursued a life in music. That life has been riddled with highs that validated his vast musical talent and lows that include an ongoing battle with depression, and an overdose in 1996 that nearly cost him his legs.

All the while, Linkous approaches his music in a personal, private way. "I write alone most of the time," he said. "People say my recordings sound weird. The songs are really constructed from simple pop songs. They could be 1970s AM radio songs."

The personal nature of those songs has posed a challenge on

tour. "I used to have a real problem performing my songs live in front of people," Linkous admitted. "I felt guilty about turning it into entertainment, singing these words in front of people. I felt like it belittled or corrupted it. In order to tour and perform in front of people, I had to just detach myself from the lyrics."

It's been five years since Linkous released *It's a Wonderful Life*. At times he wasn't sure he'd complete another Sparklehorse record, let alone tour.

"It was long past due to make this record," he said. "It was quite a tall order. I didn't know if I could do my music anymore. I'd had a problem with depression for so long. It got a hold of me. After 2001, I was overwhelmed with it."

Despite his doubts, it became hard to survive, to pay the bills. Linkous started listening to music again, delving into mid-to-late period Beatles and his confidence was bolstered "step-by-step."

He met producer Brian "Danger Mouse" Burton (Gnarls Barkley, Gorillaz) after listening to his *Grey Album*, a fusing of the Beatles' *White Album* and Jay-Z's *The Black Album*. "I really, really liked it. We were talking



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Mark Linkous of Sparklehorse

on the phone; a week later we were in the studio."

The meeting motivated Linkous to complete *Dreamt for Lightyears*, and spurred another collaborative project dubbed Dangerhorse. Only one session in, Linkous said: "We don't have a really specific idea of what it will be like. I'd like to have a lot of guest vocalists."

Collaboration certainly isn't new territory. He's produced a solo record for Nina Persson of The Cardigans, worked with cult favorite Daniel Johnston, and icon Tom Waits, who appears on the new record.

Linkous said he's inspired

most by his surroundings, he lives and records in remote area of North Carolina, and by film and literature.

"Nature is always been an important part in all my music and lyrics," he said. But he also credits films like the early work of director Wim Wenders (*Wings of Desire*).

"There are beautiful stills and camera shots. I'm inspired by movies like that." He aims to create those feelings in songs that form "films in people's heads."

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Harrison-Hale said.

The Classical Roots Gala 2007, set for Saturday, Feb. 24, includes cocktails, dinner, an afterglow and the "Classical Roots: Branford Marsalis" concert. The black-tie affair raises money to support performances, internships and recordings of music by African-Americans.

This is the seventh annual gala, but the Classical Roots concert series is celebrating three decades of showcasing African-American composers and musicians.

Branford Marsalis is the featured artist this year.

Marsalis is best known for his jazz recordings, and as the former band leader for *the Tonight Show with Jay Leno*.

As the DSO's Fred A. and Barbara N. Erb Jazz Creative Director Chair for the 2006-07 season, Marsalis will return to Detroit in April to participate in a jazz symposium and lead master classes with the DSO's Civic Jazz Youth Orchestras and the Detroit Schools of Arts Jazz Ensembles.

On May 17, he will perform with his quartet as part of the LaSalle Bank Paradise Jazz Series.

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But Marsalis also is an accomplished classical musician. This weekend, he will join the orchestra on his alto saxophone during *I am Lost to the World* by Gustav Mahler, *Scaramouche* by Darius Milhaud and *Concertino da camera* by Jacques Ibert.

The Classical Roots concerts also includes *Within a Cloudburst of Echoing Brightness* by Jeffrey Mumford, *Symphony of the*

Sphinx by Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson, *The Three Black Kings*, composed by Duke Ellington, and *A Jazz Symphony*, premiered by George Antheil in 1927.

The performance will open with *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, written at the turn of the century when James Weldon Johnson, principal of an all-black school in Jacksonville, Fla., was asked to give a speech to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday. Instead, he wrote a poem and recruited his brother, John Rosamond Johnson, to set the words to music. The piece was sung by a choir of 500 students, and within a few years was picked up by African-American churches across the country. In 1919, the NAACP adopted it as the *Negro National Anthem* and it became a common vehicle for protesting racism and Jim Crow laws.

During Classical Roots, it will be sung by the Detroit-based Brazeal Dennard Chorale. Classical Roots is among the area's most prestigious events celebrating Black History Month, Harrison-Hale said.

"The DSO has extensive programming celebrating African-American musicians and composers," Harrison-Hale said. "It's a wonderful relationship."

To find out more about Classical Roots and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

RESTAURANT

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progress. If you haven't seen what killing seals looks like, visit www.harpseals.org. But beware, it's heartbreaking.

More than 335,000 seals were killed in 2006. Poachers slaughter up to 42 percent of the newborns, while their mothers roar in horror. Officials aren't trying hard enough to stop poaching, and, even legal, it all needs to end. The sale of seal pelts is illegal in the United States.

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Lana Mini is a staff writer for Filter. Contact her at imini@hometownlife.net. While she's never rescued a baby seal, she did drive 14 hours with a 250 pound pig in the backseat of her vehicle to get the animal to a sanctuary.

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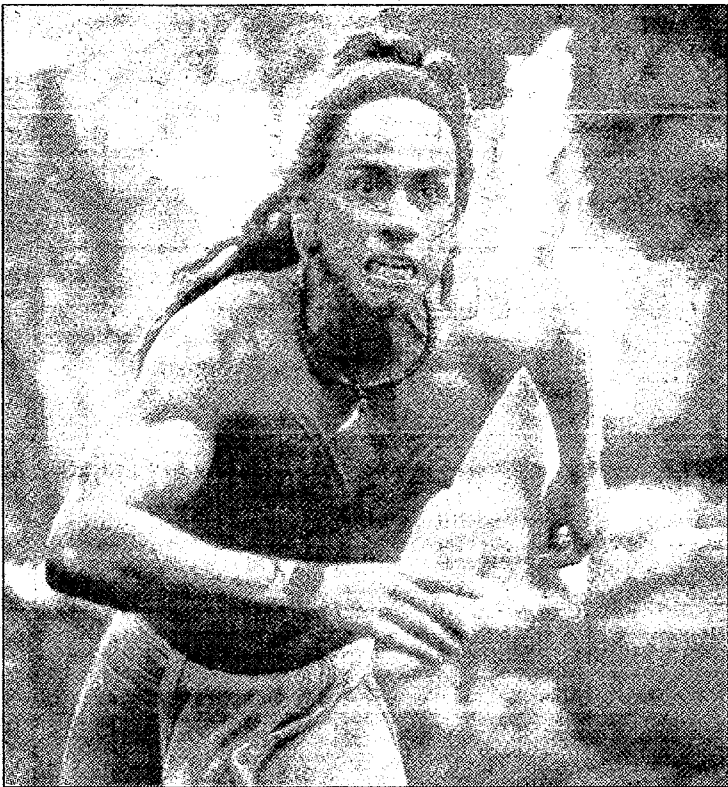
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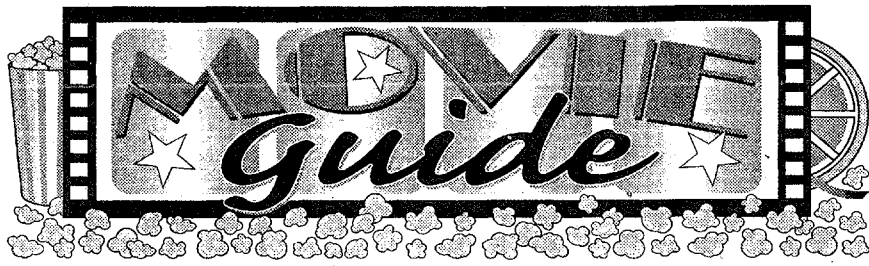
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DREAM

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supportive — some members were present. Mark Polish's daughter Logan and Michael Polish's daughter Jasper portrayed sisters, 4-year-old Sunshine and 7-year-old Stanley, in the film. Mark Polish said they like to operate under the "free or family" rule whenever possible.

He and his brother approached the film by asking the question "what if" and focusing on the impact of that question on the Farmer family. It calls for some unusual images. At dinner, for example, there happens to be an astronaut sitting at the head

of the table, Michael Polish said.

The story juxtaposes the curiosity for space travel with the stability of life on the farm "two images that are fading in our society," Mark Polish said.

The ethereal quality of the film was achieved by paying particular attention to earthy colors and sunlight. "That's how we see the world," Michael Polish said with a smile.

Thornton, who grew up in a small town in Arkansas, said the story resonated with him, and reminded him of his move to Los Angeles. He grew up in a town where people don't take risks like that. They get married, have children and work at the local hardware store, he said: "Small-town people are into safety."

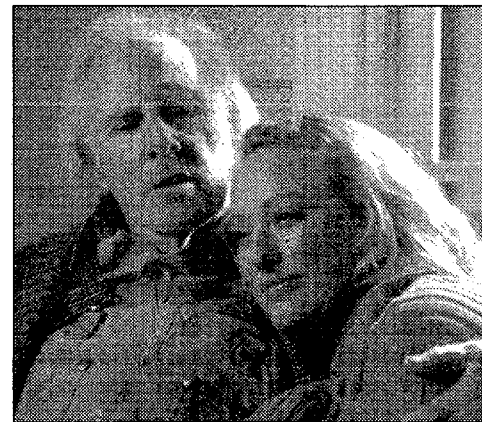
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Charles Farmer's dream just didn't seem plausible to the town folks. But the Polish brothers make it more convincing than viewers could imagine. Michael Polish said it was important to have the audience believe, to be hopeful.

It's easy to grasp onto the Farmer family — and their adamant belief in their father and his dream. "Being a dreamer, that really resonated with me," Thornton said.

Mark Polish said he hopes viewers leave the theater feeling inspired to re-examine their own dreams, goals that may have gotten lost along the way. "It's about being the best you you can be," he said. Madsen called *The Astronaut Farmer* an old-fashioned family film, and "just a great story."

