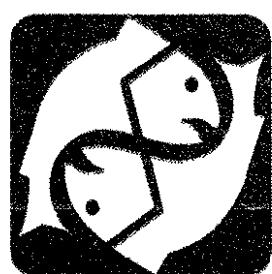


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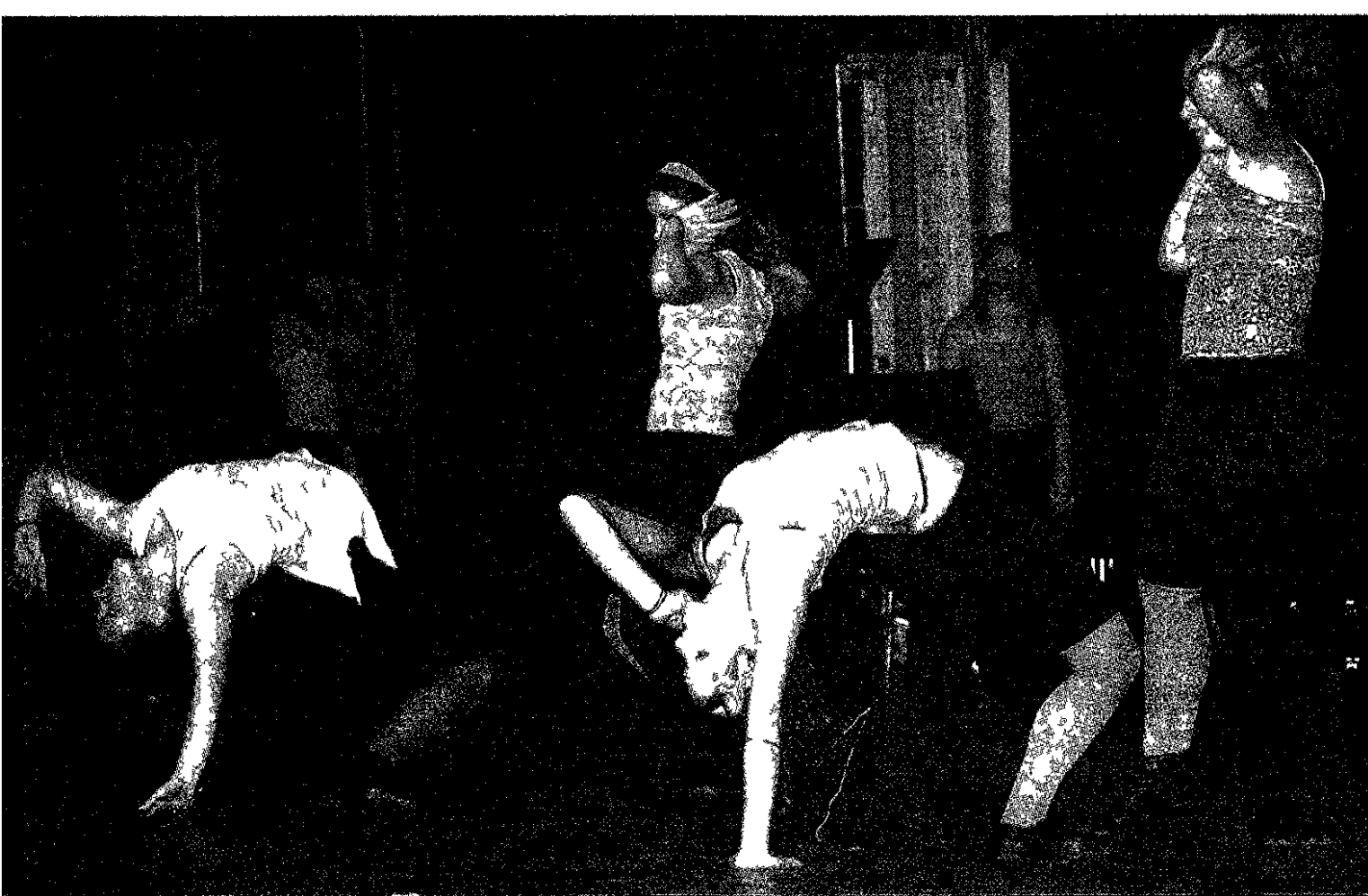


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rd members Liz Jadczak a Canton junior, and Dawn Bomay a Salem junior, show their flexibility during the Variety Is talent production at Salem High School on ay and Saturday

Township to ask for police, fire millage hike

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

If Plymouth Township residents value their police and fire service, they're going to have to put a dollar value on it.

Township board members voted Tuesday night to seek approval for a 2-mill levy to continue funding for public safety services within the township. The current millage originally voted on in 1985, expires this year.

Voters in 1985 approved a 1-mill renewal and a 1-mill increase, but that 2-mill levy has been lowered by the Headlee Amendment to 1.63. The ballot proposal, which will be voted on in a May 3 election, would renew the 1.63 and seek an increase of .037 to recapture money lost under Headlee revisions.

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Teenage Talent

ariety show provides stage for h schoolers

STORY BY DIANE HANSON | CORRESPONDENT

From ballet to break dancing, accordions to xylophones, comedy to poetic rap, the annual production of "Variety Is," showcasing talented students from Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools, displayed it all for more than 1,600 appreciative fans during Friday and Saturday night performances at the Salem High School auditorium last weekend. The students are in charge of this, said Gerry Olexsey, president of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters, hosts of the event. "The only thing we parents do is sell tickets and supply some extras, but they do the entire production from start to finish. We work for them."

And most appreciative of that fact were the student chairpersons of this year's extravaganza, Salem senior Shelly Dwenger and Canton seniors Jennie Jansen and Kavita Srivastava. The trio had plenty of kudos for parents and student helpers alike.

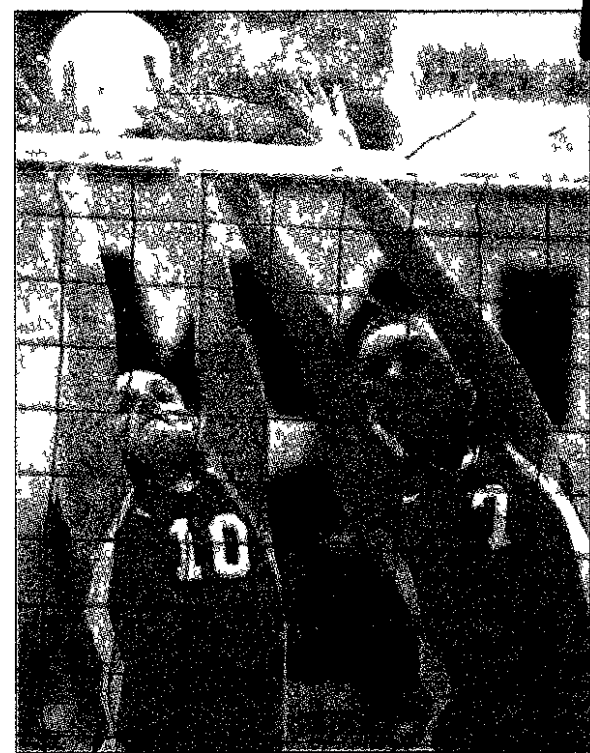
It took a lot of hard work and dedication from everyone, Dwenger said. "We had 20 acts altogether and started right after the Christmas break with advertising."

"About two weeks before the show, we started auditioning," Jansen added. "Then a week before, we began the dress rehearsals. The hardest part of the whole process

PLEASE SEE TALENT, A4



P CEP Marching Band members release the power during their Variety Is finale performance of 'The Trainman Cometh!' last weekend at Salem High School Auditorium



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Stephanie Price (left) and Lisa Western get up to block a shot during Monday night's volleyball game against Plymouth. The school board is currently studying a plan for administering the district's sports programs.

City derails Sheldon underpass - again

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

on again, off-again, on-participation by the city of uth in the Sheldon Road pass project is now off —

commissioners voted 5-1 ay to have city attorney Bob no draft the necessary doc- ts to remove the city from ipation and financial liability he project, in effect telling e County it no longer wants nd \$503,250 as its share of 0.6 million project which en in the planning stages 1999

"We pay you good money, Bobby, get us out of this thing," Commissioner Dan Dwyer said of the project. "This bad boy is never going to happen."

City commissioners are frustrated the project has yet to get off the ground, and have increasing doubts Wayne County is prepared for possible problems with the city's water supply, especially since Detroit Water and Sewer has not participated in the project.

"Let's be honest, this has been a political project from the get-go with federal money coming in," said City Manager Paul Sincock. "We've been told throughout the

history of this project construction will get started in two seasons, and it hasn't."

Commissioners agreed in 1999 to participate financially when \$5.5 million in federal money was announced for the underpass. In April 2003, commissioners voted unanimously to pull out because of costs which had escalated to \$725,000.

In October 2003, commissioners voted to get back in after Wayne County agreed to cap the city's cost at the previously approved \$503,250.

However, concerns over language in the latest contract, which indicates the city will be

responsible for costs 'not identified on the project plans,' have commissioners concerned about cost overruns.

Sincock is proposing the city use the money instead to pave city streets, including the four-block span of Hartsough from Main to Fairground.

"The underpass is a good idea because I always got stopped by the trains," said 82-year-old Anne Ingall, who lives on Hartsough. "But, if we had to make a choice, I would rather have my street paved."

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Athletic plan would cost more

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A plan to restructure the Plymouth-Canton Schools athletic department would cost \$52,000 more for a school district which has already cut the athletic budget by \$546,600 over the past three years.

The Athletic Leadership Committee's report to the Board of Education Tuesday recommended that Plymouth-Canton's athletic model include a

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Exclusive interview with designer Dana Buchman



Clarifications

The feature story in the *Observer* Life section (Page C1) on the Children's Christian Alliance should have said the organization's Web site was <http://www.swiftglobal.com/cc>

In the Feb. 3 *Observers*, it was reported Miller Elementary will receive \$3.5 million in renovations as a result of the bond issue passed by voters in September.

The correct figure, according to Plymouth-Canton school district officials, is \$5.5 million.

Underground Railroad exhibit

Celebrate Black History Month by visiting the Plymouth Historical Museum and learning about how quilts may have been used to "communicate" information to escaping slaves on the Underground Railroad.

Visit Michigan's largest Abraham Lincoln Collection on permanent display and experience the 10 stages of Lincoln's life from his boyhood through his tragic assassination.

The museum is open to the public 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students and \$7 per family.

For more information visit the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940.

Doll exhibit

Lost Arts Stitchery is hosting a doll display called "Tribute to the Art Doll," through the end of February.

Several local Michigan doll artists have their gorgeous dolls on display in the store and many are priced for sale. It's an opportunity to view and purchase doll art that is not easily found.

Lost Arts Stitchery is located at 580 Forest in Plymouth. The store is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For information call (734) 453-1340.

Tsunami help

Fox Hills Chrysler Jeep in Plymouth has helped raise \$87,400 in tsunami relief funds targeted to the rebuilding of the Sri Lanka village of Galle. The funds are being donated to the rebuilding project of the Salvation Army of Southeastern Michigan.

The \$87,400 relief assistance was created by the Chrysler Jeep Superstore Advertising Association of Southeast Michigan donation of \$25 for each new vehicle sold or leased by its 40 store members during January.

"We wanted to help rebuild Galle from the ground up after it was hit so hard by this tragic natural disaster," Fox Hills' Jim Schebil said. The Salvation Army people now in Sri Lanka told us it looked as if a huge bomb went off and even the debris from ruined homes has washed away. There is a lot of

work to do and every little bit helps.

Top employee

Fred Erren is the February Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Bennigan's restaurant, officials of LaBelle Management, which owns the restaurant, have announced.

According to LaBelle spokeswoman Alicia Wickert, crew members are recognized "based on job performance, customer service attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism."

LaBelle Management owns and operates 33 restaurants and six hotels throughout Michigan and Indiana.

ID theft seminar

USA Credit Union and the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce join forces to host a seminar on identity theft from 8-9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at the chamber office.

Those attending the seminar will learn how thieves get victims' personal information, what exactly identity theft is, how to know if you're a victim and what to do if you become a victim.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided, seating is limited to 35 people. Deadline for reservations is Thursday, Feb. 17. To make a reservation or for more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540. The chamber office is located at 386 S. Main.

Radio birthday

WSDP 88.1-FM celebrates the past with a return to days



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Going up

It was one degree above zero at 9 a.m. on a recent frigid morning and construction continued anyway on the seven-story, 118-room hotel being added at St. John's Golf & Conference Center. Developers believe the hotel will provide added convenience for people attending the myriad of weddings and conferences that take place at St. John's every year.

gone by for Retro Day Saturday, Feb. 12.

In celebration of the station's 33rd birthday, WSDP will turn the airwaves over to station alumni. For the second

straight year, former staff members will play music that was popular when they were students. WSDP will also air sound clips from throughout the station's history.

"We have a lot of folk returning from last year's station manager Bill K. I'm especially excited about the new people who are replacing me. I know our staff members are excited to get back behind the microphone."

The station's Web site www.881TheEscape.com more details and a list of participants.

Senior transportation

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STRIKING A POSE

Balancing poses help attain better balance. The dancer's pose also increases flexibility in the front of the legs and hips which improves posture. To strike this pose stand straight with your legs together. Then bend the left knee bringing your left foot behind you toward your buttocks. With your left hand reach back to hold the outside of the left foot tailbone. Take care not to arch your back. You will feel a stretch at the front of your left thigh. Next, gently bring your left foot toward the ceiling while extending your right arm in front of you at a 45 degree angle. Hold for 20 seconds then repeat on the other side.

Improving your balance from posture and strengthening specific muscle groups all work to prevent injury and improve performance levels at work and play. If you would like to begin an exercise program or are experiencing pain or stiffness call HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY. We are located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth with easy access and parking and can be reached by calling 455 8370.

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AAUW gets ready for 'Pinocchio'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The little boy with the nose that grows with each new lie will be center stage when the Plymouth-Canton Branch of the American Association of University Women presents the five performances of *Pinocchio* March 3-5 at Garden City High School's O'Leary Auditorium.

For more than 40 years, the organization has been presenting children's theater productions, taking classics like *Pinocchio*, *Snow White* and *Peter Pan* and crafting hour-long "AAUW versions."

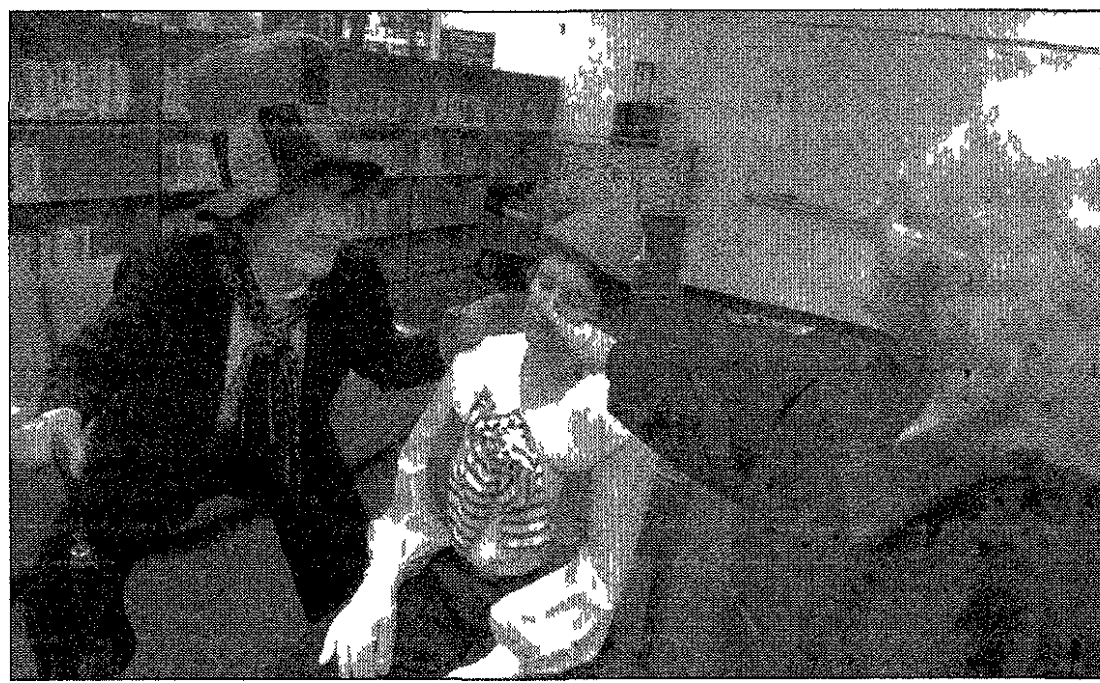
For more than 40 years, the organization has been presenting children's theater productions, taking classics like *Pinocchio*, *Snow White* and *Peter Pan* and crafting hour-long "AAUW versions."

"We're at liberty to change a few things," said co-director Shirley Zaetta, a Garden City school teacher. "We added hawks and clowns to *Pinocchio* and have one of the Lost Boys saying no more ball playing, no more PlayStation and no more MEAP tests, but it's pretty much the same play we did five years ago."

"But the main idea is the same. Children shouldn't tell lies."

This is Zaetta's first time directing and she's thankful she's sharing the responsibilities with Becky Copenhaver, a Livonia school teacher who has done it before.

"There's a lot more decisions to be made than I thought there would be," said Copenhaver. "I think I'd rather be on stage than behind it."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jimmy Cricket (Pam Dean) and Gepetto (Sylvia Rozian) discuss the little wooden boy Pinocchio (Melissa Uhl) who just might become a real boy.

IN REHEARSAL

Members have been rehearsing in the library of Hoban Elementary School in Canton, but move to O'Leary Auditorium tomorrow. That's when the cast has to know their lines.

"Some have been involved so long, it's the 10th, 11th time they've played the part," said Zaetta.

One of those long-timers is Sharon Belobraidich who has the role of Foul Fellow in this year's production.

"I'm never the goody, I always a bad guy or stupid fellow," she said. "I've played the Tin Man, Captain Hook and the Queen in *Cinderella*. The antagonist is the best part. The antagonist makes the play."

"I had a kid beat on me when I was padded up for giant, asking me why I was so mean to Jack."

Belobraidich has been doing the plays for 34 years. A retired Plymouth-Canton school teacher, she did the music for the productions for the first five years before joining the casts.

Melissa Uhl, an engineer with Visteon, is playing the part of Pinocchio, a role her mother played when Belobraidich was doing the music.

"It's fun to see the kids when they grow up, but I wouldn't want that part," she said. "It's just a nothing (role) for me."

COMMON THREAD

Education is a thread that weaves through the chapter. Most members are active or retired educators from the Livonia, Garden City and Plymouth-Canton districts, with a few engineers like Uhl, a lawyer - Sunita Doddamani with the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office - a financial person - Tricia Carney with Rock Financial - and photographer, Julie Brown.

The AAUW first started doing children's plays more than 40 years ago. The first production was *Hansel and Gretel*. They now have a small repertoire of plays that they rotate through every few years. People like Mary Fritz and Peggy Heiney started this, said Zaetta. "They were the ones who came up with the idea that we should have a play group."

The plays are kept to about one hour and are interactive. During the play, members of the cast will move through the audience and afterwards, children have a chance to meet each and everyone one of them in the lobby.

Members all say that it's the camaraderie that makes doing the play so much fun, but it's the reaction of the kids that makes it extra special.

Meeting the kids after the play seeing their reaction to play and their expressions on their faces. "I played Doc in

Mettetal event geared toward aviation enthusiasts

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

If you've ever been fascinated by airplanes and would like to learn more about them, there is an upcoming event at Mettetal Airport that might strike your fancy.

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 113 is holding an open house and Chili Fly-in from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, at the group's new aviation center located near the south end of the state-owned airport, which is located at the southeast corner of Lilley and Joy roads. Planes from all over Southeast Michigan are expected to be on display at the event.

The chapter, which is part of the national EAA organization, has been based at Mettetal since 1961. In 2004, the group completed the new aviation center, which includes a heated hangar, meeting facilities, and the Robert Paulson Aviation Library.

The group's main focus is to provide an active local organization for anyone interested in aviation.

The members have monthly meetings, provide hands-on training workshops, and organize several youth programs - most notably the Young Eagles Program, which provides youths between the ages of 8 and 17 with an introductory flight.

Fly-ins, according to chapter president Dave Buck, are basically when pilots fly their planes in to show off a little bit, but mostly to socialize with others that have a common interest - a love of aviation. Buck said the group typically organizes fly-ins during the summer months, when the

weather is more predictable. He said there could be as many as 100 pilots flying in for this event, though the weather could play a factor.

"Typically fly-ins begin in April, and take place in warmer weather. So this will be the first fly-in of the year. We're hoping to have a good showing," he said. "We're inviting the community to come see our new building, and to see what we're all about."

As the name suggests, the Chili Fly-in will feature plenty of food, including bratwurst, sauerkraut, and the aforementioned chili.

The chapter is always looking for new blood, and the members are hoping to use the fly-in to show prospective members what the group has to offer. People of all ages are welcome to join. The chapter is open to all aviation enthusiasts, not just pilots. In fact, only about half the chapter's 100 or so members actually fly planes.

Livonia resident Mike Scovel, who is chair of the fly committee, said the event will be held even if the weather isn't ideal. The heated hangar will offer shelter from the elements.

"We're really trying to showcase the friendliness of this airport, and get people interested in our organization," Scovel said.

The open house is free, but the chapter is asking for donations to help fund some of its programs, including the Young Eagles. For more information about the event or the Experimental Aircraft Association, visit the chapter's Web site at www.eaa113.org, or call Mike Scovel at (734) 462-1176.

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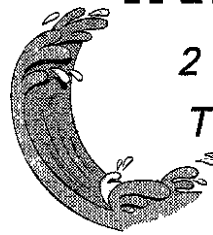
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district wide director to oversee both high school and middle athletics, along with three athletic coordinators to supervise the athletic programs at each of the high schools

The district currently has an athletic director at each high school

"The goal we started with was to provide the best athletic leadership model for the Park," said Trustee Barry Smescu, chairman of the 18-member committee "We looked at what student athletes are involved in, the three high schools sharing facilities and what other districts do. Cost wasn't a major concern"

Committee member Jim Fox said the key is to have three building coordinators to run the day-to-day athletic operations, while letting an athletic director look at long-term goals

"We felt very strongly that with a growing community, and with the impact of student athletes and people that participate in athletics, that this is a great future idea for our community," said Fox. "But, it is also a strain on our budget"

The increased athletic budget is an issue with board

President Mark Slavens and Treasurer Judy Mardigian, both of whom thought one charge of the committee was to cut costs in the athletic department.

"I can't support a cost increase," said Slavens "When the committee was initially put together, I didn't expect to see that it will cost more I thought we were looking for ways for cost savings

"I would like to see if there is any way we can configure this athletic directorship so that we can save dollars," he said

The committee which has been meeting since September, did come up with an alternative plan that would save the district about \$100,000

"We all felt very strongly we needed to have someone in the athletic director position, but we didn't feel financially we could afford it right now," said committee member Nancy Eggenberger "(Salem High School Principal) Jerry Ostom said he would be willing to step in and take over this role"

Currently, the three athletic directors and their secretaries total \$356,751 in salaries

Canton athletic director Sue Henzman is the highest paid at \$94,981 Tom Willette at Salem and Terry Sawchuk at Plymouth each earn \$81,102

Under the athletic committee's proposal, the athletic

COST OF THE PROGRAM

Here's how the costs for athletic staffing look now, and a comparison of how things would look under a proposed new plan

	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Athletic director	\$257,185*	\$98,526
Athletic coordinators	\$5,000**	\$234,738
Secretaries	\$94,566	\$75,608
TOTAL COST	\$356,751	\$408,872

* - Total of 3, one at each high school
** - Middle School

director would begin duties in the 2006-07 school year and earn \$98,526 annually The three athletic coordinators would receive a yearly salary of \$78,246 The total athletic budget, including secretaries, would increase to \$408,872

The committee outlined a transition plan in which the three current athletic directors would be notified their positions will be eliminated in 2006-07, giving them time to seek other employment They would also be considered for the new positions

"We felt very grateful for the service the three athletic directors have provided for this district," said Michael Bender, director of secondary education "We felt it only fair we give them an opportunity to look into the future for their own personal careers"

Trustee Richard Ham-Kucharski, also a member of the athletic committee, said the group looked at 22 different models, but it came down to the best model for more than 2,000 students per season who participate in sports

All the activities at the Park today really warrant at least three separate people doing full-time functions," said Ham-Kucharski Before, we thought the perception was these athletic directors were

making a lot of money When we looked at the rest of the athletic directors out there, they (Plymouth-Canton's) are being paid less"

Mardigian said she can't support the proposal the way it stands

"I respect the work of the committee, but I think we have some more work to do," said Mardigian "If we have to look at cuts, athletics is a likely place we'll have to look And, we don't have a contingency plan

Willette, who graduated from Salem in 1975 and has been the athletic director since 1999, said the committee's plan is one that has been discussed for several years

"I understand the committee's desire to have a district athletic director," said Willette "My feeling is the current system is good We have quality athletic programs at the Park, and part of the reason is we have full-time building people

Willette and Sawchuk said they would be interested in the athletic director's position Henzman was not available for comment

The three athletic directors took 9-percent pay cuts to ensure their jobs for another year as the committee determined the future of the Park's athletic program

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FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

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Ingrid V Carney, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Jan 17
Patrick J Chandler, 61, of Auburn Hills, died Feb 1
Barbara Cihak of Westland, died Feb 4

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Margaret Evelyn Davidsen (nee Cripps), 87, formerly of Farmington Hills, died Feb 5
Jeanette A Dorvee, 76, of Redford Township, died Feb 5

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Joanne L Jackson, of Garden City, died Feb 4

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Marjan C Korth 98 of Clarkston, died Feb 3

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Priscilla T Lightfoot of Redford Township, died Feb 5

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Irene H Marcinkowski of Plymouth Township, died Feb 3
Amelia Dolores McKee (Ruppersberg) 90 of Troy died Feb 7

Lawrence Lyndell Moore, of Canton Township died Feb 3

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Minnie Myers 94, died Feb 2

Esther J Parrott 73 of Westland



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George F H Schaefer, of Westland, died Feb 5
Helen R Smith, 100, of Rochester, died Feb 1

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Edna Trombetta, of Canton Township, died Feb 3

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Kenneth E VanderVen, of Livonia died Jan 31
Phillips Buick Van Dusen, 74, of Chapel Hill, N C, died Feb 4

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John Hazen Wilson, 83, of Plymouth, died Feb 6
Lena E Wing, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Feb 1

TALENT

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was the actual nights of the show, just trying to get bands and performers on and off and getting everything to run smoothly backstage

Said Srivastava "Friday night was the first time everything was put together Everyone had separate dress

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Brian Leving (right) and Jimmy Wang form the head of the lion for this traditional dance during the Michigan Chinese School's New Year of the Rooster Celebration. Musicians (from left) Mike Leving, Stephanie Poe, Allan Lee look on.

Chinese School honors the Year of Rooster

Food, music, colorful hand-made lanterns and the traditional Lion Dance were all part of the holiday mix Saturday at the Michigan Chinese School New Year celebration.

Families from throughout western Wayne and Oakland counties ushered in the Year of the Rooster (Year 4702 by the Chinese lunar calendar) at a special dinner and program in Livonia's Stevenson High School.

Some 300 people enjoyed a seven-course traditional Chinese dinner catered by Best China of Canton Township and a talent show that celebrated Chinese culture in music, dance and art.

Taking home honors in the lantern decoration contest categories were Jerry and Eric Wu (father and son), Charles Fan, Rachel Wang, Justin Fan and Ingrid Fan (family), Jenny and Angela Wu (mother and daughter), Frank and Jason Hsu (father and son) and Michelle Ho and Emee Ta (student group).

The Michigan Chinese School meets Saturdays throughout the school year at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Students from Canton, West Bloomfield, Livonia, Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Farmington Hills study traditional Chinese language, heritage and culture. Students from preschool through grade 12 are enrolled in the school which started in 1978 at Isbister Elementary School in the Plymouth Canton School District. Classes are taught by parents who are trained teachers. Classes include two hours

of language instruction followed by a session which focuses on Chinese culture and enrichment.

Chinese New Year started with the first new moon of Feb. 9 and ends on the full moon 15 days later. The Chinese calendar uses 12 animals to mark the year.

The rooster is described as flamboyant and unpredictable.

For more information about the Michigan Chinese School contact Steve Poe of Canton at (734) 306-5689.



Bee Wu and her nephew Eric Wu look at the lantern decorated with recycled paper and materials. The Wu family made the lantern, and it earned a ribbon award.



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Jimmy Wang creates the drumbeat as the Lion Dance begins, marking the start of the Michigan Chinese School's Chinese New Year celebration.



Tiffany Lyn of Novi High School performs during the Year of the Rooster celebration.

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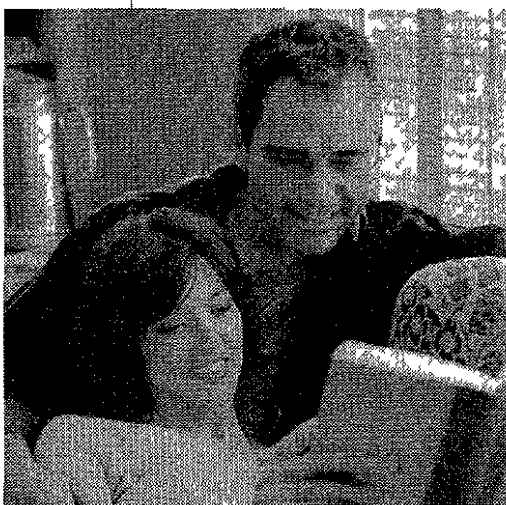
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'Passion for education' puts mom in school board race

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

With children at home ranging in age from 6 3/2 and six months, Emily Florence of Canton Township said the quality of education they receive in the Plymouth-Canton school district is of prime importance to her. And, with that in mind Florence is challenging incumbent Tom Wysocki for the one four-year seat on the Board of Education in the May 3 election.

I have a passion for education and I want to be aware of what is going on with the schools, said Florence. I want to have some say and work with the board as to what's best for students. Florence, a stay-at-home mom who volunteers at Gallimore Elementary, where her son is a kindergartner, said another issue of concern is the cost of the current school board election, which has escalated because of a new state law.

The voter apathy is distressing when it comes to school board elections, she said. "And, with the implementation of the new law, the cost for Plymouth-Canton (to conduct the election) is increasing. I'm hoping voters will see how much this is costing, and it will spur them to get government officials to overturn the law and put more money back into schools." Florence said the district's state funding, allocation of those funds and hiring the

best faculty are high priorities. A district like Plymouth-Canton has high expectations and is perceived as one of the top school districts in the state," said Florence. Wysocki is seeking his second four-year term on the board. I really enjoy the work on the school board, it's something you can give back to the community, said Wysocki, who lives in Plymouth. There are a lot of challenging times coming up for us, and exciting

times. The whole funding issue will come to a head pretty soon, and this is a good time to be involved. Wysocki said other issues for the coming year will include contract negotiations with several unions, including a wage reopener for the 1,000-member Plymouth-Canton Education Association. The last day to register to vote in the school board election is April 4 at the municipal clerk's office.

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If you're a former All-Star or a parent who can provide information and photos about your former All-Star, e-mail Special Editor Mary Klemic at mklemic@oehomecomm.net or mail to *Observer & Eccentric*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Attn: Mary Klemic. Be sure to include a phone number where you can be reached. You can e-mail photos in a jpeg format (please send largest size possible) and make sure photos are identified.

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Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said the renewal and the increase are necessary because of a widening gap between public safety expenses and township revenue. "What we're looking at is declining revenue," Reaume said. "Revenue is only up 3 percent, but costs are up more than 5 percent. The gap is only going to continue to widen." Public safety costs have risen from some \$4.5 million in 1995 to more than \$8 million in 2004, Reaume told the board Tuesday. At the same time, general fund contributions have stayed between \$2 million and \$3 million. According to Treasurer Ron Edwards, the 1.63 mill renewal would generate some \$3 million, while the .037 increase would raise some \$700,000. The cost of the increase to a taxpayer with a \$300,000 home would be about \$54, Edwards said. The board voted 5-2 to approve ballot language asking for the renewal and the increase. Edwards and trustee Charles Curmi voted against it. Edwards said not enough has been done to slash expenses in running both the police and fire departments. "Police and fire (manpower) are out of control," Edwards said. "We've done nothing to cut (expenses). There are avenues we need to take." Curmi agreed, saying money shouldn't be taken from the private sector to subsidize government. "I don't support raising taxes when our budget has increased 100 percent in the last 10 years," Curmi said. "I don't see any sacrifices in the public sector." Putting the renewal and the increase in the same ballot question poses the risk of losing both, Reaume said. If that happens, the township would then schedule a second election, probably in August, to separate the questions. "That's always a concern," Reaume admitted. "That's why we're taking this question to the electorate in May. If it fails, we're only allowed one additional ballot request."

