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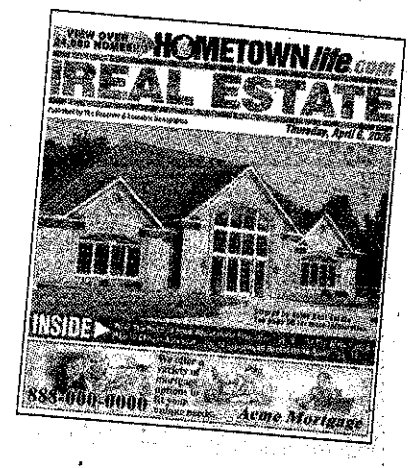


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With sale off, officials look at fixing up golf course

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

With the $17 million offer to purchase 96 acres of the municipal Fellows Creek Golf Course pulled from the table, the question remains: How well can Canton Township operate and maintain two 27-hole golf courses? Especially considering Fellows Creek is in need of $3 million in capital improvements.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees met Tuesday to discuss upcoming improvements at the course. They will in a few months hear a more detailed report regarding the improvements and potential costs and means to fund them.

"It's very likely that the township will have to bond to fund the improvements at Fellows Creek," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack. "I don't believe we have that kind of money in the general fund, to pay the debt service at Pheasant Run (the township's other golf course) and make the improvements to Fellows Creek."

Fellows Creek, built in the 1960s, was bought by the township in 1978. Canton made its last bond payment on the aging course last year, and pays nothing for the course's operations because it has been operated by a private company ever since Canton bought it.

But it's time for Canton to make some badly needed improvements at the aging course.

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Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin had identified improvements at a board meeting in May 2005. In total, if every project were to be completed during the next 10 years, the repairs and maintenance would cost a little more than $3 million. In the short term, the priorities are considerably less – about one-third of that.

Other than two new holes that were reconfigured last year by developer Robertson Brothers, the township has

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Canton resident Dan Devey speaks to the Canton Township board last week during a presentation against the sale of Fellows Creek Golf Course.

Golf course offer galvanized local man to 'get involved'

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Dan Devey had always been a pretty good citizen of Canton. He's a family man who works hard and pays attention to his government and his home.

But it took a proposal to sell a municipal golf course to get him to dive head-first into civic involvement.

He was spending an evening at his home near Sheldon and Palmer, watching a township Board of Trustees meeting on government access cable. It was then that he learned the township board was considering selling Fellows Creek Golf Course for $17 million to a developer who wanted to build a lifestyle shopping center on half of the 193-acre course.

"I said right then, 'This far and no further' and knew I had to do something. I just could not believe that our government was even considering this," Devey said. "It's one thing to talk about it, but it's another to get involved."

And get involved he did.

He didn't do it just because he's a golfer – even though he was for a couple of years on a league at Fellows Creek, and said his son learned to play golf on that course. It's that the sale didn't make sense to him, he said.

He met with a group of about 100 people, who had gathered at a local coffee shop, and the group began distributing petitions, phoning the media and writing to local officials. He embarked on some fairly heavy research, and convinced his fellow activists that they needed to present a business-based argument against selling the course, rather than relying on their emotions about the proposal. Devey took on the task of developing a 30-minute PowerPoint presentation, which he said Township Supervisor Tom Yack later told him was one of the best he'd seen in 17 years.

In the end, the residents were heard, and the township board unanimously abandoned the idea of selling the golf course. But for Devey, the experience has changed the way he looks at citizenship, and he's committed to remaining involved.

"A lot of people I met have asked me if I would run for township board," Devey said. "That's something I would seriously consider."

It's not just the golf course that has him concerned. It's traffic, and development and business in the township, he said.

"I think we really can make a difference. I think there is the potential for involvement by a lot of people," he said of the people who rallied to save Fellows Creek. "I'd like to be part of figuring out how to be good shepherds of the resources we have but also how to do that while being fiscally responsible."

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Fund-raiser will aid Habitat projects

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Everyone needs a place to call home. And everyone's got to eat. So it was only natural that Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County approach local restaurants to help them raise money for building projects. The next fund-raiser in Canton will be March 27 at Max & Erma's at Ford and Canton Center roads.

It costs about $72,000 to build a Habitat home in this area, according to Canton resident Barb Fichtenberg, co-chairwoman of the Habitat For Humanity Western Wayne County Church Relations Committee. Raising that kind of money takes a community effort, she said, so she's been in contact with at least 300 local churches, and sends out quarterly newsletters to keep them abreast of developments.

"The church is the backbone of our support, as far as volunteers and financial support," she said.

When the first Canton Habitat home was being planned last year, a group of 12 local churches got together and formed Canton Circle of Faith, Fichtenberg said. In just eight weeks, volunteers and donors built the little house just off Ford Road.

"This year, there are three under construction in Inkster and two more in Romulus," Fichtenberg said. There is another house under construction in Van Buren Township on Savage Road, sponsored by Belleville Area Circle of Churches, a group similar to the Canton group.

Next week, Max & Erma's will host a fund-raiser, and Fichtenberg hopes it will be successful. The last restaurant to host such a fund-raiser was Cici's in Canton, and some 400 people showed up to chip in for the cause. But because the menu is so reasonably priced, the 10 percent the restaurant donated amounted to about $156. Max & Erma's is donating 20 percent of sales generated by those bringing in a coupon during lunch and dinner on March 27. "What touches me most about Habitat is the families. Our last homeowner family had been burned out of their home. They had been in a shelter and now the kids have their own bedrooms and they love the house," she said. "The churches just showered them with bedding and gifts. The mother has noticed a real positive change in the kids."

Coupons (which are necessary in order for the restaurant to donate to Habitat) can be downloaded at Habitat for Humanity Western Wayne County's Web site at habitatwwc.org. Click on the events icon to find the coupon. For more information, call (734) 459-7744.

Canton brothers reunite in Iraq

After enlisting in the Marine Corps more than a year apart, two brothers from Canton have crossed paths in Iraq, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Lance Cpl. Ian Eichel, a 23-year-old motor transportation mechanic with Regimental Combat Team 7, said he was pleasantly surprised March 17 when a gunnery sergeant drove his brother, 21-year-old Lance Cpl. Aaron J. Eichel, to the motor transportation lot here to put the two brothers in touch.

"I was just going on duty at the motor pool when he drove up in a Humvee and said, 'Hey, Eichel – I've got a surprise for you.' That's when he (Aaron) jumped out of the truck," said the older Eichel brother, who has been in Iraq now for nearly two months.

The younger Eichel, a field radio operator with the Hawaii-based 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, arrived in Iraq "just a few days ago" and happened to be in transient at Camp Al Asad while his unit awaited transportation to their forward operating base in western Al Anbar Province.