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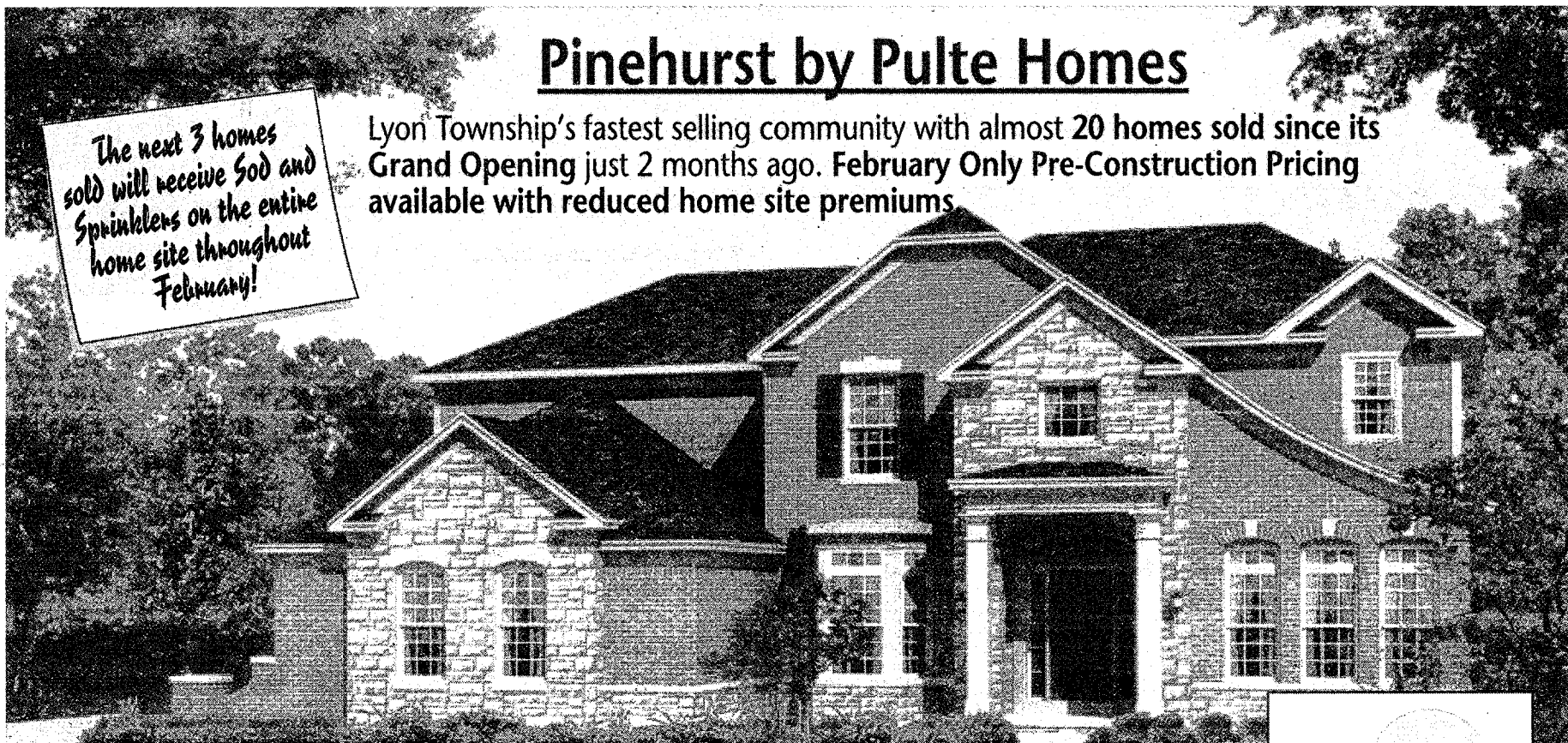
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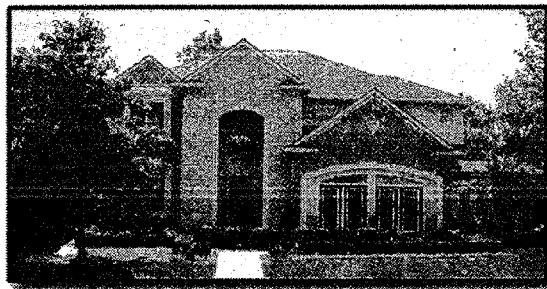
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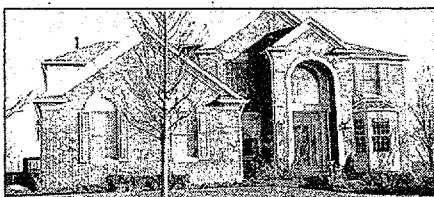
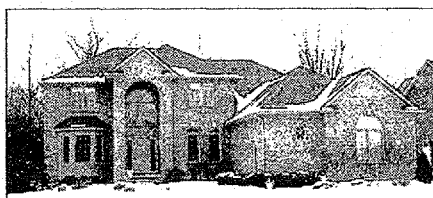
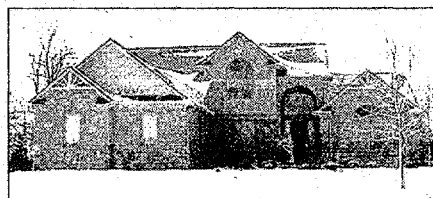
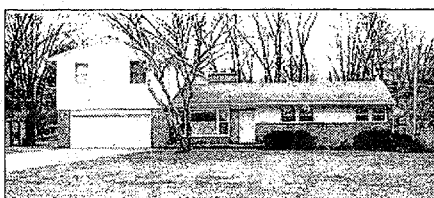
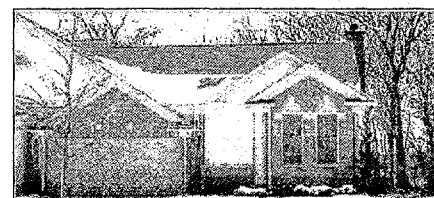
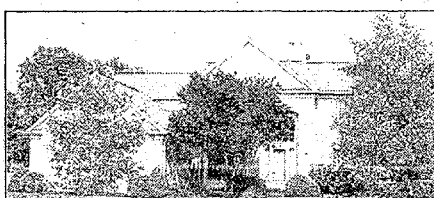
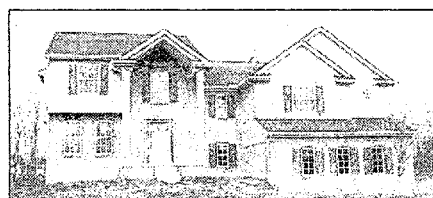
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MLS# 27005222 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** **\$464,900**
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MLS# 27019246 734-453-6800**FARMINGTON HILLS** **\$405,000**
Spacious great rm w/FP, formal DR & priv study, new granite t/o, 2 skylights in GR, kit w/extra cabs, Mstr ste w/glam bth & Jacuzzi. 4bed/2.1baths
MLS# 27005933 248-347-3050**COMMERCE** **\$399,900**
Best value in the sub! \$60,000 in up grades. Premium wooded lot. 4 BR, 3 bath, FFMB. Formal dining and library. Granite and stainless appl.
MLS# 27021637 248-360-1425**NORTHVILLE** **\$390,000**
Open Ranch Backs to Woods w/9' Ceilings, Hrdwd Flrs, Gourmet Kitchen, Cherry Cab, Appliances Incl, Library, Mstr Ste w/Glam bth, Walkout Lower Level.
MLS# 27023486 248-347-3050**CANTON** **\$359,900**
Great home w/an even better price! 4 BR, 3.1 BA on private wooded setting. Finished bsmt w/full bath. Kit-Nook w/hdwd flrs. Open FR w/2-way FP to den.
MLS# 26213395 734-453-6800**GREEN OAK** **\$350,000**
Gourmet kit w/dble oven, cherry cabinets, crn mldg, rec,d & under cab lgtg, formal DR w/French drs to deck. Great rm w/custom stone FP & wet bar.
MLS# 27014371 734-453-6800**VAN BUREN** **\$319,900**
New construction! 4 BR, 2.1 BA Colonial. Mid-Level master w/swing rm. Cath clg in Master. Walkout bsmt w/rough-in plumbing. 3 car s/e garage.
MLS# 26205931 734-453-6800**SOUTH LYON** **\$305,000**
Great 3 Br, 2.5 Ba Colonial on prem lot. Hwd Mahogany flr. Kit w/ctr island stove. Large Mbr Ste w/Fp. WIC & Sitting Room, 1st Fir Lndry
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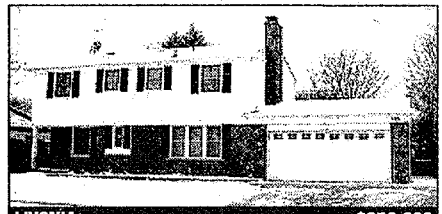


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CANTON \$279,750
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LIVONIA \$250,000
 Kit w/maple cab&corian cntrs. Ceramic tile, hw flrs & newer carpet.1st flr in-law-qtrs could be den/media rm. Updates incl frnce, a/c, bths & more
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SUPERIOR \$249,900
 Fabulous 2005 colonial features 4BR, 3.1BA, 2-car gar, master suite, FR w/fireplace, lower level w/4th BR, Garden windows, bath & 2 tier deck.
 MLS# 26208804 734-453-6800



CANTON \$239,900
 Great kit w/island, lots of cbnts & cntrtop space & nook. FR w/natural FP & soaring clgs. Formal DR w/bay wndw & crown mldg. Great finished bsmt.
 MLS# 26208502 734-453-6800



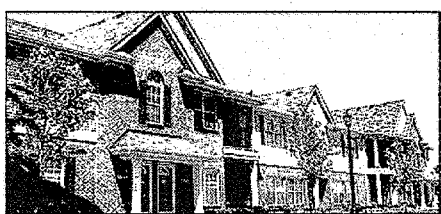
NORTHVILLE \$225,000
 Space & luxury! New kit 42" maple cabinets, granite, hdwd fir. New carpet & solid wd drs. Master has his/hers baths! Guest retreat w/full bath!
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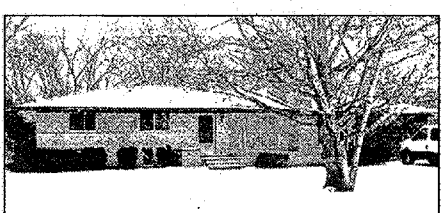
HIGHLAND \$224,900
 Spacious 1,800 sq ft 3 BR/2 BA Tri-level nestled on .65 wooded acres. Finished w/O, 2 car garage, FP in family rm plus so much more. Home warranty.
 MLS# 27022426 248-360-1425



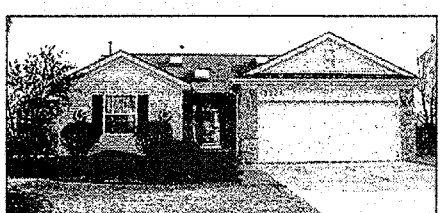
FARMINGTON HILLS \$199,900
 Remodeled 3 BR, 2.5 Bth. HW Flrs T/o. Fully Fin Bsmnt W/wet Bar, Fam Rm&full Bth. Updates Incl Kit W/ss Appl.,bths, Wndws, hwt, & Freshpaint T/o.
 MLS# 27003690 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$190,000
 Gourmet kitchen w/maple cab & upgraded flr, open great rm, vaulted master suite w/glamour BA, 2 WIC & ceiling fan, freshly painted w/neut décor t/o.
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LIVONIA \$189,000
 Custom Built Brick Ranch w/1741 Sq Feet, 3 BRs, 2.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, Huge Finished Bsmt, Large Lot, 1st Floor Library, & More!
 MLS# 27023524 248-347-3050



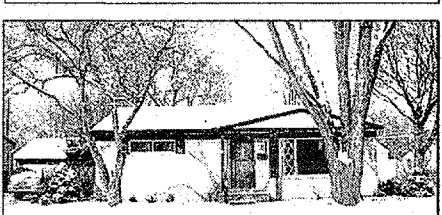
YPSILANTI \$185,000
 Brick Ranch w/open flr plan, vaulted ceilings & skylights t/o. Foyer w/ceramic, beautifully finished LL w/full kit & additional liv rm/media rm.
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PLYMOUTH \$179,900
 Great kit w/island, lots of cbnts & cntrtop space & nook. FR w/natural FP & soaring clgs. Formal DR w/bay wndw & crown mldg. Great finished bsmt.
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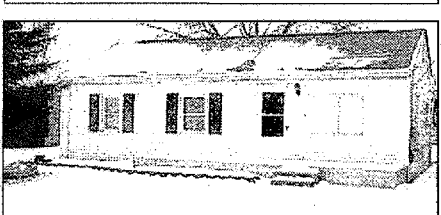
HAMBURG \$164,900
 You can see ALL SPORTS Buck Lake from your front yard. It is w/in walking distance to private beach. LR w/natural FP, 3 BR's, 2 story 2.5 detchd gar
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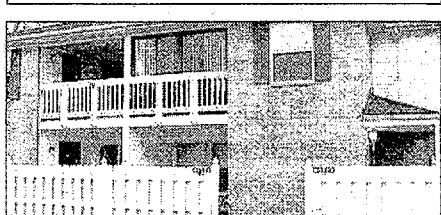
LIVONIA \$164,900
 3 BR 2 Bth HW Flrs T/o, Kit Rmldd W/Mpl Cabs, Gran Cntrs,Nwr Apps & Tile. Fin Bsmnt W/Bth, Bar, Lndry Rm, Updates: A/c, Furn & Alarm Sys, Hmidifr.
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$130,000
 Move In Ready! Great Rm W/Skylight & Corner Frpl, Kitchen W/new Fir, New Dishwasher, Vaulted Mstr w/WIC, Full Bsmnt, New Carpet & Fresh Paint T/o!
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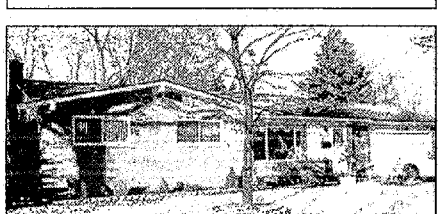
CANTON \$124,500
 Cute, clean and cozy 3 bedroom Ranch w/newer roof, furnace, central air, windows, carpeting and paint. 1 car detached garage. Great location!
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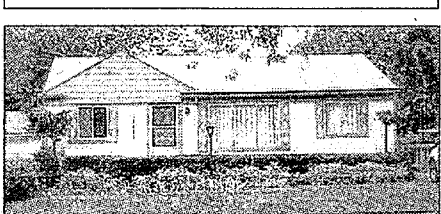
SOUTH LYON \$124,500
 Beautiful 2 BR/2 BA condo in move-in condition. Mstr BR features huge walk-in closet/private BA. Neutral decor. 1,085 Sq ft. Walking distance to town.
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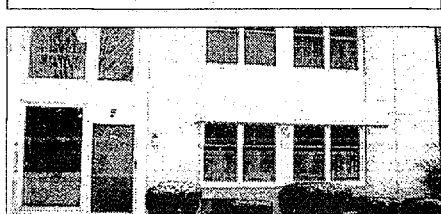
REDFORD \$121,500
 1067 SqFt Charming Redford Bungalow. 3BR/1 Ba. Tons of Updates. Carpet T/O. Fantastic Decorating. Unfinished Basement. Walking Distance to Park.
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LIVONIA \$173,900
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REDFORD \$115,000
 3 BR, 1 Bth. Fresh Painted Int/Ext. Lrg Eat-in Kit W/ All Appls. Lrg LR/DR. HW Flrs T/o. Fin Bsmnt W/ W&D. Lrg Fenced Yard.1.5 Car Gar. Many Updates!
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PLYMOUTH \$84,900
 Picture perfect condo w/updates: kit, ba, flrs & backs to woods. 2BR, 1 full BA w/lg bsmt & carport. All appls incl. Over 55 comm w/pool & club hse.
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Military spouses and retirees sign up for real estate careers

(NAPSI) — Like so many veterans, DeWayne Gamble wasn't sure what to do with his life after serving his country. Discharged from the Marine Corps with a medical disability, being a Marine was all he knew for 13 years. He never finished college and didn't know if any civilian job could utilize his military skills.

After many conversations with another former Marine who is a real estate broker, DeWayne decided to get his real estate license. After two months of classes, he was a licensed agent. Just over a year later, with a six-figure income, he says it was the best decision he ever made.

DeWayne says his success is due to a huge referral base, consisting of all active-duty and former military personnel from nearby Camp Lejeune. The work ethic and organizational skills he learned in the military finally paid off.

Now, he strongly believes real estate is the perfect career for ex-military personnel. He also believes any veteran can do what he's done and "not only be successful in real estate but be very successful."

Working in the same RE/MAX Real Estate Solutions office with DeWayne is Deana Bowen, the wife of a Marine who just returned from Iraq. She's also convinced that she's found the perfect career. Two years ago, she took a nine-week course, got her license and now brings home significantly more income than her previous job provided.