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Westland surgeon returns from tsunami disaster with hope

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Karl Bandhien had just completed rounds at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and was on his way to church when news about the tsunami tragedy came on the radio.

For the next week he couldn't eat and hardly slept until turning to prayer. An answer came and by Monday he was on a plane to Sri Lanka. Bandhien knew living conditions were below standard even before the tidal wave struck because he'd spoken at a conference for Healthcare Christian Fellowship in Sri Lanka in 2003.

"I had been in those areas, knew the people and had worked with them," said Bandhien who has a surgery practice in Westland.

"I'd never seen anything in regard to destruction of all the structures and massive loss of life. It was something that was beyond anything you could possibly imagine."

As senior medical officer for the Michigan Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Bandhien had been called upon to assist survivors of hurricanes in Hawaii, an earthquake in California but had never experienced destruction and death of this proportion. After traveling 24-hours by plane, he rode another seven hours in a van to reach the area where he, and physicians from San Francisco, Australia and Sri Lanka along with a dentist, would treat every-



Dr. Karl Bandhien passes out Band-Aids with cartoon characters on them. While useless for the types of wounds he was seeing, Sri Lankan men, women and children had never seen anything like them.

thing from infections to wounds.

Bandhien says it was a miracle how they all came together. His contact was the Healthcare Christian Fellowship, an interdenominational organization representing more than 100 nations. HCF coordinated all of the relief agencies providing assistance.

"It struck me as an impossible task," said Bandhien. "I had surgeries scheduled, meetings. I'm medical director for

Visiting Physicians Association. It didn't seem possible. It was amazing in the next 24-hours, I got plane tickets that would take me there on Monday. To me personally this was a miracle. From there it was an amazing set of events.

"It was a miracle how all these things came together, an answer to a prayer and an answer by God to the cries of these people." Part of the miracle was along with the wound care, bandages

and medical supplies Bandhien came equipped with, the San Francisco doctor brought a \$30,000 donation of antibiotics and medications. It wasn't long before all were in Trimcomalee on the northern part of the east coast.

Along the way they saw parts of the peninsula where 1,200 were killed. They drove down the road to the local hospital where 65 patients plus all of the nurses and doctors died.

"It hit us so hard. Our stomachs were upside down. We tried to process what happened," said Bandhien. "They took us to where there was still a standing structure, a school house. We put up chairs and tables, set up stations."

"It was wall to wall patients. I'm convinced many would have had serious consequences or loss of life. They had open draining wounds and infections. Many were dragged across areas after the wave hit them and sustained injuries."

When Bandhien talks about the experience his voice shakes at certain points. He tells the story of a school teacher who studied tsunamis and remembered the warning signs. When he saw the ferry boat rise 30 to 40-feet in the air, he knew to run for his life. He screamed to his neighbors, but they didn't heed the warning. He and his family were the only survivors.

Bandhien brought back stories of hope as well. As he was gathering up supplies on the last day, Bandhien found colorful Band-Aids with cartoon char-

acters in the bottom of his bag.

"They were useless for the types of wounds I was seeing," said Bandhien. "I had an audience of kids around me all day, pulling foreign objects out of legs. I looked at their faces. It was like on Christmas day. They came from everywhere requesting these Band-Aids."

"I shared with these kids that God really cared about them. That's why we were there. It's not a Christian area - Hindus, Buddhists, Moslems. There had been a lot of tension, Christian churches burned and rebels fighting. There was a healing taking place between many of these different areas of conflict. Members of a church had gone to a Hindu area and started cleaning up and a Hindu priest wanted to apologize for something he said earlier."

"I'm still trying to understand what can we learn from this. Life is very fragile. It could have been any one of us in the vacation spots in Thailand. God is speaking to get our priorities in order."

Bandhien is home now and reassessing his life.

He wants to share his experiences and create awareness so others will help.

"Before I came home I met with my (HCF) counterpart in Sri Lanka and we prayed together. Since then I've been able to direct this in a positive direction rather than be overwhelmed by it and see solutions."

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OUR VIEWS

Fire coverage a top priority

The Plymouth Community Fire Department has long been a political football for officials in both the city and township.

That needs to stop. The latest fumble could come in a possible decision not to build a fire station at the site of the new township hall at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty Township Supervisor Richard Reaume revealed last week he was going to suggest the township board at least consider the possibility of delaying construction of a new Station No. 1 at the site of the new hall, which is supposed to house the new fire hall, police headquarters and township facilities.

Reaume is right to worry about the rising costs of the project, which started at \$12 million and, according to sources, is between \$2 million and \$3 million over budget already. And while delaying or even eliminating the fire station on that property might save a couple of million dollars, it sends a terrible message to residents on that side of town.

Station No. 1 is the department's busiest station, according to the fire chief. That's because it responds to that side of the township, plus it's the primary responder to runs within the city. Eliminating or delaying construction of the new station puts the onus for responding to the east side of town on fire stations located at North Territorial and Beck (Station 3) and on Schoolcraft (Station 2).

One of the options the township would reportedly consider would be plunking some equipment and a truck or two at the old fire digs at city hall, leaving the department with only two official fire stations.

City officials are steaming about a possible option that potentially leaves city residents vulnerable to lower response times. They're also pretty miffed about a perceived lack of consultation on department issues. Under the agreement that formed the joint department, the city pays 25 percent of the department's budget, township officials maintain most of the decision-making for the department.

Is it possible the department could operate with just two stations? That's the way it was for years, although growth suggests it wouldn't be wise. Perusal of the department's run sheets shows the vast majority of activity for firefighters involve rescue runs and traffic accidents, very few fires occur.

If the footprint of the new township hall is now too big, or if project costs are skyrocketing, dealing with those issues should include a review of all options.

But leaving the city and east side of the township vulnerable to fire shouldn't be one of them.

The best Valentine's gift: a healthy heart

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The American Heart Association — whose goal is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke — observes February as American Heart Month to educate Americans about preventative measures.

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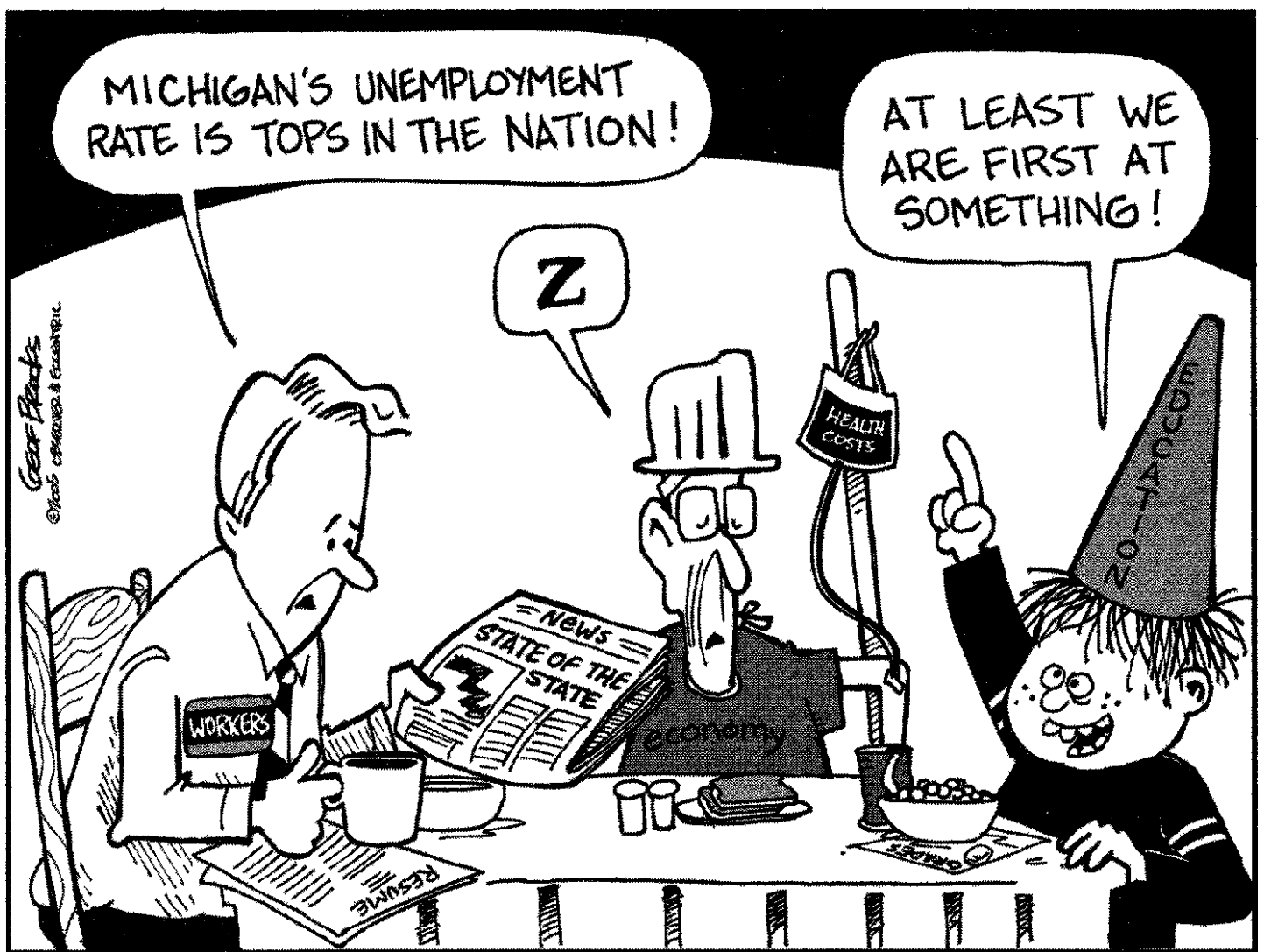
The American Cancer Society's January report indicating more people under age 85 have died from cancer than heart disease each year since 2002 included deaths from heart disease only — not related cardiovascular diseases, the AHA says.

Nearly 100,000 Americans under age 60 die each year from heart disease — and another 17.9 million live with the ravages of coronary heart disease and congestive heart failure.

For women, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death — a fact the local branch of the American Heart Association is attempting to educate the public about through its Go Red for Women Luncheon on Tuesday at the Hyatt Regency Dearborn. (For more information, call [248] 827-4214.)

This Valentine's Day, commit to making these lifestyle changes — and increase your chances of living a longer, healthier life with your loved ones.

They'll appreciate it far more than a box of chocolates or bouquet of red roses.



LETTERS

School response

I feel the need to respond to the letter to the editor written by Mark F. Tooze of Plymouth Township that was published in the Jan. 27 *Observer*. The letter, titled "Not a bad law" discussed my unhappiness with the new Election Consolidation Law.

Mr. Tooze asks why our Board of Education and I did not work to find an alternative to the May date. What it comes down to is that the school district's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The board begins to develop its goals and the goals for the superintendent and district at its July organizational meeting and works hard to complete those goals by early September.

To have a newly elected board member start in January after a November election does not work well for this important goal-setting process.

Also, in response to the second issue raised by Mr. Tooze, the school district holds elections every year because for three out of four years, there are two board seats available in every election. This guarantees the public has the opportunity to review the leadership and makeup of the board every year at a reasonable cost to the school district.

If you have heard me make a public presentation, you know I have a "no whining" rule. It is difficult for me to hold to my rule and "manage this situation to a positive outcome instead of whining about the law."

The intent of the law is to increase voter participation and consolidate some precincts, if possible. What used to cost us \$15,000 may now cost us \$60,000 to \$75,000. In these very challenging financial times, that is a tough pill to swallow. If the state wanted election consolidation, all it had to do was tell us to run our elections on the dates it selected. It made a simple solution much more complicated.

As always, I am proud to be the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

Jim Ryan
superintendent of schools

Goodfellows thanks

As president of the Plymouth Goodfellows, I want to personally extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire Plymouth Community. Now that the paper sale is complete, the shopping is done and the wrapping and delivery has taken place, all of the volunteers truly enjoyed their own Christmas with a real feeling of satisfaction.

Once again, we did not stand in the street intersections, but local merchants were very supportive in allowing us at their entrances. Many invited us in to warm ourselves or have a quick cup of coffee. Once again, we used a mail campaign to reach as many of you as we could. We then took to the sidewalks Dec. 4.

The volunteers of Plymouth Goodfellows offer a heartfelt "thank you" to all of our local residents who contributed to making the 2004 campaign of "No Child Without a Christmas" a huge success. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide clothing and

gifts to 134 children and we provided food certificates to 208 residents in the Plymouth community who needed a little extra help this past holiday season.

Our numbers from the 2003 campaign were 97 children and 156 people who were provided with food certificates. As you can see, our numbers increased by more than 40 in each case. This just would not have been possible without the tremendous support from this wonderful community.

We would like to give a special thanks to everyone who helped us out during the 2004 campaign. Just to name a few, Kroger, Kmart, Anlyn, Options & Resources, TRAM, Aisin World Headquarters, Victory Packaging, Community Financial, Cequent Towing Products, Sealant Equipment and Engineering, Plastapak, DURR Industries, Laurel Furniture, PURE Massage, Subway on Ann Arbor Road, Lee's Chicken, the Plymouth noon Rotary Club and the Plymouth Elks Lodge No. 1780.

This is only a small sampling of the Plymouth community who supported this wonderful cause during the 2004 campaign. Also a special "thank you" to the United Way for organizing the local collaboration for the nonprofit groups. This program really works.

With more local groups combining their efforts, it did make it better for us to serve even more this year. This group is an excellent avenue that provides the information that helps us do an even better job. It was also a big help when the local school officials helped us identify where we were needed.

I also want to publically thank attorney Donald Morgan and CPA Ed Schulz who worked with us so we could secure our 501(c)(3). These two gentlemen gave generously of themselves to help out the Plymouth Goodfellows. Plymouth is very blessed to have such fine professionals within its community.

We want to assure you that the Plymouth Goodfellows is a total volunteer organization. None of the officers or other members receive any payment for their efforts. As an organization, we are united in our desire to lend a helping hand to our neighbors who need one. The 2004 holiday campaign was such an exciting year for the entire group.

If you would like to know more about this organization, do not hesitate to give me a call at (734) 207-0619 and I will be more than glad to chat with you about the Plymouth Goodfellows or, better yet, please feel free to stop into the Plymouth Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. That is our next general meeting.

Barb Volante
Goodfellows president

Preserve the Penn

According to the *Observer*, present owners Chris Knight and Patrick Tortora are "exploring all options" for the historic Penn Theater. "For the first time, Knight hinted the theater — which has been a LANDMARK in downtown Plymouth since 1941 — could see some big changes."

Sounds like he's making a million excuses now for why this beautiful art deco-style theater just has to be torn

down — something along the lines of replacing this "great piece of real estate, but a tough building" with something "suitable," like office space!

Yes, Messrs. Knight and Tortora, this may be one "tough building," but will it be tough enough to survive your greed and apparent unwillingness to care about the landmarks left for future generations?

We've let enough precious landmarks disappear to greed and it's time to stop the craziness before we are left with just another generic Midwestern town. If we want to keep Plymouth a special town for families, let's preserve the character that helps make it truly a unique place.

Will it be love for our city, or the love of money? Preserve the Penn with a suitable use, Messrs. Knight and Tortora, or why not do the honorable thing and offer it to the city at your original cost? Give the community a chance to step up and demonstrate our true, enduring values.

Just to be safe, we trust the Plymouth Historic Commission is ready to do its rightful part to protect the community's interests with resolute firmness, if and when needed.

Patty Malcolm
Plymouth

Social Security myth

In trying to sell the idea of private accounts for Social Security, President Bush advertises that, "Your children can inherit your account."

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If you have a good pension or a well-funded retirement plan, this may be an acceptable risk for you. But for millions of people, Social Security is their only income. You can expect to see a lot more stories of elderly people living on cat food if this program is adopted.

George Shea
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"The municipal financing model is broke. Expenses are increasing exponentially, while revenues and state-shared payments are declining or being eliminated. As a fiduciary of the township, I need to evaluate all areas to either increase revenues and/or lower expenses."

— Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor, on options he's considering to trim township expenses

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We need to view Detroit's problems as ours, as well

As stories about Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's evident shenanigans (putting it mildly) have flooded the media, I've started musing about Coleman A. Young, Detroit's first black mayor. Like Kilpatrick, Young was a former state legislator, first elected to the state Senate in 1964 and then chosen Democratic floor leader in 1966. He was bright and capable, people in Lansing affectionately called him 'Coaha' and thought of him as the smartest black politician of his day.

After the 1967 Detroit riot shook Michigan to its core, it became perfectly clear that the city would become a majority African-American town — and that civil peace would depend on the election of a black mayor. Young ran in 1973, narrowly defeating John Nichols, then Detroit's police chief, charging 'blackjack rule' by the mostly white police department.

For a time, the elite of Michigan — the business community, the media, opinion makers of all stripes — welcomed Young as the savior of our largest city. But his blunt language began to poison the well of general public approval. Early on, he invited criminals in Detroit to 'hit Eight Mile Road,' a remark interpreted by suburbanites as an invitation to invade their communities. Worse, as time went on, Young built and maintained a power base in Detroit by using essentially racist rhetoric to appeal to an essentially segregated black constituency.

By the time Young decided to call it a day in 1993, most serious people were happy to see him leave office.

Even at this early juncture in Kilpatrick's career, the parallels between him and Young are striking. Except that the city of Detroit is far, far worse off today than it was a decade ago. And Kilpatrick, at 34 and prone to youthful impulsiveness, is hardly the seasoned pro that the 55-year-old Young was when he took office.

Here's a quick look at some of the most awesome problems:

- The city faces a nearly \$400 million budget shortfall that will require hundreds of city employees to be laid off and draconian reductions in already skunky city services.

- The city has lost more than a million residents in the past half century, and experts predict another drop of 50,000 in the next five years. More than 15,000 businesses have left the city since 1972, and the unemployment rate is 14 percent, compared with 7.4 percent statewide.

- Yet the city's payroll is well bloated. According to a recent story in *The New York Times*, Detroit still has 18,000 employees (the same as a decade ago!) and 1.4 administrative employees for every 1,000 residents, far higher than the 1.0 median for other big cities.

- The Detroit school system sent last week a deficit

reduction plan to Lansing, which calls for hundreds of layoffs and the closure of more than 100 schools. The district figures enrollment will fall to 100,000 by 2008, half of what it was in 1999, the result of desperate families fleeing to suburban districts or to charter schools.

All in all, the situation facing Detroit constitutes the worst potential for crisis for Michigan since 1967. 'To the extent bad politics continues to swamp good economics, I see no turnaround imminent,' said David Littmann, just-retired chief economist at Comerica, who recently told *The New York Times*, 'It does gravitate to a graveyard spiral.'

Incurable deficits at the city of Detroit and the Detroit schools could reach a combined \$500 million or more, nobody knows for sure. But both organizations are required by law to balance their budgets. And their situation could trigger a state law forcing the appointment of financial receivers to run the city and the schools, which would be, in effect, an involuntary state takeover of Detroit and its school system.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who needs unions and minority votes to turn out big time if she is to win reelection, won't welcome the prospect. Yet Kilpatrick's months-long struggle with the Detroit City Council over refinancing the city's debt suggests local politics are still in full denial and hardly clear-eyed about financial matters or tough-minded management.

Perhaps it's time to begin the politically very sensitive yet very badly needed discussion of just what, really, we are going to do about Detroit.

Up to now, most opinion can be summarized by the late U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's memorable phrase, 'benign neglect,' which was originally used to characterize government policy toward the breakdown of black families. But neglect, whether benign or malign, doesn't seem to be working. And the thought of a financial storm provoking another crisis of racial hostility is something nobody wants to entertain.

Maybe it's time to revisit the issue of just how Detroit fits with the rest of the state, either as an imploding black hole propagated by benign neglect or — shocking idea! — as part of a broader region.

An article on Cleveland in a recent issue of *The New Yorker* magazine put the point well. 'Increasingly, Cleveland was becoming the shrinking center in a crazy quilt of suburbs and edge cities, connected by freeways and spread over eight counties. Each one competed for people, jobs and commerce, while contributing nothing to the city's eroded tax base.'

The article goes on to quote the mayor of Cleveland, Jane Campbell: 'We need a new mentality if we're going to turn things around. We've been thinking of Cleveland as a special problem where we need to be thinking of it as part of a regional problem.'

This is hardly a popular idea. But I wonder if there are any better alternatives.



Phil Power

Overcoming adversity gives these young people well-deserved moment

It was a proud moment to see the young men and women in their mortarboards. The occasion wasn't a high school commencement, but rather the Growth Works recognition dinner Feb. 3. Among those honored were students who have earned a GED certificate through a Schoolcraft College program.

'Isn't that why we do the things we do?' said Dale Yagiela, the youth agency's executive director, in summing up the feelings of many that evening at St. John's Golf and Conference Center.

April Fulks and Drew Fox of Garden City, Michael Kantz of Redford and Mike

Wendling, Christopher Allen and Justin Knoll of Westland are the first group of young people who have earned their GED through Growth Works' partnership with Schoolcraft College and succeeded in initial college efforts.

Also lauded for outstanding efforts at Schoolcraft were Edward Butler and Lance Reid of Inkster and Alexandra Mitchie of Westland.

Growth Works has faced budget challenges in recent years, but such talk was in the background Feb. 3 as the talk was on student accomplishments. 'Still, we're able to make this work,' Yagiela told the more than 200 gathered at the former seminary site in Plymouth Township.

Youth nominated for recognition awards for achievements in the past year include Carl Hightower and Lance Reid of Inkster, Christina McBride and Christopher Schendel of Plymouth, Emily Hipple of Dearborn, Amelia Casillas of Dearborn Heights, John Nardi of Belleville and Christina Smith of Westland. Ian Bojancic of Grosse Pointe Park and his parents, Tony and Corrine, were lauded for efforts and progress in recovery.

Young people weren't the only honorees. Christa Cipparone and Dr. Deborah Daek of Schoolcraft College were recognized for their support of Growth Works students.

Jamie Fornwalt, of Wolverine Human Services in Livonia, Joseph Orban of Westland, of Wayne-Westland's Tinkham



Julie Brown

Growth Works has been serving western Wayne County families for more than 30 years, and this was the 16th annual recognition dinner. The event has grown in attendance and scope, but the purpose of honoring student and community achievement remains the same.

Alternative Education, and community members Ray and Michele Schmidt of Livonia were chosen for recognition awards for work aimed at improving young people's lives.

These students typically don't make the newspaper, at least not in a positive light, so it's great to be able to focus on their accomplishments. Schendel, of Plymouth, knows he couldn't have done it alone, and thanks God, family and friends for what he's been able to achieve in the past year at Growth Works.

Improved grades, absence of trouble with the law, freedom from substance abuse — all these and more are gains these young people and their families have made. Yagiela thanked the Growth Works staff and board for hard work and for putting young people in the community first in their hearts.

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Student achievement is to be lauded regardless of the circumstances, but it's nice to be able to put the spotlight on a group of young people who have had difficult pasts. They've worked hard to overcome obstacles, with capable and loving help from family and professionals, and this is truly their moment to shine.

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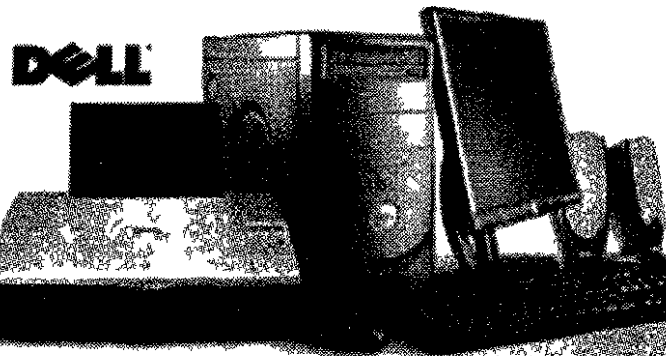
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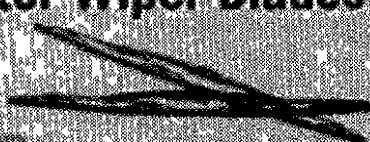


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This kitchen features a solid maple fireplace mantel with a ginger glaze finish and a cherry door style used on the island and finished in chocolate glaze

Accents

Working together

Want to get even closer to your spouse — emotionally? Home improvement projects may be the perfect way to go, says a study conducted by a tool manufacturing company based in Mineola, NY

According to the results, 54 percent of all couples (married or living with a significant other) who do home improvement projects together actually enjoyed working with each other. Proving their ability to work together as a couple was cited as a key factor. Only a small percentage (7 percent) said the experience was terrible and wouldn't repeat it again. In fact, doing home improvement projects together was listed as a favorite couples activity among going out to dinner, socializing with friends and shopping.

What's the No. 1 activity to do together? More than half of American couples like to do lawn and garden projects, at 51 percent.

Stop mold, mildew

It's not unusual to find mold and mildew in bathrooms, basements, laundry rooms, kitchens and other high-humidity areas of your home. Cleaning can remove it, but the trick to controlling mold and mildew growth is to prevent it before it starts.

Here are tips on mold and mildew prevention from Zinsser.

- Keep airflow constant. Consider installing an exhaust fan, ceiling fan or replacing solid doors with louvered ones to improve ventilation in mold and mildew-prone areas. This alone can increase airflow and significantly impede the growth of interior mold.

- Eliminate moisture. Stagnant water produces moisture in the air and creates an ideal environment for the growth of mold and mildew. Limit moisture by using a dehumidifier in high-humidity areas. Remove excessive moisture by wiping down shower walls after each use and cleaning up spills from leaks, wet raincoats or laundry immediately.

- Clean infected areas. Wipe surfaces with a simple solution of one cup household bleach to one gallon of water and rinse thoroughly with clean water. Tip from the experts: mold and mildew often look like dirt. If you're unsure, apply a drop of household bleach to the discolored area. If the stain disappears or lightens, it's mold and mildew.

- Prevent the growth of mold and mildew on painted surfaces. Apply two coats of a mold and mildew-proof paint like Zinsser's Perma-White mold- and mildew-proof paint. The paint's white finish is available in satin, semi-gloss and eggshell sheens and can be tinted to any off-white, pastel or medium-tone color.

For more information about preventing mold and mildew before it starts, call Zinsser at (732) 469-8100 or visit www.zinsser.com

Sleek is chic

A cleaner, less ornate style cooks in today's kitchens

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Kitchens are sleek in 2005. Contemporary horizontal surfaces, stainless steel, metal and frosted display windows on cabinets are appearing in more and more kitchens. But dark woods and traditional kitchens are still tried and true for many homeowners, too.

What they don't want is carvings, said John DeGiulio, owner of DeGiulio Kitchens in Birmingham. "They don't want it overly detailed. It's not a main thrust of the design."

"It's a cleaner style, there's less attention to the ornate details, like grapes," said Candise Waller, designer at DeGiulio.

Bob O'Brien, general manager for Kurtis Kitchens in Lavonia, said glazed finishes in cabinets remain a "very strong" trend.

Glazes used to be featured exclusively in more expensive kitchens, but now are more affordable for the average client who is looking for upscale finishes. Granite also has dropped in price.

"Sales of granite have skyrocketed. In the old days, it was affordable only by the rich," O'Brien said. "Granite is affordable for anyone with a realistic budget."

Scott Douglass, owner of Kitchen Solvers in Rochester Hills, agrees. "There's a lot more of it," Douglass said. "We saw a really big turnaround in that the last year."

Kitchens also have grown in size and in stature. "Homeowners really like a lot of wide open spaces," Douglass said. "They like the two-person kitchens with prep sinks."



SIEMATIC

Kitchens contain wide open spaces with a horizontal look in many of today's kitchens created by DeGiulio Kitchens in Birmingham. This modular look gives the room a vibrant composition.

LOOK SHARP

DeGiulio's clients love the contemporary look.

"Contemporary is very popular at this time," Waller said. "We still live in the Midwest and it is still a traditional area, because it is the Midwest. We still get requests for glazed (cabinetry), but they want it."

PLEASE SEE SLEEK, B3



KRAFTMAID

This kitchen features cherry wood with a black glaze

Answering those computer questions

You've got questions (Have you tried Google? Just kidding.) I love hearing from readers and wanted to answer some of the great questions I've received lately.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Recycling link
Siegrid from Rochester Hills asked

In response to a recent column on hand-me-down computers, several readers (including Dennis from Bloomfield Township) asked where they could donate old PCs locally. Recycles.org is one site that aims to match computer donations with people and organizations that need them, its listings are divided by state. You'll find similar resources at Techsoup.org by clicking the Computer

about transferring programs from an old PC to a new one. She'd lost her CD for Microsoft FrontPage and wondered why she couldn't just copy the program files to the new system.

Alas, that won't work. My advice would be to seek out a used copy of the program on eBay.

Another option: a migration utility such as Alohobob PC Relocator (\$29.95), which greatly simplifies the transition from old PC to new. It's one of the few programs of its kind that promises to move applications as well as settings and data.

Concerned about security, Claudine from Canton configured her Web browser to block all "cookies" — the tiny data-gathering files that are covertly placed on your hard drive upon visiting certain Web sites.

As a result, she began to have trouble with stores like Amazon. "It won't keep track of my shopping cart items," she said.

Though often likened to spyware, cookies tend to be pretty harmless — and are often quite necessary, like when you're shopping online.

They also save time by storing registration information (such as username and password) so you don't have to enter it every time you visit a particular site.

To check the cookie settings for Internet Explorer, click Tools | Internet Options, and then click the Privacy tab. If the Settings slider is set to Block All Cookies, try lowering it a couple of notches. I recommend the Medium setting.

Speaking of spyware, Deb from Rochester said she often runs the SBC Yahoo anti-spyware software provided by her ISP, but doesn't know which flagged items to delete when the program has finished its scan.

Sure enough, many such programs don't supply sufficient information about potential threats.

As a result, you could wind up erasing

cookies or other items you actually need.

That's why I recommend Lavasoft's Ad-Aware SE and Microsoft's Windows AntiSpyware.

Both programs provide detailed information and rank each item's threat level. Finally, while we're on the subject of security, lots of readers have asked how to protect themselves against spam, spyware, trojans and other threats.

I'm considering holding a seminar on the subject. If that sounds like something you'd be interested in attending, e-mail me at the address below.

Either way, keep the questions coming!

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

Moisture behind mirror creates black edges

Peggy from Northville asks, "We have decided to remodel our master bath and would like to keep the large mirror over the sink as the bathroom is small and also because the mirror seems to expand the room size."

Here's the problem: The bottom edge of the mirror is black and it looks as if the silvering is coming off. Is there an affordable fix for this or are we doomed to replace it? I would also like to add wall sconces mounted

right on the mirror. Is this possible? Also, where do I begin when choosing a color for the walls?

First I'll address your technical question and then your decorating questions. For the specifics on mirror issues, I contacted Al Bologna of Mirror Image in South Lyon (248)-446-8440. He says that when too much moisture gets behind the mirror it causes the blackening you are noticing around the edges of the mirror. This blackening also can occur when using a glass

cleaner that contains ammonia. Ideally you should use a glass cleaner with no ammonia and with an inexpensive paper towel (not quilted) to eliminate lint. Always remember to spray your paper towel and not the mirror directly. This will prevent the cleaner from dripping down and getting under the mirror's edge.

INSTALL BEVELED EDGE
As far as an affordable fix goes, Bologna suggests installing 2-inch or 4-inch beveled strips with mitered corners. These strips would frame the existing mirror and conceal the blackening at the edges. This is quite affordable with an installed price of about \$50 per 100-inch strip. So, to answer your question, no you are not doomed to replace the mirror.

For the decorating aspects of the bathroom, I agree with you on the benefits of a large mirror in a small bathroom. It not only visually increases the size of the room, it also doubles the available light with its reflective quality. Wall-mounted sconces are a beautiful way to bring in additional light with style and panache.

To add wall-mounted sconces to an existing mirror, you will first need a qualified and competent mirror

installer to remove the existing mirror.

This is definitely not a task for the do-it-yourselfer. Once removed, the wiring for the new sconces will need to be installed. It will be much easier to choose the height of the wall sconces if you've already selected a style of sconce.

After the electrical work is complete, bring back the mirror installer. He will be able to cut the appropriate holes in the mirror, install the glass and mount the light fixtures. Once complete, you will be amazed at the difference these changes will make in your bathroom remodel.

Now, let's move on to paint color. This is an area where many people freeze up.

Don't be afraid of color. In just a weekend, you can totally change a room with a gallon of \$20 paint.

When deciding on a color for any room, you have to take into consideration the activities that take place in that room.

A master bath can be the home of a luxurious soaking bath, as well as the place to apply makeup or style your hair.