Both are graduates of Salem High School. Ian graduated in 2001, and Aaron the year after. In true brotherly fashion, the Eichels are very competitive with one another, despite their one-year difference of time in the service.

"I beat his rifle score at boot camp," said the older Eichel, as Aaron shakes his head and smiles.

Back home, the two Marines compete in a different fashion – whoever can catch the biggest fish.

"We only see each other once a year," admitted Ian, who is based out of the

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Ian Eichel (right), a 23-year-old motor transportation mechanic, had a surprise visit from his brother, Aaron Eichel, 21, at Camp Al Asad in Iraq on March 17. Both Marines are Canton natives.

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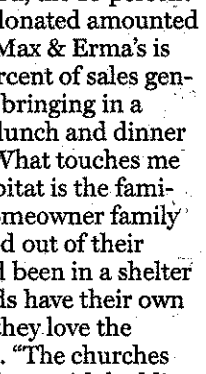
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Art fair deadline extended

Applications to participate in the 2006 Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art Fair have been extended to April 3. This year's fair will be held Sept. 16-17 around the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse located on the northwest corner of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. To be accepted to the fair, artists must submit a completed application, three digital images, a non-refundable jury fee of $20, a $150 booth fee, and a resume, if available.

This juried show is an excellent opportunity for a limited number of qualified fine artists to showcase their work. The head judge at this year's fair is national and international acclaimed sculpture artist Mark Chatterley of Williamston. Accepted categories of fine art include: Ceramics, clay, drawing, etching, jewelry, glass, graphics, mixed media, oils, acrylics, photography, sculpture, weaving, watercolor and wood. Premanufactured or mass produced art is not permitted.

To obtain an application please call Kris Darby at (734) 560-6169 or Joyce Murphy at (734) 394-5174.

Going away party

Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo, who recently re-enlisted in the Marines, will be having a going away party from 7-10 p.m. on April 20 at Bailey's Pub and Grille of Canton, located at 1777 N. Canton Center Road. Caccamo will be deploying to Iraq in the coming weeks. Appetizers provided and cash bar.

Proceeds raised at the event will go to the Canton Police Benevolent Fund and the Canton Firefighter Charity Foundation. These charities help with families of fallen police officers or firefighters, as well as help citizens who have been affected by local tragedy. Suggested donation at the door is $10-20 per person. You pick the charity: either Canton Police Benevolent Fund or the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation.

Please send RSVP to Caccamo's e-mail at TCaccamo@aol.com.

Creative writing classes

Writers looking to jump-start their creative endeavors have two opportunities to do so in classes taught by Canton poet Cheryl Vatcher-Martin.

Vatcher-Martin offers a two-week creative writing workshop Monday, March 27, at John Glenn High School. The class runs 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This crash course is designed to jump-start your writing and enable writers to learn some important tips to keep writing. Call the Tinkham Center in Westland, (734) 419-2426, to register.

After taking this class, writers can take Vatcher-Martin's Creative Writing Class at Schoolcraft College 6-8 p.m. Wednesday evenings for eight weeks of writing stories.

The Continuing Education and Professional Development office (CEPD) can be reached at (734) 462-4448.

Vatcher-Martin, also the owner of Pero Inc., can be reached via e-mail at peroinc5@comcast.net or by calling (734) 397-1626.

Party for Trupiano

The public is invited to attend a house party for the Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative in Michigan's 11th District, Tony Trupiano. The party is Monday, March 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the residence of Matt and Leah Haran, 1771 Glengarry Blvd., Canton. Local residents can meet Trupiano and hear his ideas for getting our country back on the right track - morally, fiscally and responsibly.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the Harans at (734) 397-3172.

Family social club

The public is invited to hear Lori Logeway of Room to Change, who will discuss suggestions for achieving a comfortable and functional home with items you already own and cherish at the Canton Newcomers April 5 meeting. The Newcomers is a social club always looking for new members.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Sunflower Clubhouse, located at 45800 Hanford (west of Canton Center). Refreshments will be served. For more information about the Newcomers, please visit cantonnewcomers.org for more information or call (734) 737-0755.

Christmas in Action

Christmas in Action (CIA) is looking for volunteers to participate in their April 29 action day to provide free home repairs and maintenance for elderly and low-income homeowners in Canton. Volunteer teams are needed for general home repair jobs, painting, and yard work. Individuals with special skills, such as plumbing, roofing, and drywall are especially needed.

CIA is a non-profit organization with chapters throughout the country that have been providing free home repairs since 1973. Last year Canton formed their own CIA chapter and with the combined efforts of more than 200 community volunteers, free repairs were done on seven homes. The repairs ranged from simple, but critical, plumbing and painting, to putting on a new roof, siding, windows, and pouring a new concrete driveway. All repair costs were sponsored entirely through donations from community businesses, churches, schools, civic groups and individuals.

Christmas in Action's event day is always the last Saturday in April. To volunteer please contact Pat VanDusen at pvandusen@canton-mi.org or call CIA at (734) 844-8900. For more information on CIA visit christmasinactionwayne@comcast.net.



A new and improved McDonald's

Canton township officials and members of the Canton Chamber of Commerce turned out to help a local McDonald's (45510 Michigan Ave.) unveil its new improvements at a grand re-opening and ribbon-cutting on March 8. In addition to new paint and landscaping, the restaurant now features a new dining room with overstuffed luxurious leather chairs and two flat screen televisions. There is also a new Kid's Club Tree House Playplace, which includes an area for toddlers. The celebration will continue through March with special offers and activities. On March 25, from 1-3 p.m., there will be face painting.

Orchestra Canton

Orchestra Canton will present "Toon Tunes: Cartoon Music Favorites" 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The show features orchestral music that has been featured in popular cartoons. Classical gems like Rossini's Barber of Seville (from Bugs Bunny in *Rabbit of Seville*), Johann Strauss' Blue Danube Waltz (from in Daffy Duck *A Corny Concerto*) and Edvard Grieg's "Morning Mood" from *Peer Gynt* (featured in countless cartoons) will be alongside theme music from cartoons like *The Pink Panther*, *The Flintstones* and *The Jetsons*.

The Central Middle School Youth Choir, under director Janine Grady-Creedon, will be joining Orchestra Canton on the stage performing songs from Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* and Steven Spielberg's *An American Tail*. Plymouth Symphony Youth Artist Competition winner, Miranda Kalish, will also be joining the orchestra.

Tickets are $20 for adults, $18 for seniors, and $11 for children and may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460, or by calling the Orchestra Canton office at (734) 451-2112. Tickets may also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance. For more information on Orchestra Canton's second season please visit www.orchestracanton.org.