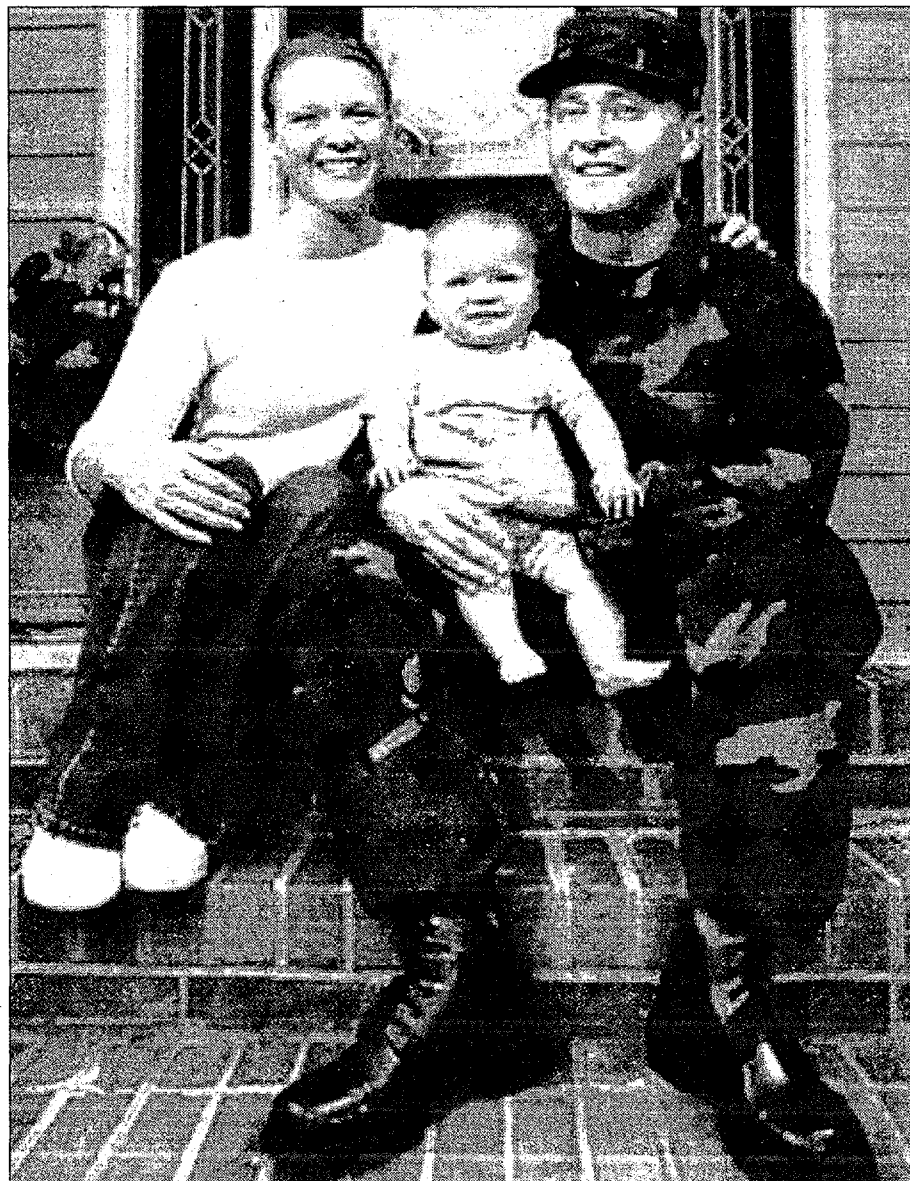
For a military wife, real estate is a natural choice. "Who knows more about moving than we do?" she asks confidently, while stating that she sold 10 homes last year to individuals in her husband's unit. She's also certain that her skills are portable. "If my husband is stationed elsewhere, I won't have to give up my profession." Deana says she could be re-licensed and back on the job very quickly in a new community.

In two years, her husband, Master Sergeant Norman Bowen, will retire with 20 years of service in the Marine Corps. His retirement plan? He wants to make her business a husband-and-wife team.

Many military spouses and retirees recognize that real estate is ideal. A real estate career does not require a college degree. A license can be earned in a convenient time frame and job experiences can be taken with you if you're relocated. Most importantly, real estate agents depend on referrals and valued personal relationships. Anyone in the military knows many people who relocate frequently.

To assist military personnel and their spouses learn about possible careers in real estate, RE/MAX International, in cooperation with the Department of Defense, has created "Operation RE/MAX." Interested individuals are directed to RE/MAX offices in their local community, where volunteer brokers provide specific information about licensing requirements, as well as the prospects for unlicensed positions.

Dave Liniger, co-founder and chairman of RE/MAX International Inc., is also a Vietnam veteran who knows how to be successful in both business and military service. He believes that "a career in real estate is ideal for many in the military," and proudly adds, "RE/MAX is honored to be working



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with the Department of Defense to develop second career opportunities for those who serve our country."

The Department of Defense is delighted that spouses are responding to Operation RE/MAX's career outreach. "The kind of career opportunity that RE/MAX has offered represents a model for other employers," says Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Leslye Arsh. "Military spouses are a key employee resource. RE/MAX already understands this. For spouses,

this program offers a range of opportunities to work in real estate—thousands of spouses are ready to put their life's experience to work."

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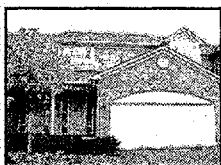
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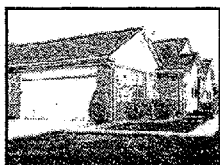
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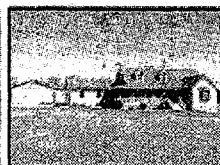
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Newer custom built ranch featuring 4 bd, 3 baths, on 7 acres. Plenty of room for storage in the 3 car Garage & 54x30 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/vaulted ceilings, full finished w/o w/8ft ceilings.
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Cute home in quiet neighborhood featuring all new windows, newer carpet, low traffic location, glass block windows, spacious Master, & more.
\$131,000 (C-636SP)



WOW
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\$120,000 (C-465ST)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY.
Canton condo featuring a large Family Room w/frpl, Kitchen w/hwd, finished lower level, large Master w/WIC, & convenient location.
\$129,900 (P-101VI)



NO GIMMICKS
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FANTASTIC RANCH
Wonderful updated ranch w/ spacious floor plan, 5 bd, 2 baths, updated windows, entry doors, maple Kitchen, Nook, 1st floor laundry, new driveway, & more.
\$190,000 (P-660AR)



COUNTRY LIVING IN CANTON
Absolute private setting on beautiful 1 acre lot. Extensively remodeled inside & out, 3 bd, 1st floor laundry, huge loft area, open floor plan, & in move in condition.
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2 bd, 1.5 bath Canton condo. Remodeled Kitchen & bath, extremely clean, updated carpet, full bsmt, & attached garage.
\$139,999 (C-686BE)



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Enjoy a rare 2 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/private entry, finished bsmt, updated 42' cabinets, all appliances included & a 1 yr home warranty. Great location.
\$112,900 (C-284CA)



GREAT INVESTMENT
Westland duplex offers 2 units. One unit has 3 bd, 1 bath, garage, family room, living room, & large Kitchen. Second unit offers 3 bd, 1 bath, living room & large Kitchen. Great opportunity, call for details.
\$88,900 (P-160DE)



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Superb layout for this 2 bd, 2 bath condo. 1400 sq ft, Great Room w/frpl, formal Dining, oak island Kitchen, 2 car Garage, Deck & home warranty offered.
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MOVE IN CONDITION
Move right in to this cute bungalow in Dearborn! Featuring 3 bd, 2 baths, finished bsmt, updated furnace & C/A, hwd floors & great location.
\$129,900 (P-520DE)



CANTON RANCH
Spacious ranch 1940 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 ba, Prestigious master suite w/tray ceiling, WIC & private bath. Large Deck, screened in porch, bay windows, & skylight. Handicap accessible. A must see!
\$289,900 (C-878ED)



NEW CONSTRUCTION
This home offers 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 3400 sq ft, & a walkout bsmt. Add to this an oversized 3 car garage, island kitchen w/cherry & granite, sitting room, study w/built-ins & 3 fireplaces. Also for lease.
\$499,900 (P-056EM)



SPACIOUS COLONIAL
Westland 3 bd home w/ Family Room w/frpl, 1.5 baths, bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, great backyard, & large covered Patio.
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TRENDY HOME
Canton colonial features extensive hwd flooring, traditional floor plan, formal LR & DR, island Kitchen w/all appl & finished lower level. Call today!
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PRIDE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD
This home stands above the rest w/remodeled oak Kitchen w/ceramic, remod baths w/ spa shower & skylight, finished bsmt, new roof & windows. Backs to beautiful treed commons.
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Beautiful brick colonial offers large Family Room w/frpl, Deck, open Kitchen, Formal Dining, Master w/WIC, pergo flooring, & sprinklers w/great landscaping.
\$279,900 (P-996MI)



NEWLY REMODELED
This home is like "brand new"! Everything has been done for you, elec, plumb, windows, roof, Kitchen, bath, & so much more. Corner lot, great porch & Deck, & huge Master Bedroom.
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BETTER THAN NEW
Awesome 3 bd, 2.5 bath colonial is waiting for you! Beautiful maple Kitchen, ceramic surround fireplace, vaulted ceilings, private yard, huge Master Suite w/Jacuzzi tub, & more.
\$269,900 (C-892LA)



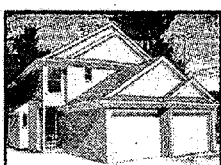
LOCATION, LOCATION!
Large half acre lot located on a quiet court backing to pond. Sunfilled Kitchen w/ nook & island, large open Family Room w/frpl, formal Living & Dining, spacious Master w/spa bath & more.
\$394,900 (P-479PA)



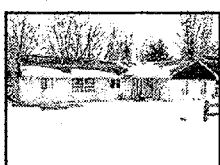
AWESOME LOCATION
Charming 2 bd Plymouth condo just a mile from downtown. Private Entrance, Anderson windows & doorwall, carport, low traffic location, appliances stay, newer hwh, & low assoc dues include water.
\$119,900 (P-252PI)



END UNIT CONDO
Nice 2 bd, 1 bath end unit for under \$140,000! Large rooms, 1st floor laundry, full bsmt, attached Garage, private Patio, lots of storage space & Ply-Canton schools. Don't miss out on this one!
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NEW CONDO!!
Fabulous newer end unit just minutes from downtown South Lyon. Premium siding, shingles, & windows. Hwd floors, large closets, full bsmt, upgraded insulation, private Patio overlooking back yard & low assoc dues.
\$139,900 (P-453SO)



BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEWS
Access to all sports Tioga Lake. 2500 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath ranch w/wide open floor plan, huge rooms, large Kitchen, Master w/bath & doorwall to Deck spanning the rear of the home. A must see!
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New home buying class

Success Mortgage Partners Inc. will sponsor a class for those looking to purchase a new construction home at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20 at their offices located at 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Registration is required. Contact: Diane Adamick (734) 259-0850.

Giving land away

Neumann Homes is introducing a radical initiative – giving land away. Buy a home in Neumann's Village Park at Stonewood in Independence Township and you will receive an additional home site within the development for free.

According to Jerry Griffith, VP of Operations, the giveaway endeavor is tied to the Grand Opening of the Village Park community in the Parks at Stonewood. "This is an absolutely breathtaking neighborhood. It is a place to drop your roots and stay forever. We are hoping that our generous free lot offer will encourage folks to come and see how special this area is," Griffith said. "From the Clarkston schools to the Clarkston community and now to the extra free lot – how can you go wrong?"

A visit to Village Park at Stonewood is possible Friday through Tuesday 10 to 6

and Monday 12 to 6. Call 248 625 0484 or visit www.neumannhomes.com

The Design Spirit presents the Feng Shui classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule of classes call 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Builder's pre-license classes

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with 16-hour comprehensive seminars offered by Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute.

The following seminars are scheduled:

■ From 6-10 p.m. for Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 27, March 1, 6, & 8, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham. The cost of the seminar is \$195 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Feb. 23, to Birmingham Community Education. Please call 248-203-3800 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ From 6-10 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 26, 28, March 5 and 7 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample

questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 22, to Henry Ford Community College. Please call 313-317-1500 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive, Rochester Hills.

The cost of the seminar is \$205 and is all-inclusive. The manual, sample questions and the test application are all included. A \$25 deposit is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 22, to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills 48306. Please call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com

■ From 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 27, & March 1, at the Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road, Clarkston.

The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Feb. 16, to Clarkston Community Education. Please call 248-623-4321 to

register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan.

This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 15 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Reverse mortgage

A free reverse mortgage seminar will be held at 6 p.m. every Thursday at Colonial Mortgage, 33919 Plymouth Road Livonia. RSVP with John McParland at (800) 260-5484.