A dark, saturated color can make some of these tasks difficult to perform because the darkness, without adequate

lighting, can limit the ability to see details clearly.

VIEW PAINT SAMPLES

If your tiles in the bathroom are neutral, then you can do just about anything on the walls. The other factors in a bathroom that can dictate the wall colors are the countertops and the cabinet color. Any paint samples you are considering should be brought into the bathroom and viewed with these other items.

Establish an overall palette and stick to it for a cohesive look in the bathroom. Too many things going on can quickly overcome a small room. Since this is a master bath, this room should coordinate with the master bedroom.

Find a color you love, purchase neutral or coordinating towels, an attractive piece of art on the wall, refurbish that mirror, add a couple of gorgeous sconces, and your bathroom will have that updated look you desire.

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

HOME CALENDAR

Simple curtain

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. In Simple Curtain, Thursdays, Feb. 10-24, make a simple rod pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades. You will leave class with a custom curtain that fits your decor. Beginners will learn how to sew as they dress up living room, bedroom, kitchen or bathroom windows. Fee is \$60.

Antique radio show and sale

The Michigan Antique Radio Club will sponsor a show and sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Costick Activity Center in Farmington. The center is at 28600 W. 11 Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. The public may attend. Membership information will be available. Admission is \$5, free for under age 14. This is the road show for collectible radios where MARC members offer free appraisals as well as sources for the repair and restoration of vintage radios. Attendees will have the opportunity to view and buy antique radio sets and radio-related items of all types, including repair parts.

Doll show

The We Love Barbie Fashion Doll Show will take place Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road in Wayne. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$5, free for under age 10. The show will feature dealers, collectors and doll artists selling new, used and collectible fashion dolls and doll accessories of all kinds. You just might find that doll you or someone special had as a child, a special limited edition Barbie or a certain one of the many other collectible fashion dolls. You will also find one of a kind porcelain dolls by local doll artists. For show information or directions, call R.R. Promotions Inc. at (734) 455-2110.

Design/home decor

Interior Concepts and Wildflower Painting are among the design/home decorating classes scheduled at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

To register and for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

In Interior Concepts (Wednesday, Feb. 23), learn about applying principles of design in creating an interior concept for your home and how to select a designer who can assist you in presenting a lifestyle plan tailored to your needs. Fee is \$21. Instructor Shirley Maddalena, owner of Maddalena Designs LTD in Birmingham, has 25 years of experience in residential, corporate, commercial and condominium interiors throughout the country.

Wildflower Painting (Thursday, Feb. 24) will teach the techniques of painting foliage, stir roses, backgrounds and petals, which can be used on a variety of craft projects as well as furniture. You will complete a wood plaque during the class to take home. Fee is \$22, plus a \$15 materials fee paid to the instructors. Instructors Bob and Esther Kerr are experienced interior decorating professionals who own their own store and teach extensively on interior decorative finishes. Bob is a licensed builder and Esther is a licensed Realtor in addition to their design background.

Rochester Community House

The Rochester Community House, 816 Ludlow, presents a variety of classes. For information, call (248) 651-0622 or visit www.rochestercommhouse.org. In Stamp a Stack, Monday, Feb. 21, make and take home 10 cards appropriate for all occasions. Fee is \$15, a \$10 materials fee is payable to the teacher on class day.

Ornamental

Ornamental, a show of sculptural metal wall pieces in powder coated steel by Cranbrook Academy of Art metalsmithing graduate Amy Haskins, continues to March 12 at PF Galleries, 213 E. 14 Mile, just east of Main/Livernois in Clawson. Call (248) 989-8889.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

Master Gardener club

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC org) invites former and current master gardeners and master gardening students to attend membership meetings the second Thursday of the month September through June. MGAWC volunteers meet in the Environmental Interpretive Center at the northwest corner of the University of Michigan Dearborn campus 4901 Evergreen between Ford and Michigan Avenue. Celebrating 20 years of community service MGAWC has refreshments at 7 p.m. activity announcements at 7:30 p.m. and a speaker at 8 p.m. Cooking will be discussed at the meeting Feb. 10. MGAWC org has links to a campus map. Call (734) 786-6860 for a 24-hour recording.

Cactus and succulent society

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will have a program Growing Cactus and Succulents Under Lights 2 p.m. Sunday Feb. 13 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 814 N. Campbell in Royal Oak. Guests are welcome. Admission is free. For more information call (248) 524-0227.

Roses

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars Saturdays this month at its stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506) Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500) Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433) Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200). Roses. What's New for 2005 will be the topic 11 a.m. Feb. 12. The rose is America's national flower and the only perennial that blooms all season. Learn about the new introductions for 2005 and how to care for them properly throughout the growing season. For the nearest English Gardens call (800) 335-GROW or visit: www.englishgardens.com

Champagne

Back by popular demand Curt Vincent

of Rochester Hills will present a program Le Grand Tour de Champagne 3 p.m. Sunday Feb. 13 at Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

The event is part of Goldner Walsh's Cabin Fever Lecture Series. Admission is \$25 per person. You must be 21 years of age (with ID) to attend. Reservations are limited. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations or information.

Vincent will share the history of champagne and sparkling wine and how they are made. Describe the different types of champagne and explain how to pair food with champagne to enhance your entertaining. The lecture includes a champagne tasting with food pairings. The event is a perfect outing for both singles and couples to enjoy a light-hearted and entertaining Valentine's Day.

Michigan Orchid Society

The Michigan Orchid Society will meet 2:30 p.m. Sunday Feb. 20 at First Baptist Church of Birmingham 300 Willits. Steve Benjamin, an accredited judge with the American Orchid Society, will talk about Dendrobium Orchids. The public may attend. First Baptist Church is at Willits and Bates north of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Southfield Road in Birmingham.

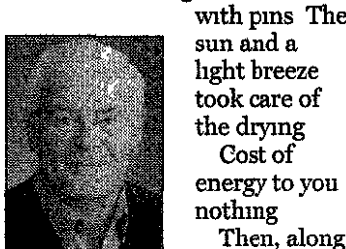
Herb study group

The lunch meeting of the University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum and Matthaei Botanical Gardens Herb Study Group is scheduled for Monday Feb. 21 in the auditorium at the Gardens 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Lunch will be at noon and the meeting will begin at 1 p.m. Joan Wysocki will discuss Essential Oils for Skin Care. The public may attend. Admission is free.

For more information contact the Gardens at (734) 998-7061. Lesley Chace at leedsbeaken@aol.com or Joan Wysocki at (248) 349-5310 or jdwysoc1@aol.com.

Washers slowly evolve into front loaders

It started out as a scrub board held by a few scraped knuckles and placed in hot water in a large aluminum tub. You rinsed in cold water and hung the clean clothing on clothesline



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

with pins. The sun and a light breeze took care of the drying. Cost of energy to you nothing.

Then, along came the wringer. Washer with a gasoline-operated engine where water was boiled on an outdoor cooking stove,

clothing washed, then the garments were sent through two moving rollers designed to squeeze the water out.

Cost of energy about a cup full of inexpensive gasoline.

As the washer evolved, the wringer became a transmission with an agitator and a belt, the round tub became a square tub and eventually a square cabinet

frame. It always maintained a top-loading concept.

Manufacturers became very aware of what homeowners wanted to put in their laundry rooms and "the beast" was beautified to what we have today. The features, colors and flowing body lines outdo some automobiles on the highways of America.

I watched my mother using the products described above. I will never forget her frequent comments about a washing machine, God bless her soul. "My old wringer washing machine could outclean this square box type by 2-to-1."

The costs associated with heating water, operating motors and retail prices (unbelievable as it may seem) remained rather dormant for three decades.

Up until the 1990s a washing machine was not an expensive appliance that would break the family bank account.

And that decade we witnessed many leading retailers go out of business along with several manufacturers being absorbed by others.

As we rolled into the 1990s, the subject of energy consump-

tion became a big focus for the appliance industry. Government got involved and mandates were given to industry that would forever change not only the products, but also our buying habits.

We were told that the only way manufacturers could meet a lower energy consumption rate on their washing machines would mean everybody would have to purchase the new front loader.

They said that the top load washer could not meet lower energy standards and that it would be phased out of production in the course of time.

In this very newspaper I wrote about the concept of front load washers and that they were not a new design.

Westinghouse had been building them back in the 1950s and they were a bear to work on.

They were never a big hit with consumers because most people don't like to bend down to lift a heavy load of clothes from the washer.

Because they use so little water, I have often questioned how well they wash the clothes.

It is true that front loaders are selling today but you should go to the Internet and log onto major home appliance sites and see the list of complaints filed by the average homeowner. I know of a major player in the washer industry who has published a study of a certain question about the appliance.

Yes, consumers much prefer a top loader over a front loader, along with many service technicians do not like the front loader for service and other reasons.

I said it at the beginning of this era and I will say it again. "Have you noticed the price of a new washing machine today?"

In an upcoming column I will show you how a company with the finest reputation for quality can do so much harm to themselves by introducing a product which has the label of "service nightmare." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281 or you can e-mail him care of kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

SLEEK

FROM PAGE B1 to be lighter and not so antiqued and heavy.

Metals are popular, ranging from stainless steel to pewter. Stone also graces scores of kitchens.

"We're seeing very little interest in solid surfaces," Waller said. Instead, Waller shows what some homeowners are now considering - a concrete countertop. In DeGiulio's showroom, two Euros are embedded in the counter top, a memento from a favorite trip. "You can put in (concrete) a child's award, like a medal in track, or foreign currency from a favorite destination," Waller said.

DeGiulio features Draper DBS cabinets with hand-sculpted wood panels, including a walnut wood species with a honey stain.

"Every (Draper DBS) cabinet has its own craftsman. It's furniture-type cabinetry," Waller said. Each door is solid wood and its authenticity is truly revealed, when a scratch carries completely through the wood. "It's extraordinary," she said.

NEW AND OLD TRENDS

In cabinetry, maple has overtaken oak in terms of overall popularity, O'Brien said, and Kurtis sells more cherry than ever in the Kraftmaid line. "Glazed maple can take on a contemporary or traditional look," O'Brien said. "Kitchen cabinetry isn't cabinetry anymore, it's furniture."

Semi-custom cabinetry also has made its way into more

and more high end homes, O'Brien said. (A custom cabinet maker builds one piece, whereas semi-custom cabinets will be built with variations of 3 inches (from 9 inches, 12, 15, 18, all the way up to 45 inches.) The difference in cost is huge, about 50 to 70 percent less, he said about the semi-custom units.

Douglass sees in his projects a lot more dark woods, like cherry and mahogany. "You see these dark woods in the larger kitchens, and the lighter kitchens are in the smaller ones," Douglass said. "But you're seeing a lot more high end ones, because the kitchen is where people are gathering more than anywhere else."

But horizontal is hot. "People have a nice feel for it and nice access to it," Waller said. Frosted glass further adds to the contemporary ambience. "You're able to allow the feeling of depth and light," Waller said.

Accent lighting on glass shelves has evolved in today's kitchen. "New Xenon lighting is now available," Waller said. "Halogen is popular, but it's too hot for the function of the cabinetry. Fluorescent isn't as desirable because it doesn't diffuse the light as well as the Xenon."

Homeowners used to purchase their appliances around the cabinetry, but more of them are doing just the opposite, Douglass said. "They're going for the commercial style stoves from Wolf and Viking that are 48 inches wide. We're building cabinets around that."

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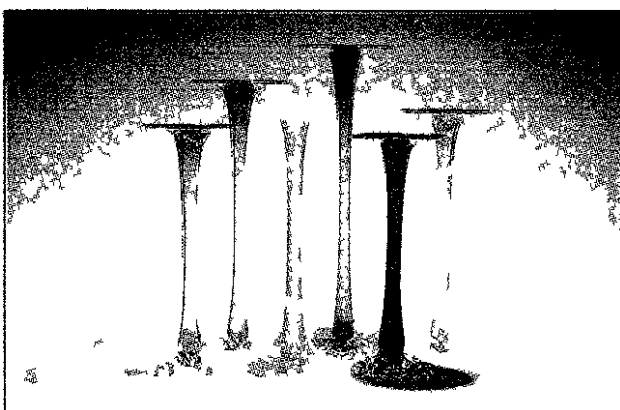
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MARKET PLACE

Trumpeting affection

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Floral adoring

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- Create a rose petal trail leading to a special location. Once he or she arrives at the spot, have a romantic picnic.
- Buy a bunch of tulips and let them open up. After they open, place a small note in each of the tulip heads. You can also do the same with roses.
- Rose petals can be used to express sentiments or create the perfect mood. Floating rose petals in a warm bath with candles and soft music can create one of the most romantic evenings you'll ever imagine.
- To add ambiance to a room, place rose petals on a fireplace mantel with votives and candlesticks. You can also place a simple framed mirror on a coffee table with three pillar candles at different heights and sprinkle rose petals around the candles on the mirror. This is also a nice centerpiece for a dining room table.
- A champagne breakfast cannot become more romantic than by adding rose petals to the serving tray. Imagine his or her eyes when you enter the room with a tray garnished with rose petals and a wonderful breakfast served with champagne.
- Instead of driving or taking a cab to the airport for a romantic get-away, order a limo service. Before that special someone gets into the limo, place a dozen roses on the seat. Inside the bouquet, include a note inviting him or her to a romantic dinner once you arrive at your destination.



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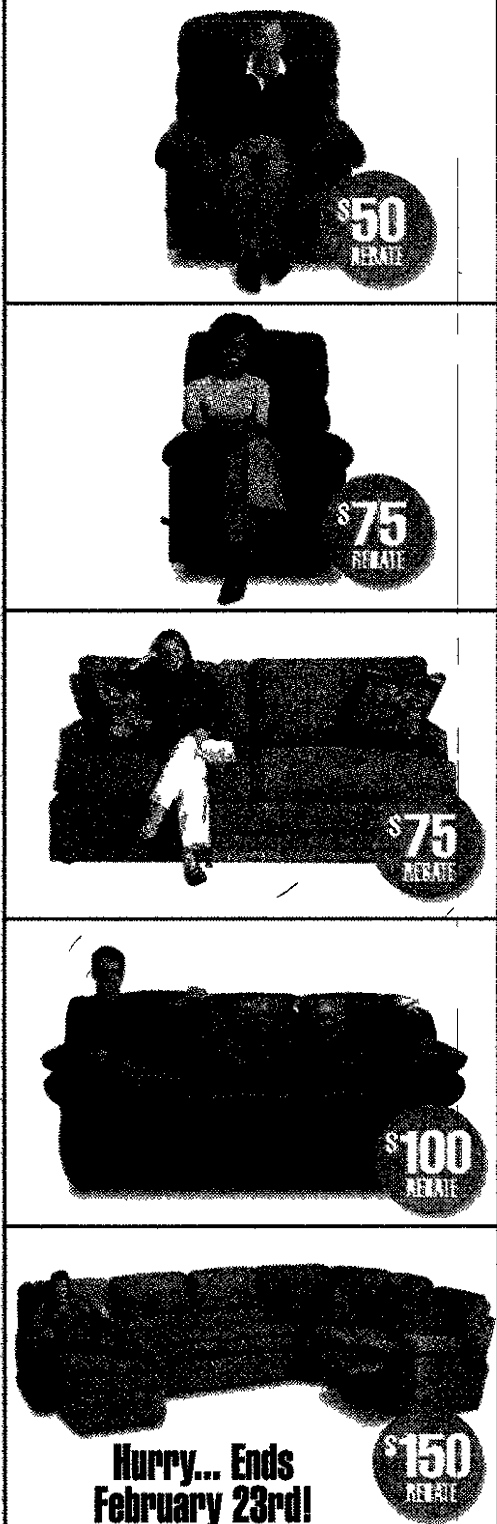
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Oui Baby offers grown-up style for little ones

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

They'd smile at Bozo's antics rather than take serious note of Coco (Chanel) showings, and they're more into (Dr) Seuss than InStyle, but these customers are chic.

They are infants and tots who use items by Oui Baby, a primarily Internet business that offers baby car seats, blankets and changing pads in stylish, designer fabrics.

Oui Baby was created by Tamara Mitchell of Birmingham and Kimberly Swider of Royal Oak.

The two young mothers, and others they knew, had often talked about the blandness of the usual dark colors and grays of fabrics on infant car seats.

"When I was expecting I was just bored with what I saw," Mitchell said.

Fun and functional, the Oui Baby collections include western or animal motifs, brocades and bubble fur.

Among the patterns are Party Time French Poodle on pink, Restoration Ivory in plaid, others featuring large, colorful circles dancing across blue or pink, and a circus theme toile.

Some patterns look as though they'd go with a room or accessories of Daddy, Mommy, big brother or big sister, such as those called Social Tally Ho Toile, Amour Pink Paris (a street scene), Great Green Vintage Train, and Bella Pink Bag (which features an arrangement of colorful purses).

The blankets and changing pads are available in the car seat cover fabrics, so the pieces can be coordinated.

Mitchell and Swider select the fabrics and give them to local seamstresses, who make them into the items. New collections are introduced each season. Nothing is mass produced.

All covers, blankets and changing pads are washable. The blankets become cozier and softer with each washing.

The covers fit standard infant car seats, and are easy to put on and take off. Each plush blanket has a soft minkie on the reverse side, the reverse side of each changing pad is a soft, wide-wale corduroy.

The blanket size is 13 by 18 inches. The changing pad measures 16 by 22 inches, and rolls up to a size of 3 by 8 inches tied with a satin ribbon.

"I love their products and I love them," said Patience Wright, owner of The Purple Bear in Birmingham. The Purple Bear is one of only two stores in the country where Oui Baby merchandise is available. The other is in Florida.

"Jack White (of the White Stripes) stopped in and bought a car seat cover for a producer. He was drawn in by the window display," Wright said. Everyone stops and looks

We've sold six covers since December. None has been returned." Prices range from around \$95 to \$150 for car seat covers. Changing pads are \$38, blankets are \$30. Orders take no longer than two weeks.

Since Oui Baby started last August, its customers have included mothers and shoppers looking for baby shower gifts.

"We've gotten a really, really good response," Swider said.

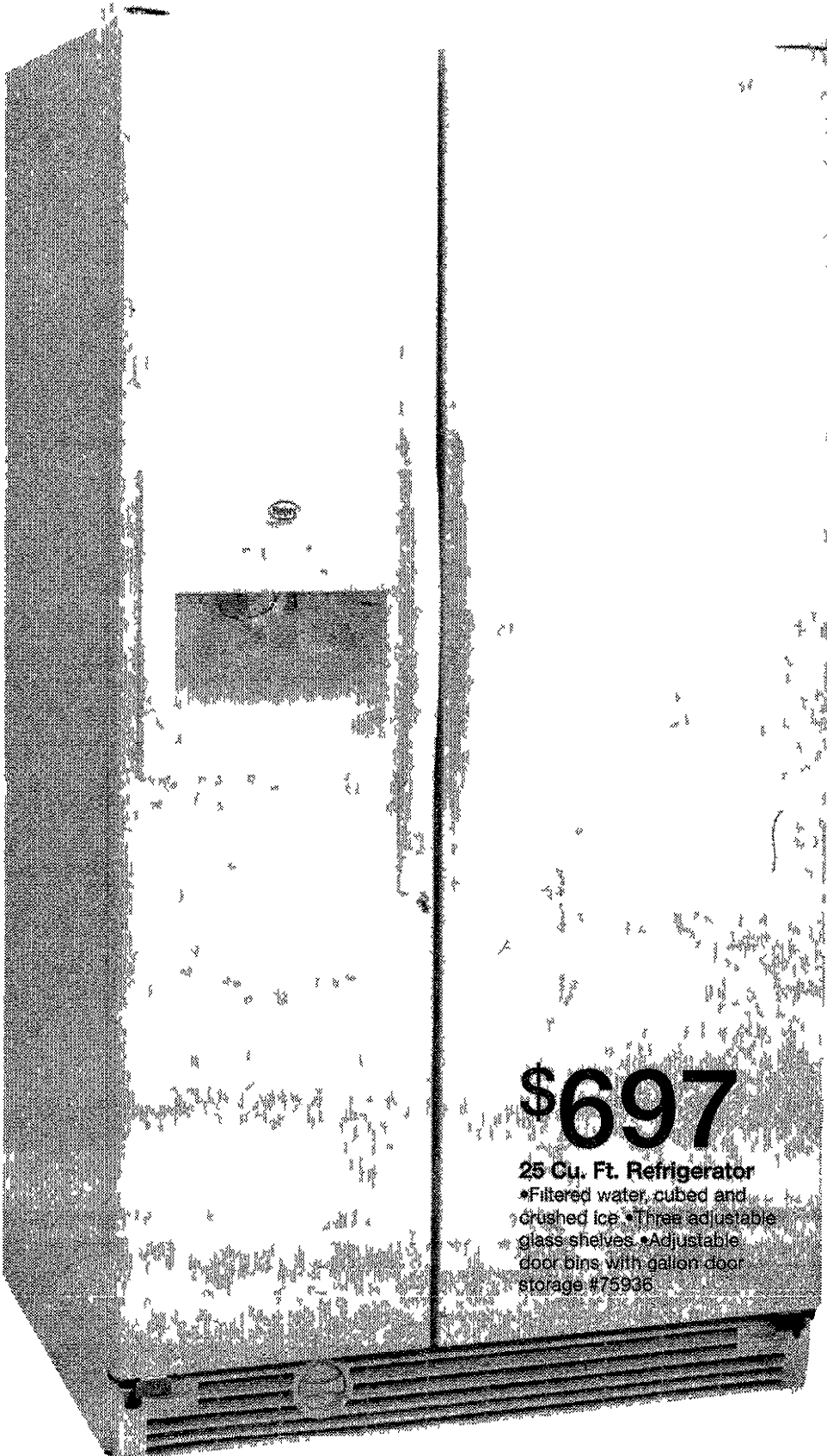
Customers have been attracted by seeing Mitchell and Swider walking on the street with the items, the women said.

Swider and Mitchell have donated Oui Baby items to the Suite Dreams Project, which helps seriously ill children, and to an auction at Pierce School in Birmingham.

Visit www.ouibabyinc.com or call (248) 594-8156.



Kimberly Swider and Tamara Mitchell offer infant car seat covers, changing pads and blankets in fashionable collections through their business, Oui Baby. The pattern of the fabric covering the car seat Mitchell is holding is called Restoration Ivory.



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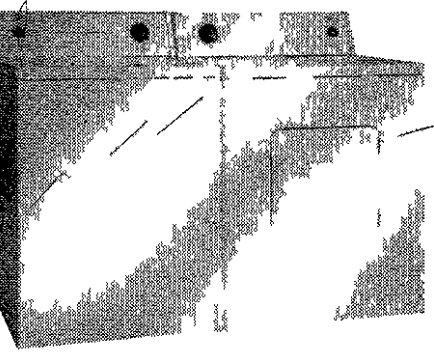
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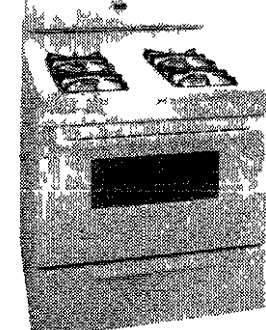
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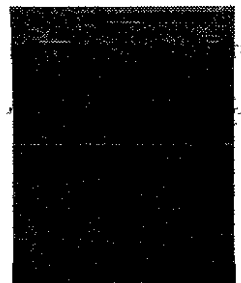


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Sophia Mitchell, 1 1/2, models the Party Time French Poodle car seat cover by Oui Baby. Sophia's mother, Tamara, and Kimberly Swider started the business to provide an fashionable alternative to the usual fabrics on baby and toddler items.

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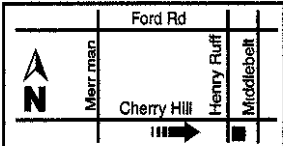
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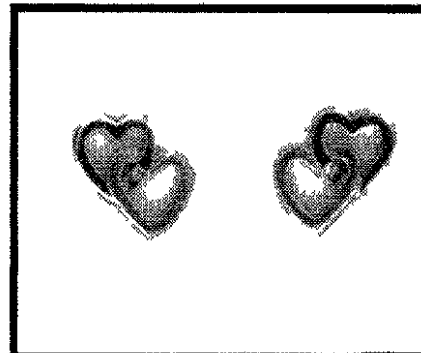
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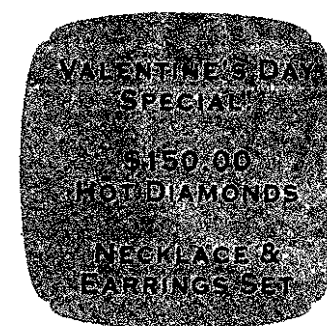
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Surge lifts Plymouth over Rocks

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASKETBALL

Salem's season of horrors continued Tuesday night thanks largely to some scary second-half defense by Plymouth. After trailing at the half by a point, the Wildcats amped up their defensive intensity in the third quarter and walked out of the Rocks gym with a solid 61-45 boys basketball victory, which improved their record to 9-7 overall and 5-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The falling Rocks dropped to 1-15 and 1-9. It was the first varsity meeting between the two P-CEP teams.

"It took us a while to turn up the heat tonight, but we finally did in the second half," Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner said. "I thought we played well as a team. We hardly had any assists in our

game against Canton Friday night, so before tonight's game we talked about sharing the ball. We tried to emphasize that this was a team game, not an individual game."

The scoresheet mirrored the Wildcats' emphasis on teamwork as three players hit double figures in scoring and two others just missed. Brent Jones led the way with 15 points, Kulraj Sandhu contributed 11 and Josh Le Duc netted 10. Jim Wilbur scored all nine of his points in the decisive third quarter and A J Davey added seven points despite being plagued by fouls for most of the night. Plymouth played without its leading scorer, D J Coleman (coach's decision). Le Duc did much more than score for

the Wildcats. The junior power forward pulled down a game-high 16 rebounds, blocked eight shots and threw down the team's first-ever slam-dunk with just over six minutes left in the game. The Rocks rarely got more than one shot off thanks to Le Duc's dominance in the paint.

Billy Leddy shined for the Rocks, twinning 14 points and hauling in seven boards. Kevin Bradley had 11 points and nine rebounds and Brad Zonca contributed six points.

I thought both teams struggled in the first half, Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Even though we didn't play well early, we hung around. But Plymouth woke up in the second half and we didn't. When they started to make their run in the second half, we panicked and shot too fast."

Salem built a 12-5 lead after one quarter, but Plymouth stormed back by scor-

ing the first eight points of the second to grab a 13-12 advantage with six minutes left in the half.

Jeff Lake's free throw with 6:05 to go in the third quarter put Salem ahead 30-27, but the Wildcats proceeded to outscore their hosts 13-2 to secure a 40-32 lead.

Plymouth led 49-36 at the end of the third and put the game on ice by scoring the first five points of the fourth quarter. The winners drained 21-of-53 shots from the field (39 percent) and 14-of-22 free throws (63 percent). Salem was ice-cold from the field (24 percent) and the foul line (48 percent).

Both teams' regular-season schedules conclude Friday night when the Rocks host Canton and Plymouth hosts Walled Lake Central. Both games are set to tip off at 7 p.m.

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Sidelines

State record

Lauren Seroka, a member of the Plymouth Canton Cruisers swim team, recently set a state record in the 500-yard freestyle event for girls age 10-and-under. Seroka set the mark at the Michigan Open, held Feb. 4-6 at the University of Michigan.

Seroka's time of 5:44.74 eclipsed the old standard of 5:47.12 which was set in 2003. Seroka, who is a fifth grade student at Isbister Elementary School in Plymouth, has been swimming for the Cruisers since 2001. Along with swimming all of the freestyle events, she also excels at the breaststroke and individual medley.

"Lauren is certainly deserving of the accomplishments that come her way, thanks to her dedication and hard work," Cruisers coach Aaron Reeder said. "We are all very proud of Lauren, and it is really exciting to be a part of."

Madonna signing

Madonna University softball coach Al White announced the signing of Alyssa Wagner of Novi to a letter of intent. The standout pitcher becomes the fourth player from the class of 2005 to sign with Madonna, joining Chelsea's Mary Setta, Carleton Airport's Allison Grant and Waterford Mott's Hannah Godfrey. Wagner committed to the Crusaders after a junior season that saw her earn all-conference accolades as a pitcher in the tough Kensington Valley Conference. Wagner was named the team's "hardest worker" after earning her third varsity letter in as many years. Wagner has four career no-hitters to her credit, reaching the feat twice in her freshman and sophomore seasons.

Adult soccer

The Canton Soccer Club will be forming an 18-and-over open team for this coming summer. Interested players should contact John Kiefer at johnkief@aol.com or Pete Alexander at palexander@chartermi.net.

MU's Childs lauded

Madonna University sophomore guard Stephanie Childs was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference's women's basketball player of the week. Childs put together a pair of double-figure scoring games, including her first career double-double with 22 points and 10 rebounds in a 97-94 overtime victory against Siena Heights. Childs followed that effort with a 12-point, seven-rebound effort at Aquinas in an 81-68 MU victory. For the week, Childs averaged 17 points, 8.5 rebounds and 4.5 assists while shooting 44 percent from the floor and 55 percent from the charity stripe. Her play helped the Crusaders extend their current WHAC win streak to five.

Plymouth earns big net win

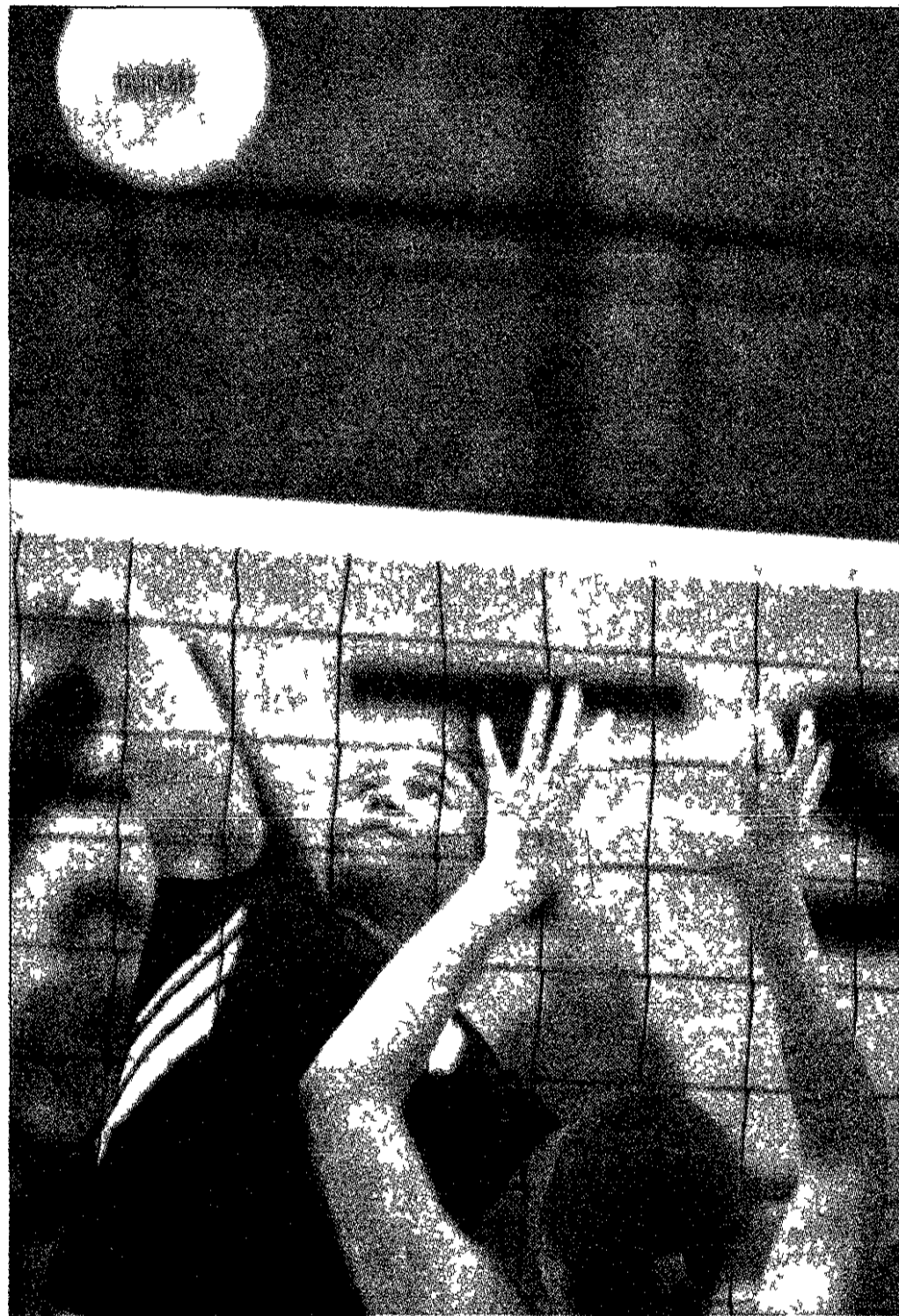
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

From frustration to elation. That describes the path the Plymouth volleyball team traveled in a five-day span that started Feb. 2 with a disappointing, one-sided loss to Northville and ended Monday night with a history-making three-set victory over cross-campus foe Canton, 25-20, 27-25 and 25-22.