Scholarship help

Parents and students in the Plymouth-Canton school district no longer have to physically visit their high school's counseling office for one of the most time-intensive processes for high school seniors: Identifying and applying for scholarships to help fund their college education.

District officials have now put that information on the district's Web site. Families can now visit the site, which currently lists 65 scholarships, any time of the day or night at http://web.pccs.k12.mi.us/pcep/pages/scholarshipsSmartURL.htm

Breakfast help

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

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

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

Anyone willing to help in any of these areas can contact Suzanne Zabowski (Salem High School) at sunique7@aol.com; Maryanne Turner (Canton High School), mdt89@comcast.net; or Mary Schultz (Plymouth High School), trixi1971@hotmail.com.

Ladies Literary Club

The Ladies Literary Club will hold its annual scholarship fund-raiser 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 8 at the First Congregational Church, located at 2 Towne Square in downtown Wayne (Wayne Road between eastbound and westbound Michigan Avenue). The club will have a "second time around sale" and bake sale, featuring lots of good and "gently" used household items for sale. Baked goods will also be for sale.

All proceeds from this sale go to the Frances Blain Hilts Scholarship Fund. The club awards two scholarships each year for higher education. Typically, one student from John Glenn and one student from Wayne Memorial receive scholarships.

For more information about donating contact Sue at (734) 641-9188, or Carol at (734) 728-7343.

Swap Meet

The Western Wayne County Conservation Association of Plymouth hosts a swap meet noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 15, at the WWCCA clubhouse at 6700 Napier.

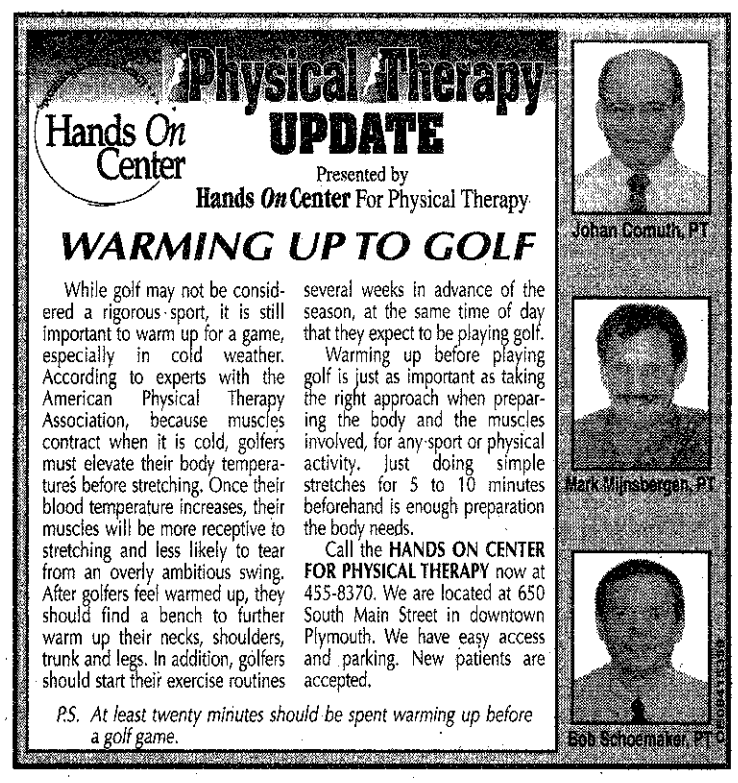
The swap meet allows participants the opportunity to bring out items they've been wanting to sell or trade, including guns, knives, reloading equipment and supplies, fishing tackle and other items.

Tables at the meet cost $15 apiece or two for $25.

Someone will be available to handle any transactions required for firearms sales at a nominal cost. all local, state and federal firearms laws will be followed, with no exceptions. The kitchen will also be open.

For more information or to reserve tables, call Don McLellan, (734) 591-0247. A limited number of tables will be available and must be paid for in advance.







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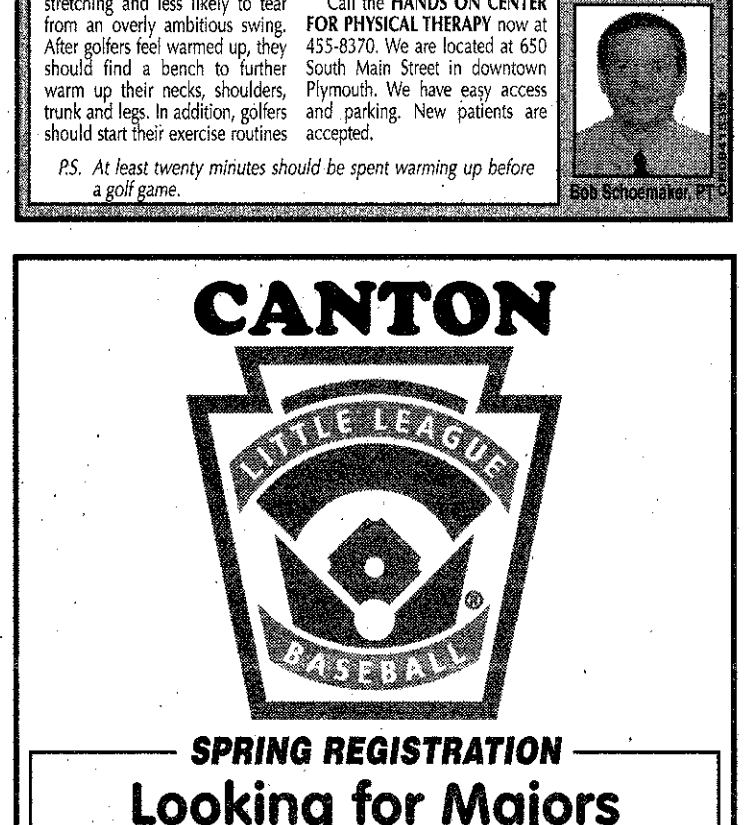
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Heart patient gets back to her books

Transplant recipient gets hugs, cheers as she returns to classes

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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Students at Our Lady of Good Counsel school gave a collective hug to 9-year-old Alexandria "Andri" Hill Tuesday.

It was the first day back for Andri, who underwent a 16-hour transplant operation Dec. 17 for a new heart at Children's Hospital in Detroit. Andri – in near-record time – has been home since Dec. 30, and waiting anxiously to get back to completing fourth grade.



Alexandria 'Andri' Hill was back at Our Lady of Good Counsel Tuesday for her first day of school since receiving her new heart.

"I get to see all my friends again," said Andri as the best reason for being back. "Everybody said 'hi' and gave me cards and asked me how I feel."