BIA classes

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor the following:

■ Certified Graduate Builder seminars – "Construction Contract & Law" – from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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Lower level, w/wet bar.</p> <p>303,000 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Fin Bsmt w/pool table, Gazebo & hot tub. Also for lease at \$2100</p> <p>299,900 Van Buren - 5 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Custom built in 2004, open floor plan, Lrg kitchen, 3 car garage.</p> <p>299,900 Plymouth - 3 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths. Built in 2004 w/open floor plan. Finished Basement. Walk to Downtown.</p>	<p>295,999 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2 Story Foyer, Open Floor Plan, Large Deck, Southern Exposure, Master Suite w/ Private Bath.</p> <p>295,000 Canton - 3 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths, Charming Cherry Hill Village Colonial. Hdwd Floors, Breakfast Nook, and 2 car garage</p> <p>285,000 Plymouth Twp - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths. Located on a wooded lot, wet bar in FR, Walk To Park, Oversized 2 Car Garage.</p> <p>280,000 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2 Baths - Stately Colonial w/ Master Ste w/ cathedral ceilings, prof. landscaped and drwl to brick paver patio.</p> <p>264,900 Farmington Hills - Updated 4BR, 2.5 Bath Brick Colonial located deep in the sub. 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Occ.</p> <p>186,000 Westland - 3 Bdrm, 1.5 Bath. Basement, Lrg Fam Rm, Lrg fenced Backyard</p> <p>184,900 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Charming Quad with Plymouth/Canton schools. Large Backyard backing to commons.</p> <p>172,500 Madison Heights - 3 Bdrm, 1.5 Baths, Brick Ranch, W/ Garage, Fin. Bsmt, Lrg. FR, CA, Updated Home</p> <p>154,900 Dearborn - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Oakwood Hosp Area, Hdwd Floors, Fin Bsmt, New Cherry and Corian Kitchen. 1 Yr Home Warranty</p> <p>137,000 Dearborn Heights - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Immed Occ. Hdwd Floors throughout, Full Fin Bsmt, 12 x 20 screened Rm on back of house.</p> <p>128,500 Center Line - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1940'S Charmer, Bathrooms Remodeled, newer windows and cement driveway. Finished Basement.</p> <p>124,900 Redford - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Brick Bungalow, 2 Car Garage, Fin. Bsmt, Lrg. Deck, Many updates.</p>	<p>Condos</p> <p>307,500 West Bloomfield - 2 Bdrms, 2.5 Bath Ranch Condo. Lrg Deck, Vaulted Ceilings, Full Bsmt, Fabulous Master Suite and 2 Car Att Garage.</p> <p>259,900 Farmington Hills - 2 Bdrms, 3 baths, Fin Basement w/full Kitchen and Bath.</p> <p>244,900 Flat Rock - 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Baths, New Construction! Unfinished loft above 2.5 car garage.</p> <p>239,900 Livonia - 2 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Newer Construction, 2 Story Grt Rm w/fireplace and view of pond.</p> <p>214,900 Canton - 3 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths - Detached condo in great location. Neutral décor, hdwd floors, 1 year home warranty.</p> <p>184,000 West Bloomfield - 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Townhouse Style Condo w/Garage and full Bsmt, Privt entry, All Appl, Immed. Occ.</p> <p>165,000 Canton - 3 Bdrm, 2.1 Baths - End Unit in Lovely Canton Forest. private setting w/ lrg deck, full fin. bsmt, immed occ.</p> <p>164,900 Plymouth Twp. - 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Sky lights in kit and Master bdrm, Lots of upgrades. Grt Rm w/Cath ceilings.</p> <p>140,000 Wayne - 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Two Story Condo, First Flr Mstr Suite w/ WIC and Private Bath, Loft overlooking Grt Rm.</p> <p>134,900 Southfield - 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Sharp Ranch style condo, Common Pool, large basement storage.</p>
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Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members, and \$200 for guests. For more information, call (248) 862-1033.

Effective Business Management Seminar - "Environmental Risk Assessment" - from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Jon Dattilo, B.S., CIAQP, CIE, CMRS, CHST, COCT, HAZWOPER of IAQ Management Inc. will instruct attendees on standard operating procedures for remodelers during project assessment, planning and engagement, as well as information on insurance costs and limiting liability while protecting occupant and worker health and safety.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$20 for members and \$40 for guests. For more information, call (248) 862-1033.

Feng shui classes

Improve your chances for good luck in many aspects of your life from money and relationships to career and health using Feng Shui (foong shway), the ancient Chinese practice of placement.

Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Design Spirit is offering a one-day class, "Finding Your Way through Feng Shui," from 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

The cost is \$35 and includes materials. Class size is limited. Register by Monday, Feb. 26. Call Henry Ford Community College at 313-317-1500 to register, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Also, Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with Design Spirit is offering a one-day class, "Finding Your Way through Feng Shui," from 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at Kimball High School, 1500 Lexington, Royal Oak.

The cost is \$40 and includes materials. Class size is limited. Register by Friday, February 23, 2007. Call Royal Oak Community Education at 248-588-5050 to register, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Design Spirit presents the Feng Shui classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule of classes call 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Concrete masonry helps homes weather storms

(NewsUSA) — When a tornado or a hurricane rolls into town, many Americans know just how frightening it is to see their home's structure shudder against the force of high winds. Every year, news reports of major storms show images of devastation throughout the country: property losses costing billions of dollars, lives lost needlessly.

Experts from the National Concrete Masonry Association visit areas struck by these storms to record how various types of construction materials performed under high-wind conditions. Significant changes for stronger building standards were brought about in building codes following 1991's Hurricane Andrew, and now, the NCMA reports that concrete masonry is the predominant building choice for homes in hurricane-prone areas of Florida.

Dennis Graber, an engineer and director of technical publications at the NCMA, is a strong advocate for wind-resistant construction and has been a frequent presenter at seminars where builders, codes officials, architects and citizens have assembled to learn about proper building techniques to avoid damage from wind. Graber is no

stranger to wind damage, having lived for 26 years in Florida in addition to performing on-site assessments of damage left by hurricanes.

"High-wind standards are now much more specific regarding the amount and location of reinforcement to put into a masonry wall and how to sustain a continuous load path from the roof to the foundation," Graber said. "By conforming to these (standards), houses were better able to withstand the onslaught of not only Hurricane Charley in 2004, but also Hurricanes Frances, Ivan and Jeanne."

A new publication from the NCMA discusses these devastating storms as well as others and provides details for proper construction to avoid or lessen their damage. Builders, architects, regulators and others who wish to learn more about building storm-resistant concrete masonry homes and buildings may request a copy of the publication, called "Storm Resistant Concrete Masonry Homes and Buildings," at a cost of \$12 each.

For more information, contact the NCMA at (703) 713-1900 or e-mail ncma@ncma.org.

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City	Address	Sales Price	
Canton	1515 Centennial Dr	\$438,000	
	4191 Elizabeth Ave	\$160,000	
	44140 Leeann Ln	\$199,000	
	1201 N Willard Rd	\$270,000	
	2601 River Woods Dr N	\$313,000	
	41536 Wild Turkey Ln	\$187,000	
	Farmington Hills	27021 Arden Park Cir	\$225,000
		32151 Bonnet Hill Rd	\$213,000
		28423 Cumberland St	\$170,000
		37176 Fox Chase	\$449,000
	29249 Glen Oaks Blvd E	\$168,000	
	29257 Glen Oaks Blvd E	\$160,000	
	22853 Glenmoor Hts	\$161,000	
	34023 Gloucester Cir	\$275,000	
	29670 Middlebelt Rd	\$114,000	
	29150 Oak Point Dr	\$240,000	
	29504 Omenwood Ave	\$228,000	
	21122 Ontaga St	\$127,000	
	29691 Pine Ridge Cir	\$170,000	
	27224 Winterset Cir	\$340,000	

City	Address	Sales Price		
Garden City	31464 Bridge St	\$150,000		
	31943 Elmwood St	\$150,000		
	32612 James St	\$163,000		
	32941 Kathryn St	\$139,000		
	28649 Marquette St	\$115,000		
	Livonia	33863 Eight Mile Rd	\$124,000	
		29409 Bobrich St	\$62,000	
		17148 Francavilla Dr	\$263,000	
		19347 Gill Rd	\$255,000	
		10049 Inkster Rd	\$130,000	
33491 Michele St		\$190,000		
9457 Patton St		\$179,000		
34894 Perth St		\$240,000		
14054 Riga St		\$130,000		
34159 Trillium Ct		\$100,000		
20059 Weyher St	\$160,000			
Milford	715 Atlantic St	\$231,000		
	804 Atlantic St	\$186,000		
	806 E Commerce St	\$268,000		
	835 Squire Ln	\$154,000		
	619 Village Ln	\$170,000		
	207 Woodbine Dr	\$90,000		
	Northville	16125 Jupiter Hills Dr	\$885,000	
		950 New Haven Ct	\$182,000	
		48881 Running Trout Ln	\$149,000	
		48589 Wicker Creel Dr	\$639,000	
40005 Woodside Dr N		\$490,000		
Novi		43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$165,000	
		28201 Carlton Way Dr	\$185,000	
		50140 Drakes Bay Dr	\$1,272,000	
		23672 E Le Bost	\$178,000	
		24641 Edgewood Ct N	\$245,000	
	22372 Heatherbrae Way S	\$330,000		
	22364 Miller Road	\$244,000		
	24855 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$529,000		
	25810 Shoreline Dr	\$930,000		
	41666 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$279,000		
41630 Sycamore St	\$180,000			
45103 Yorkshire Dr	\$235,000			
Plymouth	40815 Newport Dr	\$98,000		
	11619 Parkview Dr	\$200,000		
	Redford	24768 Ashley Ct	\$190,000	
		9620 Berwyn	\$136,000	
		19919 Five Points St	\$93,000	
		19990 Woodworth	\$130,000	
		South Lyon	1009 Birchway Ct	\$362,000
			830 Fairhaven Dr	\$343,000
			26370 Great Plains Dr	\$361,000
			688 Hidden Creek Dr	\$380,000
822 Norchester St			\$176,000	
22895 Turnberry			\$525,000	
Westland	34238 Beechnut St		\$140,000	
	34045 Blackfoot St		\$150,000	
	6811 Deerhurst Dr		\$150,000	
	34760 Donnelly St		\$136,000	
	33696 Fairchild St	\$168,000		
	35829 Fernwood St	\$155,000		
	30451 Ledgecliff Ave	\$160,000		
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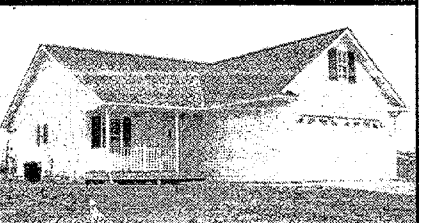
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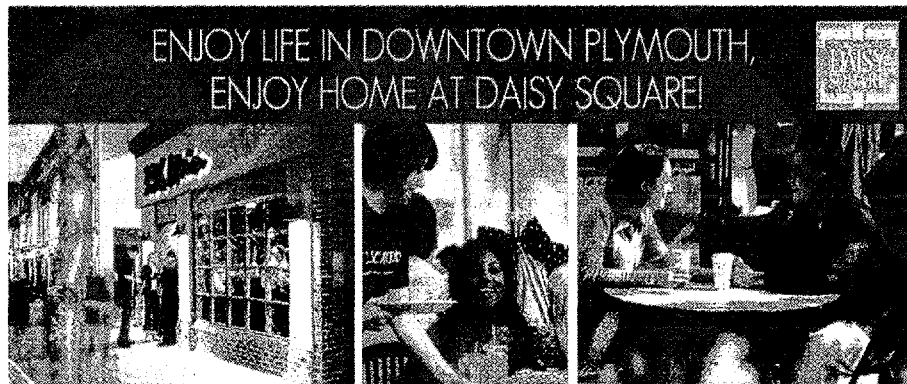


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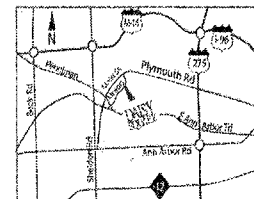
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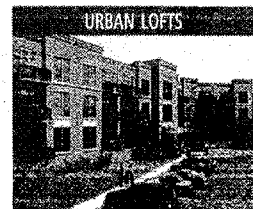
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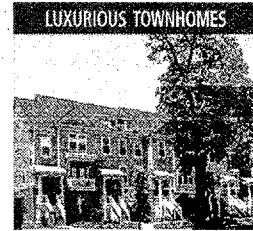
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Seawall in Florida raises environmental issues

Q. We own a condo on the coast of Florida which has been ravished by recent hurricanes and the association has built a seawall. Now we find that there may be a problem with the environmentalists. What do you suggest we do?

A. Your association may have a problem with the environmentalists. You will no doubt have a problem with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Official Wildlife Service and perhaps other state and local governmental agencies since the seawall may violate various laws and perhaps cause havoc to the environment. On the other hand, there is the property right which your association is trying to preserve, namely the beach front area. It is clearly an unsettled area which will be resolved in the courts, but you are best advised to insure that your association has received proper legal advice in regard to the action that it has taken and/or contemplates taking.

Q. I am on the board and one of the co-owners wants to extend his patio onto the common elements. Can he do that?



Robert Meisner

A. It depends on the nature of the common element on which he is extending his patio. If it is a limited common element pertinent to his unit, he may have a right to do so subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. If it is a general common element, it could

reasonably be construed as the expropriation of general common element area and the board may not have the authority to provide him with that approval. You are best advised to consult with your community association attorney.

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.

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Campaign focuses on affordable housing

The National Association of Realtors has launched a campaign to create more affordable housing opportunities for public and private sector workers.

The "Home from Work™" campaign encourages and trains Realtors nationwide to work with businesses to develop employer-assisted housing (EAH) benefit plans for their workers including home buying workshops, one-on-one housing counseling led by Realtors and financial incentives. Employers can choose to offer employees any or all of these benefits, and NAR will provide

assistance, at no cost, to employers who want to develop a customized EAH plan.

Home from Work™ is the newest initiative from NAR's Housing Opportunity Program that positions Realtors as community leaders in identifying, developing, and promoting business opportunities that expand housing availability and ensure an adequate housing supply in both the rental and homeownership markets.