The Wildcats triumph over the Chiefs not only gave them temporary P-CEP bragging rights, but it clinched a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division with Northville and Walled Lake Western. The two teams had met nine days earlier in the championship match of the Gibraltar Carlson Invitational, which was won by Canton.

Between Plymouth's forgettable loss to the Mustangs and the memorable victory over the Chiefs was Friday's first-place performance in the weather-delayed Madonna Invitational Tournament, in which the Wildcats ousted four other schools to earn the rights to the championship hardware.

"We had a great team effort tonight," said victorious Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland, whose team improved its overall record to 24-10-1 and became the first



Plymouth's Jeanine Moise prepares to finish off a kill during Monday night's match against cross-campus opponent Canton. The Wildcats won in three sets to clinch a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title.

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Volleyball action is appealing

"I'll admit it. My volleyball IQ was off-the-charts low when I walked into the Salem gym to cover a high school match for the first time back in December.

My limited knowledge of the sport had been collected from playing a low-key version of the game at my family reunion each year and from watching a few televised Olympic beach volleyball matches last summer.



Ed Wright

That said, the only things about the sport I knew for certain was that it was played with a ball and a net, and that each player had to bump, set and spike while holding a cold beverage in one hand and a paper plate filled with baked beans, potato salad and macaroni and cheese in the other.

At least, that's the way it was played at our reunions.

You haven't seen true athleticism until you've witnessed my cousin Phil shift his beverage from his right hand to his left, lay out for a dig, get back up, take a swig, then finish off a spike — all without spilling a drop.

It's poetry in motion.

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Penguins peaking at the right time

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Quick starts and strong finishes were trademarks of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team the past week.

The Penguins bolstered their record to 14-5-1 (13-4-1 in the Michigan Metro High School Girls Hockey League) with a pair of recent wins: 5-2 over Harper Woods Regina on Saturday at the St. Clair Shores Civic Arena, and 8-2 over Port Huron on Tuesday night at the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton.

PCS, which has just two games remaining on its regular-season schedule, currently sits in second place in the MMHSGHL behind unbeaten Grosse Pointe South.

"Both of those wins were very big for us," PCS coach Lori Callahan said. "Now we need to win our remaining two games (against Cranbrook Kingswood and Grosse Pointe North) to stay in the upper part of the standings."

Following a scoreless first period against Regina, the Penguins exploded for four second-period goals to take a commanding lead. Olivia Pennebaker and Kristen Schwan both scored two goals each in the decisive 15-minute span, while Lisa Ealy, Keely Kowalski, Kelli Bargowski, Stephanie Murray and Nicole Sensoli were credited with assists.

Pennebaker completed her hat trick when she added an insurance marker late in the third period.

On Tuesday night, the Penguins swarmed the visiting Port Huron squad with a five-goal barrage in the



Tara Boliard (68) and her Plymouth-Canton Salem girls hockey teammates upended Harper Woods Regina on Saturday and Port Huron on Tuesday to raise their record to 14-5-1.

TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

first period. PCS only outshot PH, 19-18, but it made the most of its opportunities.

Pennebaker was the star again, recording her second hat trick in as many games. Sharla Gillespie, Sarah Skoneczny, Adrienne Cercone, Bargowski and Murray scored single goals, while Ealy and Schwan both had a pair of assists.

Goalie Kristie Kowalski picked up both victories for PCS.

Local gymnasts excel at Canton Invitational

See complete results on Page C2

The Plymouth-Canton area's gymnastics talent took advantage of an opportunity to shine at Saturday's Canton Invitational, which was held at Plymouth High School. The host Chiefs finished third in the 17-team field with a school-record total of 145.025, just over two points behind first-place Farmington (147.900) and less than a point behind runner-up Livonia Unified (145.625). Salem also excelled, finishing fifth with 142.525 points.

Thirteen of the top 15 teams in the state were at the invitational, so there was a lot of good competition, Canton coach John Cunningham said. "Every single girl who competed for us did as well as she could do."

Canton was led by Jessica Murray, who finished eighth all-around among the Division 1 competitors with 35.725 points. Chief sophomore Alyssa Kelley was 17th in the Division 1 all-around standings with 28.200 points, while Cantons Kara Ahern was 19th (27.525).

Salem's Sarah Bugosh earned a 12th-place showing in the Division 1 all-around with 35.350 points.

The Rocks had two competitors finish in the top three spots in the Division 2 all-around standings. Ashley Aquinto was the medalist with 36.500 points and Elena Georguev was third with 36.350. Teammate Brittany Young notched 18th with 33.675.

Agape cagers shoot down Bethesda

Canton Agape Christian continued to cruise through its Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Red Division schedule Tuesday night, knocking off Sterling Heights Bethesda, 72-62, in a game played at Canton's Discovery Middle School. The victory propelled the first-place Wolverines record to 10-5 overall and 7-0 in the MIAC Red Division. Bethesda slipped to 8-7 overall and 5-3 in the league.

Agape roared to a 25-15 lead after one quarter and a 46-31 halftime advantage.

Bethesda cut its deficit to 56-43 after three quarters, and to just six with six minutes to play, but the Wolverines held on for the crucial league victory.

Senior guard Gabe Molnar paced the winners with 19 points. Senior forward Bryan Horning contributed 17, Derek Leathers had 12 points and 13 rebounds, and Matt Molnar netted 10 points and six boards.

The Eagles were led by Sean Clancy, who scored 20, and Chris Sertz, who twined 17.

"We ran a box press in the first half and we had nine steals off it," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. Our defense

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generated a lot of offense for us.

Agape was red-hot from the free-throw line, burying 16-of-18 attempts (88 percent). The Eagles were successful on just 10-of-16 tries from the line (62 percent).

The Wolverines have a huge game Friday night when they take on Taylor Baptist Park, which is also unbeaten in the MIAC Red. The game will be held at Ypsilanti Calvary. The opening tip is set for 7:30 p.m.

CANTON 52, STEVENSON 37—Senior guard Andy Cortellini and David Cahille each tallied 13 points Tuesday as the Chiefs (10-6, 6-4) racked up their fourth straight Western Lakes victory at the expense of host Livonia Stevenson (4-12, 2-8).

Junior forward Andre Bridges added nine points for Canton, which led by only one at halftime, 17-16, before outscoring the Spartans 35-21 in the second half.

Junior guard Tony Lenardon led Stevenson and all scorers with 17 points. Junior guard Andy Madeleine added six

A P INTER-CITY BAPTIST 62, PCA

52: The visiting Chargers overcame a 14-6 first-quarter deficit to earn a somewhat comfortable Michigan Independent Athletic

Conference Blue Division win over the Eagles. The victory left Inter-City with a 12-4 overall mark and 8-0 record in the MIAC Blue Division. PCA slipped to 7-8 overall and 1-6 in the league.

Plymouth Christian, which lost by 17 points the first time the two teams met in December, led 29-24 at the intermission, but Inter-City charged out of the halftime lockerroom and outscored its hosts 20-6 in the third quarter.

We played well, said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "I was happy with the effort from the boys. The third quarter hurt us."

The Eagles were led by Aaron Ciborowski, who had 17 points and 13 rebounds. Matt Saagman (13 points) and Stephen Sumner (11 points) also played well. Sumner scored nine of his points in the first half before drawing double-coverage in the second.

B. J. Fite led the winners with 19 points. Stephen Draber added 11 for the Chargers.

The Eagles connected on just 5-of-11 free throws (45 percent) while Inter-City hit

11 of-14 from the stripe (78 percent).

BELLEVILLE 64, MONROE 56. The Tigers improved to 14-1 overall and 6-1 in the Mega Red while the Trojans record dropped to 0-7 in the league.

"We built up a comfortable 20-point lead through three quarters, but we may have subbed a little too early in the fourth," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel. "We didn't take care of the ball in the fourth quarter and we missed too many free throws, which allowed them to get back into the game. It was a matter of taking care of business in the fourth quarter, and we didn't do it."

Josh Samarco paced the Tigers with 21 points. Samarco hit three triples and drained all six of his free-throw attempts. Tommie Clark complemented Samarco's big night with 20 points of his own. Anre Parker netted five for the winners while DeMarcus Boone, Leon Freeman and Mike Donaldson all had four.

Jay Thompson was Monroe's high scorer, twining nine.

Belleville was 12-of-20 from the free-throw line (60 percent).

The Tigers visit Ypsilanti on Friday night. The opening tip is set for 7 p.m.

Rock setters sweep Mustangs

The Salem volleyball team celebrated "Senior Night" Monday night with a convincing three-set victory over Northville. The Rocks won 25-14, 26-24 and 25-21.

Salem's lone senior — Kelly Lepper — was recognized as each Rock player presented her with a rose and captain Lauren Price read a short speech about Lepper and her numerous achievements. Unfortunately, Lepper missed her senior season due to an injury.

Chelsea McPhail earned the Rocks player of the day honors by accumulating 28 service points (five of which were aces), six kills, five blocks and 14 digs. Other standout Salem players included Teresa Coppellie (11 blocks, 10 digs and five kills), Price (12 kills, six blocks and six digs) and Lauren Kurtz (12 blocks, four digs and seven kills).

"Northville's starting setter was unable to play due to the flu and, therefore, they had to use a freshman setter," said Salem coach Jennifer Peterson. "The freshman worked hard and did a good job."

The Rocks also played well at Saturday's Schoolcraft Community College Invitational held at Brighton High School. Salem won its pool by earning victories over Farmington Hills Harrison and the host Bulldogs, and splitting a pair of games against Monroe.

Salem was led by McPhail, who played outstanding defense and contributed solid serving, according to coach Peterson, Coppellie and Kurtz.

"The team played excellent in pool play and really came together as a team," said Peterson. "We are looking forward to the upcoming games and will be pushing ourselves to elevate our play even more."

'Cats win MU tourney

Plymouth captured Friday night's Madonna University Invitational Volleyball Tournament held in the Wildcats' gymnasium. The event was originally scheduled for Dec. 18, but was postponed due to a snowstorm.

The Wildcats advanced to the finals by upsetting Belleville (21-13 and 21-7), Dearborn Heights Crestwood (21-13 and 21-14) and Detroit Chadsey (21-5 and 21-0). In the championship match, Plymouth ousted a talented Wyandotte squad, 21-15, 18-21 and 15-6.

Plymouth was paced by Jeanne Moise (33 kills, 25 digs, 24 blocks), Jackie Dorre (10 kills and four blocks), Janet Hanchette (nine kills and 11 service points), Brandi Swyhart (24 digs and 26 assists), Lindsay Vogelburg (19 digs) and Sarah Hagsburg (20 assists).

Eagles soar

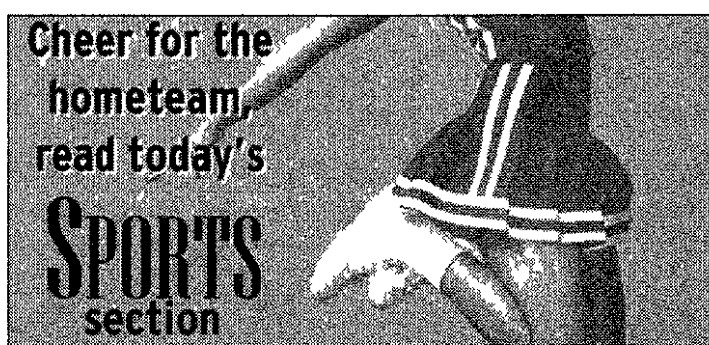
The Plymouth Christian Academy volleyball team earned a thrilling, five-set decision over Warren Zoe Christian Tuesday night, 25-19, 28-30, 25-19, 24-26 and 15-8.

It was back and forth all night, said PCA coach Missy Henry, whose team improved to 13-9 overall and 7-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

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PLYMOUTH

FROM PAGE C1

Plymouth athletic team to earn a WLA A division title. "The girls were mentally ready tonight and they were 110 percent focused from the very first point. It was a huge win for the team, especially after we played so poorly against Northville. I think we got some momentum from winning the tournament on Friday and it carried over to tonight."

Junior Jeanne Moise orchestrated the Wildcats victory by compiling 17 kills and nine blocks. Junior Janet Hanchette also had a strong night for the winners with seven kills and 18 digs.

Canton coach Alex Perrin said his team was done in by a combination of strong play from Plymouth and a string of its own ill-timed errors. The loss dropped the Chiefs to 15-14-4 overall.

"We had some crucial errors at crucial times," Perrin said. "It's understandable when we don't return one of Moise's hits, but we had too many other that were unforced."

"I thought Andrea Johnson (14 kills, 22 digs) played extremely well for us tonight. We couldn't get her the ball enough."

All three games were tight and featured several exciting rallies that produced some tense moments.

The largest lead in the first game was the five-point final score. After jumping out to a 2-0 early advantage, Canton trailed the entire game until it forged an 18-18 tie on Laura McKendry's service ace.

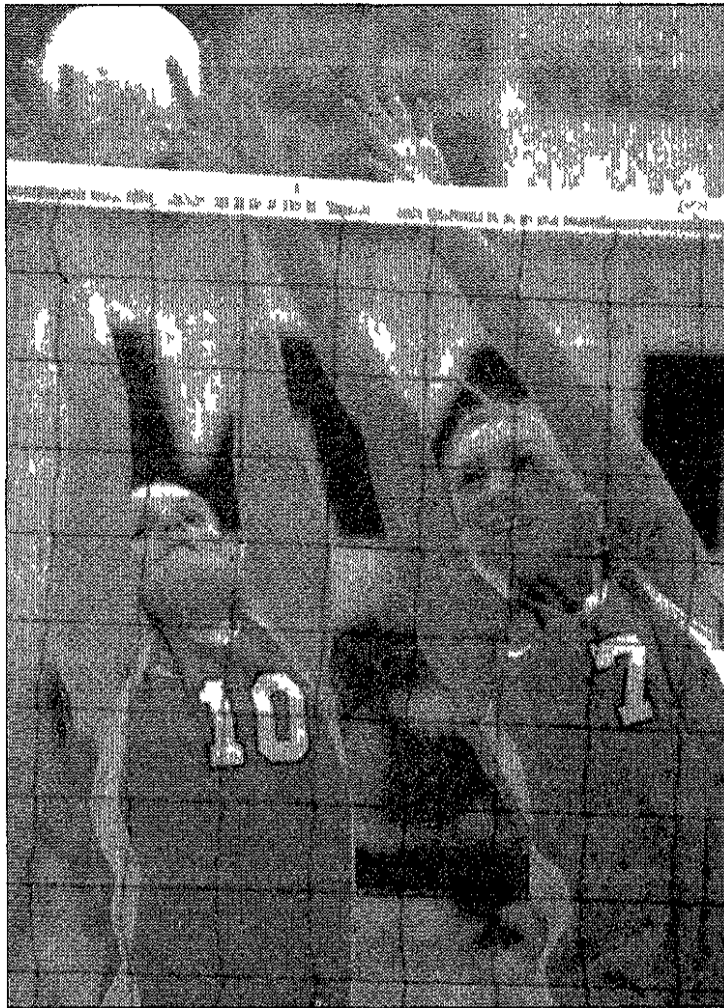
The game was tied at 20-20 before the Wildcats scored the final five points. Lauren Stemberger picked up service points on the last four points.

Game 2 was even tighter than the opener as the lead changed hands eight times. The Chiefs led late, 24-23, on freshman hitter Marie Martin's kill. However, two non-returnable hits by Moise put the Wildcats up 25-24. Canton tied the game at 25-25 when another Moise spike went just wide, but the hosts scored the final two points when the junior contributed a kill and a tip.

Game 3 was knotted at 20-20 before the Wildcats won it down the stretch on the strength of Stemberger's serving and a pair of timely kills by Hanchett.

McKendry had a solid match for Canton, recording 20 digs and six kills.

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Canton's Stephanie Price, left, and Lisa Western attempt to block a shot during Monday night's match at Plymouth.

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APPEALING

FROM PAGE C1

EYE-OPENER

So when I sat down with my legal pad and pen prior to Salem's match against Westland John Glenn a few weeks back, I knew the level of play I was about to see was somewhere between that displayed at my family reunions and that displayed at the Olympics, and I was pretty confident it was going to be closer to Olympics-caliber than reunion caliber.

Boy, was I right. I was blown away by the talent, skill and communication that was exhibited by both teams that night.

I was hooked immediately by the slam-dunk-like spikes, the diving, point-saving digs and the way in which the teams recovered from nearly losing a point to setting up a perfect kill — all within a matter of a few seconds.

In just a short time, it was obvious to me that the sport combined the athleticism that is necessary in basketball, the teamwork and chemistry that are vital in football and the hand-eye coordination that is so important in baseball to form an appealing package.

Jeanne Moise, Salem's Lauren Price and Canton's Andrea Johnson, to name a few, hammer the ball at about a 60 mph clip into the floor on the opposing team's side of the net, I thought to myself, "Hmmm... maybe 'kill' isn't a strong enough term."

Personally, I think I'd have better luck trying to hit a Randy Johnson fastball than returning one of the above-mentioned hitters' rocket-propelled spikes.

NICE PACE

One of the unique things I've noticed about volleyball is the pace of the matches. Except for the short breaks between games and the rare one-minute timeouts called by the coaches, there is a continuous flow of pretty much non-stop action that is very relaxing.

The fact that there is no rest involved gives teams that are facing monumental deficits at least a flicker of hope that they can string together a momentum-grabbing run of points that will get them back into the match.

At Monday night's showdown between Canton and Plymouth, the Wildcats won the first two games and led late in the third, but there was still that feeling in the air that anything could happen until that final, victory-clinching point was earned.

With only six matches under my belt, I'll admit my knowledge of volleyball is still pretty low, but my admiration for the sport and those who play it at the high school level is through the roof.

I haven't witnessed any moves as incredible as my cousin Phil's yet, but that's probably a good thing.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL
Friday Feb 11
Canton at Salem 7 p.m.
WL Central at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Agape at Taylor Baptist Park at Calvary Christian 7:30 p.m.
PCA at Roeper 8 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday Feb 10
Livonia Churchill at Salem 7 p.m.
Saturday Feb 12
MISCA Meet at EMU
PREP HOCKEY
Friday Feb 11
Livonia Franklin at Canton

at Arctic Edge 8 p.m.
Salem at WL Central at Lakeland Arena 8:20 p.m.
Plymouth at Titan Classic at Southgate Civic Center TBA
Saturday Feb 12
Plymouth at Titan Classic at Southgate Civic Center TBA
WRESTLING
Thursday Feb 10
WLA A Cross over matches
Salem at Livonia Franklin 7 p.m.
Westland John Glenn at Canton 7 p.m.
WL Central at Plymouth 7 p.m.

Saturday Feb 12
WLA A Conference Meet at Plymouth TBA
GYMNASTICS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday Feb 10
Zoe Christian at Agape at D Seavery Middle School 7 p.m.
Oakland Christian at PCA 7 p.m.
Saturday Feb 12
Salem at Bedford 8:30 a.m.
PCA at Whitmore Lake Tourney TBA
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday Feb 12
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC 3 p.m.

Madonna at Cornerstone 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday Feb 12
Schoolcraft at Macomb CC 1 p.m.
Cornerstone at Madonna 1 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday Feb 11
Whalers vs Saginaw (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Feb 12
Whalers vs Windsor (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.
Sunday Feb 13
Whalers vs Saginaw Sprint 2 p.m.
TBA - time to be announced

COMING TO TERMS

When my *Observer* sports department colleagues explained to me the terms and jargon that are used in volleyball before I attended my first match, I was kind of stunned when I found out that a successful spike was referred to as a 'kill'.

'Geez, that's kind of violent,' I thought. But after I saw Plymouth's

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We're there!

New Hall of Famer Benny Friedman revolutionized football for U-M and NFL

BY MIKE ROSENBAUM
STAFF WRITER

One of the greatest quarterbacks in football history was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame last week. Oh yes, Dan Marino and Steve Young were elected as well.

The other great quarterback who'll enter the Hall this summer is Benny Friedman, a University of Michigan star from the '20s who revolutionized college and pro football by making the pass a viable offensive weapon.

During his pro career from 1927-34, Friedman led the NFL in touchdown passes at least four times (statistics from his era are incomplete). Like Marino, he set the league's single-season record for TD passes. Unlike Marino, Friedman accomplished the feat in his rookie year (with 11 TD's), then broke his own mark two seasons later (with 20). Despite a

brief, eight-year career, he held the league's career record for touchdown passes, with 66, for 10 years.

But comparisons to Marino aren't justified. It's more accurate to say that Friedman was the NFL's Babe Ruth.

After Ruth demonstrated the excitement of the home run, baseball officials livened up the ball, to permit other hitters to join in the long ball fun. Likewise, when Friedman entered the NFL the league played with a watermelon shaped ball that was very difficult to throw. A quarterback who completed a third of his passes was considered successful. Friedman completed about 50 percent of his passes. His success helped convince NFL officials to make the ball leaner and easier to throw.

Chicago Bears coach and owner George Halas agreed that Friedman was the first pro quarterback to exploit the strategic possibilities

of the pass. Benny demonstrated that the pass could be mixed with the running plays as an integral part of the offense.

After Friedman played his second pro season with the Detroit Wolverines, New York Giants owner Tim Mara tried to acquire Friedman. Mara was not impressed by Friedman's on-field performance, but also craved a star Jewish player to attract fans from New York's large Jewish community. When Detroit refused to trade Friedman, Mara bought the entire team, solely to add Friedman to his squad.

Friedman developed his passing skills at the University of Michigan. He chose Michigan after the Penn State coach (no, not Joe Paterno) decided that the 5-8, 172-pound Friedman was too small.

At U-M Friedman was a two-time All-American and was voted the Big Ten's most valuable player as a senior Wolverines coach.

Fielding Yost called Friedman "one of the greatest passers and smartest quarterbacks in history. He never makes a mistake, and as for football brains, it's like having a coach on the field when Benny is out there calling signals."

Again, in Ruth-like fashion, Friedman's play at Michigan was credited for generating the interest that led to the building of the then 70,000-seat Michigan Stadium, which has since grown into today's 110,000-seat Big House.

Friedman was a unanimous All-NFL choice in each of his first four pro seasons. In 1928 he led the league in passing touchdowns, rushing touchdowns and in scoring. In addition to playing quarterback, Friedman played defensive back, punted, kicked and returned punts.

A knee injury began slowing his career in 1931, but he was still a third team All-NFL.

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selection in 1931 and a second team choice in 1933

Many have considered Friedman's absence from the Pro Football Hall an injustice, caused in part by his outspoken nature. He lobbied unsuccessfully for early NFL players to be included when the league began its player pension plan. He lobbied equally as loudly, and just as unsuccessfully, for his inclusion in the Hall for many years.

Meanwhile, Friedman was selected to the college football Hall of Fame, the University of Michigan Hall of Honor, the

state of Michigan Sports Hall of Fame and the International Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Friedman and Hank Greenberg were among the mutual inductees to the Michigan Jewish Sports Hall of Fame. Friedman, who served in the Navy during World War II and was a college coach, athletic director and businessman after his playing career ended, died in 1982.

In a 1998 editorial, Pro Football Weekly editor Ron Pollack wrote "professional football will shed tears of sorrow as long as Benny Friedman is not a member of its Hall of Fame."

Pro football can dry its eyes on August 7, when Friedman joins Marino, Young and Fritz Pollard in the Hall.

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Are you a tall big handsome man that could be my Mr Right for a SWF 5 6 attractive loving and fun lets share life together ☎443339

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SWPF 57 long brown hair looking for an educated man 35 55 who likes politics reading and going to movies ☎529129

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in a SBM 38 50 6+ 190+ Must be honest and laid back I enjoys movies going out walks nice conversation dining more ☎531635

GET IT TOGETHER
SBF 28 5 5 N/S plus sized brown brown would love to spend some time with a nice SBM 30 40 N/S who has his life together ☎543576

TAKE A CHANCE
SBF 33 seeks SBM 30 35 for friendship possible LTR I enjoy movies walks dining out sports and more ☎568333

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SBF mid 50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with similar interests I love jogging walks on courts quiet evenings ☎574342

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DWF 45 N/S H/W proportionate perky brown eyed girl honest and outgoing seeks SWM 40 50 for good friendship dating and special times ☎576279

MACOMB COUNTY SWEETIE
I am a 52 brunette dark eyes early 60s searching for a tall finan cially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady ☎578654

GET TO KNOW THIS
petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBM 57 63 for friendship possible LTR ☎402995

STRIKING
blue eyed blonde slim sensuous romantic fun caring seeking attractive fit fun loving male 47 57 Friendship LTR I enjoy movie walks music hugs laughter quiet times Lets get to know each other! ☎982332

FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY
Light complexioned SBF 25 55 250lbs brown eyes dimples enjoys movies parks playing pool Seeking SM 18 32 who is sweet treats a woman with respect ☎112932

WHERE ARE YOU?
Attractive outgoing honest sexy SBF 32 ISO SM any race 31 37 for relationship I enjoy movies rollerblading comedy clubs bowling etc Serious replies only ☎435371

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB
Financially secure independent SBFC 31 57 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SGM 30 45 with similar interests for possible LTR ☎217475

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ARE WE A MATCH?
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25 30 for LTR ☎465764

SOUND LIKE YOU?
SWF 18 5 6 blonde/hazel 150lbs sweet honest outgoing likes concerts movies hanging with friends Seeking honest attractive funny outgoing SM for casual dates fun and friendship ☎562708

SEEKING TALL GENTLEMAN
SWF 62 5 2 dark hair dark eyes N/S likes travel casinos dining antiques movies Seeking WM 60 70 ☎578586

MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES
SWCF 51 4 11 115lbs blonde hair two grown children loves animals church children sports Seeking a good Christian man 50 62 for friendship first possible LTR ☎530353

LOVES TO DANCE
Tall brunette very attractive 59 long black/green looking for an available WM 53 70 5 10+ who loves to dance also ☎531151

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS
DWF 54 142lbs 5 6" enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5 10+ N/S social drinker for LTR ☎548938

NO NONSENSE
Nice looking active no nonsense gal seeks good looking active no nonsense guy 35 49 white or Hispanic DWF/FY young 43 athletic Computer/ship and fun des red ☎448655

VERY SPICY
BBW passionate SBF 46 honey complexion dimples seeks outgoing fun loving gentleman 35 55 N/S N/Drugs any race for movies pool dancing music and romance Dating possible LTR ☎752243

EDUCATED AND POSITIVE
SWF 55 5 10" Polish N/S likes the outdoors movies good conversation trivia genealogy restaurants traveling dogs Seeking intellectual SWM 47 60 ☎260061

ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF
49 H/W proportionate medium build enjoys cruises concerts dining out movies traveling Seeking honest passionate SM 45 60 with similar interests for dating possibly more ☎134441

WORTHWHILE
Tall slim attractive intelligent extroverted SPF 58 who enjoys music theatre art and nature Seeking fit cultural educated man sense of humor ☎543917

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE
Full figured African American woman attractive 44 no children ISO African American male 32 38 to spend quiet evenings I'm carefree love laughter good times concerts plays sporting events traveling and quality time ☎290167

A PRECIOUS JEWEL
Very attractive BFF Christan 47 55 145lbs honey brown N/S enjoys outdoors movies traveling cooking Seeking romantic BPM 40 55 financially secure similar interests for LTR ☎432793

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DBF 42 5 3 140lbs full figured seeks to date SWM 40 50 in the Mount Clemens area ☎455323

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Independent active lov ng caring down to earth SF 46 N/S vegetarian enjoys movies fine dining travel Looking for handsome SW/AM 45-49 H/W proportionate N/S professional job ☎421896

LIBRA
DBF 50 looks much younger enjoys music long walks quiet times Seeking W/AM 35 50 for friendship possible long term relationship ☎253857

LONESOME
Senior WF retired 5 4 active honest healthy Need the attention of a WM 65 75 enjoys everything and please So hurry up and call me ☎449586

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM
SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non smoking man 35 53 who likes outdoors bicycling walking family ☎115795

FABULOUS AND FULL FIGURED
Cute sexy SBF 41 N/S will try anything once loves movies plays dancing holding hands cuddling Seeking attractive sexy BM 31 50 N/S with similar interests ☎113224

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
God fearing loving intelligent SBF 43 enjoys church the outdoors laughter dining out gospel music and more Seeking good hearted honest caring SBM 40 45 for friendship first ☎221725

DARK EBONY
SBF 42 5 8 full figured seeks in intelligent man 48 60 5 6 2 med um build or heavyset for possible relationship p ☎232593

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Classy attractive SBF 50 5 3 120lbs ISO SWPM 50+ for special friendship I love boating music quiet times movies at home romance outdoors travel ☎233568

SHALL WE?
DWF 40 5 4 H/W proportionate light brown hair N/S loves golfing suspense movies and travel Seeking active outgoing WM 40 49 N/S for friendship ☎245969

WHERE IS MR RIGHT?
SF 48 likes dancing bowling romantic evenings swimming Seeking SM 40 55 with good sense of humor ☎257065

ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?
But gentle of heart? Good looking trim SM 45 55 N/S? Very cute SBF 53 emotionally and physically in shape with eclectic interests currently accepting applications ☎263684

SLIM AND PETITE
Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bike tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to do a tuxedo now and then ☎271793

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Petite WF 50s with herpes willing to give it another chance seeks one on one relationship w/ SM Race age unimportant ☎405796

LET ME SEE YOU SMILE
SBM 39 5 9 fit build Taurus smoker looking for a female 18 55 race open who wants to share good times Possible LTR if the feeling is right ☎596664

MAYBE IT'S YOU
SWM 52 Aries N/S seeks friendship first with SWF 35 46 Call now I would like to hear from you ☎546509

RESCUE ME!
SBF 41 5 5 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43 47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman ☎408635

ARE YOU THE ONE
DBF 53 H/W proportionate outgoing loves the arts plays dancing movies outdoors scenic drives ISO SM D/D free w/similar interests smoker social drinker ok No games ☎417236

AFFECTIONATE & ATHLETIC
SBF 45 5 2 130lbs enjoys cooking roller skating dancing Seeking SBM 40 55 5 5+ N/S N/Drugs for friendship dating possible LTR build on honesty trust: respect ☎425305

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
I could be it! Attract ve SWF 50 5 105lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM 32 50 for special relationship p ☎418068

SEMI RETIRED
SF 62 5 9 slim fit likes jazz concerts symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities Seeking intelligent honest caring humorous great smile 70 with similar interests ☎467817

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE
SBF tall medium build N/S who enjoys music traveling comedy shows seeks man 45 55 N/kids N/S outgoing affectionate stable for LTR ☎444748

VERY OUTGOING
Catholic DWF 59 looks much younger N/S very tall looking for gentleman 56 63 w/upbeat personality to enjoy family activities camping travel much more ☎455079

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SBF 47 N/S attractive shy w/great sense of humor enjoys nature skiing plays movies music tries to savor the joyous moment Seeking BM 42 55 ☎460494

ROMANTIC LADY
Beautiful voluptuous DBF 42 5 6 likes traveling outdoors Seeking man 45+ race unimportant to enjoy life together for friendship maybe more ☎464984

NO BAGGAGE
SWM 32 Virgo N/S loves to travel watch sports and dine out Seeking WF 23 42 for friendship and dating ☎568293

PRECIOUS AND FEW
SWM 25 6 3 average build Cancer N/S seeks WF 18 28 N/S who is honest funny has a great sense of humor loves to cuddle ☎565382

WEST SIDE OF DETROIT
Very cool laid back down to earth drama free SBM 25 nde pendent no kids N/S seeks sweet intelligent BF 20 40 N/S who wants to be treated right ☎548402

DREAM DATE
Well spoken intelligent SBM 28 6 1 athletic build smoker likes to watch television and try new things seeks single woman 21 38 for potential relationship ☎596323

WORTH YOUR TIME
Very attractive SBM 30 5 9 slim build N/S looking for sexy SBF 21 34 to spend a little time with ☎596371

LET ME SEE YOU SMILE
SBM 39 5 9 fit build Taurus smoker looking for a female 18 55 race open who wants to share good times Possible LTR if the feeling is right ☎596664

WANTED
Sexy Italian SM 56 170lbs fit athletic runs daily has herpes sensitive understanding good sense of humor I like comedy clubs theater dining more Seeking attractive BF 21 40 for LTR ☎130446