Yellow, pink and lavender balloons helped decorate the commons area, along with a number of student-made posters – including one that read "Welcome Back, Andri, You Rock" – as parents organized a welcome party for Andri to give her time to socialize with classmates she hasn't seen for more than three months.

Andri said despite her absence from school, she didn't have trouble getting back into the swing of things.

"I had to clean my desk and put everything back in," she said. "And, I did a handwriting worksheet. It kind of seems like I went to school every single day, like I usually do. So, coming back today wasn't really different."

Andri's teacher, Ann White, said she tried to make it as much a normal day as possible, considering Andri had just returned from heart transplant surgery.

"They were excited to have her back, so I gave them a few minutes to say something to her, and we gave her a round of applause," said White. "Then we got right into our spelling book."



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Eighth-graders Valerie Stacey and Paula Green greet Andri Hill on her first day back at Our Lady of Good Counsel Tuesday.

White said Andri has kept up fairly well with her school work. "Every Monday, after school, I would visit her and we would catch up on anything she missed," said White. "I would give her new work, and she would give me things she completed. Andri's a pretty smart girl."

After eating doughnuts and drinking juice and talking with the friends she hadn't seen for so long, Andri became very shy when asked to say a few words.

"Thank you for all your prayers," said Andri. Then, after an extended pause, "Thank you." Students applauded and cheered before heading back to class.

"It's good to have her back because we get to play with her a lot more now," said Katie Wardel, 9, of Canton.

Nine-year-old sisters Erin and Emily Sartorius of Canton, two of Andri's best friends, kept in close touch during the recuperation period.

"We played American Girls, and then she came over to our house to play American Girls again," said Erin. "It feels good to have her back."

Andri, who stands 46 inches tall and weighs 42 pounds, has experienced health issues since birth. She suffered congestive heart failure at nine months old, and at 2 years old doctors discovered restrictive cardiomyopathy, which led to her transplant.

Andri has also had several surgeries related to scoliosis, a curvature of the spine. She's due back at Children's Hospital for surgery in May.

"She's doing so great," said her mother, Angela Hill. "She hasn't had any setbacks, so we are doing this gradually. A couple of half-days this week, half-days all next week and then full time."

Angela, who was wearing a Donate Life button, recently attended a Gift of Life training session with her husband, Brian, where there were others who received life-saving transplants, as well as those who donated organs of loved ones who died.

"It was a very emotional experience to have people telling their stories," said Hill. "Our family will be forever grateful to the courageous family who made the decision to donate their child's organs.

"April is National Donate Life Month, and we ask that you consider giving so others can live," she said.

Hill said she wrote a letter to the donor family, and is hopeful of someday hearing from them, and possibly meeting in person, when the time is right.

Information concerning Gift of Life can be obtained by calling (800) 482-4881, or on the Web at www.giftoflifemichigan.org.

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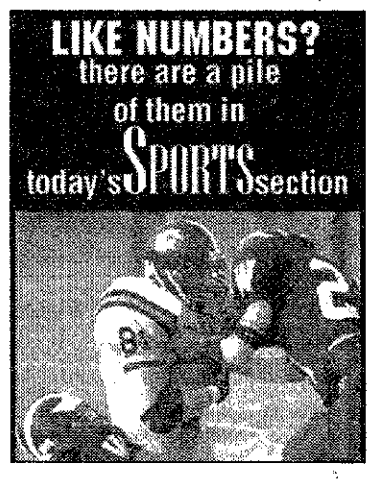
Former Canton man killed in car accident

Former Canton resident Brian Barbee, 35, was killed in a car crash in Florida on March 8.

Barbee had lived in Canton from 1986 to 2000, and graduated from Plymouth Salem High School in 1988. He moved to Dunnellon, Fla., where he had been employed as a heating and cooling technician.

Barbee was born in Detroit July 28, 1970. He was predeceased by his brother Robert Barbee in 1996. He is survived by his mother and father, Faye and Gary Barbee of Dunnellon, Fla., grandparents Ed and Jean Bujak of South Lyon and Alice Barbee of Adrian, Mich.

Barbee will buried in Michigan during a private family ceremony. Funeral arrangements are being made by the Fero Funeral Home in Dunnellon, Fla. For more information, contact the funeral home at (352) 489-5363.



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Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, Calif., with the rest of 7th Marine Regiment. "I saw him during his pre-deployment training for Afghanistan last year."

While both enlisted in the Marines for their own reasons, both wanted to deploy in support of the global war on terrorism. Ian will be in Iraq for a year, Aaron for seven months.

"This is a good experience," said Ian, who has recently spent several weeks assisting Iraqi Security Forces to learn the "ins-and-outs" of performing maintenance on High Mobility Multi-wheeled Vehicles (Humvees). "This gives me a chance to save up some money, too."

Aaron, who said he misses "hanging out with the guys" back home in Michigan, agreed.

"This is where I wanted to go. I wanted to see combat, and I have in Afghanistan. But this is the place I wanted to go," he said.

Both brothers miss their parents and other family and friends back home. Before deploying to Iraq, their mother told them she was worried about them, but understood that the two Marines have a job to do, said Ian, who added that the events of 9/11 influenced his decision to enlist.

The Eichel brothers' youngest sister, 19-year-old Andrea, is also a Marine. She is currently undergoing Marine Combat Training at Camp Geiger, N.C.

This story was submitted by Staff Sgt. Jim Goodwin of the U.S. Marine News.

LaJoy pushes special license plate that will support troops

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, announced Tuesday his bill to have a "Support Our Troops" specialty license plate has been approved by the House Transportation Committee.

House Bill 5840, which LaJoy sponsored, will allow Support Our Troops Inc. to develop a fundraiser plate.

"It is important we do everything we can to show our troops how much we support the hard work they are doing throughout the world," said LaJoy.

"As a retired Marine, I know how important it is for our armed forces to know they have the support of the people back home. The funds from these plates will help soldiers who have been wounded or families of those who have been killed. It is a small way to give something back to our military."

LaJoy asked the CEO of Support Our Troops, Martin Boire, testify in committee in support of the bill.

"What this plate does is let the citizen themselves do something to help the men and women in uniform who are protecting us," Boire said. "We need to make sure family members of our troops are supported should anything happen to them. The plates will be similar to others throughout the country and will directly help soldiers and their families who are struggling.

These plates are a great way for individuals to give back to those who give so much for us."

The bill also would create a Support our Troops Fund within the Department of Treasury, and fund-raising donations recognizing support collected under this section would be transferred by the Secretary of State to the Department of Treasury for disbursement to the Support our Troops Fund.

The bill is tied to Senate Bill 248, which establishes a fee structure for organizations wishing to start a specialty plate.