"Realtors care about the lack of housing opportunities and know that work-


ing to promote affordable housing opportunities for families is good for the community," said Thomas M. Stevens, NAR president from Vienna, Va., and senior vice president of NRT Inc. "Realtors build communities, and Home from Work™ gives Realtors the tools to become advocates for employer-assisted housing benefits and help organizations increase their business opportunities while also helping their employees achieve their goal of homeownership."

As the cost of housing continues to rise in many areas, some workers can no longer afford to live near their place of employment and may be forced to commute long distances to work. Employers who provide EAH benefits can increase employee loyalty and morale while reducing turnover, which leads to lower training and hiring costs.

"The Home from Work™ campaign has the potential to change the way

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employers think about employer-assisted benefits. No longer will EAH be viewed as an expense associated with hiring a new employee, but rather as an investment in the employee and the future of their company," said Stevens.

To kick off the effort, Realtors gathered in Silver Spring, Md., for the first NAR Home from Work™ training session. The three-hour training class teaches Realtors how to market EAH programs to employers. Additional training sessions will be offered later this year to Realtors in Colorado,

Louisiana, Massachusetts and Virginia, and several more are planned for 2007.

NAR's Housing Opportunity Program was created in 2002 with the mission of providing Realtors with the tools and information they need to promote housing opportunities in their community, in both the rental and homeownership sectors of the market. The program encourages local Realtor associations to create housing opportunity initiatives aimed directly at helping consumers gain access to housing. At this point, nearly 300 state and local associations have such programs in place.

More information about the Home from Work™ campaign and NAR's Housing Opportunity Program is available at www.realtor.org/housopp.nsf.

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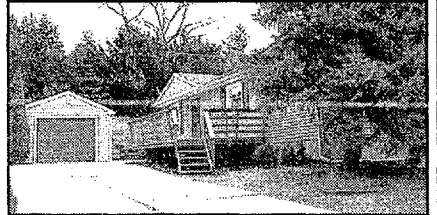


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CANTON - Great buy in Pheasant Ridge on cul-de-sac. Premium elevation on this better-than-new 4 bedrm 2.5 bath home w/ grand foyer, wonderful maple ktchn, beautiful lrg deck overlooking prof landscaped yard + daylite bsmt!! \$459,000 (L34Lin)

CANTON - Beautiful huge 4 bedrm, 3.5 bath home on choice lot backing to pond w/ spray & woods. Dream ktchn w/ lg island, Jack & Jill luxury master w/ 2 walk-in-closets, daylite bsmt, 3 car side entry garage + more! \$399,900 (L01Hud)

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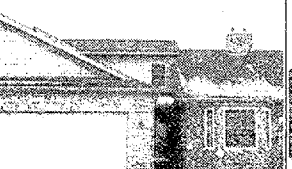


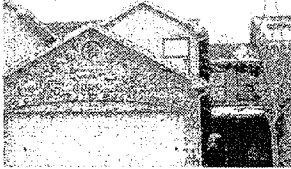




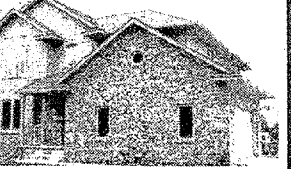








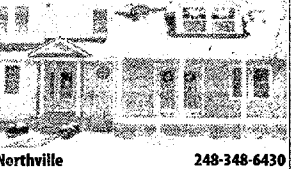
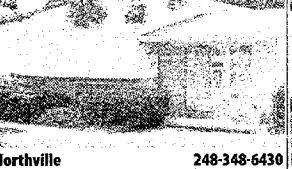


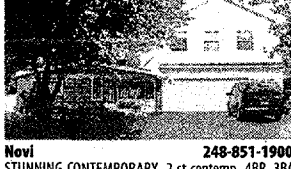
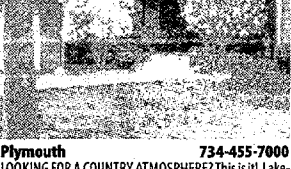




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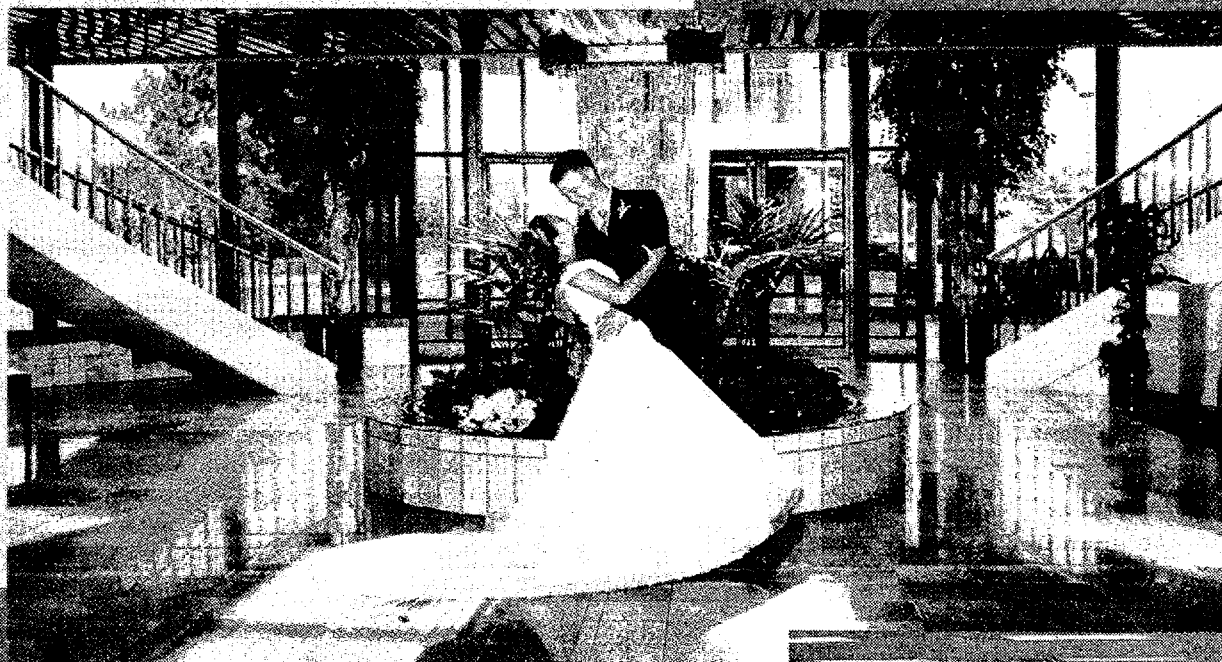
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Love Eternal: Northland Center Throws Employee Wedding

Workplace romances are usually discouraged, but when two employees at Northland Center fell in love, mall officials did more than accept the happy couple — they offered to host the wedding.

Ernst Stevenson and Sheryl Berry will say their vows during a public ceremony at 6 p.m. March 24 in the Performance Court of the Southfield shopping center.

Stevenson has been a sergeant on Northland's Private Police Force for 17 years. When Berry was hired as the mall's receptionist, Stevenson greeted 'the new girl' warmly. What started as a daily routine of dropping off mail and exchanging well-wishes resulted in the quintessential first date. Now, the couple is looking forward to getting married right where they met.

Vendors at the mall are pulling together to make the occasion extra special. Vartan Vartanian of Craftsman Jewelers is redesigning and mounting a wedding set that held sentimental value for the couple. Khalid Yono of Premier Tuxedo is donating menswear. Berry will look beautiful in a gown from Northland Cleaners, accessories from Diva's and a hairstyle and manicure from Phalanges. Heavenly Escape will provide makeup and spa services, along with a limo for the evening.

Mall support doesn't stop there. An employee from Footlocker has written a song for the nuptials, which will be performed by Rea Deal, a 14-piece jazz band that's a favorite performer at Northland Center. Nellie Adawi, of Baskets & Gifts, will decorate the mall for the ceremony.

"I want to create a memorable experience for the couple," Adawi said. "Northland is sentimental for all of us."



Ernst Stevenson and Sheryl Berry will wed at Northland Center.



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Lindsey and Nathan Nicholas

Good Fortune

Lindsey's husband Nathan proposed at Kensington Metropark, over a picnic with all her favorite foods, including fortune cookies. When Lindsey opened her fortune cookie, it said, "A new life awaits you." At a nearby pond, Nathan popped the question. To reflect that special moment, the couple's wedding favors were personalized fortune cookies from WeddingThings.com.

"We were able to insert our own signature fortunes inside each one, which we then wrapped inside a silver muffin tin and shiny cellophane," Lindsey says. Since Lindsey is a journalist, the couple also gave guests tiny notebooks personalized with their name and wedding date.

Scottish Flair

Valerie and Jeremy McBain wanted to celebrate their heritage with unique details during their wedding and reception. The couple wed at the home of the bride's father in Bellaire, Mich. Jeremy and his wedding party wore Scottish kilts.

"The groomsmen's kilts were dark blue, green and black tartan, but the groom's was the McBain tartan, which is red," Valerie says.

Bagpipes played as the procession filed down the aisle, as well as at the reception.

"Also to honor my French heritage, we had the best man sing us a beautiful song in French," she says.

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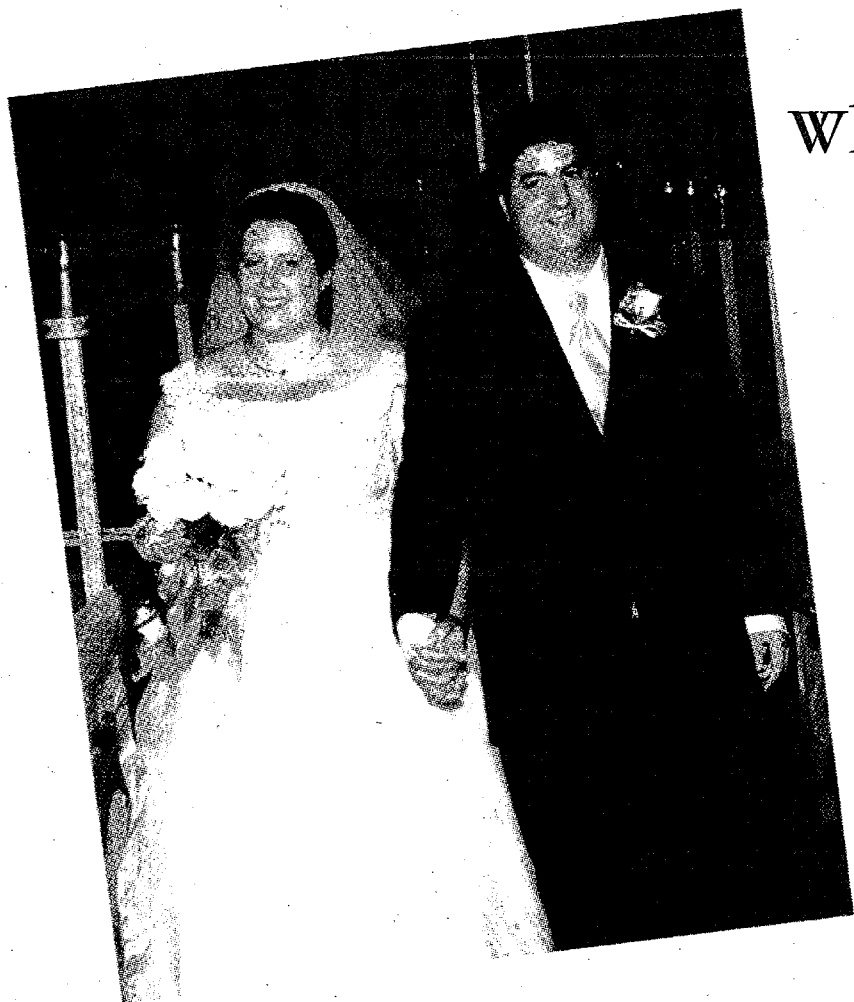
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Mr. and Mrs. Napolitano

Makeshift Matrimony

What to do when plans for the big day go awry

By Anna Foard Whidden

On August 14, 2003, Tricia Napolitano, along with millions of people, was scrambling to deal with a massive power outage affecting much of the Northeast and Midwest. For Napolitano, however, the power outage didn't just mean spoiled food in the fridge, no air conditioning and snarled traffic. The following day, 280 guests were attending her wedding.

"It was definitely a week of hell," said Napolitano, now happily married and living in Ypsilanti.

Although assured that the reception would go ahead as planned at a local hall, Napolitano was informed 30 minutes after guests arrived that the facility couldn't accommodate her because the toilets were not

flushing. (The electricity was on and the hall was already decorated, Napolitano said.)

"I was ready to go home," she said. "Everything was falling apart faster than I could put it back together."

With no hall, no food and no cake (which had been contracted through the hall), family, friends and Napolitano's church, Risen Christ Lutheran Church of Plymouth, sprung into action. "They threw a wonderful makeshift wedding," Napolitano said.

Jet's Pizza of Plymouth supplied the food and drinks, Metro Cars provided three last minute limousine rentals and Belleville Photography (one of the original vendors Napolitano hired) came through, and on time, despite the massive traffic delays that day.



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"The bar was out of the trunk of a Neon in the parking lot of the church," Napolitano said.

"It was really great to see everybody come together and help them out," said Maria Von Buskirk, Napolitano's sister-in-law and bridesmaid. Women from the church brought desserts and family members passed out the food, she said. "It really was humbling. Sometimes you get lost in the humdrum of the event."