SEXY BLACK FEMALE
Sexy Italian SM 56 170lbs fit athletic runs daily has herpes sensitive understanding good sense of humor I like comedy clubs theater dining more Seeking attractive BF 21 40 for LTR ☎130446

SEEKING ART LOVER
Good looking SM 46 5 8 155lbs college graduate outgoing easygoing seeks slim attractive SF who enjoys concerts movies dining out art theater symphony long walks and romance ☎331159

SHALL WE DANCE
our lives together? Adventurous yet humorous dating yet caring active yet easygoing DJM 63 6 195lbs ISO honest independent pretty slender SJPF for LTR ☎489069

I WILL NEVER
take you for granted SWM 53 5 9 185lbs salt n pepper hair N/S dye setter seeks WF 48 53 N/S for LTR ☎586818

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
SWM 41 6 250lbs muscular average build marriage minded N/S works full time Seeking woman 30 55 N/S for something serious ☎587141

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Hard working loyal SBM 33 6 1 255lbs seeks appreciative kind hearted SWF 27 35 for quiet times together cuddling picnics BBQs more ☎988622

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designer artist Attract ve tendy SWM 35 5 8 athletic bu d brown green seeking adventurous arts to culture y active female 21 40 ☎586930

EVENINGS AT HOME
Respectful SM 39 5 11 slim build N/S delivery man likes to watch movies eat dinner go dancing seeks SBF 23 35 N/S for LTR ☎527179

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

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DWM 56 5 10 handsome and secure Seeks honest S/DWF sense of humor enjoys travel can delight dancers plays dancing concerts boating movies for friendship possible LTR ☎269846

REGULAR GUY
Sometimes shy SWM 49 6 250lbs N/S blue eyes carpenter likes bowling movies staying in for the evening seeks SWF 26 55 N/S for meaningful romance ☎590018

DWM 42 two children not into the bar scene looking for a nice lady 32 46 to spend some time with and get to know ☎589993

YOU WILL LIKE ME
DWM 51 5 6 140lbs cute slim great heart good fun seeks romantic lady 40+ who values friendship loyalty cuddling P ck mel ☎587223

PEACE
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FEBRUARY

Evening prayer
7 p.m. weeknights during Lent at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville road 4 miles south of Michigan Avenue Belleville Call (734) 699 3361 for details

What Presbyterians Believe
Rev Rick Peters delves into the basics of Christian faith as interpreted through the eyes of the Presbyterian denomination 7 p.m. Tuesday and 10 a.m. Thursday throughout February at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard Livonia Call (734) 422 0494

Lenten services
Began Ash Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Feb 9 and continues for six Wednesdays at Lola Park Evangelical Lutheran Church 14750 Kinnloch Redford A soup and sandwich supper will be held 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Call (313) 532 8655

40-day spiritual study
Based on the book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren those attending will have the opportunity to look at themselves introspectively four different classes offered 10:11:30 a.m. and 7:8 p.m. Tuesdays began Feb 8 6:30 7:30 p.m. Thursday beginning Feb 10 and 7:8 p.m. Sunday beginning Feb 13 at First United Methodist Church of Farmington A copy of the book is available at the church for \$12 if you don't own a copy Call (248) 474 6573

Praying with a spouse
Catholic counselor Joseph Elwart talks about how to pray with your spouse 7:9 p.m. Thursday Feb 10 at St Aidan Parish 17500 Farmington between Six and Seven Mile roads Livonia No charge For details call (734) 425 5950

Forgive, and Get Your Life Back
Lenten Forgiveness Series begins 7 p.m. Feb 10 at 7 p.m. with Soup and Salad Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road Call (734) 699 3361 for more information

Fish Fry Dinner
Begins Friday Feb 11 and continues every Friday during Lent except Good Friday 5:00 7:00 p.m. Menu includes baked or battered fried fish (\$7 senior citizens \$6 senior early bird Special 4:30 5 p.m. \$5.50) Children's Menu includes pizza or meatless pasta (\$4) and Grilled Special of the Day \$9 All

meals include baked potato or fries clam chowder or soup 4 pour slow roll coffee or punch at St Genevieve 29015 Jamison (east of Middlebelt) 2 blocks south of 5 Mile Livonia Carry out available Call (734) 427 5220

Fund-raising concert
7 p.m. Saturday Feb 12 featuring the Motor City Brass Band at O Leary Auditorium at Garden City High School 6500 Middlebelt Proceeds to Garden City Foundation for Educational Excellence For tickets call (734) 762 6323 For information call (248) 788 6618

Concert
Come to the Abundant Life (a gathering for young adults in their 20s and 30s) featuring the Greg Travis Band 7:30 p.m. Saturday Feb 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Birmingham Nate Polzin campus pastor at New Life Christian Fellowship in Mt Pleasant will be the speaker Freewill offering helps defray the band's costs The band will also play during the contemporary worship service at 6 p.m. that evening If you would like more information or a flyer of the band call Todd Merz at (248) 414 4511 or send e-mail to toddmerz@freeway.net

Blood drive
11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church 2 Town Square Wayne Call (734) 729 7550 to set up an appointment Walk ins welcome

Worship Technologies Workshop
Learn about the science behind worship technologies at a workshop 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Feb 12 learn about the equipment and technologies mixing sound and drums video camera operation lighting basics and putting it all together in a worship service at Orchard Grove Community Church 850 Ladd Road Walled Lake Cost is \$15 advance \$20 at door For class descriptions and registration visit www.reinforcement.com or call (248) 477 4859

Concert
4 p.m. Sunday Feb 13 featuring the Light Metal Band at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington north of I 96 Livonia The public is invited to hear this brass quintet (www.lightmetalband.com) which has performed at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn various aviation related functions at The Handlman Sky Ranch (Oxford) holiday and special services at local area churches educational programs at local schools numerous concerts and services with The Michigan Ohio Chorale and in Europe including Berlin Vienna and Prague For information about the concert call Mark Lohmeyer at (734) 522 6830

Lenten study

A video series by Philip Yancey What so Amazing about Grace beginning noon Sunday Feb 13 at Trinity Church of the Brethren 27350 West Chicago at Inkster road A simple meal of soup and bread will be served to enjoy during the study For information call (313) 937 1199 or send e-mail to trinitycob@sbcglobal.net

Healing prayer service
3:4 p.m. Sunday Feb 13 at St Matthews United Methodist Church 30900 West Six Mile Livonia Call (734) 422 6038

Lenten series
Adult education series discussing the Gospel stories of Jesus passion death and resurrection 7:30 p.m. Mondays of Lent Feb 14 21 28 and March 7 and 14 at St Theodore Catholic Church 8200 North Wayne road Westland No charge Call (734) 425 7310 for details

Blood drive
2:8 p.m. Monday Feb 14 at Church of Christ Plymouth Call 1 800 GIVE Life

Combined Lenten services
7 p.m. Wednesday Feb 16 March 2 and 16 at Timothy Lutheran 8820 Wayne Road Livonia and Feb 23 and March 9 at Church of the Holy Spirit 9083 Newburgh Livonia On March 24 Timothy Lutheran hosts a 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service and Church of the Holy Spirit a noon service of Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar and on Good Friday March 25 Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church 34500 Six Mile Livonia hosts a 7 p.m. Good Friday service on March 25 with Timothy Lutheran and Holy Spirit At noon Holy Spirit presents a noon Good Friday service For more information call (734) 591 0211

Lenten services
Continue Feb 16 and every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. until Holy Week the program is entitled Healed at St James Presbyterian Church 25350 West Six Mile Redford Call (313) 534 7730

Lenten prayer service
6:30 6:50 p.m. Wednesdays during Lent at St Paul's Presbyterian Church 27475 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 422 1470

DaVinci Code
Pastor Tom Eggebeen of St Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia is leading a three session review of The DaVinci Code 7:8 p.m. Wednesday Feb 16 and 23 and March 2 from 7 to 8 p.m. All are invited to attend this free event If you would like to attend or for more information call (734) 422 1470 Registration not required but appreciated St Paul's is at Five Mile and Inkster roads

Organ concert
Dame Gillian Weir one of the world's premiere concert organists will perform in concert 7:30 p.m. Friday Feb 18 at Metropolitan United Methodist

Church 8000 Woodward Detroit For more information about Weir visit her Web site at www.gillianweir.com Tickets are \$15 students \$12 with college ID Free for children age 11 and under Call (313) 875 7407 ext 324 or visit the Web site at www.metroium.org Free lighted supervised parking available

Summer programs
International Christian Education Association presents its Vacation Bible School/Summer Ministries preview featuring over 25 workshops and 20 exhibitors Saturday Feb 19 at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Cost is \$35 \$40 \$45 depending on your prompt

response A puppet ministry work shop (\$25) will teach you to make and take a quality puppet the same day Pre registration required Call (248) 557 5526 or visit www.iceonline.org

Concert
Featuring the 40 member brass Salvation Army Citadel Band 3 p.m. Sunday Feb 20 at St Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 West Six Mile Livonia An offering will be received to help support Salvation Army outreach and mission Call (734) 422 6038

Blood drive
2:8 p.m. Monday Feb 21 at St John's Episcopal Church 574 South

Sheldon Plymouth Call Carolyn Liebaut at (734) 455 5395 to make an appointment or just drop in

Agape Power Concert
Contemporary Christian music concert sponsored by Agape Power 7:30 p.m. Saturday Feb 26 at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Birmingham A freewill offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to support the Mexico House Building mission trip 30 members of Our Shepherd will be taking in May Nursery services available during the concert for guests with babies or young children For more information call the church office at (248) 646 6100

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Age 90 February 7 2005 of Troy formerly of Highland Park Beloved wife of William McKee Loving mother of Jean McDonald (Doug) Patricia Pease (Donald) and Susan McKee Dear grandmother of two and great grandmother of five Memorial Service Saturday February 26 2005 at 2pm at the Central United Methodist Church 23 East Adams Road (at the corner of Woodward and Adams at Grand Circus Park) Detroit Arrangements by Price Funeral Home Troy 248 689 0700 Memorials to the Central United Methodist Church-Memorial Fund

ESTHER J PARROTT

February 5, 2005 Age 73 of Westland Beloved wife of the late Harold Parrott Dear mother of Sharon (Ralph) Puckett Jerrold (Cynthia) Sheila Wiles Hilda (Steven) Piper and Barbara (Martin) Somers Grand mother of 13 Great Grandmother of 19 Sister of Marvin and Garland Boone Funeral Thursday 1PM at the Uht Funeral Home 35400 Glenwood Westland Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfuneralhome.com

INGRID V CARNEY

Of Fort Pierce Florida (formerly of Bloomfield Hills) Passed away on Monday January 17 2005 in St Louis Missouri Beloved wife of the late Hugh T Carney III and Carol Lynne Carney Dear grandmother of Anne Elise Carney Kyle Toland Boston and Andrew Carney Boston She served as president of the Jenny Lind Club of Detroit and was a member of Oakland Hills Country Club and the Village Club A Memorial Service will be conducted at the Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church 1340 W Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills Michigan on Friday February 18 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers memorials appreciated to Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund

ROBERT JAMES WALTERS AT-3, USN

Robert James Rob Walters age 23 died in a one-car accident on Ault Field Road on January 30, 2005 while enroute to work He was borne September 29 1981 in Englewood Colorado to James H and Marlene A (Dryer) Walters Rob moved to Rochester Hills Michigan while in the second grade and attended St John's Lutheran School He graduated from Lutheran High School Northwest with the Class of 2000 While in high school Rob was a member of the Varsity cross country team He was also a member of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at school and enjoyed music and movies He was a devoted Christian and a true friend He was a member of the Living Word Lutheran Church Rob joined the U.S. Navy on a delayed entry program and following graduation, was sent to Great Lakes Naval Training Center His sister Marjorie also entered the Navy and the two were honored for simultaneous service in their hometown of Rochester Hills On January 3 2001, Rob or Wally as his shipmates at NAS Whidbey knew him was transferred to NAS Whidbey Island and assigned to VAQ 134 During his tenure with the squadron he was assigned duty in Turkey and Saudi Arabia and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom Operation Northern Watch and Operation Southern Watch Rob was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal two Sea Service Deployment ribbons the National Defense Service medal two Air Force Outstanding Unit with Valor, three Joint Meritorious Unit Awards and the Battle E and the Navy achievement Medal Rob is survived by his mother Marlene Walters of Little Elm Texas his father James Walters of Tucson Arizona two sisters Christine Catrib and her husband Moussa of Dayton Ohio and Marjorie Walters of Hampton Roads, Virginia Funeral services for Robert J Walters were held at NAS Whidbey Base Chapel Oak Harbor Washington on February 3 2005 with Lt Alfred V Pena CHC USNR officiating Interment with full military honors followed at Tahoma National Cemetery Kent Washington on Friday, February 4 2005 with CDR Fred Renfro CHC USN (Ret) officiating Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Burley Funeral Chapel Oak Harbor Washington

MARYJANE HERBOLD

Passed away October 12 2004 She is predeceased by her husband, Dr WC Herbold long time physician She is survived by daughter Karla Herbold & Jane Donato 5 granddaughters & 2 great granddaughters

MINNIE MYERS

Age 94 February 2 2005 Dearest mother of Barbara (Skip) Chrysler Richard J Bjork and Susan E (Robert) Cohoe Also survived by 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren Visitation was Wednesday (Feb 9 2005) 7:9 PM at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe Peterson Funeral Home 22546 Michigan Ave Procession to Parkview Cemetery Thursday 1 PM from the Funeral Home for Committal Services

JEANETTE A. DORVEE

Age 76 February 5 2005 of Redford Twp Dear mother of Rose (Bruce) Bastian Debra (Dan) Pezzulo and David (Trish) Dorvee Sister of Walter Stockwell and grandmother of 3 She was preceded in death by her husband George Visitation and services were held at the R G & G R Harris Funeral Home Livonia on Wednesday February 9 2005 Interment in Mt Hope Memorial Cemetery

PHILLIPS BUICK VAN DUSEN

Died Friday February 4 2005 at his home in Chapel Hill N.C. He was born May 12, 1928 in Toledo Ohio the son of Bruce Buick Van Dusen and Helen Campbell He was survived by his wife of 54 years Patricia McKean Van Dusen and two sons Robert Bruce Van Dusen of New York City and Theron McKean Van Dusen of Chapel Hill N.C. and five grandchildren Zane E Dara C Wynn Van Dusen of New York, and Hunter McKean and Alexander Grant Van Dusen of Chapel Hill N.C. He is also survived by his mother Helen Campbell Van Dusen of Bloomfield Hills Michigan, four brothers two sisters seven sisters in law and thirty six nieces and nephews Mr Van Dusen was predeceased by his father Bruce Buick Van Dusen his step father, Charles Theron Van Dusen and a brother Richard Campbell Van Dusen He was a graduate of Deerfield Academy (Class of 1946) and Williams College (Class of 1950) Mr Van Dusen's careers included newspaper reporter and editor advertising copywriter and executive (Executive Vice President Geer Dubois & Co Inc) development officer and assistant head of Princeton Day School Founder and President of Contributions Management, Inc and development officer of the Webb School Knoxville Tennessee and the College of Education N.C. State University He was a board member of the Traveler's Aid Society of N.Y. and was a member and chairman of the New Canaan Connecticut Board of Education Memorials may be sent to Williams College Williamstown MA, or to Deerfield Academy Deerfield, MA A Memorial Service will be held at the University Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill on Friday, February 11, 2005 at 2:00 PM Arrangements are with Walkers Funeral Home Chapel Hill N.C.

STEPHEN M. GALIDA, M.D.

Age 36 of Coshocton passed away Sunday February 6 2005 at his home Stephen was born on July 26 1968 in Cleveland Ohio On April 19 1997 he married Patricia A Hippely who survives Stephen was a graduate of the University of Michigan Dearborn in 1990 Wayne State Medical University in Michigan in June of 1994 He did his residency at Saint Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown Ohio and Swedish American Hospital in Rockford Illinois Stephen and his family attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coshocton Ohio He was American Board of Family Practice certified and a member of the Coshocton County Memorial Hospital Staff Son of Carol (Palan) Galida (deceased) and David and Alice Galida of Livonia Michigan Stephen is also survived by his son, Geoffrey S Galida sister, Sharon (Robert) Douglas of Plymouth Ohio uncles John Palan of Colorado John Galida of Campbell, Ohio William Galida of Hartsville, Ohio brothers in law Kenneth (Diane) Hippely of Canfield, Ohio Mahlon (Elaine) Hippely of Boardman, Ohio, Brian Hippely of Salem Ohio grandmother Sue Palan of Colorado and Mahlon (Betty) Hippely Sr of Salem Ohio Stephen is preceded in death by a daughter, Hattie Rose Galida grandparents John and Mary Galida and John Palan Friends may call from 5:8 p.m. on Wednesday Feb 9 2005 at Given Dawson Funeral Home, Coshocton Ohio and from 5:8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb 10 2005 at Wasko Funeral Home 216 Cortsville Rd Campbell Ohio 44405 Funeral Services will be held on Friday Feb 11 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Michaels Byzantine Catholic Church in Campbell Ohio with burial following at Saint Michaels Byzantine Catholic Cemetery In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society Designated for Starzl Transplant Institute Attn Dr Carr Research or Hospice of Coshocton County

JOHN HAZEN WILSON

Age 83 of Plymouth passed away Sunday February 6 2005 at Angela Hospice surrounded by loving family and friends Hazen retired in 1983 from Michigan Bell Telephone Co and served in the Army Air Corps as a B 17 navigator stationed in England during World War II He will be remembered for his Rotarian involvement his many community contributions his avid love of golf and his sense of humor He will be dearly missed by his wife Margaret and his children Barbara (Thomas) Olson John (Christine) Wilson and Marilyn Wilson He is also survived by stepchildren Edward (Penny) Shaw Katherine (Peter) Schroeter Susan Shaw and Robert Shaw Also surviving are Hazen and Margaret's 8 grandchildren, sisters Jean Jurow and Louise (Fred) Parker brother Martin Wilson and many nieces and nephews A Memorial Service will be held on February 10 2005 at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church in Plymouth Twp In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice 14100 Newburgh Rd Livonia MI 48154 or the Schoolcraft College Foundation

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Lady Ocelots find selves in 2-game slide

WOMEN'S HOOP

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team lost twice in a three-day period to suffer the first blemishes on its Eastern Conference record.

On Saturday, Schoolcraft fell 76-71 to host Flint Mott CC and followed that up on Monday with a tough 67-66 setback to visiting Wayne County CC.

The losses dropped the Lady Ocelots' record to 17-5 overall and 9-2 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association.

After falling behind 36-22 to the Lady Wildcats at halftime,

Schoolcraft poured on the offense in the second half, outscoring their opponent 44-29. But it wasn't enough.

Forward Charles Greer led Schoolcraft with 26 points and 11 rebounds while forward Ashley Gibson (10 points) and Westland John Glenn alum Sara Tyree (eight points) provided additional scoring.

Leading WCCC to their seventh win in 21 outings — including a 5-6 mark in the

MCCA — was guard Kimyanna Jones, with 26 points. Jones hit all three of her triple tries to keep Schoolcraft at bay.

Guards Deanna Jennings and Valerie McQueen scored 13 and 12 points, respectively for the Lady Wildcats.

On Saturday, the host Bears were a formidable foe.

Mott improved to 16-4 overall and 11-0 in the Eastern Conference with the victory.

A poor-shooting first half put Schoolcraft behind the eight ball. The Lady Ocelots connect-

ed on just 10 of 33 field-goal attempts before intermission (30 percent), falling behind 41-33.

Although Schoolcraft shot better in the second half (16-of-28, 57 percent) the team could not muster enough of a rally to overcome the Bears, who hit on 26 of 55 field-goal tries in the game (47 percent).

Greer had another solid outing for Schoolcraft, scoring 22 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. The top scorer for Mott was Delores Hughley, who tallied 29 points.

Schoolcraft bounces back from Mott loss

BY BRAD EMONS
 STAFF WRITER

Maybe it's just as well that Eastern Conference games don't count this season for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team.

The five-time defending champion Ocelots on probation and banned from postseason play for off-season rules violations by both the National Junior College Athletic Association and the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, lost Saturday

MEN'S HOOP

afternoon to perennial rival and power Flint Mott, 99-83.

Mott, 20-2 overall, leads the Eastern Conference with a 9-0 record, two games ahead of second-place Henry Ford, which also has a rare win this season over the 22-3 Ocelots, who are 7-2 in the conference (if you're keeping track).

On Monday night, Schoolcraft grinded out a 77-71 victory over Wayne County CC as 6-foot-4 guard Martin Samarco (Belleville) led the

way with a game-high 24 points, including 5-of-11 from three-point range.

Marcus Moore, a 6-6 transfer from Central Michigan University, finished with 19 points and eight rebounds, while Kevin Massiah added 17 points. Courtney Williams snared 13 rebounds and Ty Scott's two free throws with only 20 seconds remaining clinched the victory.

Wayne County (8-11, 5-5) got 22 points and eight rebounds from Ricky Henderson. DeShawn Kenney came off the bench to score 18, while Leon

Kennedy added 12. The Ocelots won despite making only 8-of-17 free throws.

Massiah had a game-high 25 points, including 13-of-14 from the line, but the Ocelots couldn't overcome a 55-38 halftime deficit. Samarco added 20, while Moore and Scott contributed 10 each.

Carlos English was one of six Mott players in double figures with a game-high 17 points. Curtis Gilmore and Jerel Allen contributed 15 apiece, while Robert McRae added 14. Andre Britton and Richard Field had 10 each.

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Fishing for meals

Versatility, ease make fish popular during Lent

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Fish. It's what's for dinner.

At least it is on Fridays during Lent for many Christians who abstain from eating meat and don't want an entirely vegetarian meal that day. Lent began Wednesday and continues until Easter Sunday, which this year falls March 27.

Many dine out at restaurants at this time of year, while others may attend a church fish fry on Friday evening. Still others fix fish or seafood at home.

Vincent and Lori Toia, who own Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant, enjoy fish and seafood because it is healthy, containing nutrients and protein. "It's fast, it's quick and it has a great presentation," Lori said.

The fish and chips remain the most popular dish for Lent at the Toias' restaurant, but tilapia and lake perch are other big sellers — not only at this time of year, but all year long. Today, many customers order fish grilled rather than fried, Vince said.

"We also switched from the Atlantic salmon to wild, and that made a difference," Vince said. "Now we go through 30 pounds a week."

David Dean, co-owner of Superior Market in Royal Oak along with his brother Kevin, enjoys fish because it is quick and easy. "It is a 'fast food' item," Dean said. "A nice fillet is good by itself with a little lemon juice, or you can use a topping or a marinade."

"You figure it takes about 10 minutes per inch of thickness, so when you cook a fillet about three-quarters of an inch thick, in about five to seven minutes, you're done."

Nationally, seafood consumption is on the rise. Americans consumed 16.3 pounds per person in 2003, a new record, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Shrimp topped the list at 4 pounds per person that year, followed by canned tuna (3.4 pounds) and salmon (2.2 pounds). Pollock, catfish, cod, crab, tilapia, clams, scallops and flatfish round out the top 10 nationally, according to statistics compiled by



Lori and Vince Toia, owners of Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant, prepare an array of seafood dishes including shrimp scampi (front dish) and fish tacos, along with side dishes of cole slaw.

Recipes for Lenten dinners from area fish markets Page D2

the National Fisheries Institute.

Dean enjoys tilapia, which is a mild, versatile fish. I like it barbecued or broiled, with it marinated in a little cajun sauce just before grilling it," Dean said.

With salmon, he likes mixing lemon juice and a little water, then topping it with tomato, onion and green pepper. Dean wraps it in foil for five minutes, then opens the top of the foil to allow more direct heat to darken the top of the salmon.

Superior also sells unique selections of fish, including skate wings, which can be pan-fried or broiled. "You can stuff it by rolling it up with a crab meat stuffing," Dean said. "It's light, and it will melt in your mouth. It's not oily, but it has a rich flavor that's not overpowering."

Striped bass is a farm-raised fish from California that can be sauteed or broiled with paprika and onion flakes, Dean said.

Shrimp, catfish, orange roughy, pickerel, scallops, fried clam strips, fried oysters, whitefish, fried crab cakes, halibut, swordfish, tuna and rainbow trout all grace the menu at Plymouth Fish Seafood Market & Restaurant.

Lemon pepper and a cajun seasoning mix are the two primary spices used on the fish. "The wheat flour caramelizes the fish," Vince said, as he whipped up a batch of shrimp scampi.

His wife is a shrimp person. "I love all of it — grilled, fried, shrimp cocktail," she said. (It's a joke between the two of them, too. "My husband used to buy me shrimp," Lori recalls, "but when we bought the restaurant, we thought 'There goes the shrimp, we don't have to buy it anymore.'")

The couple's two boys — Lorenzo, 19, a student at Eastern Michigan University; and Santino, 16, a junior at Livonia Churchill — both have worked at the restaurant since they were children and share the same love for fish, Lori said.

PLEASE SEE FISH, D2



Italian wine producers you should know

Colleen McKettrick, a former West Bloomfield resident, has more than 20 years of international wine trade experience. Her company, CMK Consulting, based in Castellina Marittima near Livorno, represents many renowned estates throughout Italy.

When McKettrick returns to her roots with clients, we're anxious to meet them, as we did recently. In this column, we introduce you to three and their outstanding wines.

FATTORI

Brothers Antonio and Giovanni Fattori began to lead the family wine business in the early 1980s, taking it from a base wine producer, selling wines under various labels owned by others, to the now heralded Fattori brand, known as one of Soave Classico's top producers in the Veneto region.

With Soave, it's important to note the word Classico on the



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

label. "There's a significant difference between Soave, which is made from grapes grown on the flat land, and Soave Classico, made from grapes grown on the hillsides," Antonio Fattori said. "Also, I make Soave Classico from 100 percent garganega grapes, which are indigenous to the region. I do not blend with the allowed 10 percent of trebbiano or chardonnay or sauvignon blanc as many producers do."

Fattori also produces an intensely flavorful pinot grigio with outstanding freshness, length and balance. Given the plethora of weak pinot grigios flooding the

market, Fattori Pinot Grigio is the real deal.

MORISFARMS

The name Morisfarms does not ring Italian. The reason: In 1700, the Moris family emigrated from Spain to the coastal area of Tuscany in Italy. Today, the family estate under the direction of Dr. Adolfo Parentini (husband of Caterina Moris) and his son Giulio focuses on sangiovese-based wines blended with cabernet sauvignon and syrah.

Morisfarms Avvoltoire is a sought-after "Super Tuscan" (generally blends of sangiovese with cabernet sauvignon) which has received the highest recognition "tre bicchiere" from the noted Italian wine guide Gambero Rosso.

"The key to producing a great Super Tuscan," Giulio Parentini

WINE PICKS

Wines from Italian producers featured in today's Focus on Wine are highly recommended for Valentine's Day. Hey, Italians are lovers!

FATTORI from the Veneto
2003 Soave \$14
2003 Pinot Grigio \$15.50
MORISFARMS from Tuscany
2002 Monteregio di Massa Marittima \$24 (90 percent sangiovese 10 percent cabernet sauvignon)
2002 Morellino di Scansano \$19 (same blend as Monteregio)
2000 Morellino di Scansano Riserva \$32 (same blend as the regular bottling, but grapes from better sites and one year in barrel and one year in bottle before release)
2001 Avvoltoire \$52 (75 percent sangiovese 20 percent cabernet sauvignon and five percent syrah)
CORTEFORTE from the Veneto
2000 Valpolicella Classico Ripassato \$21
1997 Amarone Classico Osan di Vigneti \$55/500mL
1998 Recioto della Valpolicella Amandorlato \$53/500mL (an off-dry red for a course of lighter blue cheeses)

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Side dish

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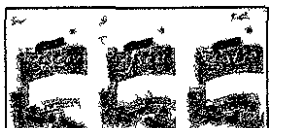
Much like the food found in bistros and cafes across Europe, and more recently, in U.S. cities, Bistro Blends offer bold flavors and convenient cooking options that allow for quick and easy meal preparation.

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Add a signature dimension to your favorite, no-fuss recipes by sprinkling this cheese over grilled chicken breasts, garnishing atop a simple green salad tucking inside warmed turkey and ham panini, and topping over diced tomatoes on toasted bread rounds for a satisfying bruschetta appetizer. (See inside Taste for more recipes.)

For more ways to invite the creative, inspiring, soul-satisfying, and personal culture of bistro into your favorite recipes, visit the Sargento Bistro on sargento.com for recipes and serving suggestions featuring all three varieties of Bistro Blends.



SUPERIOR MARKET RECIPES

GRILLED TILAPIA WITH TOMATO, FENNEL AND CUCUMBER SLAW

Tomato Fennel and Cucumber Slaw
 4 large ripe plum tomatoes seeded and julienned
 2 medium cucumbers peeled seeded and julienned
 1/4 cup chopped herbs (parsley and cilantro)
 2 small red onions diced
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1/2 cup chopped scallions
 1/4 cup feta cheese crumbled
 1 bulb fennel julienned
 1 jalapeno minced
 2 tablespoons lime juice and zest
 salt and pepper to taste

grill 4-6 minutes

Fresh Corn and Roasted Red Pepper Salsa
 2 cups fresh corn (cut off cob)
 1/2 bunch green onion minced
 1 cup roasted red pepper seeded and diced
 1 bunch cilantro cleaned and chopped

Combine all ingredients

Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette Dressing
 3 limes juice and zest
 1 bunch fresh cilantro
 5 ounces olive oil
 1/2 teaspoon cumin
 1/2 teaspoons red wine vinegar
 1/2 teaspoon coriander

Mix all ingredients together

SCALLOPS WITH SAUTEED SPINACH AND ROASTED RED PEPPER COULIS

Scallops
 1 pound scallops
 salt and pepper to taste

Heat saucepan and saute until golden on each side

Spinach
 1 pound spinach picked and washed
 1 onion diced
 2 tomatoes seeded and diced
 1 tablespoon garlic minced
 1 tablespoon olive oil

Saute spinach in olive oil with tomatoes onion and garlic Season with salt and pepper Cooking time, 1-2 minutes

Roasted Red Pepper Coulis

Wash red peppers then roast 15-20 minutes Blend with clam juice olive oil, lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste

Recipes courtesy of David Dean co-owner of Superior Fish in Royal Oak For more recipes and information visit www.superiorfish.net

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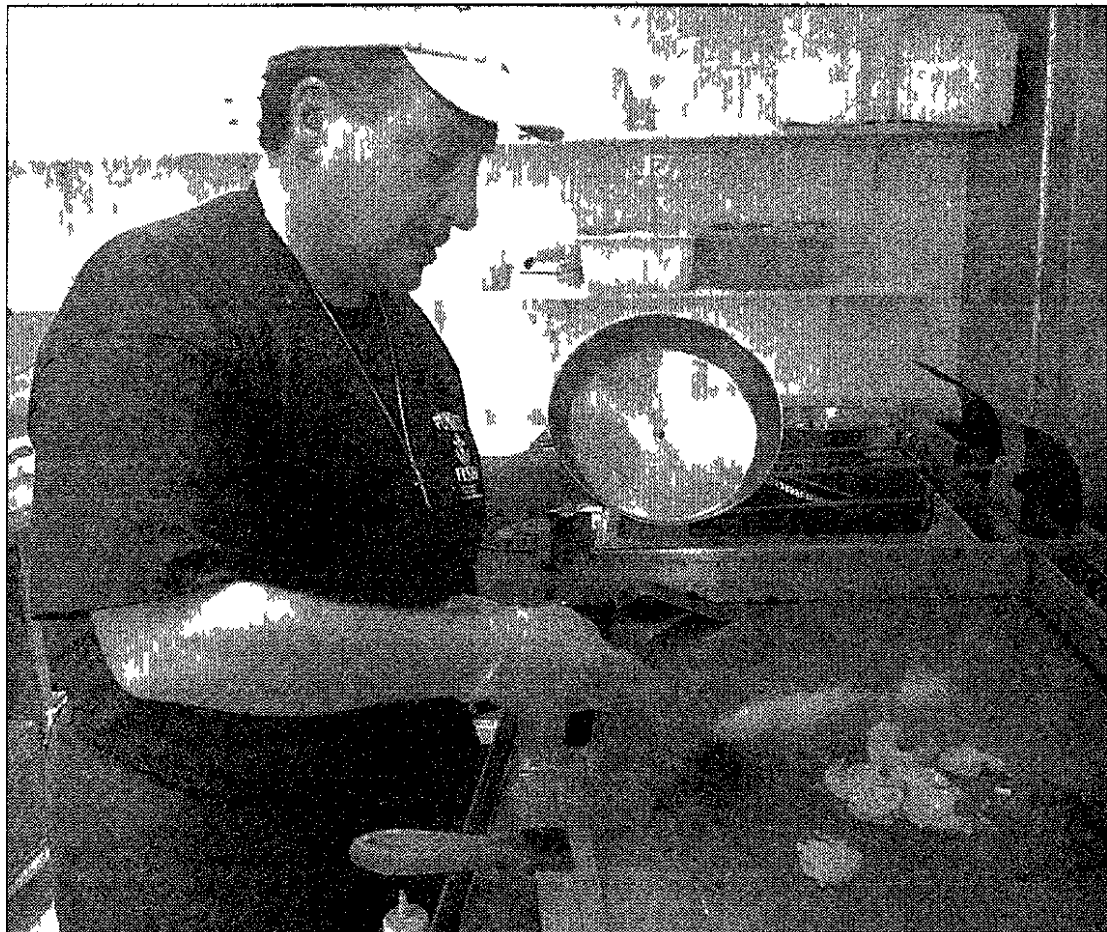
Vince enjoys crab cakes fried catfish and fried oysters

Toia grew up on an island so he appreciates fish, having eaten it at a young age He was born in Chicago but was raised in Italy on the island of Sicily then returned to the United States when he turned 17

Fish tacos are the latest rage in fish preparation The Toias run it as a special but they expect to add it to the menu once the menu is revised after Lent Vince said They prepare the tacos with two corn tortillas, refried beans, a piece of cod and pico de gallo of tomatoes red onions and cilantro But the Toias like to keep fish preparation simple

"You've got a little light seasoning and parsley," Vince said as he lightly sprinkles lemon pepper and parsley on a dish of shrimp scampi

The fish is fresh it tastes good and you don't need all that stuff on it, Lori added



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vince Toia cooks a few shrimp for shrimp scampi

PLYMOUTH SEAFOOD MARKET RECIPES

BAKED COD FILLET

1 pound cod fillets
 1 egg beaten
 2 cups cornmeal
 slice of lettuce
 slice of cheese
 lemon tartar sauce

Preheat oven to 350° F Dip cod fillets in beaten egg Drain excess Roll fillets in cornmeal to cover evenly Bake on baking sheet 15-20 minutes or until fish flakes Garnish

EASY LEMON PEPPER SCALLOPS

2 cups cornmeal
 lemon/pepper seasoning
 1 to 1 1/2 pounds sea scallops
 2 eggs beaten
 1/4 cup margarine
 1 lemon cut into wedges
 1 flat tray

Spray Pam on tray Preheat oven to 350° F Dip sea scallops in eggs Roll them in cornmeal and place on flat tray Place in oven for 10-15 minutes Brush with butter and place back in

oven for five minutes Remove and sprinkle lightly with lemon pepper seasoning

PAN FRIED SHRIMP SCAMPI

1 pound (21-25 count) black tiger shrimp
 2 tablespoons fresh chopped garlic
 1 cup cornmeal
 1/2 cup canola frying oil

Coat shrimp in cornmeal Heat canola oil in pan over medium heat Pan fry shrimp until color turns white and red Add garlic Total cooking time is four minutes

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Recipes courtesy of Vince and Lori Toia owners of Plymouth Fish and Seafood Market

O'Charley's opens at former Cooker restaurant

The former Cooker restaurant has a new occupant

Nashville-based O'Charley's opened Feb. 7 at its new restaurant at 37803 Seven Mile Road at Seven Mile Crossing between Haggerty Road and I-275 The restaurant has been renovated with a new kitchen, refurbished dining room and bar area Residents can enjoy the history and culture depicted in a mural and photographs featuring the Livonia area

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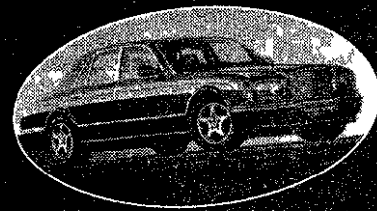
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Roasted monkfish makes elegant dinner

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

I discovered monkfish during the 1970s, in Europe, where this boneless and mild-tasting fish is prized for its firm yet tender texture. Called lotte in France, it is also sometimes known as poor man's lobster because its pearly white color and unflaky texture vaguely resemble the meat of a lobster tail.