The bills now go to the full House for consideration.



State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, listens as Martin Boire, CEO of Support Our Troops, testifies before the House Transportation Committee in Lansing. Boire is holding an example of what the suggested Support Our Troops license plate would look like.

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CRASH (R)
1:30, 3:35, 5:40, 7:45, 9:50
FINAL DESTINATION 3 (R)
2:45, 4:50, 9:40
FRI/SAT LS 11:40
BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R)
12:00, 6:55
AQUAMARINE (PG)
12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25
FRI/SAT LS 11:45
THE THREE BURIALS OF MELQUIADES ESTRADA (R)
12:00, 2:30, 7:15
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12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00
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Local nonprofit group aids Russian orphanages

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

For Cindy Kreis, going to Russia to help orphans is not just something she should do. It's something she has to do. And she'll go for the third time this summer, along with friends who helped form a nonprofit group to aid Russian orphans and homeless children.

"Our whole purpose is to take Christ to them. We feed their souls and their tummies. We clothe them and we love them," Kreis, of Farmington Hills, said. She, along with seven other people she met through a group of churches, which makes mission trips to Siberia, came back from her first trip nearly a year ago.

"We knew we wanted to do more," said Michael Laginess, of Canton, who went to Russia twice last year (when he went the second time, the outside temperature was 60 below).

After a couple of evenings brainstorming, they came up with the idea to establish a nonprofit organization, ROSE, Relieving Orphan Suffering Everywhere, which was formed in September.

The missionaries go for two-week visits during which they do repairs on the baby homes (they're not called orphanages because more than 60 percent of the children are actually abandoned, not orphaned), buy fresh foods like fruits and vegetables, deliver medical supplies, clothing and a new blanket for every child. They bought beds for the children, and replaced the 10-year-old bedding. They fixed and replaced hot water heaters, and did roof repairs.

The group is holding an upcoming fund-raiser, Bowling for Orphans, 9 p.m. on April 1. The event will be at Super Bowl, 45100 Ford Road in Canton. For more information, call Michael Laginess at (734) 560-6686.



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Cindy Kreis of Farmington Hills (from left), Tara Brackney of Canton, Mike Laginess of Canton, and Mark Garrison of Livonia will raise money for orphans with a bowling tournament on April 1 at Super Bowl.

DEATHS

A

L. Jeffery Allen
Allen, 50, of Auburn Hills, died March 1.

Kathleen Andrushko
Andrushko, 87, of Rochester Hills, died March 7.

Evelyn P. Axford
Axford, 93, of Rochester, died Feb. 18.

B

Brian Robert Barbee
Barbee, 35, of Dunnellon, Fla., formerly of Canton, died March 8.

Bobby D. Beale
Beale, 73, of Lake Orion, died Feb. 22.

Melissa R. Berels
Berels, 27, of New Baltimore, died Feb. 16.

Scott R. Berels
Berels, 27, of New Baltimore, died Feb. 16.

Edward A. Bevan
Bevan, 76, of Rochester Hills, died March 11.

Joan Bonomo
Bonomo, 91, of Rochester Hills, died Feb. 20.

E

Richard A. Eckley
Eckley, 47, of Roseville, died Feb. 21.

Franklin D. Ellis
Ellis, 71, of Westland, died March 8.

F

Anne Fracassa
Fracassa, 47, of Warren, died March 13.

Sharon K. Fulks
Fulks, 66, of Bruce Township, formerly of Shelby Township, died March 1.

H

Douglas T. Haesler
Haesler, 74, of Bloomfield Hills, died March 12.

Betty Haugh
Haugh, 93, of Birmingham, died March 14.

Edward E. Hoskins
Hoskins, 93, of Milford Township, died March 6.

K

Sam Kreis
Kreis died March 9.

L

Robert C. Longpre
Longpre, 91, of Pontiac, died Feb. 21.

M

Dr. Raymond F. Madigan
Dr. Madigan, 82, of Livonia, died.

Erma M. Manley
Manley, 93, of Northville, died March 15.

Charles Robert Morris
Morris, 55, of Whitmore Lake, died Feb. 24.

Richard "Steve" Morris
Morris, 50, of Ann Arbor, died March 8.

P

Eugene R. Provenzano Sr.
Provenzano, 82, of Redford Twp., died March 15.

S

Marilyn L. Sasina
Sasina, 76, of Oxford, died March 7.

Bruce E. Schlink
Schlink, 76, of Auburn Hills, died March, 4.

Patrick A. Smith
Smith, 70, of Harbor Springs, Birmingham, and Aspen, Colo., died March 9.

Patricia Morell Smith
Smith, 78, died March 13.

Keith E. Spear
Spear, 68, of Rochester Hills, died March 6.

Bernice J. Swiderski
Swiderski, 90, of Rochester Hills, died March 2.