Despite the big day being not what she planned or paid for (Napolitano is still trying to recoup costs), guests tell her the wedding was one of the most fun they've attended.

"Everybody got to pull together, make it happen and they succeeded," Napolitano said. "That's the wedding they'll remember. As hard as it was for me, no one will forget my wedding. I can't."

Lessons Learned

After nearly three years, Napolitano can now look back and laugh at what happened, but

it took her about a year and a half to come to terms with the fiasco, she said. Through it all, Napolitano has learned some valuable lessons that she said she'll keep in mind for her own child's wedding or (if she decides) a 25th wedding anniversary celebration.

Her biggest recommendation is to charge things to a credit card then pay the bill the next month. "A credit card used in the right way can be your best friend," Napolitano said. "If I had put the hall on a credit card, I would have had much more control over the situation, much more recourse ... Once they have your money, you're at their mercy."

"References, references, references ... very important," Napolitano added. "Even if a place looks beautiful, you need to do the research ... This is your day and you have to be smart. Don't let your emotions take over."

Napolitano found out she was the only reception booked that day for the hall - which may sound ideal at first. But because she was the only event at the facility "it was really easy to get rid of me and blow me off," she said.

"You're putting on a production — I know it sounds impersonal — but you're the one running the production. And if you don't let them know who is in charge, you'll get walked on," Napolitano said. "Really ask questions. And always have a backup plan."

She suggests looking into a new service in the wedding industry — insurance. Companies, such as WedSafe (www.wedsafe.com), offer policies for unexpected events such as cancellations, illnesses, damage to gowns, lost rings and no-show vendors.

As Napolitano walked down the aisle on what was supposed to be a perfect day, she remembered what a co-worker had told her. "She said ... 'Something will go wrong, but nobody will notice.' It kind of put a smile on my face," Napolitano said.

Her co-worker also reminded her the most important thing was to focus on the man she was going to marry. "Focus on the fact it's your wedding day, and the fact that you're marrying this person because you love them," Napolitano said.

Wedding tips: planning for the unexpected

- 1) Always have a Plan B.
- 2) Charge services and deposits to credit cards so you have more recourse in recouping cost should something go wrong. (Pay credit cards off the next month.)
- 3) Do the research! Get references before hiring a vendor.
- 4) Research wedding insurance options.
- 5) Keep in mind what's most important — that you are marrying the person you love.



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Stylish Cakes

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Kimberly Fullerton,
The Sweet Course, Owosso

Make it Personal

"Simplistic elegance is in — hand-tied bouquets (with or without stem sleeve), sleek gowns, less ornate cakes and soft lighting with plenty of candles. Today's

bride and groom are older when they marry and taking on more, if not all, of the financial responsibility, so they are more empowered to create the wedding of their dreams, not someone else's. When traditional guidelines don't work for you, use common sense."

Kerry Sullivan,
Bride + Groom Publications/Expo

Invitations with Impact

"Brown is the hot color this year, brown and blue, brown and pink. Shimmer papers and sparkle papers are really big, and everyone is doing save-the-date cards. I've also seen unusual place settings. One bride did granny smith apples, with silver wire stems holding cocoa brown place cards. Another hung woven vines from the ceiling, and used ribbons to hang the place cards so guests could grab them as they walked into the reception."

Michelle Doroslovac
Lee's Specialty, Bloomfield Hills

Ask for Help

"It's definitely a growing trend to hire wedding planners. It's the hot

thing. The way our society is right now with everything being so fast paced and couples both working, they just don't have time to plan. Anything they can delegate to alleviate the stress, that's their main focus. Wedding planners have the connections to pull it all together, from meeting with vendors, helping pick out dresses, flowers, color schemes, finding venues ..."

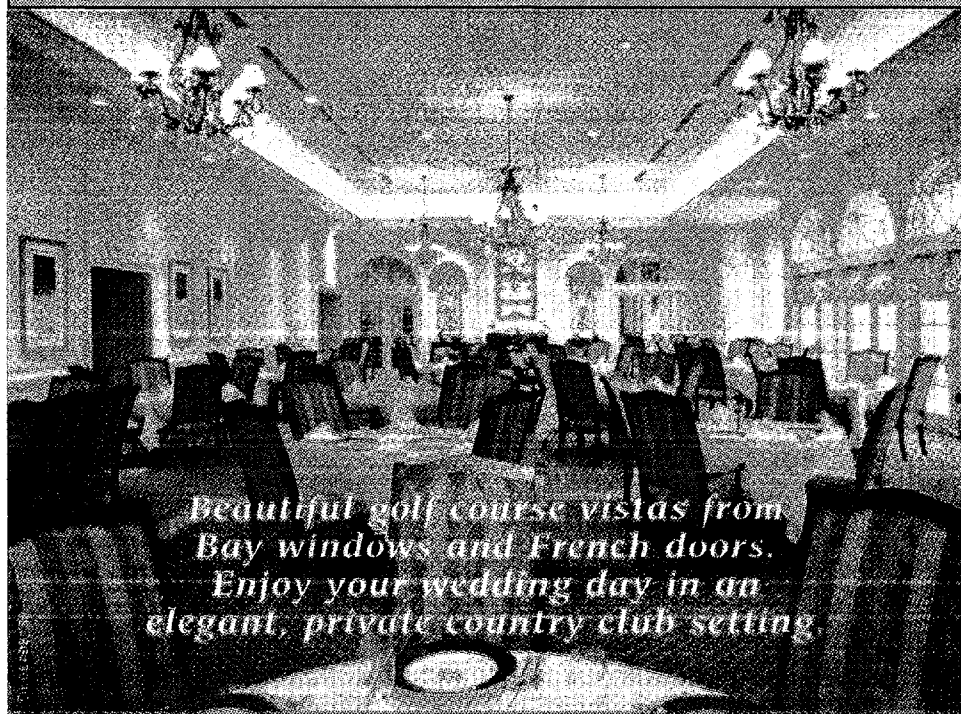
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"Sit-down dinners aren't the only option for receptions these days. The latest trend is toward more 'strolling stations,' with a variety of cuisines for guests. Because seating is limited most of the time, strolling stations encourage guests to mingle rather than confining them to a table where they sit most of the evening. New types of meals include 'dinner-by-the-glass,' which presents creative dishes served in martini glasses, like pan-seared scallops, or mashed potatoes with a selection of toppings."

John Forte,
Forte Belanger Catering, Troy

Use of Color

"I've seen so many unexpected color combinations. One of my brides did a rainbow of pastels. Others are opting for burnt oranges and lime greens. Then there's chocolate, and celadon green or robin's egg blue. One couple wanted to bring a lot of color into her wedding, so we put big drink dispensers on the bar, and filled each with different fruit — lemons, limes, oranges — and made up mixed drinks for each one."

Danielle MacKenzie Miller,
EMBC Weddings and Events,
Southfield

Chill Out

"Treat guests to a personal lighted ice sculpture filled with sorbet as a between-course intermezzo. Ice dishes shaped like hearts or stars can be lighted from underneath with a glow stick to match your wedding colors. Or, order up an ice sculpture luge flowing with a martini recipe straight into chilled martini glasses."

Susan Keels,
Royal Park Hotel, Rochester

Quick Change

"Picking out a dress is so much fun — why limit yourself to just one? More and more brides are wearing a fairy-tale gown for the ceremony, photos and reception entrance — then a quick change into a chic, sexy look for the festivities."

Anna Roselli,
Roma Sposa, Birmingham



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Do Guests a Favor

"When it comes to wedding favors, it's all in the presentation. Whether you're giving truffles, a garden bulb or coffee grounds, wrap them in pretty paper, personalize with a custom tag and you're good to go. Think about a cookie shaped as a pair of shoes (we're the perfect match) or salt and pepper shakers (we go together like salt and pepper!) Get gals together to assemble your favors at our store — what better excuse for a party?"

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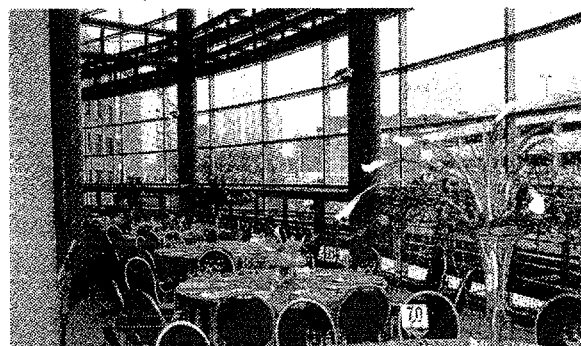


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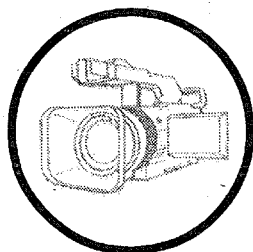
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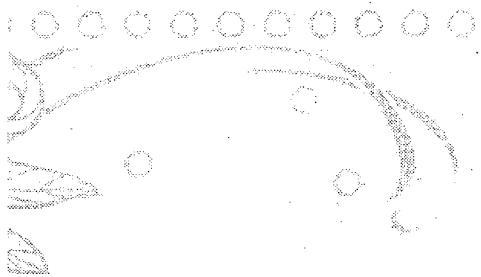


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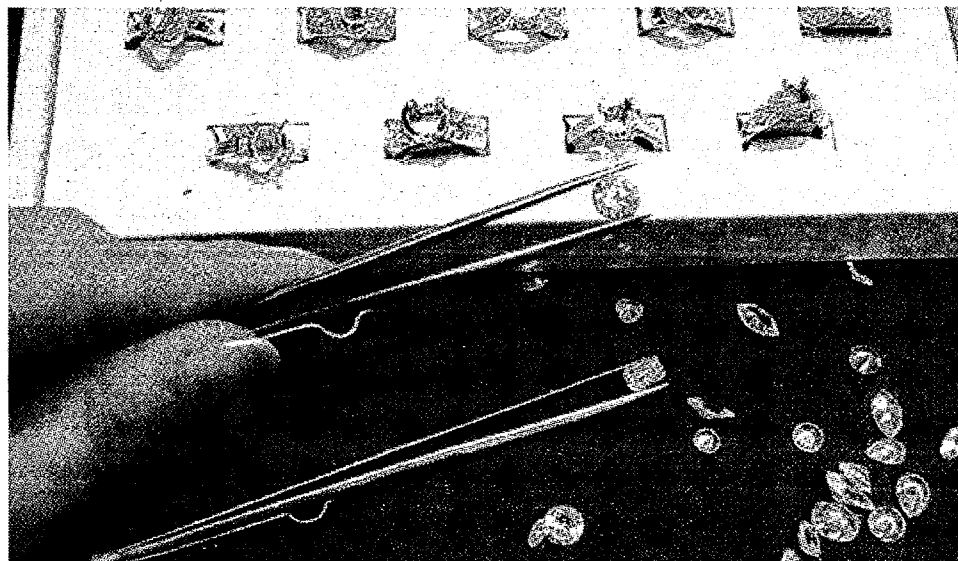


The Four Cs of Diamonds

The four Cs of diamonds are color, cut, clarity and carat weight.

Color. The Gemological Institute of America grades diamonds on a color scale of D through Z, with D being colorless and the most desirable. Moving down the scale, diamonds tend to become more yellow. The ratings do not, however, apply to fancy colored diamonds. Rare yellow, pink and blue diamonds are among the most sought after stones.

Cut. Diamonds — whether they're big or small — need to be cut to the proper proportions to allow light to reflect inside. Stones cut too deep or too shallow will have poor brilliance.



According to jeweler Harry Winston's printed diamond guide, here are things to keep in mind when considering each factor:

Clarity. Typically, the greater the number and size of the flaws, the lower the clarity grade and the less rare the diamond. The best rating is FL, for flawless, which means the diamond is without any of "nature's birthmarks," called inclusions. The lowest rating is "I," noting that imperfections such as crystals, clouds and feathers are visible or "included."

Carat weight. Each carat is equal to 100 points. Larger diamonds are more valuable because they're found less frequently in nature, but diamonds of equal size vary in value depending on their brilliance.

Source: Associated Press

Today's couples pledge their love in platinum

Current wedding trends run the gamut from destination nuptials to bridesmaid gowns in deep hues to ethnic celebrations and ceremonies. However, when it comes to selecting engagement rings and wedding bands, the tried-and-true tradition of choosing Platinum remains stronger than ever.

Power of Platinum

Engagement- and wedding-ring sets in Platinum have maintained their title as the white-hot trend for couples saying "I do." Why does Platinum continue to dominate the wedding scene?

"It is the most precious of all metals," explains Michael O'Connor, Jewelry and Fashion Expert and Television commentator. "Noted for its purity, beauty and strength, Platinum has a natural white luster that enhances the sparkle of diamonds and other gemstones."

Therefore, after making the investment in a colorless diamond, a Platinum setting will not affect the purity of the diamond in a negative way; similarly, after investing in a colored gemstone, Platinum will not cast any other color into the stone and thus the

stone will stay true to the radiant color intended. Jeweler to the stars Neil Lane, agrees that there is no substitute for Platinum.

Given the unique attributes of this precious metal, it is not surprising that it has come to signify emotional connections and lasting bonds, particularly among women. In fact, according to an independent research study, 76 percent of all brides-to-be agree with the statement, "Platinum is the only metal that I would choose or the one I would choose above all others for my engagement ring." Some of today's most popular celebrities agree that Platinum is the must-have choice for engagement and wedding rings.