You see only long, tapering monkfish fillets at the fish counter, never the whole fish, which can be three feet or longer. Also, this Atlantic native is startlingly ugly. A voracious species, it has an immense head with an enormous, wide mouth full of pointy, sharp teeth. Also called angler-fish, it brandishes its own "fishing pole," an antenna-like projection on top of its head, used to attract its prey, mainly other fish. Its other names are goosefish and belly-fish, presumably thanks to its huge appetite, which some believe accounts for its pleasant flavor.

Europeans prepare monkfish with the same care as Dover sole. I have had it studded with garlic and roasted over fennel, like a leg of lamb, and embellished with a classic crayfish sauce. Though it was rarely seen in America in the past, I have recently enjoyed it in many different restaurants. At one, medallions of monkfish were served on a bed of smoky, dark green French lentils.

Monkfish has increased considerably in price from its cost in the 70s, and is now around eight dollars a pound. When buying it, ask if the thin membrane encasing the filet can be removed so you do not have to



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Monkfish's mild flavor requires an interesting accompaniment like these colorful roasted tomatoes stuffed with vegetables and drizzled with warm sherry vinegar

do it
When ready to prepare it, trim away any purple spots, which are fine for eating but turn brown in cooking. You can roast monkfish, poach or braise it in whole filets, or cut the pearly white flesh into inch-thick medallions, as in this dish.

ROASTED MONKFISH WITH TOMATOES AND RED PEPPER

- 4 medium tomatoes halved crosswise
- 1 medium red bell pepper seeded and cut into 1/2-inch strips
- 1 medium Spanish onion cut in 1/2-inch wedges
- 3 peeled garlic cloves
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and white pepper to taste
- 12 slices trimmed monkfish about 1 pound

- Canola oil spray
- 1/2 cup sherry vinegar
- 1 tablespoon sugar

Preheat the oven to 375°F. In a bowl, coat the tomato halves, red pepper, onion, and garlic clove with the oil. Arrange them in one layer on a baking sheet with tomatoes cut-side up. Lightly sprinkle with salt. Roast the vegetables 15 minutes. Transfer the tomatoes to a plate cut-side down and cover with foil to keep warm. Roast the remaining vegetables 15 minutes longer, until tender but still firm. Set aside, leaving the oven on.

Coat an oven-proof skillet with cooking spray. Spray the fish with the oil and season with salt and pepper. Place it in the pan and set over high heat for 1 minute. Transfer the skillet to the oven. Bake the fish 6 to 8 minutes, or until opaque in the center. The fish will curl up into

nuggets resembling lobster meat.

Meanwhile, scoop out and discard the center of the tomato halves, leaving any juices. Chop the vegetables to resemble chunky salsa. Spoon them into the tomato halves. Boil the vinegar and sugar in a small pan over high heat until syrupy, like a sauce, about 2-3 minutes.

Place two tomato halves on each of four dinner plates. Add 3 nuggets of fish to each plate. Drizzle the vinegar sauce over the food. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 189 calories, 6 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 16 g carbohydrate, 18 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 28 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi, author of *The Joy of Soy* writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

WINE

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

Another fish recipe for Lenten dinners

PAN-SEARED ALASKA SALMON WITH ORANGE VINAIGRETTE

- 4 Alaska salmon fillets or steaks (6-8 oz each) thawed if necessary
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 tablespoons red onion minced
- 1/2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 teaspoon honey Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/2 cup fat free Italian salad dressing
- 4 teaspoons fresh cilantro chopped
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

Cook orange juice in a small saucepan over medium-high heat until it is reduced to the consistency of syrup (makes about 1/2 cup), let cool slightly. Place onion, lime juice, mustard and chili powder in a blender add cooled syrup. Blend 30 seconds. Then, with blender running, slowly drizzle in the salad dressing so that the mixture emulsifies.

Pan-Seared Salmon Preheat oven to 400°F. Lightly season the Alaska salmon fillets or steaks with salt and pepper. Heat and oven-proof saute pan 2

minutes, then add 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Sear the salmon fillets/steaks on one side for 2-3 minutes. Turn salmon fillets/steaks over and place the entire pan into the oven. Bake 4-8 minutes, or until fish flakes

easily when tested with a fork. To serve, make a 1 ounce pool of the orange vinaigrette sauce in the center of 4 plates. Top with a salmon fillet/steak and garnish with 1 teaspoon of chopped cilantro. Makes 4 servings.

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Cooking at Schoolcraft
Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors in the demonstration kitchens in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Here is a list of classes for February

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p.m. Wednesday March 30 (\$99) For more information on class fees for these classes and other culinary arts continuing education classes visit www.schoolcraft.edu under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448

Cooking Classes

Vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get hands on experience preparing the recipes. Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include Mexican Cooking three week series on Feb. 23, March 2 and 9. Wilson also offers a four week beginning series which she describes as the best place to start as this class is the most informative. Next beginning series dates are March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held in Garden City visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

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SARGENTO RECIPES

ROASTED GARLIC PASTA BAKE

8 ounces tri colored rotini pasta uncooked
2 cups cut asparagus spears or small sugar snap peas
3 tablespoons butter
3 tablespoons flour
1 1/2 cups 2 percent or whole milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups (7 ounces) Sargento Bistro Blends Mozzarella & Asiago with Roasted Garlic Shredded Cheese divided
1 package (9 ounces) sliced fully cooked chicken sausage or 2 cups diced cooked ham
paprika (optional)

1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

Place pizza crust on baking sheet, top with pizza sauce, one cup of cheese, pepper strips and olives. Sprinkle remaining cheese and pepper flakes over pizza.

Bake in a preheated 450° F oven 8 to 10 minutes or until crust is golden brown and cheese is melted. Cut into six wedges.

CHEDDAR, BACON & POTATO FRITTATA

4 slices bacon diced
2 cups (8 ounces) frozen hash brown potatoes with peppers and onions thawed
6 eggs
1/4 cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups (7 ounces) Sargento Bistro Blends Cheddar Salsa with Tomato and Jalapeño Peppers Shredded Cheese divided

Cook bacon in a 10-inch non-stick skillet over medium heat until crisp. Using a slotted spoon, transfer bacon to a paper towel, set aside. Pour off all but one tablespoon of the drippings. Add potatoes to skillet, cook two minutes, stirring occasionally. Preheat broiler.

Beat eggs in a medium bowl. Stir in milk, salt and one cup of cheese. Add egg mixture to skillet, stir to combine. Cover, simmer until eggs are set on the bottom, six to eight minutes (center will be wet).

Uncover, top with reserved bacon and remaining cheese. If skillet is not ovenproof, wrap handle in foil. Transfer skillet to broiler, broil five to six inches from heat for two to three minutes or until eggs are set and cheese is melted. Cut into four wedges.

Recipes courtesy of Sargento Cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions, adding asparagus during last two minutes of pasta cooking time.

Melt butter in a heavy medium saucepan over medium heat. Add flour, cook, stirring frequently until flour mixture is bubbly and golden brown, one to two minutes. Add milk and salt, bring to a simmer stirring frequently. Simmer uncovered one minute. Remove from heat, stir in one cup of cheese until melted.

Drain pasta and asparagus, return to same pot and add sausage and cheese sauce. Toss well and transfer to a greased shallow baking dish, top with remaining one cup cheese. Sprinkle with paprika, if desired. (At this point, casserole may stand at room temperature up to one hour before baking.) Bake in preheated 375° F oven for 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serves four.

SICILIAN STYLE PIZZA

1 (12 inch) prepared pizza crust
1/2 cup pizza or spaghetti sauce
1 1/4 cups (7 ounces) Sargento Bistro Blends Mozzarella with Sun Dried Tomatoes & Basil Shredded Cheese divided
1/2 cup roasted red pepper strips
1/4 cup sliced pitted kalamata olives

DIAMOND CRYSTAL RECIPES

GRILLED FRESH HERB-COATED AND BRINED PORK CHOPS

The combination of a brown sugar and molasses brine and herb rub gives grilled chops an irresistible melt-in-your-mouth flavor. To complement this flavorful entrée, Bruce Aidells suggests Citrus-Marinated Red Onions, a side dish that can be prepared up to four days in advance and kept refrigerated until serving time. Round out the meal with oven-roasted red potatoes and steamed fresh vegetables from the garden.

BROWN SUGAR AND MOLASSES FLAVOR BRINE

3 1/2 cups water
1/4 cup Diamond Crystal kosher salt
1/4 cup dark brown sugar
1 tablespoon dark unsulphured molasses
1 cup ice cubes
4 bone-in rib pork chops (1/4 to 1/2-inch thick about 3 pounds total)

FENNEL SEED AND FRESH HERB RUB

1 tablespoon crushed fennel seeds
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
1 tablespoon freshly chopped sage
1 tablespoon finely chopped rosemary
2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper
1 tablespoon olive oil

To make the brine: Pour the water into a large bowl or plastic storage tub. Stir in the salt and continue stirring until the salt dissolves. Stir in the sugar and molasses and continue stirring until they dissolve. Add the ice cubes and stir to chill the mixture down. It should be 45° F or colder on an instant-read thermometer. Add the pork chops, cover, and refrigerate for four to six hours. Remove the pork chops and discard the brine. Pat them

dry with paper towels and either proceed with the recipe or wrap the chops in plastic wrap. They can be kept refrigerated for up to two days before being cooked.

To make the fennel and herb rub: Fit your food processor with the small bowl and add all the ingredients. Pulse several times to blend everything well. Scrape the rub mixture into a small bowl. Coat each brined chop generously on both sides with the herb rub. Set chops aside while you prepare your fire.

To grill the chops: Build a charcoal fire but spread the coals only on half the grill. Heat to medium-high. Lay the chops directly over the hot coals. If flaming occurs, move chops to an area without coals. Sear the chops over the hottest area for 1 1/2 minutes per side. Then transfer the chops to an area without coals. Cover the grill and continue cooking for 8 to 10 minutes more. The chops are done when they are firm to the touch and the internal temperature measured with an instant-read thermometer inserted in the center is 140° to 145° F.

To prepare for serving: Transfer the chops to a warm platter and let them rest for five minutes so that the juices can be reabsorbed and the chops complete their cooking.

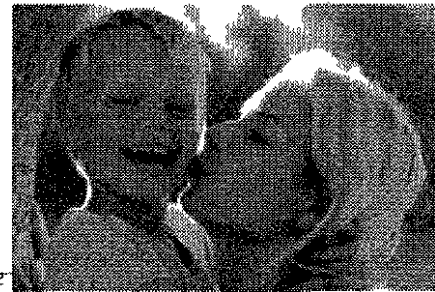
CITRUS-MARINATED RED ONIONS

4 cups sliced red onions 1/4 inch thick
1 1/2 teaspoons Diamond Crystal kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/2 cup freshly squeezed lime juice
1/4 cup orange juice
1/4 cup chopped cilantro (optional) or 1 teaspoon dried Mexican oregano

Toss all the ingredients together in a medium bowl and let marinate at room temperature for three hours. To store, cover the bowl and refrigerate for up to four days.

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A broccoli-tomato salad is a nice winter vegetable, pleasing to the eye and good for the body

Tomatoes, broccoli are a hot couple

Tomatoes and broccoli are one of today's hot couples in the diet and nutrition world. Research has found that eating broccoli and tomatoes together may maximize the amount of cancer protection both foods afford. In a recent study, lab animals fed a combination of tomatoes and broccoli had markedly less prostate tumor growth than both those who ate diets containing either food alone, and those on diets containing the specific cancer-fighting substances isolated from tomatoes and broccoli. Lycopene is one natural substance in tomatoes that has attracted a great deal of attention in the last decade as a prostate cancer fighter. Tomatoes also are rich in vitamin C and contain good amounts of vitamins A and B, potassium, iron and phosphorus. Broccoli also has been recognized for its anti-cancer potential. It is known to contain phytochemicals called glucosinolates, which break down into compounds that help enzymes flush carcinogens from the body. Broccoli also is an excellent source of vitamins A and C, as well as riboflavin, calcium and iron.

The take-home message of the recent study on broccoli and tomatoes is not to focus on specific foods to ward off serious diseases. The larger lesson of health-related research appears to be that the interaction, or synergy, between a variety of foods is more powerful in protecting our health than the unique features of particular foods.

Nutritionists and other health experts advise that eating a wide variety of vegetables, fruits and other plant-

based foods is a more effective approach to a healthy, longer life than concentrating on the "magic bullet" of individual foods. In other words, variety is not only the "spice of life," but the key to a healthier life.

When buying broccoli, select heads with a deep, strong color, tightly-closed buds, and crisp leaves. When choosing tomatoes, try grape tomatoes for a change of pace. They are sweet, firm and not overly juicy. They can be used interchangeably with cherry tomatoes, both as part of a meal and as a garnish. They should be stored at room temperature - never refrigerated, which turns them into tasteless pulp.

Broccoli and tomatoes look pretty and taste great together.

BROCCOLI TOMATO SALAD

- 4 cups broccoli florets
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes halved
- 1/4 cup finely diced green onion (white and green parts)
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh

oregano or 1 teaspoon dried
2 1/2 tablespoons sesame seed oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Steam broccoli until barely tender but still crisp, 2 to 3 minutes. Transfer to a strainer or colander and rinse briefly under cold running water to stop cooking process. Drain well and allow to dry.

Meanwhile, toast sesame seeds. Heat a small skillet over medium-low heat. Add seeds and toast shaking pan gently or stirring constantly, until lightly browned.

In a medium bowl, gradually whisk together mustard with the vinegar and oregano, then the oil. Add broccoli, tomatoes and onion, and toss to coat. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer to a serving plate and sprinkle toasted sesame seeds over the salad.

Makes 8 servings
Per serving: 65 calories, 5 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 5 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 46 mg sodium
Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research

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Grapefruit crops peak in February

In the 1970s, there was the grapefruit diet. The claim was that grapefruit enzymes would burn away fat. There's no scientific evidence to support this, but there is plenty of science that supports the claim that grapefruit is a nutrition-rich fruit.

February is National Grapefruit Month and grapefruit are at their peak.

All grapefruit are an excellent source of vitamin C, but red and pink varieties provide more of the phytochemical called lycopene. Lycopene is a carotenoid, a cousin to beta carotene.

Although it cannot be turned into vitamin A like beta-carotene, it is a much stronger antioxidant, so pick red or pink grapefruit instead of white when you can. The skins of all grapefruit are yellow, although some have a pinkish blush.

Lycopene is also found in tomatoes and watermelon. This is the peak of the season for grapefruit. Choose those that have thin, fine-textured, brightly colored skin. They should be firm but springy when you hold them in your hand and press them. The heavier they are for their size, the juicier they'll be. Grapefruit should not be left at room temperature for more than a day. They keep up to 2 weeks wrapped in a plastic bag and placed in the vegetable drawer of the refrigerator.

The following recipe pairs grapefruit with shrimp. The citrus and seasonings in the salsa are so refreshing that no one will notice it is fat-free.

- 1 jalapeno or serrano chile pepper seeded and minced
- Juice of 1/2 orange
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 16 extra large shrimp (10 to 12 count) about 1 1/2 pounds
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped mint

Holding the fruit over a medium bowl to catch juices, release sections from the membrane and collect them in the bowl. Cut sections crosswise into 1 inch pieces. Add tomato, cucumber, onion, beans and chile pepper and mix to blend. Pour in orange and lime juice. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground pepper. Set aside.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add shrimp and cook until

pink, curled and opaque all the way through, 6 to 8 minutes. Drain immediately. When cool enough to handle, peel and devein shrimp, then slit them horizontally along the back, cutting almost all the way through, but not completely, from tip to tail.

Arrange 4 shrimp in a pinwheel design, on each of 4 dinner plates. Spoon a tablespoon of salsa into the slit in each shrimp mound remaining salsa in the center of the plate. Sprinkle 1/2 of cilantro and mint over each plate and serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings
Per serving: 146 calories, 1 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 25 g carbohydrate, 10 g protein, 5 g dietary fiber, 199 mg sodium
Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a request for information for District-wide Copy/Print Service or Equipment Provider. Specifications are available by contacting Dan Phillips of the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416 2746. Proposals are due on or before 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 14, 2005 and should be addressed, Silvio Vano Plante & Moran, 48037 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids/proposals as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

Published February 6 & 10, 2005

NOTICE PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Plymouth Charter Township Department of Public Works, 46655 Port Street, Plymouth Michigan 48170. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Department of Public Works 734-453 8131, overflow or backup immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup. Thank You.

PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

MARILYN MASSENGILL CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - January 18, 2005

A study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday January 18, 2005 at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call. McLaughlin Yack Zarbo Staff Present Director Munglione, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conkin, Director Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett supported by Faas approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Item 1. FIREARMS ORDINANCE. Item 2. SCHOOL OBJECTIVES. Areas of discussion were as follows: Sense of Community, Economic Development, Municipal Services, Communication Technology, Administrative Services, Public Safety, Finance, Leisure Services, Management, Infrastructure, Image/Marketing. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated that the next meeting will be on January 24, 2005, will be a joint meeting with the Planning Commission Downtown Development Association and the Board of Trustees on IKEA. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, Supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 10:52 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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

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Salmon, artichokes make for easy dish

The high-fat, high-calorie holidays are over and it's the time of reckoning. But this doesn't have to be painful. There are many ways to bring your weight down and, at the same time, help safeguard your health as well.

One of the keys is to remember that portion size is critical to success. The most healthful, low-calorie dishes won't lead to slimmer bodies and better health if they're eaten in super-sized portions.

Surveys show that U.S. portion sizes have never been bigger. And bigger portions lead to overeating.

Being told to "clean your plate" has long been a familiar rite of American childhood. The idea has become so ingrained in our society that seven out of 10 Americans (69 percent) surveyed by the American Institute for Cancer Research say they finish their restaurant entrees all or most of the time, regardless of the size. This passive approach to portions extends into the American home: 30 percent say they base the amount of food they eat on the amount they are served, while 42 percent say they determine their portions by the amount they are used to eating.

The survey also found that 60 percent (down from 78 percent last year) believe the kind of food they eat is more important for losing weight than the amount of food they eat.

Many Americans, the survey suggests, have lost sight of the relationship between how much you eat and how much you weigh, focusing instead on cutting out specific types of food such as carbohydrates or fat.

Research studies suggest that eating more plant-based foods is a smart strategy for managing weight. Along with eating smaller portion sizes and increasing physical activity, this strategy should lead to gradual and sustainable weight loss.

In our hearts we know it's smart to eat a balanced diet, with a larger proportion of vegetables, fruits and whole grains, reduce our portion sizes of animal protein and increase physical activity. No banned foods, no empty promises of fast weight loss - just a sensible way of living that leads to gradual and sustainable weight loss.

This recipe for baked salmon with artichoke hearts is designed for a healthy portion size. More recipes and ideas for a healthier approach



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Red onion, celery and artichoke hearts combine with salmon for a tasty winter dish.

to eating can be found in AICR's newest edition of the brochure, "The New American Plate." You can print it out or order a copy from the website (www.aicr.org), or request a copy by calling 1-800-843-8114, extension 460.

BAKED SALMON WITH ARTICHOKE HEARTS

- 16-ounce jar of marinated artichoke hearts drained and chopped
- 1/2 cup minced red onion
- 1/2 cup minced celery
- 2 tablespoons reduced fat sour cream
- 1/2 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 4 4-ounce salmon filets, skin removed
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons chopped flat leaf parsley

Preheat oven to 400° F. In a medium bowl, mix together artichoke hearts, red onion and celery. In a small bowl, mix sour cream with mustard. Place salmon filets on 4 individual sheets of aluminum foil. Sprinkle each filet with salt and pepper.

Spread equal amounts of the vegetable mixture then the sour cream mixture on top of each filet. Sprinkle parsley on top. Fold edges and crimp to seal.

Place fish packets on cookie sheet. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until cooked through. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 243 calories, 12 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 7 g carbohydrate, 28 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 276 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Education plays role in turnover

We purchased a condo I am a member of the advisory committee and we are getting ready for the turnover. Could you briefly explain what we need to do in preparation?

See a good condominium attorney who can give you a checklist of items that the association should be getting from the developer-controlled board. You should also use the attorney to assist you in preparation for the turnover to get the records and documents necessary from the developer. Understand that the turnover of control of the association does not eliminate the developer's responsibilities as a developer, but simply gives the members of the association, who have purchased units, control of the condo association board to make their own decisions regarding the retention of their management company, their contractors, accountant, lawyer and insurance consultants. The lawyer chosen by you should educate the members of the association as to their responsibilities as board members and as participants in the operation of the association, hopefully, before or at the turnover meeting.

Do you have any information on how the law determines the ownership of a lake bed, as we are having a dispute with our neighbor concerning the boundary?

Obviously, each case has to be decided on its facts, but the law generally provides that if the lake is circular, the shoreline is the base and the center line is the vertex of a triangle. If the lake is oblong, the lines are drawn perpendicular to the median center. If neither of these methods are possible, the lake bed is divided in proportion to the shoreline owned. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate 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 \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

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Snow,

shorter days make moving harder in winter

'They really appreciate coffee or cold drinks and usually have their lunches with them. Some customers bring in pizza.'

Bertie See
Frisbie Moving & Storage Co.

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

The guy on the moving truck never met your Aunt Martha.

He's not going to stop to read her last letter to you. And he won't be flipping through the family album and remembering when Stella lost her first tooth or when Benjie graduated from kindergarten.

That's why, said Bertie See, movers can pack your belongings in a single day, a job that might take you weeks or months. Unlike you, they won't review every letter, every photograph and every box of childhood pottery projects you've saved. "Of course," See said, "when they're packing their own homes, it takes them just as long as everyone else."

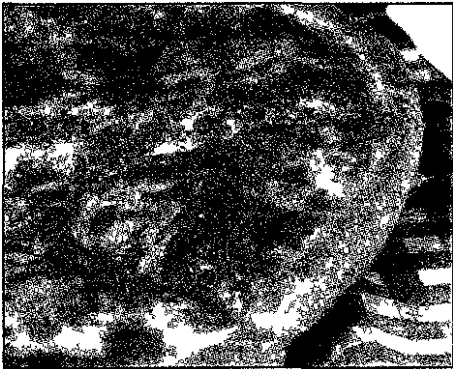
See is vice president of Frisbie Moving & Storage Co., agent for United Van Lines, serving southeastern Michigan from its Detroit headquarters.

"Moving can be very stressful," See said, "even if it's a positive move — going to your dream house. We try to make it as easy as possible."

But easy can be harder in winter, See said, when shortness of the daylight can limit work time, sometimes turning a one-day job into two.

And winter driving can be an issue, she said. "But if we can get there and have access to the house, we'll do the job."

It might take longer to load, she said, with the crew trekking through slush and snow drifts between truck and house.



Mud runners throughout the house and sheets of cardboard at the entry help control the mess.

Packing for a winter move, See said, is not greatly different than packing in summer. But it's important, she said, to consider anything that could freeze if left on the truck for an extended time, especially on an overnight long-distance move.

The average crew for the average house, she said, is three or four workers. "They really appreciate coffee or cold drinks," she said, "and usually have their lunches with them. Some customers bring in pizza — an unexpected and very welcome treat."

Remember, too, See said, that these workers are temporary guests for the day in your ever-emptying house, so make sure a bathroom is available to them.

Fees for local moving, See said, are based on man-hours, long distance moves are based on a formula of weight and mileage.

OPTIONS

If you're thinking of being your own mover, a rental truck might serve your needs. According to the person on duty at the U-Haul office in Farmington, "It's just like driving a car. Snow's not a problem."

A do-it-yourself choice is a movable storage container that gets dropped onto your driveway for you to fill as you have time and is then trucked to your new house or shipped to Greece, if that's where your new job is.

One company offering this service is Portable On Demand Storage, headquartered in Florida, with offices in 40-some states.

PODS will bring you a container eight feet wide by eight feet tall and either 12 or 16 feet long. There's a charge to deliver it to you, a monthly rental and another charge to move it.

Sometimes this company has some special prices. Its regular pricing can be complicated if your destination is not in one of its regular service areas. Published

fees range from \$75 to bring the container to you, from \$129 to leave it there for up to 30 days, and from \$30 to take it where you want it.

Professional packers and movers caution that self-movers tend to load containers the way they'd put things in a cupboard, failing to provide proper wrapping and adequate protection.

Some items are not allowed in containers: car, no, motorcycle, yes without its gasoline, power mower, yes if drained, fire extinguisher, no.

GET MOVING

The Atlas Van Lines Web site, www.atlasworldgroup.com, offers a truckload of packing and moving information, including a planning calendar. Learn how to move plants and other perishables. It's one thing to move the frozen fish from the freezer, but the fish from your aquarium probably will freeze during a winter move. Give them to the kid next door and take the empty tank with you.

Items you cannot put into a moving van include ammonia, ammunition, charcoal, darkroom chemicals, loaded guns, nail polish and remover, scuba tanks and weed killer. There are also tips for moving sentimental and personal items: legal papers, jewelry, school records, sterling silver and much more.

General information about truck rental can be found at the Penske Web site, www.pensketruckrental.com. You'll also find tips about winter moving.

Go to www.podsusa.com for information about Portable On Demand Storage.

Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

Choose a credible lender

As spring nears, the warming real estate market will begin to show its annual sprouts — House for Sale — signs around every corner. You can increase the chance of success during this house hunting season, and perhaps even avert disaster, by doing a little mortgage homework first.

Researching your mortgage possibilities does not mean merely getting a dozen price quotes on a 30-year loan. This tack will only get you 12 lavish promises designed to lure you into the door. It's your family's largest purchase. You should consider other important factors besides just interest rate.

First, your best "quoted" interest rate is worthless if that loan officer cannot deliver as promised. Seasoned Realtors will (cuss and) tell you that failed real estate deals are usually due to botched financing. You need a lender who will get your money to the closing table on time, every time.

Some mortgage lenders show up for business when the market is hot, then close up shop during the off-season. Fair weather lenders may be a bad choice. Would you select a part-time or "discount" heart surgeon to operate on a family member, or an "e-attorney" to handle your family's estate?

There are competent and ethical loan officers scattered throughout the industry. No single bank or mortgage company has cornered the market on top talent. Consequently, you are as likely to find a "schlep" loan officer in a well-advertised mortgage company or bank as in a smaller Mom-and-Pop shop.

A safe bet for choosing a winning mortgage loan officer is "word-of-mouth." Beware. This is not a movie, so make sure you use a strong, credible referral source.

Finally, tech-savvy lenders can make your life much easier. Make sure they have automated underwriting systems for timely approvals. Underwriting speed can sometimes be more important than interest rate. A loan officer who employs time-saving technologies is more apt to have his or her mind on your transaction.

Today's TIMBIT. Always put your best foot forward in case you find yourself having only one leg on which to stand. Choose your mortgage professional wisely.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll free at (866) 369 4516.