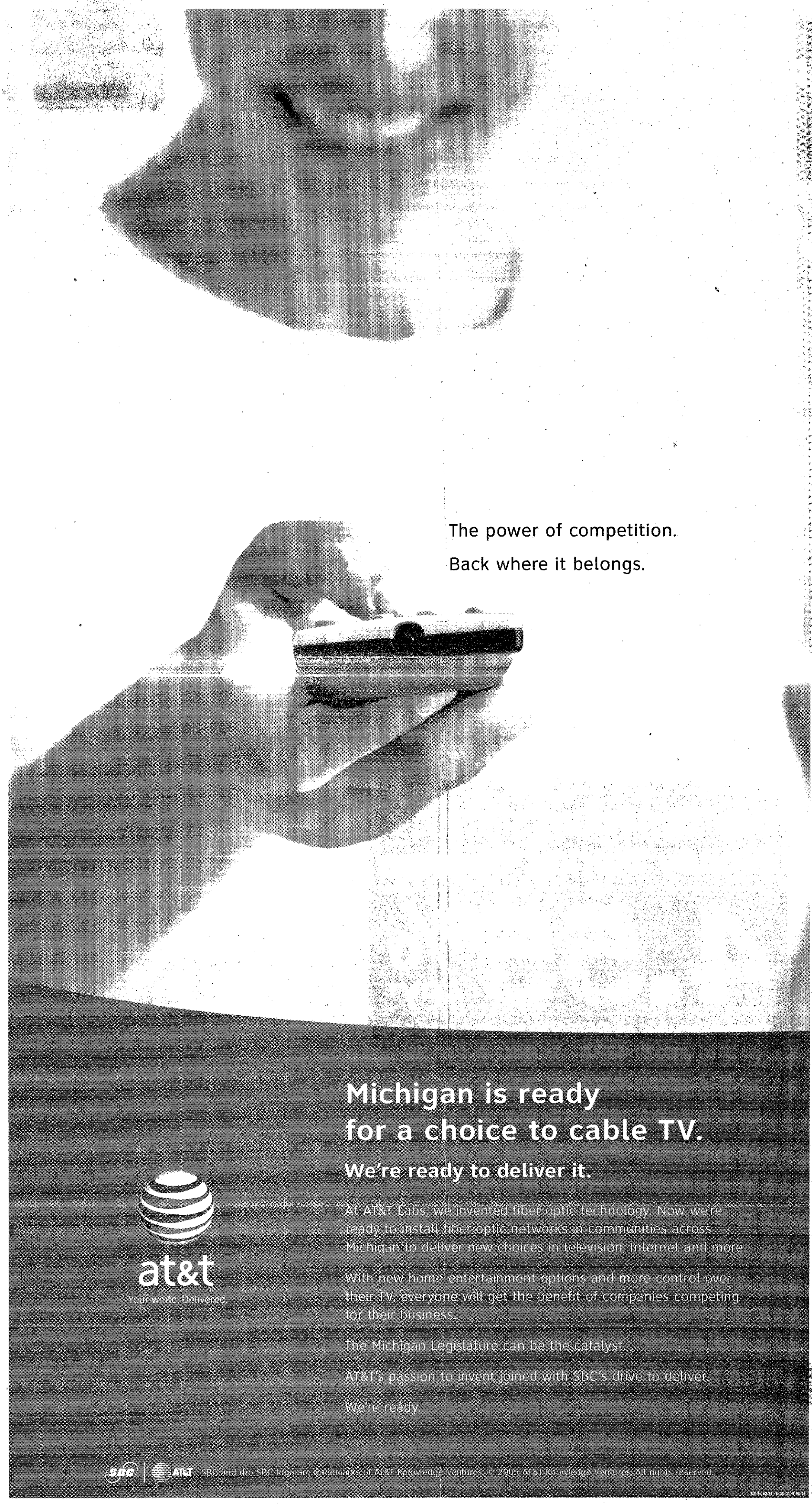
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Charles Willcock
Willcock, 92, of Rochester Hills, died March 7.

Grace E. Whiting
Whiting, 80, of Auburn Hills, died Feb. 17.

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COURSE

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not made major renovations to the course or clubhouse since 1986, Conklin said. But Canton has invested an average of 25 percent of its revenues to the golf fund since that time.

Now, the clubhouse needs to be updated and the 20-year-old irrigation system is getting to the point where repairs are impractical, Conklin said.

"It's almost impossible to get parts, and the technology on the irrigation system is outdated," she said. "As was evident with the recent rains, there are several areas on the course that need some drainage work, some tee boxes need to be realigned, and stumps need to be removed."

The irrigation system alone will cost upwards of $1 million, according to Yack. But it's a necessity.

"If that goes down, in a matter of weeks that course becomes a desert," he said.

CONTRACT PROCESS

The township has had several contracts with the management company that operates the course, and is in the process of negotiating a new one. The current contract provides for Canton to receive a $400,000 annual check from golf course management, and the township pays utilities, capital improvements and pays for some of the operational costs such as golf carts. It's very unlikely that the next contract will work like that, Conklin said. It's far more likely that the township will receive a lower base payment and will share equally in costs and profits.

Last year, the township spent $62,000 fulfilling the agreement, and the remainder went into the township's golf fund, which helps pay the debt service on Pheasant Run, the more modern of the two municipal courses.

Pheasant Run, built by the township in 1994, has since 1996 made enough money that the township's general fund does not need to subsidize the course's operations. But the debt service has always been absorbed by the golf fund and general fund.

Pheasant Run's three bonds will be paid off in 2010, 2016, and the third will be paid off in 2020, according to Conklin. In 2006, the township is scheduled to pay a total of $720,406 toward Pheasant Run debt service. The 2005 subsidy was budgeted to be $665,146 and the unaudited actual subsidy was $524,483.

GOLF FUND DONOR

Historically, Fellows Creek has been the donor to the golf fund, and Pheasant Run has been the user, according to Yack. Fellows Creek has contributed $2,249,602 total to the fund, or an average of $224,960 per year for the past 10 years. Extending the average back to 1988 or 17 years, the average has been $175,000, said Conklin.

But now that it's become a necessity to make improvements to Fellows Creek in order to keep the course maintained and competitive, both courses will require financial investments from the township. It's an investment which has paid off, according to Yack.

Pheasant Run was built to help the southern part of the township add residential development – and the tax revenue that goes with it.

"The reason for Pheasant Run being built was that at one time we had the north-south divide. If you lived north of Ford Road, you were cool. But there was nothing going on south of Ford, and it was seen as less desirable to live or build there," Yack said. "So in that sense, it worked."

The residential development that now surrounds Pheasant Run adds up to a state equalized value of approximately $800 million, according to Conklin.

TAX REVENUE

Though Pheasant Run has not yet contributed to the golf fund, the tax revenue it produces does add to the township's general fund.

"If you look at the golf course alone there has never been a direct financial contribution (to the golf fund or general fund)," Conklin said, but added, "But neither has Heritage Park, Independence Park, Griffin Park, or Freedom Park. However, the economic impact has been significant."

And while owning two municipal golf courses is unusual in a community Canton's size, Yack said they each offer something unique to the township.

"They're quite different. Fellows Creek is more like golf courses you saw constructed 50-60 years ago. Pheasant Run is linear, which is the design style used today. A golfer on one fairway will almost never see another golfer on another fairway," he said.

It's also by design impossible to walk Pheasant Run.

"Fellows Creek is an older course that does allow golfers to walk, typically has lower greens fees, and is conducive to junior golfers and meets a certain niche," Conklin said. "Pheasant Run is a longer course designed to be somewhat challenging."

The improvements won't change the character of Fellows Creek, so they also will not change what fees the course is able to charge, according to Yack. Further, raising fees could mean that fewer people use the course, resulting in a negative impact on the bottom line.

Conklin estimated that if the township goes out for bond, payments would be $398,000 for 10 years, $299,000 for 15 years or $251,000 for 20 years.

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Inn uses grand opening to benefit Hospice of Michigan

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When University of Michigan student Megan Ring of Plymouth was looking for volunteer opportunities last summer, she decided to work for Hospice of Michigan.

Since joining Hospice, Ring, a 19-year-old pre-med sophomore, has been working with the organization's developmental coordinator while waiting to be trained in working with actual patients.