Making Memories

Whether you're proposing or reciting vows, Platinum is the perfect accompaniment to these occasions. Popping the question: This year, designers and marrying consumers are favoring Platinum engagement rings with intricate embellishments from Tacori, Martin Flyer, and Scott Kay. Settings are enhanced with hand-carved custom designs, filigree and

inset stones. Romantic details such as engraving, pave and weaving are also in vogue.

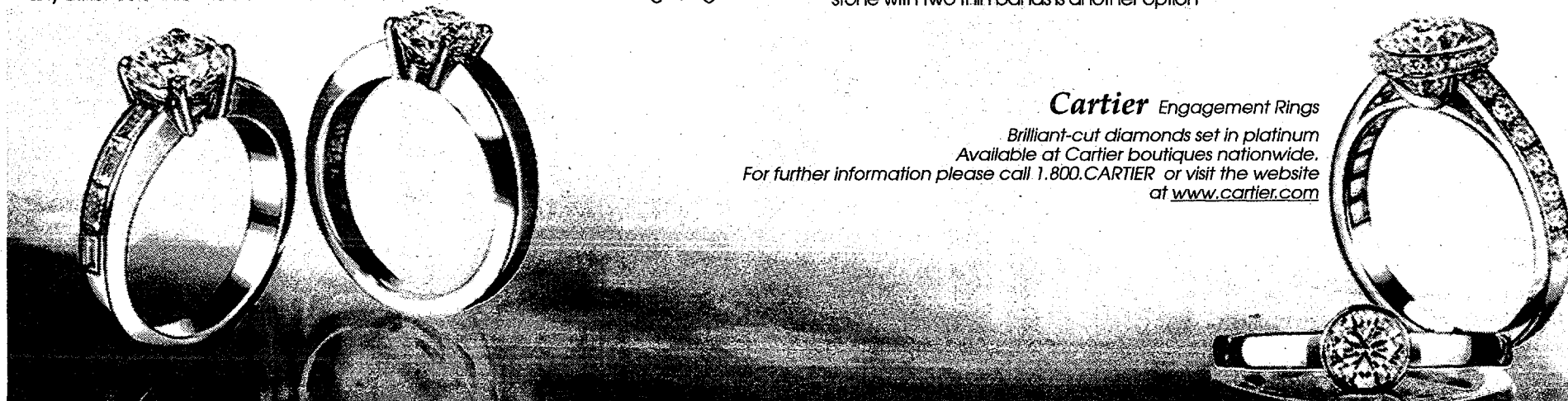
Art-deco and vintage-inspired Platinum engagement rings continue to remain popular choices among the fashionable crowd. Designers Kirk Kara, Verragio and A. Jaffe combine antique-style bands with modern touches including large cushion or princess cut center stones surrounded by micro-pave diamonds. Contemporary styles include tension set in Platinum bands from Steven Kretchmer, where the stone appears to be floating, as well as several stackable engagement rings from Martin Katz or Sunda Bros. with a variety of diamonds.

Whether you select a classic or contemporary style, colored stones will certainly personalize the ring. From rubies and sapphires, to opals and tourmalines, bright gemstones and colored diamonds from Alan Friedman, Beaudry and Peter Norman & Co. are turning up in trend-setting engagement rings. Since Platinum is one of the few naturally white metals, it allows these fabulous gems to sparkle from afar. Separating a large, colored center stone with two thin bands is another option

for stylish brides.

Three-stone or single solitaire rings will always remain coveted items among brides who want simplicity and timeless elegance. Precision Set, Memoire, and Jeff Cooper have perfected the style with complementary eternity bands. Bands of Love: Gone are the days when brides and grooms need to have plain, matching wedding bands. Today's couples can select from a multitude of Platinum wedding-band styles and finishes to match their individual tastes. Designers Kwiat, Chris Correia, and Michael Bonczanz offer thin and chunky bands in matte and shiny finishes, with some styles featuring diamonds, braiding, or even rubber. Thick and heavy Platinum bands with geometric details from Furrer-Jacot and Lieberfarb are increasingly popular among men who appreciate durability, yet want the rugged or sleek style.

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What's New for Weddings?

Local planner shares tips and trends

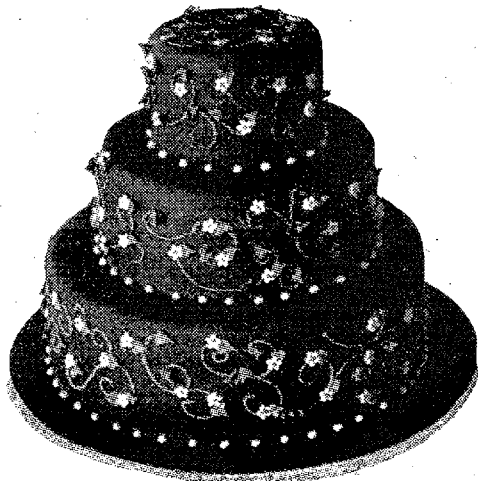


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Chocolate fondant icing is a modern choice. From whimsical to elegant, the delicious frosting also reflects the hottest wedding color — brown.

□ Many brides are adding color to the traditional white gown. Adding a sash or flower truly makes a statement and often is the starting point of the color scheme.

□ The days of everything matchy, matchy are gone! Many brides are offering bridesmaids the option of different style dresses that best compliment their body type. Still coordinating the color, yet allowing each attendant to feel comfortable with the style. Some brides take it a step further and choose one dress label and several different styles and colors. Keeping it within the season, a bride may choose fall colors and coordinate each bridesmaid in copper, brown, and gold.

□ Having the long, endless head table is also changing. Many couples are choosing captain's tables in the center of the room to provide a better social setting for the wedding party and a better view for all the guests. This allows everyone to see the newlyweds, and gives the attendants the option to talk with the entire wedding party instead of just the person seating next to them.

□ Who says your wedding cake can't have chocolate frosting?! If you're a chocoholic and prefer dark chocolate flavor over butter cream, then choose your cake accordingly. Many weddings are showing more of the couples' personal taste, thus creating a twist on the traditional cake.

□ Can't decide on what type of flowers you want in your centerpieces or bridesmaid bouquets? Then do something different. Making each bridesmaid bouquet unique and something that reflects their personality is becoming a trend.

□ Lastly, many brides are working women and do not have the time to focus on all of the details of a wedding. Hiring a wedding consultant to assist in the planning process is not just for the wealthy anymore. Many couples are realizing that a wedding planner is a luxury that they can afford.

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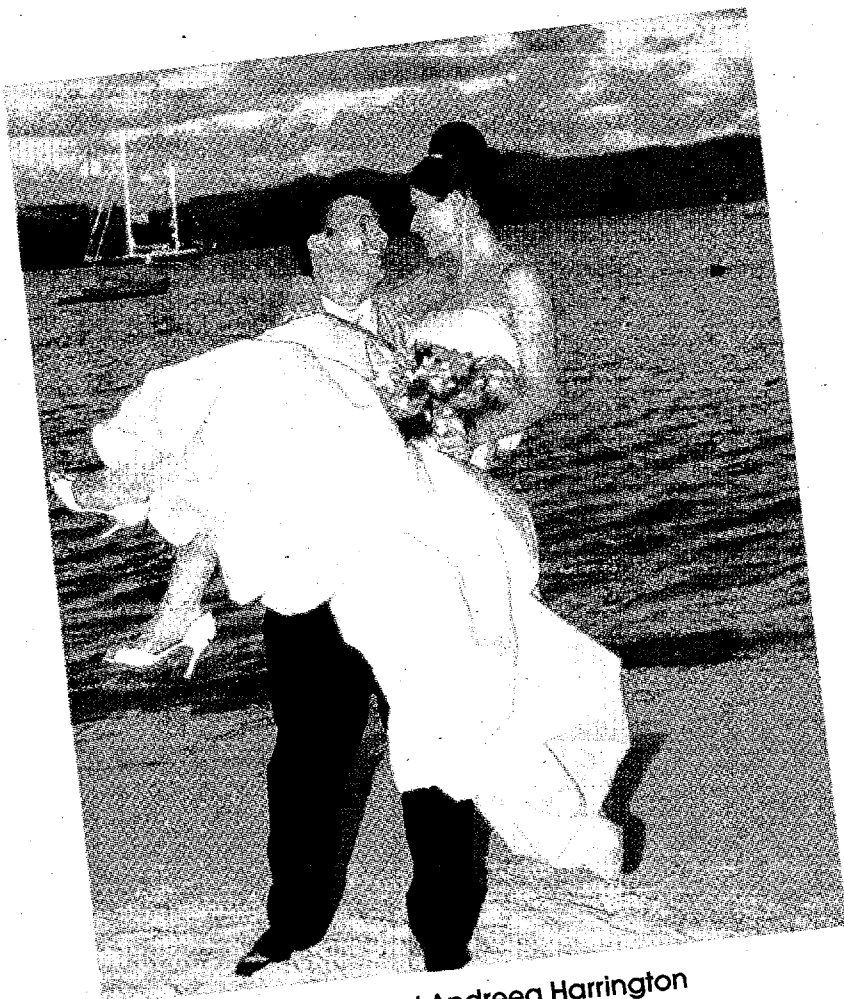
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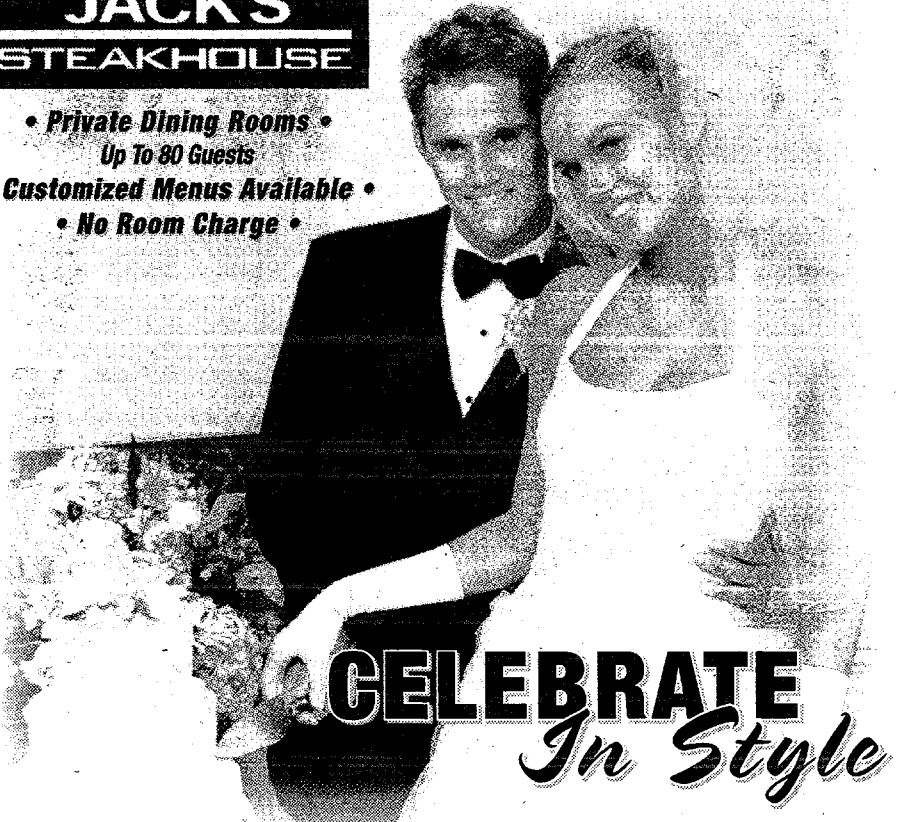
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Vera Wang Mattresses

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The line uses patented exotic fills and feature sewn-in duvet covers. They meet the highest fire-rating standards without sacrificing style.

The Sweetheart mattress is adorned with Wang's signature triple heart motif, while a special pale pink Cherish mattress boasts a quilted ribbon pattern, and benefits the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

According to Earl Eiben, President of Mattress & Futon Shop, 47 percent of newlyweds purchase a mattress within the first year of marriage.

"Vera Wang is definitely tapping into the bridal market with this product. We think it's a great fit," Eiben said.

Serta Sales Representative Eric Bowles said Wang was involved in all aspects of the mattress design process.

"We wanted to make sure we teamed up with the premiere name in wedding and bridal, and unlike other times when designers just pass their name to a product, she was very hands-on," Bowles said. "She approved all the fabrics, how the mattresses look and how they feel."

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Roma Sposa Relocates

The new Roma Sposa Atelier makes customers feel like they've stepped off the streets of Birmingham into a Parisian bridal boutique. The upscale gown shop recently moved into a larger space just one storefront over from its original location. Designed by Ron Rea, the new store features dark wood, stone flooring and feminine 1920's-style crystal chandeliers that hang above the couture gowns.

More room means more designer lines — including Valentino, Elie Saab, Emanuel Ungaro, Badgley Mischka, Carolina Herrera and Platinum. Roma Sposa can outfit the bride, bridesmaids, flower girl and mother-of-the-bride in the luxury of Monique Lhuillier, Ulla Maija and more.