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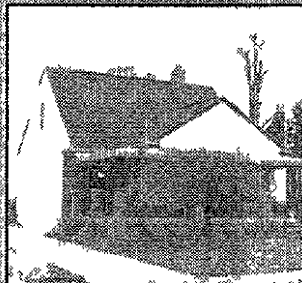
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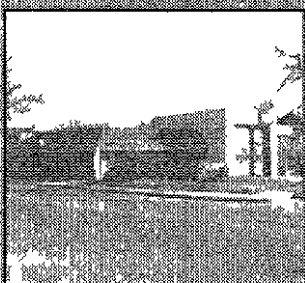
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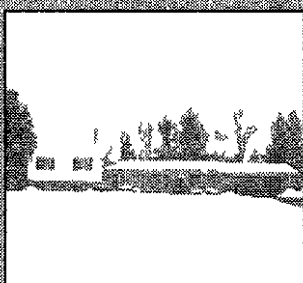
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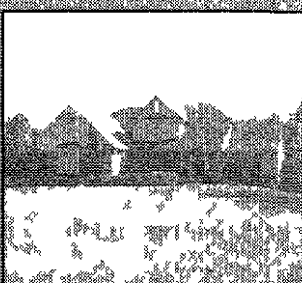
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Impeccably clean home in desirable neighborhood set c field Call the architect This one has your name on it Build your dream home Beautifully wooded 2 acre parcel back ng to small acre lake Walkout bsmnt ava (OESLY05WIL) 248 437 4500



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GREEN OAK \$175,000
Beautifully updated home in Green Oak Township The perfect home to a growing family Beautiful main bath w/ Jacuzzi tub gass shower and ceramic tile Newly updated kitchen (OESLY09STE) 248 437 4500



HAMBURG \$400,000
Absolutely Pristine Ranch W/Double Lot On Huron River W/private Boat Ramp Hwd Floor In Foyer Kit & Half Bath Ext Painted(04) n Ew Cedar Siding(04) cathedra Ce n g W/ice n g h g Hearth Fp (OEN06SHA) 248 347 3050



HARTLAND \$359,900
Newer cape cod back ng and siding to protected and 4 bedroom 2.5 bath 3 car garage basement w/day ght w/dow 2 story great room w/corner fireplace Upgraded lighting and intercom (OESLY63GIO) 248 437-4500



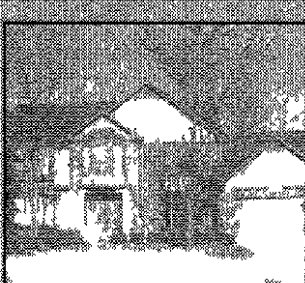
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HOWELL \$174,900
Wow! Great family home great lot and curb appeal galore! Newer roof furnace a r H2O heater and gutter helmets Excellent location Partially finished basement w/ n possible 4th bedroom (OESLY61GLE) 248 437 4500



HOWELL \$139,900
Location location stunning and private describe this ranch home Neutral decor open floor plan on entry level w/private entrance Attached garage close to heated pool central a r low township taxes and assoc dues (OESLY62KNE) 248 437 4500



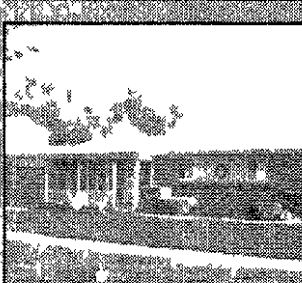
LIVONIA \$389,900
Exceptional well maintained 4bdrm Tudor in Bicentennial Estates Great location in subdivisions Upgrades galore Traditional fireplace w/formal living dining & family rm 2 1/2 baths Lg 1st flr laundry (OEN22HAL) 248-347 3050



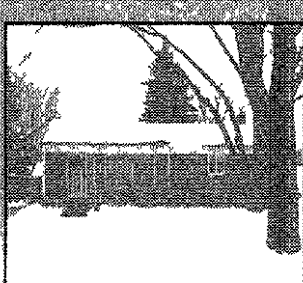
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Totally Updated Maint Fee Home Mstr Bm 12x25 FR 10x7 2 Skylights Each Updtd Wows K'tch W oak Cab 2nd Fl Lndry W/Dis Jettid Tub Mstr 30" Eff Furn & Fr 365 Sq Ft Rec Rm L/L P vacy Fence Nw Gar d (OEL21PER) 734 591 0333



LIVONIA \$184,900
Brck ranch w/ ref'n shed HDWD flrs t/o Updates no roof Andersen windows newer furnace AC plumbing & electric 16x11 a season room w/heat & AC Loads of perm als Close to school park shopping & freeways (OEP43HAT) 734 453 6800



LIVONIA \$179,900
Clean 3 Bdm 2 Bath Brck Ranch In Great Livonia Neighborhood A Great Appliances Included Stove Refrig Washer Dryer Dishwasher Microwave Finished Basement Has Gas Block Windows & Tons Of Storage (OEL35LOR) 734 591 0333



LIVONIA \$179,900
3 bedroom 2 bath class c brck ranch w/ ceramic tile hwd floors spacious living room & dining room a ea Newer white kitchen w/lots of cupboards counter & paint es Fin shed lower level (main floor quality) (OEP03MIL) 734 453 6800



LIVONIA \$174,900
Beautiful Brck Ranch W Livonia Schools Lrg LR w FP & Hw Fls Huge K't Area W Pergo Flrs new Bath n Bsmnt W 3rd Bed New Furn 2000 Financing At 1/4% Below Market Offered On This Home Ask For Details (OEL46DEE) 734 591 0333



LIVONIA \$169,900
Large All Brick Ranch In Great Bucknham Village Location Maint Free Alum Trim Updated Windows & Roof Hardwood Floors Ceramic Bath Freshly Painted Throughout All Appliances Stay Large Basement Rec rm (OEN16CAR) 248 347 3050



LIVONIA \$145,000
3 Bedroom 1 1/2 Bath Brck Ranch On Blvd Str In North Livonia Newer Kitchen All Appliances Stay HW Flrs updates Furn CIA Windows Fin Bsmnt W/glass Block Windows Copper Plumbing 1.2 Bath (2) Car Garage (OEL64ANT) 734 591 0333



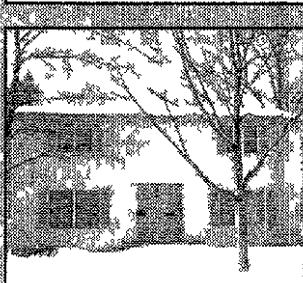
MILFORD \$274,900
Located Deep In Sub On Private Cul de sac W a walkway Hwd Floor In Foyer kitchen & Half Bath private Backyard W/gold sh Landscap E Pond 2nd Fl Laundry c/a(7/04) skylght In Main Bath F n L W/ Ec Rm & Full Bath (OEN18MEA) 248 347 3050



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Wow! A sports lake privileges on Whitmore Lake on quiet dead end street Brck pave patio for entertaining w/large lot w/sport riders Spots w/motivated sellers (OESLY30HOR) 248-437 4500



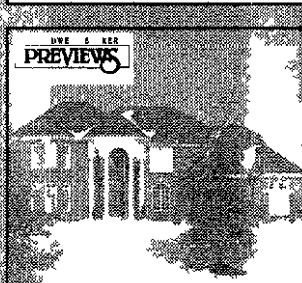
NORTHVILLE \$1,900,000
Custom Home Backing To Protected Woods On Cul de sac! 2 story Foy W/marble Thru One ry K1 W/grate 3 Fp 2 story Gr W/2 story FP & Wal Of Windows mstr Ste W/remote Fp & Marble Bath study W u Dgs s Panelling (OEN30WOO) 248 347 3050



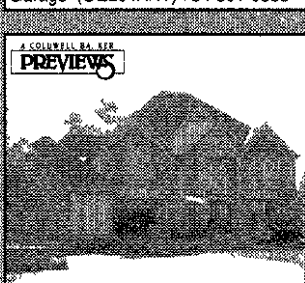
NORTHVILLE \$299,900
fabulous gof course community home w/1st flr master finished w/out lower level and beautiful w/ views of woods 3+ car heated garage 2 full kitchens coated at end of cul de sac custom decor open fl plan (OEN00FIR) 248 347 3050



NOVI \$429,900
Sharp Haverli Cape Cod On Premier Szed Lot 2 story Foyer hwd Floor In Foyer kit And Half Bath multi Deck W/removable Canopy 2 1/2 Car Garage a a m 1st Fl Laundry remodeled Half Bath (03) (OEN91KIN) 248 347 3050



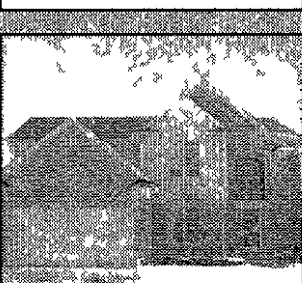
PLYMOUTH \$799,900
Custom built 4BR 3 full bath 2 av executive home Gigantic kitchen w/custom Amish cabinets Graber stone counters 10ft cings & attached hearth room Step up master w/try ceiling 4 car garage (OEP50ANN) 734 453 6800



PLYMOUTH \$567,500
Absolutely stunning 5BR 3 1/2 BA brick colonial w/prof finished basement custom maple cabinets wine rack work station on 2nd appliances 2 story foyer & great room Must see (OEP20BER) 734 453 6800



PLYMOUTH \$497,500
New construction (1/05) Custom quality no granite countertops cherry cabinets ceramic baths & 1st flr laundry Stonecast p surround LL prepped to bath & ac tub (OEP35RO) 734-453 6800



PLYMOUTH \$349,000
Beautifully Maintained Home W/lrg Open Flr Pan & Soaring Ceiling S Huge K1 W/White Bay Cabs Ctr Snack Bar & Tons Of Counter Spa Ce Spacious Great Rm Has Gas Fp Hardwood Flooring Lrg Windows & High Ceiling (OEN21GRA) 248-347 3050



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City of Plymouth 1st time offered in 25 yrs! 2 unit duplex w/each unit having 2 bedrooms formal dining room & hardwood flooring Newer furnaces roof hot water heaters Separately metered Surprisingly spacious! (OEP63ANN) 734 453 6800



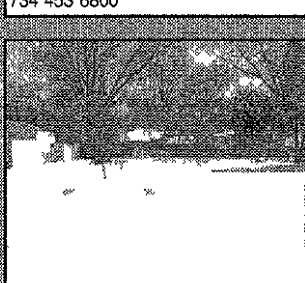
PLYMOUTH \$229,900
Well kept ranch features new furnace (04) new roof (03) CA HDWD flrs beneath crpt 1 1/2 car garage Fin bsmnt w/half bath & perfect space for wine cellar Big backyard & covered front porch Clean & neutral (OEP33PAC) 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$219,000
Beautifully maintained 3BR 2 5/2 BA brick ranch Newer w/n roof furnace CA & fabulous kit w/cherry cabinets LL is fin w/main flr quality(34x20)w/bar area Full BA & glass block windows HDWD flooring Private bk yard (OEP35FV) 734-453 6800



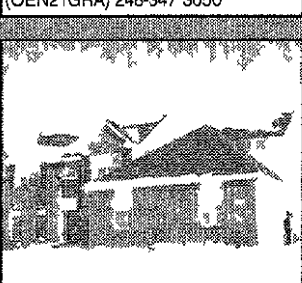
REDFORD \$138,000
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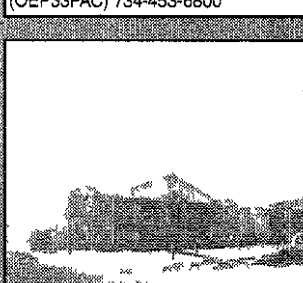
SALEM \$230,000
Opportunity knockng! Zoning on this sprawling ranch allows for busness to be operated at home Out bu cings allowed Over 2400sq ft on over 2 acres (OESLY747M) 248 437 4500



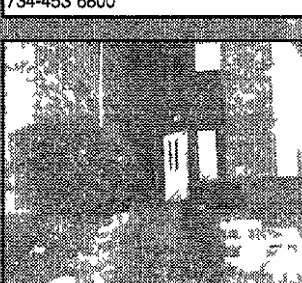
SOUTH LYON \$474,900
Seller has been transferred Excellent location at the back of the subdivision k'tchen w/island cherry cabinets and no countertops A appl stay + washer and dryer 2nd flr laundry Attached 3+ car heated garage (OESLY66NAT) 248 437 4500



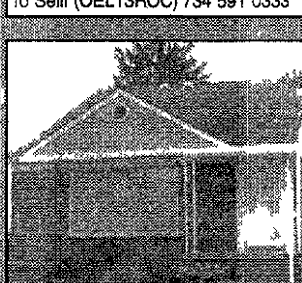
SOUTH LYON \$205,900
This Spacious Colonial Has Been Freshly Painted And New Carpet D A Great Family Home Ceramic Floors Neutral Decor Walking Distance To Schools And Backing To Commons A Appliances Included (OEL67DEA) 734 591 0333



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Homebuying seminars

Presented by Standard Federal Bank 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, Lighthouse Community Development, 46156 Woodward Ave., Pontiac, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 19, at Peoples Community Hope for Homes, Westshire Place Community off Middlebelt Road, south of Michigan Avenue in Westland. Tips on the entire homebuying process. Upon completion of the seminar, participants will receive certificates entitling them to apply for a mortgage loan under Standard Federal's Community Home Buyer's Program. The program is designed to make home ownership more affordable. No charge. Call (800) 643-9600, ext. 22532 to register.

CREW-Detroit

Attorney Rodger Young outlines terms to include and pitfalls to avoid in negotiating and drafting a commercial real estate commission agreement and explains legal options available to recover unpaid commissions. 11 a.m. (networking) noon lunch/program. Wednesday, Feb. 16, Maggiano's Little Italy, 2089 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. Cost: \$50 members, \$65 guests. Register online at www.crewdetroit.org or call Megan Cottrell at (888) 866-CREW or meganc@crewnetwork.org.

Buying a home

Seminar for first-time homeowners and those who have purchased a home before. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, RE/MAX Alliance, 37569 Five Mile, Livonia. No charge. Reservations requested because seating is limited. Call (734) 462-3600.

Schoolcraft College Continuing Education

Builder's Licensing Exam Prep 6:10 p.m. beginning Feb. 15 for four weeks. \$288. Invest in Real Estate 6:10 p.m. for four weeks beginning March 22. Cost: \$135. Landlording Series 6:10 p.m. for four weeks beginning March 24. \$199. The series is made up of the following class topics which can be taken individually: How To Deal with Problem Tenants, Risk Management for Landlords, Leases & Lease Clauses and Making Money & Reducing Taxes on Your Rental Properties. Home Staging with Style 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$175. Home Staging with Style 6:30 p.m. April 7 and 14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 16. \$175. Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road. (734) 462-4448.

Certified Graduate Builder seminars

Building Technology Structures and Exterior Finishes 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, BIA headquarters in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein, president of Madison Heights-based Builders Professional Group, will provide an introduction to structural and exterior finish systems used in residential construction. Breidenstein will provide insight into customer expectations and behaviors and practical techniques for working successfully with customers from the initial selling stages to the construction period. A Graduate Builder Seminar Course 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, at BIA headquarters in Farmington Hills. Cost

for both seminars is \$140 each for Remodelers Council members, \$160 each for guests. Call (248) 862-1033 for reservations/information.

Refrigerant Recovery Course

Sponsored by the Apartment Association of Michigan, Property Management Council, 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25, AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Course will give maintenance professionals who maintain, service, repair or dispose of appliances that contain regulated refrigerants the opportunity to be certified in compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act. Cost: \$85.

for PMC members, Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and AAM members and guests. Call (248) 862-1033 to register.

Basement Remodeling

Farmington Community Education with Oakland Builders Institute is offering a seminar on basement remodeling 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 and March 5 at Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee in Farmington. Seminar is designed to help people make better use of space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling. The instructor will also discuss working with

subcontractors and finishing techniques. The cost is \$95 plus \$10 for textbook. Register by Thursday, Feb. 17, by calling (248) 489-3333. For information, call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 or visit www.buildersinstitute.com.

Build your business

A marketing plan is crucial to your new business success. Join Tara Kachaturoff, a certified marketing coach for her latest course offering *Build Your Business: Marketing Plans 101*. Call (248) 644-5832 or go to www.communityhouse.com to register. Class meets 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24.



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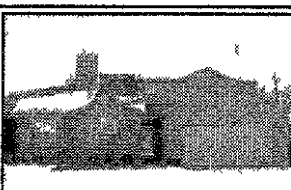
NEW CONSTRUCTION Spacious 4 bdrm Colonial on a premium corner lot. Hardwood foyer, oak handrail & marble fireplace. Maytag appliances, luxury bath in the master plus sod & sprinklers. \$295,000 (634AU)




NICE STARTER HOME 3 bedroom ranch w/ 1.5 baths, newer windows, central air, kitchen w/ appliances, finished basement w/ lav & glass block. 2 car garage, wood floors and a great location - close to everything. \$131,900 (201BE)




COUNTRY CONTEMPORARY Wonderful country contemporary ranch in Huron school district. Plenty of cabinets in kitchen, w/ deep sink & spacious breakfast nook. Master suite w/ WIC & jetted tub. Home is located on 2.79 acres. \$234,900 (433CA)



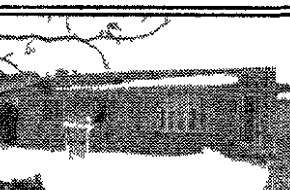
INDULGE YOURSELF 4 bedroom 3 bath Canton condo. Skylights in cathedral ceiling, fireplace, maple kitchen, hardwood floor in foyer, tons of storage, neutral décor, daylight basement deck w/ awning & a lovely view of the woods! \$264,900 (352CH)




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WANTED New owners for this well maintained Dearborn beauty. Many updates, screened porch, mud room, plaster walls and hardwood under the carpet. Perfect investment for first time buyer. \$124,900 (937CO)




BACKS TO PRIVATE PARK Pristine broadfront with bay window backing to a private park. New offerings are windows, drive furnace and siding. Fireplace w/ custom enclosure, huge deck & prof landscaping. \$194,495 (793CO)



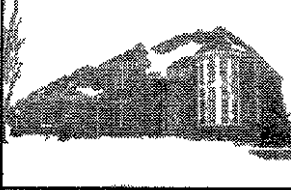
IMPECCABLE Gorgeous 4 bedroom colonial on a premium lot backing to Sassaterra trails with upgrades galore. Built in 2000 with an open great room floor plan, full basement and a study. \$239,900 (215CR)




SHARP COLONIAL In Canton on a large ravine lot. New kitchen w/ nook & appliances, nice landscaping, w/ sprinklers, formal dining, many updates, new deck and 1st floor laundry. A super value! \$284,000 (417WE)




POSITIVELY PERFECT Squeaky clean! Lovingly maintained inside and out. Fabulous interior location across from the park. 4 Br 2.5 BA and a finished basement. This one is a 10 - just unpack and enjoy. \$309,900 (680WH)




FULLY LOADED 2-STORY Dramatic soaring ceilings, maple & granite kit, dual sided flr home office, central vac & sprinklers, dual water tanks, zoned furnaces & central air conditioners. There's just too much to list! Walking path to Hines. \$675,000 (168WI)




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NEWER BUILT CAPE Great room floor plan offers an oak kitchen, 1st floor laundry, corner fireplace, full basement, side entry garage, appliances, new carpeting throughout and a nice master with a private bath & walk in closet. \$224,900 (155SU)




PRICED RIGHT Ready to move into 3 bedroom beauty in a nice area of Wayne. 2 baths, basement garage, appliances and a one year home warranty. Come take a look! \$114,900 (497ED)




GARDEN CITY'S BEST! Completely updated with hardwood floors, finished basement with bar and office, deck, new windows, roof, water heater and a new kitchen with appliances. Immediate occupancy. \$167,500 (520FL)




COUNTRY SETTING Welcoming wide front porch and a tree lined yard on a large 80x220 lot. Oak floors, Anderson windows, prof finished basement with wet bar & recessed lights. Patio deck & sprinklers. Nice! \$299,900 (130HU)




AFFORDABLE WATERFRONT Prime location sitting high on a hill overlooking Clinton river. New windows, roof and furnace. Full basement, hardwood under carpet, ac & sprinklers, garage and appliances. Great opportunity here. \$159,900 (226IR)




DESIRABLE FARMINGTON Brick ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated kitchen and baths, finished basement and a lot more. Close to parks, shopping & downtown area. This one has it all! \$214,900 (379LE)




WOW! For less than the cost of rent you can own this 2 bedroom 1.5 bath condo in Canton. New kitchen and baths, fresh paint, new Pergo flooring and a spacious floor plan. \$119,900 (609CR)




WHY RENT? When you can own this Westland home for under 80K! All the major updating is done, furnace, water heater, air and windows. Partly finished basement w/ nice 3rd bedroom. Call now! \$79,900 (046ST)




MOVE RIGHT IN! This wonderful 3 bedroom brick bungalow awaits you. Great neighborhood, updated furnace, central air, water heater, most windows and circuit breakers. Huge master! \$129,900 (301SU)




BUYERS DREAM Huge floor plan with 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths and a 2.5 car garage in Dearborn. Roof and furnace only 1 yr old. Partially finished basement and nice kitchen. Priced to sell. \$179,900 (344WI)




FUSSY BUYERS WELCOME! New Walkside windows, 2 car garage, neutral carpet, bay windows, oak kitchen w/ appliances and a finished basement. All big ticket items are newer. Fenced yard w/ deck, patio, retractable awning & sprinklers! \$164,900 (234HI)




WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! Truly a home with nothing to do! Just move in and enjoy. 3BR/1.5BA brick bungalow w/ Master w/ half bath, completely updated with lots of amenities and close to the park. \$114,900 (344PA)




GREAT BUY! Dearborn bungalow with 3 bedrooms, New roof, furnace, air and carpeting. Walking distance to the community center, shopping and Ford Headquarters. Immaculate move in condition. \$119,500 (281CU)



DEARBORN HEIGHTS RANCH Neat and clean brick ranch that has been tastefully updated with an oak kitchen, remodeled bath, new windows, finished basement with a full kitchen and bath. Really nice call for details. \$142,000 (283FE)



COBBLESTONE VILLAGE Desirable location, larger lot in the sub. Boasting 3BR/2.5BA, central air, natural fireplace, formal dining, attached garage and a partially finished basement. Many updates, call for more info. \$220,000 (366LA)



THE PERFECT START It's all here! 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, basement, roomy kitchen and a huge 30x10 master. All of the important updates have been completed. Pleasant rear yard. \$127,900 (562IN)

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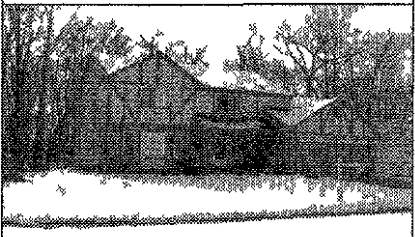
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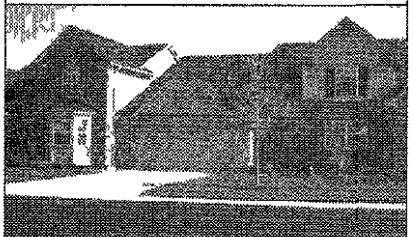
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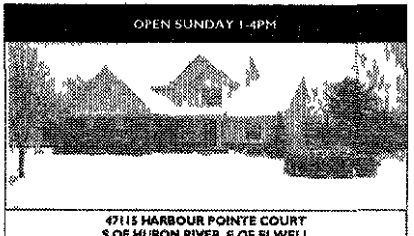


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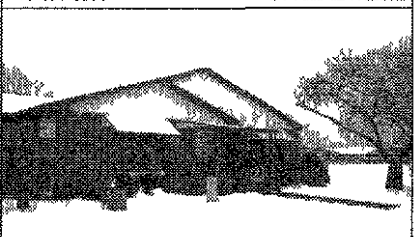
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Consulting group begins work on project

The redevelopment of Birmingham's vacant Jacobson store at 325 N. Old Woodward moved a step closer to reality when Troy-based G2 Consulting Group began geotechnical and construction engineering work on the site recently.

G2 analyzed the 38,000-square-foot site's subsurface, soil and groundwater conditions in and around the existing multi-level retail structure. G2's engineers and scientists used the information to help develop plans to safely demolish the existing building and its large basement, while protecting

the adjacent structures. G2 also used it to design foundations for the new structure, says Dave Wanlass, G2 project manager.

"We've also designed a special shoring system that will support Old Woodward Avenue and Willis Street during demolition of the existing building's multiple basements and foundations. We'll provide observation and inspection services during demolition of the existing store and its basements, and during the construction of the new building," Wanlass said.

Bingham Farms-based developer Burton-Katzman and Southfield-

based Gershenson Realty & Investments plan a four-story building with first-floor restaurants, two stories of retail and office space, top floor residential lofts, and one level of underground parking.

G2 Consulting Group (www.g2consultinggroup.com) is a full-service engineering firm serving Fortune 500 companies, major utilities, property owners, government agencies and leading architectural, engineering and construction firms across the United States. G2 also has offices in Detroit and Chicago.

HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of September 27 - October 1 2004 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

1517 Trinity	\$178,000	31748 Hees	\$140,000
1584 Trinity	\$178,000	29008 Joy	\$116,000
1788 Trinity	\$178,000	36224 Lawrence	\$180,000
45181 Twining	\$235,000	36372 Meadowbrook	\$207,000
6788 Weatherfield	\$293,000	18316 Melvin	\$184,000
921 Whitner	\$204,000	37621 Myrna	\$290,000
992 Wildwood	\$250,000	35025 Roycroft	\$312,000
43778 Yorktown	\$185,000	37700 Saint Martins	\$450,000
		18922 Sunset	\$268,000
		9918 Westmore	\$115,000
		19325 Westmore	\$70,000
		19325 Westmore	\$142,000
			Plymouth
		11740 Beacon Hill	\$395,000
		12425 Beacon Hill	\$335,000
		40445 Brecken Ridge	\$300,000
		8824 Briarwood	\$214,000
		49467 Daper	\$150,000
		154 Hemilton	\$374,000
		42791 Hamm II	\$313,000
		381 P newood	\$138,000
			Redford
		14897 Aubrey	\$100,000
		12801 Columbia	\$160,000
		19358 Delaware	\$35,000
		10072 Dixie	\$130,000
		18420 Fox	\$87,000
		25950 Plymouth	\$250,000
		15170 Salem	\$133,000
		9375 San Jose	\$142,000
		9375 San Jose	\$110,000
		26631 W Day son	\$148,000
		9095 Winston	\$160,000
		18663 Wood north	\$44,000
		8881 Wormer	\$125,000
		15778 Wormer	\$135,000
			Westland
		759 Autumn Ridge	\$265,000
		2625 Ca edon a	\$64,000
		36655 Cherry Hill	\$167,000
		34492 Cowan	\$278,000
		32338 Haze wood	\$127,000
		36051 Haze wood	\$119,000
		29655 Lacy	\$228,000
		29765 Lacy	\$220,000
		372 Marigold	\$156,000
		29680 Marshall	\$229,000
		29700 Marshall	\$218,000
		32731 Merritt	\$171,000
		6122 N Globe	\$95,000
		6375 Pembroke	\$166,000
		28935 Powers	\$41,000
		6754 Qual Run	\$166,000
		1757 Rose	\$187,000
		1553 S Hambleton	\$165,000
		1650 Sarah	\$232,000
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LIVONIA - Gorgeous 1621 sqft 4 bedroom 2.5 bath brick bungalow in Rosedale Gardens sub. Beautiful LR w/nat'l FP. Fantastic updated kitchen w/wherry wood cabinets & all appls. Formal dining area w/bay window. Updated baths. Excellent fam rm w/doorwall to lg wood deck. Fin basement. 2.5 garage. \$245,000.

CANTON - This one has it all! Last house on dead end street. This 2300 SQF 4 BR 2.5 BA house is extremely clean. Recent updates include a new kitchen w/wherry wood cabinets & all appls. Family Rm & Living Rm are good space for family or entertaining. Neutral carpet & tile in bathrooms await your redecorating ideas. \$244,500.

LIVONIA - Gorgeous home & what a value on this fantastic 4 bedroom 2.5 bath brick Colonial. Lrg island kitchen w/oak cabinets built in dishwasher & microwave. Doorwall to lg wood deck w/built in swing overlooking beautiful lot. Sharp family rm w/gas log FP. Full basement. 2 car attached garage. \$314,900.

DEARBORN - Exceptional solid built 3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick & alum trim bungalow in a great area. Divine Child. Large LR w/nat'l FP. Formal dining room. Full brnt w/glass block windows. Newer furnace & C/A. New vinyl windows thru out. 2.5 car garage. Great price. Check the comps. \$180,000.

DETROIT - Pride of ownership shows throughout this home! Great investment or 1st time buyers. 2 bed rooms. Large eat in kitchen w/oak cabinets & newer flooring. Updated bath. Nice carpeting & oak trim in living rm and hall. Hardwood flrs in bedrooms. Newer 3 D roof w/rear off 2 car gar & fin basement. \$69,900.

LIVONIA - Beautiful country setting. Excellent 4 bedroom 2 full bath Colonial with over 2100 sq ft on large lot. Updated kitchen w/oak cabinets w/all appls. LR w/nat'l FP & bay window. 1st floor bath w/letted tub. Formal DR w/slate floor. Full fin bsmt w/possible bedrm/office. Newer vinyl windows. 2 car att gar. \$250,000.

PLYMOUTH - Historic Timepiece in the heart of downtown. Exquisitely decorated, remodeled & updated carriage house feat 2 1/2 stories each w/private ent sep bath w/pooltub, FP & balcony. 7 bedrooms (8 w/private baths). 3rd flr mstr ste feat sitting rm, priv bath, kitchenette & skylights. Superb landscaping w/sprink sys. \$1,190,000.

WESTLAND - Exceptional! Fully updated brk ranch with 4 bedrooms 1.5 baths in Surrey Hgts. Updates galore include kitchen both baths furnace carpet. 2 level deck glassblock bsmt windows entry doors vinyl siding on trim & gar and roof. All freshly painted in neutral colors. Fin bsmt pool w/2 level deck. \$172,900.

LIVONIA - Lowest price in Dover Arbor Estate the city's nicest sub for this 3 BR 2 BA brick ranch. Brand new honey oak kitchen. Uplts incl furnace. C/A roof w/rear off vinyl windows. 2 car gar. Fin bsmt and HW flrs to make this a real bargain. Priced well below apprsl value due to need for cosmetics. \$173,800.

LIVONIA - Move in condition describes this 4 bedroom 1.5 bath brick/vinyl Colonial. Charming LR & Formal DR w/hwdwd floors. Beautiful updated kitchen w/maple cabinets corian counters & doorwall to lg wood deck. Fantastic family rm w/nat'l FP. Full basement. 2 car attached garage. \$230,000.

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LIVONIA - Nice upper 2 bedroom Condo. 1123 sqft kitchen w/newer counters flooring & all appls. Formal dining rm. LR w/doorwall to ba. Cony Bath w/dual entrance & access to Master bedrm & closet. Organizer Updates include gas furnace. 8 panel doors. 1st floor laundry w/washer & dryer. Great location. \$125,000.

PLYMOUTH - BREATHTAKING RANCH CONDO. Exclvs ve Eaton Estates. Finished walkout. Mstr ste w/let tub & separate shower. 2 full baths. 3 baths oak kitchen w/island & 2nd kitchen in over level. Priced below SEV. (P08EAT) \$364,500.

LIVONIA - Gorgeous 4 bedroom 2.5 bath brick & alum Colonial. Beautiful living room w/hardwood flooring. Excellent updated kitchen w/hickory cabinets & all appls. Formal dining room. Fantastic family rm w/nat'l fireplace. Updated full bath. Partly finished bsmt. 2 car att garage. \$242,500.

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LIVONIA - Gorgeous 4 bedroom 2.5 bath brick & alum Colonial. Beautiful living room w/hardwood flooring. Excellent updated kitchen w/hickory cabinets & all appls. Formal dining room. Fantastic family rm w/nat'l fireplace. Updated full bath. Partly finished bsmt. 2 car att garage. \$242,500.