Ring will be helping in another fashion next week, when the Inn at St. John's hosts a grand-opening art exhibit/fund-raiser March 31 to benefit Hospice of Michigan. The black-tie event, emceed by WDIV TV-4 weather personality Chuck Gaidica, will include a strolling dinner, cocktails, desserts, three rooms of live entertainment and a silent auction featuring artwork donated by local artists. Hospice of Michigan provides comprehensive, compassionate comfort care to people with acute, chronic illness and offers support to their loved ones. Each day, Hospice cares for more than 800 people in 45 counties around the state.

According to Hospice officials, the organization served more than 7,000 people in 2005, making it the largest hospice program in Michigan, and one of the largest nonprofit hospices in the country. Headquartered in Detroit's Brush Park neighborhood, we have offices in Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland and Macomb Counties, with additional locations throughout the state.

Ring hopes her artwork — a computer-manipulated photograph of her grandmother's hand and another piece made out of different kinds of foil — will help.

"I dabble in it myself, so I thought could contribute some of my own art," said Ring, daughter of Howard and Jodi Ring of Plymouth. "(Hospice) patients are at a very powerful point in their lives, where they're accepting death as a part of life, and I wanted to become more familiar with that."

Among other things, proceeds from the fund-raiser will help Hospice of Michigan offset the cost of unreimbursed patient care. According to Hospice development associate Michelle Rau, Hospice of Michigan incurs a high level of unreimbursed costs because of its open access program, which allows Hospice to accept patients regardless of diagnosis, age or ability to pay.

According to Rau, HOM spends some $4.5 million annually that goes unreimbursed through insurance companies, Medicare or Medicaid. She said Hospice relies on third-party events such as the fund-raiser at the Inn at St. John's to help recover those funds.

"It's immensely important," Rau said of the fund-raiser. "Many people don't realize the cost of hospice care is increasing immensely. Relying on community groups to help us raise that unreimbursed care allows us to maintain our open access care."

The fund-raiser starts at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $125 per person. The Inn at St. John's is located at 44045 Five Mile in Plymouth Township. for more information, call (734) 357-5344.

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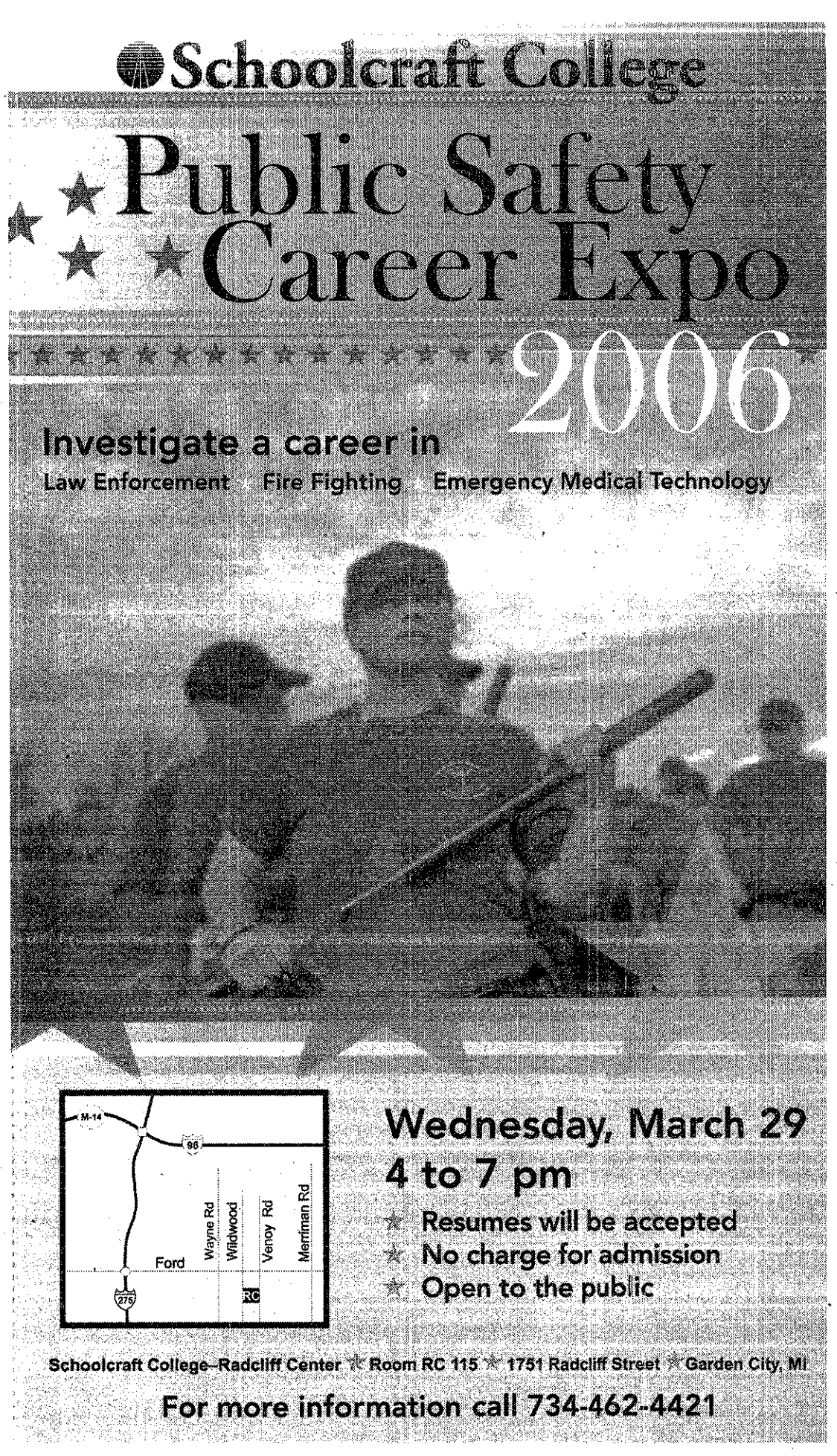
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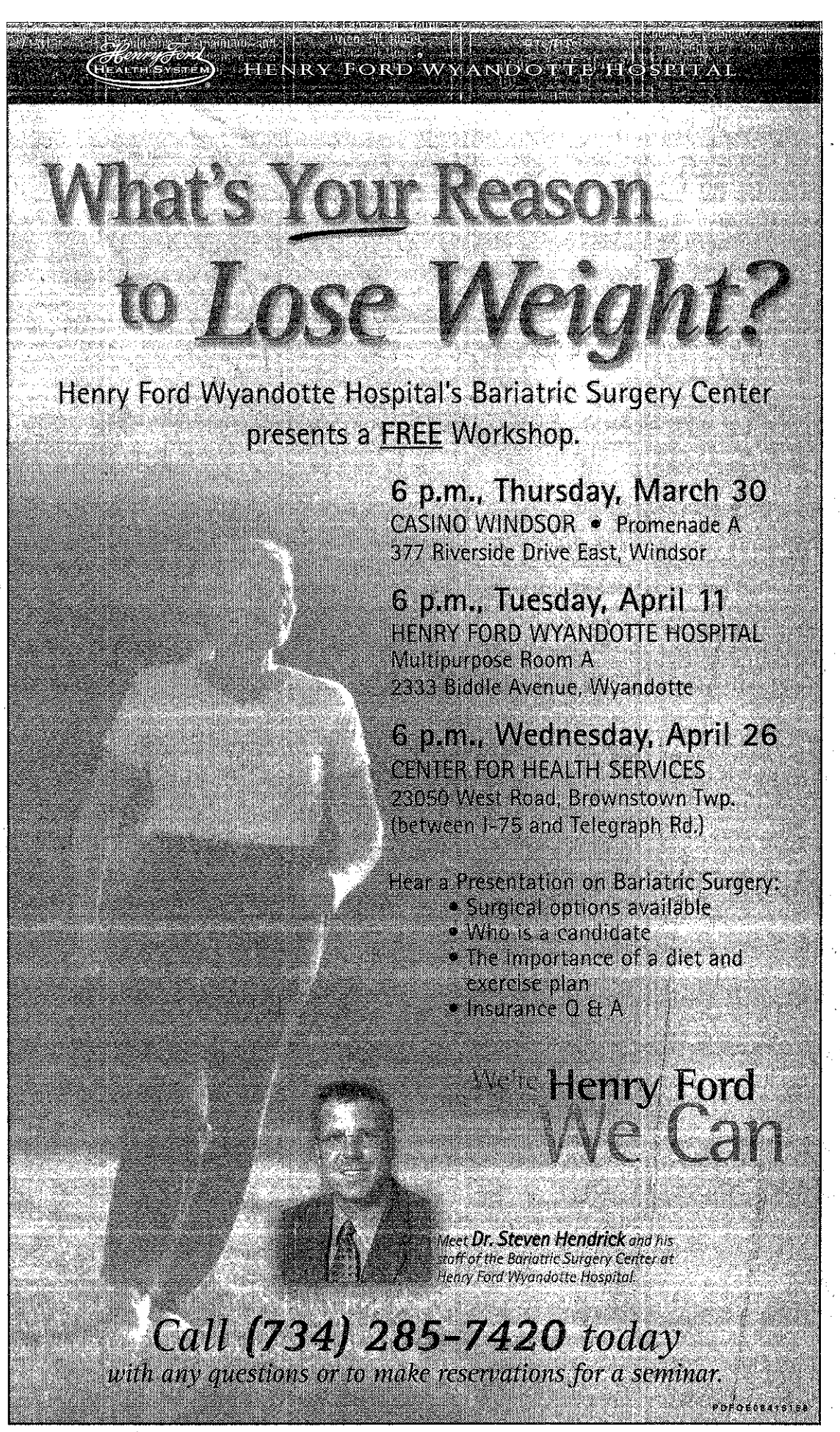
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Bill would regulate protests at military funerals