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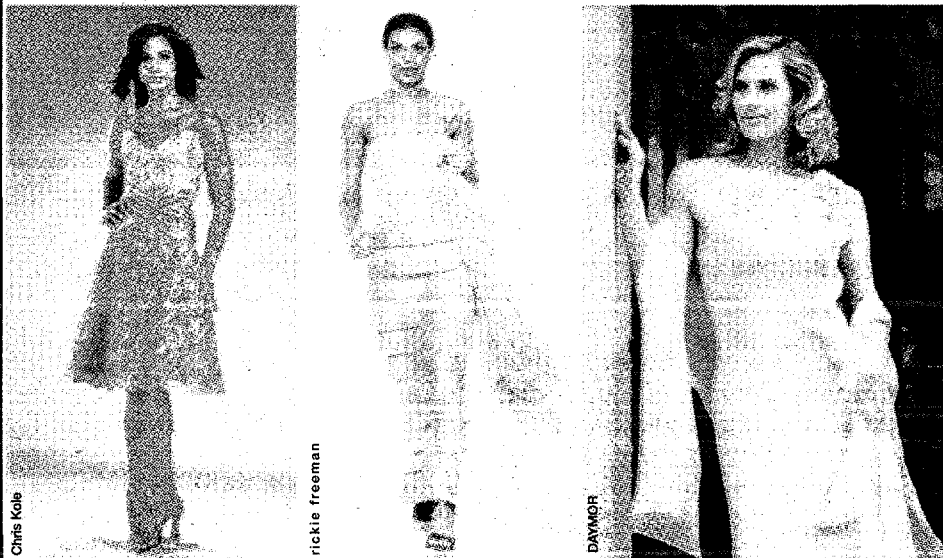
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DJs Keep the Wedding Party Dancing

By Steve Steinhardt

Choosing the right music for your wedding is crucial to its success. The evening is generally a six-hour event, and can be broken down into three parts:

Phase One

Phase One includes the cocktail hour, dinner and after-dinner music. This is the time for 'appropriate' music, like Sinatra, Bubl , Como and Rod Stewart's re-makes of the standards.

It is very important that the music is not too loud during the meal, so people can speak and hear each other.

After dinner, but before the dancing starts is a great time for favorites which may not be good for dancing. For example, The Beatles, Elton John, Van Morrison, James Taylor, Billy Joel and Journey fit in nicely here.

It's a good time for upbeat music to get people to start tapping their toes. As a general rule, this phase lasts around two hours, with room for 20-30 songs.

Phase Two

After the wedding party songs (father/bride dance, garter toss, etc.), there is a window for fun, family-oriented, PG-rated dance music — the type of music that wouldn't make you embarrassed if your grandma was on the dance floor — OK, not too embarrassed. Oldies, Motown, '80s classics and disco work well during this phase.

Phase Three

This is the time to take the gloves off — and inspire the bridesmaids to kick off their shoes. Phase Three usually starts around 10 p.m. Depending on the crowd, it could happen much earlier, or not at all.

This is the time to turn your wedding into a nightclub. The older people have been satisfied with the selection so far, and they will be pleased that the music was not too loud at dinner.



Now it's time for the songs you and your 20- to 30-something friends want to hear. This phase generally lasts three hours or more, with time for 60-65 songs.

When picking your wedding music, it is important to tell your DJ some songs you love, along with some songs you hate and don't want played, but give him the flexibility to read the crowd. Although you want to hear your favorites, trust the DJ's experience to read the crowd and adjust the music according to the mood. After all, he does this every week. It is the DJ's job to mix your pre-selections with reasonable guest requests, then use his judgment to

play what works with the given demographics, and determine what will be best for your wedding.

If he does his job, the event will go smoothly so you can just relax and enjoy. The dance floor will be packed all night, and the DJ will use the music to create a fun atmosphere while keeping attention on the bride and groom. After all, that is what the night is about. It is not about the DJ. If he does his job well, you will hardly know he is there.

DJ Steve Steinhardt has owned Big Sound Music Detroit for nine years. He can be reached at (248) 259-8110 or bigsoundmusicdetroit@comcast.net.

TOP WEDDING REQUESTS

These songs, while tried 'n' true, are meant to be a good starting point for your wedding playlist. Let them get you thinking about your favorites. After all, it's your special day.

PHASE ONE

Slow songs and specialty dances:

- "Butterfly Kisses" by Bob Carlisle
- "Song For Mama" by Boyz II Men
- "Through the Years" by Kenny Rogers
- "That's What Friends are For" by Dionne Warwick and Friends
- "At Last" by Etta James
- "God Bless the Broken Road" by the Rascal Flatts
- "From This Moment" by Shania Twain
- "To Make You Feel My Love" by Garth Brooks
- "Love Can Build a Bridge" by The Judds
- "Keeper of the Stars" by Tracy Byrd

PHASE TWO

Get those toes tappin':

- "ABC" by The Jackson Five
- "I Will Survive" by Gloria Gaynor
- "Cha-Cha Slide" by Live Platinum Band
- "The Hustle" by Stevie Wonder
- "Grease Medley" by Boyzone
- "Love Shack" by The B52s
- "Brick House" by The Commodores
- "Lady Marmalade" by Christina Aguilera and Friends
- "Hips Don't Lie" by Shakira
- "Kiss" by Prince

PHASE THREE

Crank it up a notch:

- "Baby Got Back" (Maybe minus the 20-second intro) by Sir Mix-A-Lot
- "Tootsie Roll" by 69 Boyz
- "Let's Get Married" by Jagged Edge
- "My Humps" by Black Eyed Peas
- "Don't Cha" by Pussycat Dolls
- "In Da Club" by 50 Cent
- "I Like the Way You Move" and "Hey Ya" by Outkast
- "Hot in Here" and "Country Grammar" by Nelly
- "Save a Horse, Ride a Cowboy" by Big & Rich
- "Redneck Woman" by Gretchen Wilson
- "Back that Thang Up" by Juvenile

Source: Steve Steinhardt, Big Sound Music

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Terri and John O'Brien

Island Intimacy

Terri and John of Northville eloped in the Bahamas 15 years ago. Since there was no florist on the island, John and some Bahamian children picked wildflowers for Terri's bouquet. The commissioner of the island performed the ceremony with just two witnesses present. A passing couple offered to take their picture, and it remains the only photo they have from their wedding day.

"Walking barefoot to the pink sand beach with just my husband I realized that it wasn't about the big party but just about the two of us," Terri says.



Outdoor Glamour

Mandi and Dave of Plymouth planned an early-September wedding at the Blue Dress Barn in Millburg. The couple carried the rustic theme into all elements of the wedding, with invitations printed on thin sheets of wood (www.cardsofwood.com), seating assignments inked on smooth river stones, and homemade centerpieces with tall branches rising out of vases surrounded by moss. The bride wore a garden-party length dress, and her Shannon Britt shoes were adorned with white columbine silk flowers. To shield guests from the sun the couple passed out parasols before the outdoor ceremony.

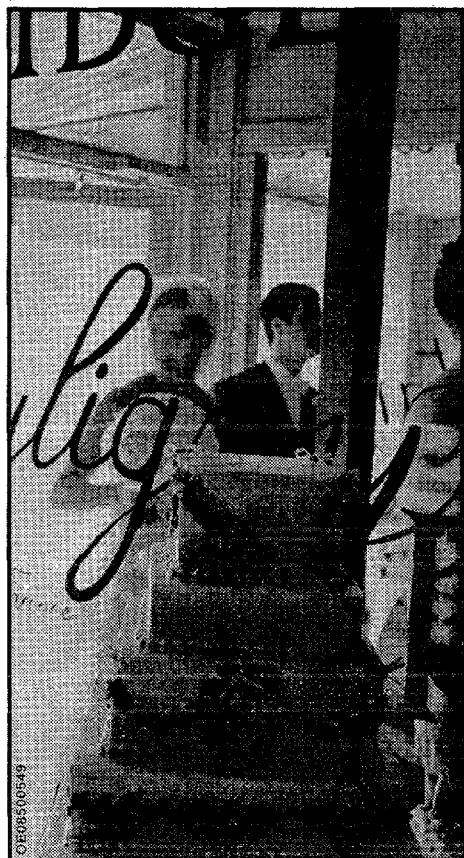
Mandi and Dave Buckland

Diverse Detail

Tara remembers the smile on Jason's face as she walked down the aisle in January, 2005. Her best memory of the night is dancing with her husband as man and wife. The couple personalized their reception with a cake topper featuring a black bride and white groom. The night went perfectly, except that the videographer cancelled at the last minute.

"I would definately have had a back-up so that we could look back on our special day," Tara says.

Tara and Jason Michener



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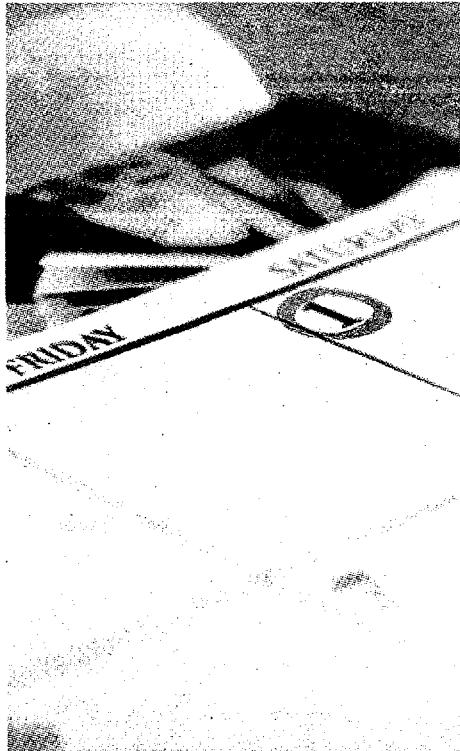
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Use this checklist to ensure your wedding goes off as smoothly as possible:

10 to 12 Months Before

- If you haven't done it already, this is a good time to announce your engagement and introduce your respective families.
- Book reception hall and church.
- Put together your guest list. Don't forget to ask your parents whom they'd like to invite as well.
- Determine your budget and start saving!

6 to 9 Months Before

- Booking the florist, caterer, DJ, band and photographer.
- Inform any guests who will be traveling significant distances of the date of your wedding. The earlier your guests can book a flight, the less expensive it will be.
- Order gowns for the bride and bridesmaids, as some manufacturers require a few months to ship to bridal shops.
- Ask someone such as your priest or rabbi to be the officiant of your wedding.
- Book your honeymoon!

4 to 5 Months Before

- Decide on wedding invitations, of which there are many styles to choose from.
- Start hunting for a wedding cake by sampling a number of different bakeries and their style of cakes before ultimately making a decision.
- Confirm that all of the bridesmaids have ordered their gowns.
- Start looking for a tuxedo for the groom and groomsmen.
- If you haven't done so already, purchase your wedding rings.
- Let any other people you'd like to participate in your wedding (ushers, readers during the ceremony, etc.) know of your intentions.

2 to 3 Months Before

- Finalize your guest list and mail out your invitations.
- If your guest list includes a considerable amount of people who are spread out geographically, mail the invitations as close to 12 weeks in advance as possible.
- Finalize menu choices for your guests.
- Track down wedding accessories such as the ring pillow, candles, etc.
- Decide on and purchase gifts for bridal party, groomsmen and parents of the bride and groom.
- Confirm that all groomsmen have ordered their tuxedos.
- Finalize all transportation, both to and from the wedding and to the airport for your honeymoon.

1 to 2 Months Before

- Schedule the first bridal-gown fitting.
- Finalize the readings you'd prefer during the ceremony and mail them out to anyone who has agreed to do a reading.
- If your family prefers to host a small gathering for close family and friends after the wedding rehearsal, the night before the wedding, this is a good time to order any food or drinks you might want to serve that night, or make a restaurant reservation.

3 to 4 Weeks Before

- Confirm your honeymoon arrangements.
- See if your wedding rings are ready.
- Get your marriage license.
- Check the guest list to see who has and hasn't RSVP'd.
- For those who have yet to RSVP, you might want to contact them so you can get a closer idea of what the head count will be.
- Prepare and order your wedding program around this time.

1 to 2 Weeks Before

- Get a final attendance count and submit it to the caterer as soon as possible.
- Provide a final seating chart to the caterer and venue.
- Pick up the wedding gown and tuxedo.
- Make sure the wedding party picks up their attire.
- Finalize your vows and confirm all wedding-day details such as transportation, photo schedules, and addresses.
- Don't forget to pack for your honeymoon!

The Day Before

- Rehearse for the ceremony.
- Make any final confirmations.
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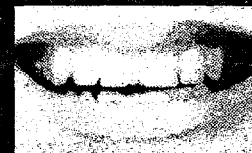
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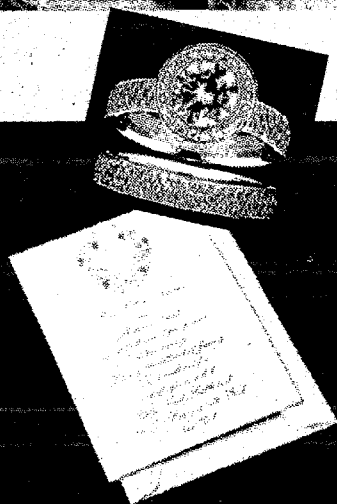


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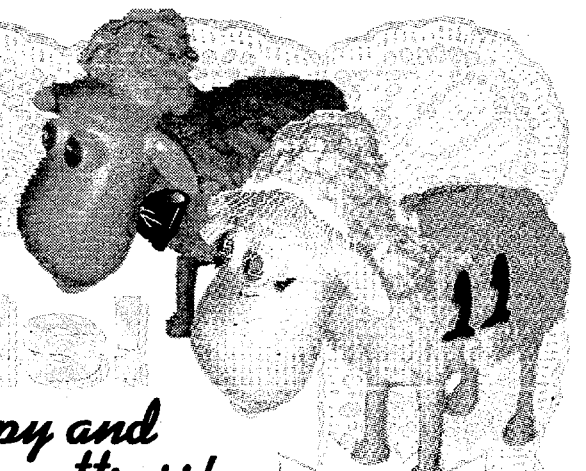
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