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Livonia - Lot's of updates on this 3-bed ranch on a large lot! Fenced yard C/A newer landscaping. Newer roof furnace HW/H windows carpet freshly painted updated bath. Must see to appreciate! \$135,000 (35LOU)

Plymouth Twp - Exceptional 4 bed 2 5 bath colonial! Original owner has invested over \$100,000 n updates. Tony V sunroom with spa and deck landscaping roof furnace A/C windows carpeting Bsmt stamped cement walks private backyard garage \$389,900 (50NCR)

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Warren - 3 bed 2 bath brick ranch built in 1993 on a huge pie shaped lot at end of court Cathedral ceiling in great room w/recessed lights huge euro white kitchen ceramic floor and sliding doorwall to deck. Sprinklers fenced yard bsmt, C/A 2 car att garage 1st floor laundry \$194,900 (17LAW)

Westland - 3 bed ranch great for a starter home or investment property. Cathedral ceilings 1st floor laundry newer carpet and newer walls. Sliding windows Fenced yard 2 car garage. Motivated seller proceed to sell quick! \$113,900 (48CAR)

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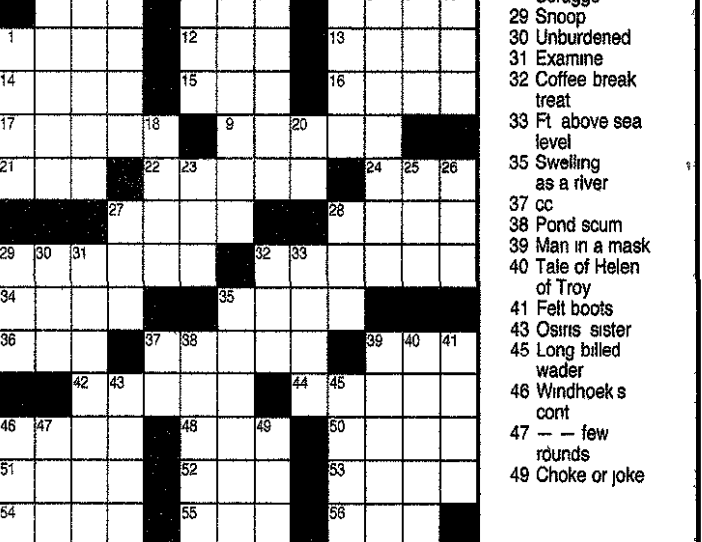
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 <p>HOWELL Charming Euro-Style Complex 2003 private entrance attached garage approx 1540 sq ft 2 bedrooms 2.5 baths cathedral ceiling Pool clubhouse bike/walking paths C case to exp easeways shopping & dining (E49HAM) 734 455 5600 \$159,900</p>	 <p>CANTON Sunflower Maintenance Free Colon loaded w/updates Roof app ox 6 yrs siding & gutters Wallside wndws newer furn 50 gal HWH Spacious kit has newer stove 1 yr DW disposal & frmg Updated BAs FR w/frplc & doorvie & part frn bsmt (E44BAR) 734-455-5600 \$279,900</p>	 <p>CANTON Pride Of Ownership 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/updates T/O offers GR w/fraplace master bedroom w/try ceiling master BA & WIC 2 doorways to brick paver patio sprinker system & mvs ble fence Full basement plumbed to BA (E89NOR) 734 455 5600 \$307,500</p>	 <p>NOVI Fantastic 4 Bedroom Colonial Many updates including windows/door walls carpet kitchen & baths F finished LL Profes landscaped Newer lighting T/O FR freshly painted interior & exterior Best of its district community Truly a must see (E14BUC) 248 349 5600 \$324,900</p>	 <p>CANTON Newer Colonial 1987 Colon a w/Plymouth Canton schools 3 BR 2.5 BA 2 car side entry garage frn basement FR w/natura l replace & doorwall to paver patio Well landscaped corner of Great curb appeal Neutral & clean (E20LEM) 248 349-5600 \$239,800</p>
 <p>BELLEVILLE Fantastic Buy Approx 1864 sq ft 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch on approx 1.25 acres bu lt in 1999 offering 2 car attached garage fireplace in great room upgraded kitchen cabinets & kitchen appliances (E50WIL) 734 455 5600 \$249,900</p>	 <p>CANTON Absolutely Fabulous Kitchen w/light oak cabinets & floor + go on countertops FR w/gas frplc & skylight Parquet n foyer & hallway Updated windows roof & more offer ad n th s 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch + part frn bsmt & 2 car gar (E54HAN) 734 455 5600 \$227,900</p>	 <p>GARDEN CITY Bright Ary Cape Cod Detach Condo 3 bedrooms 2 baths great room w gas frn rep ace FFL basement w/day gnt w ndows 2 ca attached garage vaulted cel no dining room oak kitchen w/snack bar hardwood floor (E23BIR) 734 455 5600 \$194,900</p>	 <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD Simply Spectacular Profess decorated H s of Chelsea Park home shows like a model Ugg ades gale a ha woods T/O Mahogany lbra y & mantel Open floor plan w/2 story FR Fo mal DR frn bsmt au pair suite pool and spa (E05CAR) 248 349 5600 \$999,900</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat Wow! Great floor plan great location Northville H s Golf Community 4 spacious bedrooms 3.5 baths & granite Backyard features a private resort in ground pool day ght A must see (E05MER) 248 349 5600 \$799,900</p>
 <p>WESTLAND Great Location Cute 2 bedroom condo w/par 1.5 setting private patio newer windows carpet frn shed basement & all appliances stay Neutral co ors (E55BAR) 734 455 5600 \$114,900</p>	 <p>DEARBORN HGTS Don't Miss This One! 3 bedroom 2 bath broadfront brick ranch across from go f course offers attached garage frn shed basement w/pos ble 4th bedroom formal dining room + newer Pergo floor in kitchen vinyl windows and roof (E41KEN) 734 455-5600 \$189,999</p>	 <p>PLYMOUTH Spacious Colonial 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home w/2 story foyer w/hardwood floors high ceilings on main floor crown molding in GR & DR large bath w/garden tub n master suite stand n kitchen fireplace in GR doorwall to patio (E56WEN) 734 455 5600 \$344,900</p>	 <p>SOUTH LYON Beautiful Brick Colonial Like new Spacious open floor plan in this 4 bedroom brick carriage club home Serene view of natural pond, Gourmet kitchen black app ances maple cabinets Basement p umbed for bath Many custom upgrades (E59CAR) 248 349 5600 \$329,900</p>	 <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD Great Value Beautiful 4 bedroom 3.5 bath colonial granite 42 square ft custom hardwood finished basement with 5th bath kitchen w/wood cut out bar 3 ca garage Great ot with plenty of room to play (E24MER) 248 349 5600 \$609,900</p>
 <p>INKSTER Absolutely Stunning Nicely remodeled w/wesome oak kitchen 3 bedroom bungalow Frn shed basement garage cozy front porch Come see it today Tomorrow means sold (E32WES) 734 455 5600 \$95,000</p>	 <p>BROWNSTOWN You Can Have It All! 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial in Dawnsire Sub offers 2.5 car attached garage profess onally frn shed basement large master bedroom w/WIC & bath 1st floor laundry large kitchen leads to ta ge wood deck (E01SPR) 734 455 5600 \$197,000</p>	 <p>LIVONIA Won't Last Long 3 bedroom 2.5 bath ranch w/Livonia schools finished basement w/office & wet ba Newer appliances oof C/A windows updated kitchen bath & newer 2 car garage Fior da room & built n BBQ in fenced yard (E12HAL) 734 455 5600 \$169,900</p>	 <p>BEVERLY HILLS Your Oasis Awaits Beautiful 4 BR 2.5 BA co on a w/profess frn bsmt hrowd fl s newe roof dramatic brary 2 fireplaces open floor pan All th s setting on a gorgeous approx 1 acre p us lot w/circular dr weway & beaut ful park sett ng (E25EMB) 248 349 5600 \$399,900</p>	 <p>LIVONIA Honey Stop The Car Awesome brick ranch with 3 BR & 2 full baths Super finished basement has wet bar and office Let's party Great house for entertaining inside & out Fireplace & updated kitchen Most mechanicals & windows updated (E10OHI) 248 349-5600 \$184,999</p>
 <p>DEARBORN Sharp Updated Bungalow! Cozy 3 bedrooms 1.5 bath br ck home w/great curb appeal Newer oak cabinets in updated kitchen + updated roof vinyl ndows Spacious master bed room w/ots of storage + frn shed basement w/dry bar & 5 bath (E41COR) 734 455 5600 \$144,900</p>	 <p>LINCOLN PARK Ranch 2 bedroom 1 bath ranch w th newer HWH siding nd windows Central air 1.5 car ga age stove and roof garator One y bar home war anty (E72GRA) 734 455 5600 \$79,900</p>	 <p>CANTON Neat Clean Neutral Condo Living room has frn rep ace w/m a ce surround n finished basement skylights n bath & over stairs La ge fenced patio All th s offered n th s 2 bedroom 1.5 bath townhouse (E71VIN) 734 455-5600 \$142,000</p>	 <p>REDFORD All Brick Ranch Love y 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home w updates n kitchen and bath Newer windows & newer sh ng es on 2 ca garage Nice family room on bark of house Large finished basement w/wet bar Great ocat on (E38FAR) 248 349 5600 \$161,000</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE New Listing Private yard w huge deck Walk to downtown from th s charming cape cod Lovely home has been tastefuly decorated T/O & featu es oak hardwood floors a newe maple kitchen updated baths & 4 car ga age (E50ORC) 248 349 5600 \$359,000</p>
 <p>DEARBORN Canal Front Move In Condition 3 bedroom 2 full baths many expensive updates septic well pump windows C/A & doorwall to overs zed deck 2.5 car gar sharp frn bsmt w/wet bar + boat launch S t t ng on large lot A must see (E85CRY) 734-455 5600 \$206,000</p>	 <p>DETROIT A Wonderful Find 3 bedroom brick bungalow w/roest cu b appeal living room w/natural frplc formal dining room w/handled ar master bedroom w/cedar closet partly frn shed basement w/block windows & wet bar + all appls (E38PIN) 734-455-5600 \$78,000</p>	 <p>MACOMB TWP Ground Floor Ranch Condo Newer home w/2 BR 2 A 1 car attached ga age w/opener Prime location Open floor plan w/updates Neutra decor C/A FFL & LR w/frplc Open kit w/maple cabs Appls recessed lighting Low assce fee Pool (E20WAR) 248 349 5600 \$162,900</p>	 <p>SALEM Ranch On Approximately 10 Acres Spacious 3 bedroom 2 bath home on an approximate 10 acre lot w/attached garage and full basement Has both a living and a family room Baseboard heat Two barns and pond (E00FIV) 248 349 5600 \$427,000</p>	 <p>LIVONIA You'd Better Hurry This super ranch home is pr cad right and just listed 3 BR 1.5 BA w/full bsmt 2 car garage w/opener fenced yard & c case to shopping & x ways Fresh paint & carpet n LR Roof sh ngles 03 1 year home warranty (E610XB) 248 349 5600 \$144,900</p>
 <p>CANTON Outstanding Colonial 4 bedrooms 2.5 bath rambing brick ranch w/2 ca attached garage formal dining room library w/day window vaulted ceiling n great room w/frp ace FFL oak kitchen w/appl ances + 4 season sun room (E75BEE) 734 455-5600 \$239,900</p>	 <p>GROSSE ILE In A Choice Neighborhood 3 bedroom 2.5 bath rambing brick ranch w/2 ca attached garage formal dining room library w/day window vaulted ceiling n great room w/frp ace FFL oak kitchen w/appl ances + 4 season sun room (E36LAS) 734 455 5600 \$449,900</p>	 <p>NOVI Elegant Southern Living 4 bedroom colonial ready to move n Wonderful lot Great kitchen w/large cab net French doo s lead to gorgeous fam y room Master suite w/WIC Wonderful master bath Looks ke a mode (E53ASH) 248 349 5600 \$423,000</p>	 <p>NEW HUDSON Zoned Commercial What an investment business opportunity or home Much sought after Grand River Avenue n the exploding new shopping area Basement 4 car garage and approximately 36 acres (E55GRA) 248-349-5600 \$199,900</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE Northville Township Looking for land to bu ld your dream home? Don't look any further these 2 parcels come to approximately 2.78 acres Current y zoned residential with the right developer I could be RM 1 material (E91RID) 248-349-5600 \$500,000</p>
 <p>DEARBORN HGTS Charming Clean Brck Ranch Offers 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths newer countertops & top of the line appliances Hardwood floors under new carpet garage w/red w/23 C case to golf course & H nes Park You won't be disappointed (E12CEN) 734-455-5600 \$153,000</p>	 <p>REDFORD Cozy Home On Double Lot 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow w/2 car attached by breezeway finished basement w/2nd kitchen and bath Newer roof w ndows kitchen and carpet (E18BRA) 734-455-5600 \$115,999</p>	 <p>NOVI Backs To Park Rare Novi offering in desirable Birchwoods sub Updates include roof tear off 04 hardwood FR 99 f/ditions facade on fireplace 87 Large kitchen w/breakfast area 2 car side entry gar frn bsmt (E16BIR) 248 349 5600 \$329,900</p>	 <p>LIVONIA Brick Bungalow Original owner Well kept 3 bedroom bungalow Vinyl windows roof 3 yrs 1 year carpet neutral Huge master bedroom frn shed 04 Florida room for seasonal employment Fenced yard 2+ car garage 1 yr warranty (E65KIN) 248 349-5600 \$158,000</p>	 <p>MILFORD Terrific Colonial 3 bedroom 3.5 bath 1995 built colonial w/view of Huron River Pargo flooring n foyer kitchen hall & lav Frn bsmt w/full bath Deck w/hot tub Cath ceilings in FR w/gas f p c Open kit w/leating area & access to deck (E91RIV) 248-349-5600 \$239,900</p>
 <p>VAN BUREN End Unit Overlooking Pond Spacious 2 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch style condo w/loft frn shed basement w/family room oak kitchen w/hardwood floors ceramic tile bath FFL kitchen appliances doorwall to deck p us attached garage (E72HAR) 734 455 5600 \$167,900</p>	 <p>CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005 New construction On approx 1 acre lot w/4 bedrooms 3.5 baths 4 car attached garage 2 story foyer formal dining room hearth rm off large kitchen breakfast nook all BRs w/WIC full bsmt You can pick w shes (E52ROL) 734-455-5600 \$787,500</p>	 <p>SALEM Tudor Estate On Approx 5.75 Acres Chance of a life time to own a love y lder on nearly 5.75 acres of rolling countryside Spectacular great room with amazing views Wonderful curb appeal Must see (E91BRO) 248 349 5600 \$699,990</p>	 <p>LIVONIA Updated Ranch 3 BR ranch features remodeled kitchen w/newer cabinets countertops & floor Newer windows air conditioning A ll sitting on a large corner lot with spacious 2 car garage Ready to move n (E93INK) 248 349 5600 \$114,900</p>	 <p>FARMINGTON Wonderful 4 BR 2 BA home in popular Farmington Meadow sub Home boasts ots of updates kitchen carpet roof furnace C/A and HWH Hardwoods under carpet on upper level Fenced n yard w/perennial garden (E30ROB) 248-349-5600 \$224,900</p>
 <p>CANTON Amazing Cape Cod Charm ng 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home w/gourmet kitchen w/islant granite counters & tile floor Profess onally frn shed basement w/wet bar WIC & entertainment rm + 2 car att ga frplc n GR & more (E20DAN) 734 455 5600 \$354,900</p>	 <p>ALLEN PARK A Exceptional Value In this s ze price & location offering 4 bedrooms 3 baths 2 car attached garage frn shed basement lnground pool dining room storage galore & numerous updates furnace Andersen windows & C A (E10BEV) 734 455 5600 \$274,500</p>	 <p>CANTON Colonial Lots of FF hardwood in this 4 BR 2.5 BA home w/frp ace in FR Privacy fencing 2 levee deck bay windows n LR & DR Two car garage Great sub w/easy access to shopping medical facility & freeways (E44BRU) 248 349 5600 \$235,000</p>	 <p>NOVI Won't Last Honest Superior 3 BR 2.5 BA co on al in excellent location New th s year kt patio doorwa s some carpet Newer roof windows & more Great frn basement carpet drywall & full bath Loaded w/extras Move in condit on (E05JAM) 248 349 5600 \$274,900</p>	 <p>CANTON A True Gem Picture perfect colon a with all the updates including roof w ndows kitchen w/gran te countertop extensive crown moldings Nest ed deep in sub w/ou de sac ocat on Gorgeous fenced yard w/deck & garden pond (E10CHE) 248 349 5600 \$244,900</p>

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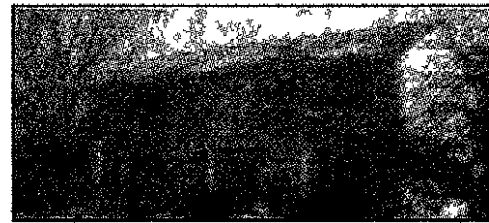
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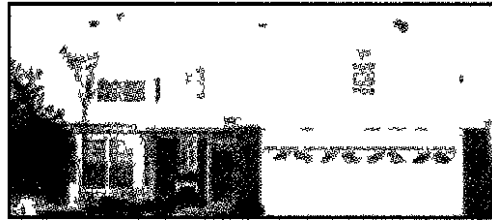
WEST BLOOMFIELD 734-455-7000
SPACE TO GROW! 4 BR 2 5 BA 3405 SF
Colonial Remodeled kit w/granite island W/
pantry dbl ovens appls Zoned htg & A/C
Newer roof siding some wndws G/R w/wet
bar/stone flpic (23L4932) \$419 900



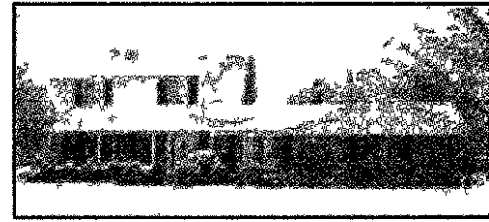
PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
GORGEOUS CHARMER! A rare & unique
blend of early century character & new
construction amenities Ext remodl Custom
trim work cherry hwdw flrs 2 full BAs, 1st fir
office/den (23P40810) \$329 900



DEARBORN 734-326-2000
BUILDER S HOME! First fir Indry 3 full baths
fin bsmt w/2nd kit MBR has private bath Hdwd
floors Lg 3/4 acre lot w/private yard 4 car plus
gar w/workshop (I630) \$327 000



CANTON 734-455-7000
SELL THE SNOWBLOWER & LAWNMOWER
4 BR 2 5 BA Colonial-detached cond Low
assoc fee Frml LR & DR 1st fir Indry FR w/
fireplace Mstr ste w/full bath separate shower
& jet tub (23S41523) \$314 900



NOVI 248-349-6200
0 5 ACRE NORTHVILLE SCHOOLS Peaceful
park-like corner lot w/circle drive! Comfortable
spacious sunlit home w/full bsmt Family rm
w/flpic 2 car att gar and prvt landscaped deck
348-6430 (24121310) \$299 900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION! Livonia
Stevenson High School Burton Hollow sub
with a wooded ravine lot 4 Bedroom, 2 Full
Bath home has so much to offer (25008905)
\$279,900



CANTON 734-591-9200
GORGEOUS COLONIAL 3 BR 3 5 BA loft
overlooking family room w/cath ceilings Step
down to your luxurious mstr ste Beautiful
finished basement w/full bath Landscaping
w/sprinklers (24153309) \$279 900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
POPULAR BURTON HOLLOW SUB 4 BR 2
BA 2133 SF Open fir plan w/vaulted cigs in
LR DR & kit New roof (04) wndw & DR Fla rm
overlooking Indscp & fenced yrd (24142312)
\$269 000



CANTON 734-455-7000
GREAT INCOME POTENTIAL! 3 Full baths
3 kitchens 5 BRs 2 additional BRs in bsmt
Hdwd floors in LR & DR Appls stay Tenants
can remain or vacate Call for more info
(23S4017) \$249 900



CANTON 248-348-6430
WELL MAINTAINED HOME 4 BR 3 full bath
home Beautiful kitchen redone in 99 Family
rm w/fireplace Freshly painted neutral Lots
of landscaping updates Roof replaced in 01
349-6200 (24151331) \$244,900



NORTHVILLE 248-349-6200
LOVELY CONDO IN COVES OF
NORTHVILLE contemporary 2 BR/2 5 BA
with views of pond Huge GR w/flpic opens
onto deck Direct access to 2 car gar w/lots
of storage 348-6430.(25009365) \$225 000



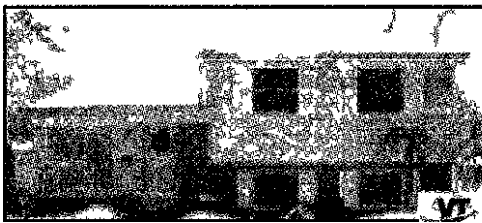
ROYAL OAK 248-348-6430
GREAT LOCATION Great condition 3 BR
move in ready house is a delight Awesome
kit vinyl windows vinyl siding and gutters
fenced yard w/custom deck and updated bath
349-6200 (24157917) \$179 500



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
SUPER BUY LOWEST PRICE IN THE
COMPLEX! Contemporary flair Spacious
condo! Vaulted ceilings sky-lights 2car gar
2 BRs 2 5 BAs flpic Convenient location
349 6200 (24043061) \$175 900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
OVERSIZED LOT & OVERSIZED GARAGE
Highlight this 3 BR vinyl Cape Cod with
fireplace & basement (J295) \$158 900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
STOP YOUR SEARCH! This home is a
sparkling gem you must see 3 BR, 1 5 BA
w/walk-out bsmt new furn C/A newer crpt
fir drvwy wndws eat-in kit & DR (24115068)
\$154 900



REDFORD 248-348-6430
WELL MAINTAINED BUNGALOW Great value!
Newer updates windows hdwd flrs Bsmt has
been prof waterproofed Newer furnace glass
block windows in bsmt Seller will consider all
offers 349-6200 (25009510) \$129 500



REDFORD 734-591-9200
MOVE IN CONDITION Updates include roof
furnace siding windows C/A front walk & elec
in garage kitchen & bath Glass blk wndws in
bsmt Nice clean house A pleasure to show
(25007699) \$126,000



REDFORD 734-591-9200
CLEAN NEAT! 3 BR vinyl ranch freshly painted
& carpeted Many updates some new wndws
roof siding, plumbing elec, fun hdwd fir under
crpt part finished bsmt 2 car gar (25008964)
\$124 900



LINCOLN PARK 248-348-6430
UPDATED 3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF
UPDATES Newly remodl eat-in kit, freshly
painted fin bsmt w/Berber carpet Nice size
lot most appl stay near schools A must see!
349-6200 (24096942) \$120 900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
UPDATES GALORE Kitchen bath
furnace A/C appliances siding windows &
carpeting are all less than four years old Huge
lot close to 1/2 acre This is a must see! (J474)
\$119 900



WAYNE 734-591-9200
THIS IS THE ONE! 4 bedroom brick bungalow
full basement garage & large corner lot Home
features formal dining room deck fenced
yard and rose garden Hurry! (25004830)
\$119 900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
1 300 SQ FT OF LIVING & FAMILY ROOM
Enjoy space in this large home New windows
w/marble ledges Roof on home & garage only
2 yrs old Oversized 2 car+ garage is great for
storage or workshop (A214) PC2 \$110,000

ALLEN PARK 248-348-6430
SPACIOUS COLONIAL! Lovely hm totally
renovated & expanded in 92! Over 2900 SF! Two LR
area & FR! Multiple BR suites perfect for guests or
extended family! 349 6200 (25000042) \$239 000

DEARBORN 734-326-2000
COMPACT & CUTE 3 Bedroom Dearborn bungalow
with formal dining room garage newer windows
& roof shingles hdwd floors Kit appliances stay
(K642) 24126078 \$114 900

LINCOLN PARK 734-591-9200
Prime Location Large corner lot w/many updates
Brand new kit new carpet T/O fresh paint vinyl
windows & copper plumb (24127607) \$102 000

REDFORD 248-348-6430
UPDTD STARTER W/MOVE-IN CONDITION
Low or no down pymnt financing available!
Awesome cond home updates incld paint i/s & o/s
carpet updt BA fenced yard & gar Decorated to
perfection! 349-6200 (24133906) \$89 900

CANTON 734-455-7000
TOP OF ITS CLASS! 4 BR 2 5 BA Colonial 2207
SF Frml DR library w/bt in shelves/French doors
Nat flpic in GR office in semi-fin bsmt X-tra w/de
gar enclosed brck patio (23R45663) 25007236
\$319 456

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
North Dearborn Heights Condo w/2 lg BRs plus
a 13x10 loft 2 5 BAs vaulted ceiling in GR fin
bsmt 2 car att'd gar and very low association fee
(24056714) \$210 000

LIVONIA 248-348-6430
WONDERFUL HOME! Beautifully appointed home
w/hdwd flrs in nicely updated kit fin bsmt w/full
bath 1st fir indy newer roof c/a hwh & furn Livonia
schools! 349-6200 (24109478) \$248 900

ROMULUS 734-591-9200
Country living in the city 3 BR 2 BA ranch with lots
of features Mstr BA DR 1st fir laundry 2 car att gar
and 108x120 lot! (25004824) \$124 900

CANTON 734-455-7000
PICTURE PERFECT COLONIAL! 3 BR
Colonial built in 1998 Clean neutral decor
Family room fireplace mstr bath A great home and
fantastic value (23S45615) 24123327 \$235 000

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
THE END OF THE RAINBOW is here in this 3
bedroom brick ranch with full bsmt 2 full BAs
24x25 gar C/A and remodeled kit and BAs (H636)
24136093 \$154 900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Newer ranch built in 1989 3BR 2BA flpic cathedral
ceilings skylgts MBR & full bsmt Call to preview
PC070402 (24111744) \$225 900

TAYLOR 734-326-2000
MOTIVATED SELLER! Stunning 3 BR brick ranch
located in Tator You will be surprised at this beautiful
home (H272) 24123110 \$108 900

CANTON 248-348-6430
3 BR CONDO Better-than-new 3 BR 2 5 BA w/2
car gar & full bsmt Open design w/flpic & deck
that backs to commons Clean & ready to move in!
349-6200 (24156050) \$217 000

HAMBURG 734-455-7000
What A Beauty! Super maintained brick Col on
superb 1 acre lot w/wooded backdrop 4 BR 2 5
BA deep bsmt 3 car gar patio Terrific mstr ste
fir & drwall to patio appls stay 1st fir Indry 2 car gar
& bsmt (25009266) \$184 900

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
UPDATED CONDO! Highland Lakes 2 BR 1 5 BA
updt kit & BA cer tile crpt fin LL w/wrkrm Enjoy
lake pool & clubhouse Lease avail \$1450/month
349-6200 (24101955) \$145 900

WAYNE 734-591-9200
Sprawling custom full brick ranch with 2 flpics 3
BRs 2 5 BAs Newer Kit is incredible FR form Din
Rm Liv Rm 1st Fir Lndry full bsmt 22x12 Fla Rm
& more (24099973) \$239 900

CANTON 734-591-9200
2 BRs 2 5 BA dramatic staircase in GR Cath ceiling
w/fan & flpic Mstr BR has 2 WIC Bright kit has new
BA deep bsmt 1st fir Indry 2 car gar
& bsmt (25009266) \$184 900

HARTLAND 248-348-6430
FABULOUS CONDO Desirable end unit ranch
condo GR w/vaulted ceiling & gas fireplace
Spacious kit w/island Park-like setting from
deck w/retractable awning 349-6200 (24105346)
\$178 900

OAK PARK 734-591-9200
Beautiful bungalow with hdwd floors 3 BRs and
3 BAs Finished bsmt has extra BR Roof and
wndws are newer Kit and two BAs are 2 years old
(24131354) \$119 982

WESTLAND 248-348-6430
OUTSTANDING LOCATION Clean well kept condo
New carpet on 1st floor oak kit cabs all appliances
included Fin d bsmt Deck from doorwall Absolutely
turnkey! 349-6200 (25001454) \$172 500

CANTON 734-455-7000
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME On this wooded
1 29 acre w/Plymouth Canton schools North
Chapel W side of Sheldon Call for more
information (23S1700) 24099250 \$155 000

INKSTER 734-326-2000
AMAZING BUY Brick ranch with full fin d bsmt &
gar Remodeled kit with oak cabs Hardwood floors
remodeled BA (B110) 24122703 \$89 900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
ESTATE SIZED LOT! Pride of ownership in this
4 BR 3 5 bath Cape Cod Gorgeous gourmet kit
w/hdwd & cherry cabs Cozy up in front of the flpic
in hearth room (23F11075) \$550 000

WESTLAND 734-591-9200
End unit condo 2 BR 2 BA Updated oak cabinetry in
kit & BA freshly painted partly fin d bsmt & plumbed
for third BA (24041689) \$172 000

CANTON 734-455-7000
THE WINDS Clean twtns in this low maintenance
quiet well kept community! (23S41086) \$129 750

LINCOLN PARK 734-326-2000
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED 3 BR RANCH This
well maintained home has many updates including
the BA Huge kit with doorwall to patio partially fin d
bsmt (N206) 24148483 \$125 900

REDFORD 734-455-7000
PRIME LOCATION! Large 3 BR 1 5 bath ranch on
beautiful 82 acre directly across golf course House
is surrounded by year long beauty Most popular &
wonderful fin d bsmt w/glass block windows Close
to park 349-6200 (23R26811) 24134769
\$254 900

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BY DALE BUSS

General Motors Corp has had a long time to figure out what it wants to do with Buick, the division that really helped save the company's bacon in the Eighties and early Nineties. The first step was to determine that Buick and Oldsmobile were becoming too much alike - and appealing mainly to the same aging clientele - and to jettison one of the marques. Done. Oldsmobile died rather quietly a couple of years ago.

But that hasn't necessarily meant that GM has Buick all figured out yet. The new 2005 LaCrosse sedan, Buick's biggest new-product introduction in several years, is a huge illustration of that. It's a significant step forward for Buick - but without being all that satisfying to drive.

The aim of LaCrosse is to serve as a transitional vehicle to help the entire brand move from its current demographic, where the average age of buyers is 68, down to baby boomers who then, presumably, having bought back into Buick as they near retirement will want to stick with the brand as it continues to satisfy their needs and tastes. The fact that GM considers LaCrosse a bridge vehicle is underscored by the fact that Buick designed LaCrosse on the same basic chassis that used to underpin the Buick Regal and Century (which are now defunct) as well as other GM mid-sized models including the Pontiac Grand Prix, Chevrolet Impala and Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

A couple of years ago, GM Vice Chairman Robert Lutz, who has been behind the company's relatively radical experimentation with design lately, scrapped a more conservative design for LaCrosse so that Buick could move even further in a pioneering direction. But while the shift added a costly 14 months to the wait for the new LaCrosse, the car's designers and engineers arguably didn't innovate enough - even for a



The Buick LaCrosse CXS gets 19 mpg in the city and a nifty 27 mpg on the highway.

transitional model. What we're left with, and what you can buy, is a vehicle that certainly is more interesting and satisfying to drive than Buicks past. But don't expect to climb into a Buick that your father wouldn't recognize.

In fact, my very first impression of LaCrosse was how much its exterior and interior design represented a strong underscoring of Buick's design theme for the last decade or so. LaCrosse resembled a mid-Nineties Buick Regal every bit as much as it reminds one of the mid-range Lexus models of today that LaCrosse must compete with Buick's concept cars at auto shows display a planned return of some of the design cues that Buick was famous for, such as the "ventiport" porthole. But for now, we have to settle for the reminiscent design of LaCrosse.

The design isn't without its charms. It has a rather low roofline and narrow window glass, the latter a design theme that Chrysler executed well with its new 300 models. LaCrosse also has a relatively long hood and a new taillight design in which the lamps are separated instead of running across the whole rear. And like most modern designs, LaCrosse also puts the wheels

flush with the body sides instead of tucking them under.

Fortunately, I reviewed the CXS model, which is outfitted with a zippy 3.6-liter, six-cylinder engine and a high-tech, sporty suspension. The combination made LaCrosse very responsive and fun to drive, and in that respect a far cry from its predecessor Buick sedans. But my understanding is that lower-price CX and CXL models offer more of a standard, lolling suspension and only a modestly powerful engine. I was pleasantly surprised by the mileage put out by the LaCrosse CXS - 19 miles a gallon in the city and a nifty 27 on the highway.

Inside, the feel of those old Buicks continued with an instrument-panel design that is not that much different from an old Regal. But LaCrosse definitely has stepped up the amenities, with great control of noise and plenty of room throughout the cab. Amenities such as cruise control and the like are there, but I wondered why Buick didn't include available adjustable pedals, navigation system or a rear-seat DVD-entertainment system.

Maybe the next Buick sedan will do that.

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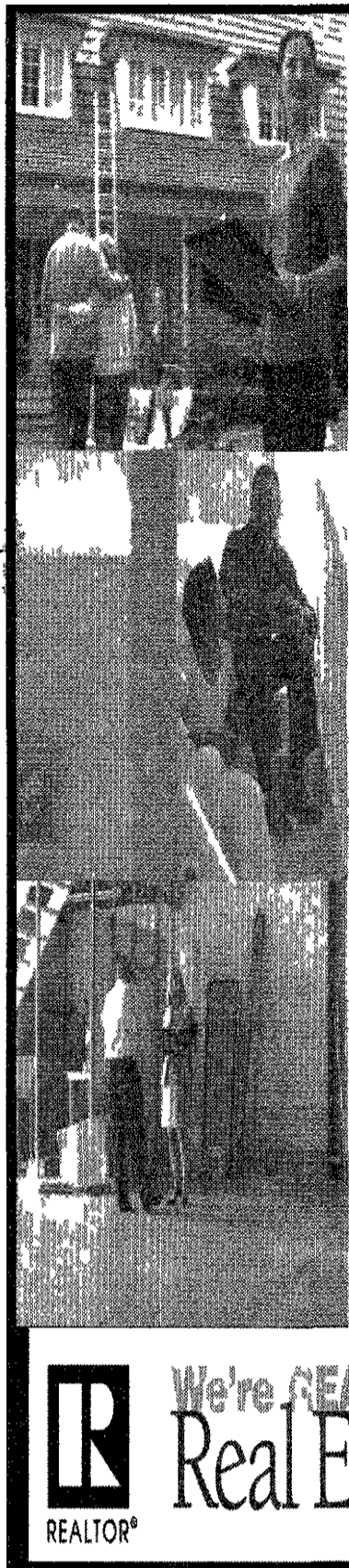
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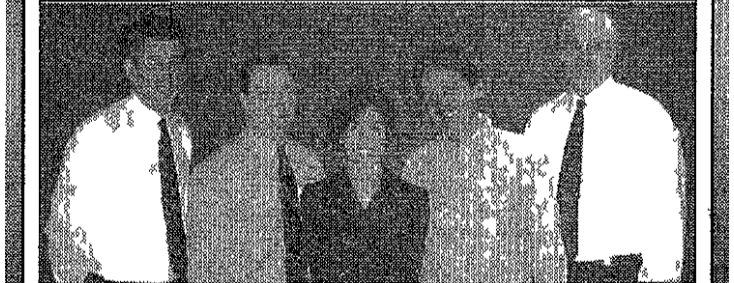
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