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

After members of an extreme fundamentalist church in Kansas protested the funeral of a Michigan man killed in Iraq, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives has crafted legislation to control what can and can't go on outside memorial services.

U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Brighton, was in attendance at the March 11 funeral for Michigan National Guard Sgt. Joshua Youmans in Flushing when he ran into members of the Westboro Baptist Church who were there to protest. What he saw turned his stomach.

"It was a difficult time for the family, they were mourning a son, husband and father," Rogers said. "The protesters were hateful, harassing and taunting."

The Westboro Baptist Church, on the Web at godhatesfags.com., has made news around the country by holding protests at the funerals of service men and women killed in Iraq. The group is neither anti- nor prowar, rather they hold that America's tolerance of homosexuals has raised God's ire and caused the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, the Virginia coal mine disaster and the deaths of American soldiers by explosive devices in Iraq.

The group regularly appears at the funerals of American servicemen and women with signs and chants to remind the grieving of why they think their loved one died.

"Their speech is hateful and harassing," Rogers said. "They attack the families verbally, it's vile."

Frank Campanaro, a retired Army Ranger from Auburn Hills, was preparing a charity event for wounded soldiers when one of his contacts told him about what was going to happen in Flushing. He called his friends in several Genesee County biker clubs, many of whom are Vietnam veterans, and tried to give the family some cover on the fly.

"We had 250 vets on cycles show up and another 250 people on foot," Campanaro said. "The Governor showed up, (Rep.) Rogers showed up. We drowned them out."

The counter-protest was calm, if noisy, even though Campanaro himself didn't know if he was going to end up in handcuffs with an assault charge at the end of the day.

"I was wondering if today was the day I'd be going to jail," he said. "You have a right to free speech, definitely. You have a right to protest. But if you're for or against the war, for or against the president, protesting a funeral is not right."

But even "vile" speech is still protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as is the right to peaceably assemble. Rogers says his legislation takes that into account.

"The Supreme Court has ruled that the government can regulate the time, place and manner that protects the right to protest and protects the families," Rogers said.

Specifically, the legislation allows protests to go on an hour before or an hour after a funeral and at least 500 feet away from the service venue. He says the bill has wide support in Congress.

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Schoolcraft celebrates diversity with fair

Cultures from around the globe will share their food, language and customs at the fifth annual Schoolcraft College Multicultural Fair Wednesday, March 29.

The fair is a celebration of the many ethnicities represented among the student population on the Schoolcraft campus, with displays prepared by students, instructors and staff as well as their families and friends.

The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center's DiPonio Room. It is free and open to the public, with continuous performances and demonstrations. Visitors can experience the food, language and artistic expression of about 20 countries from Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America.

There will be language demonstrations, henna painting, Native American drumming, Indian folk dancing and Irish step dancing.

Beside promoting cultural sensitivity and increasing an awareness and appreciation of other cultures, the fair extends education beyond classroom walls by exposing students, faculty, staff and the community to a cross-cultural experience. It also creates an opportunity for students to teach others.

Ernie and Tram host Library Day at Comerica

May 2 has been designated as the second annual Michigan Public Libraries Day at Comerica Park by the Michigan Library. The Ernie and Tram Go to Bat for Michigan Public Libraries program encourages public library supporters to attend the May 21 game and see the Detroit Tigers play the Cincinnati Reds.

Nine dollars from every $20 ticket sold by libraries will be used to create endowments at public libraries in Michigan.

Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell and former Detroit Tigers manager Alan Trammell are well aware that libraries have, for a number of years, faced critical funding shortages and this program is designed to help libraries build strong financial bases.

"We had a great first year supporting libraries and baseball and I am looking forward to an even bigger second year," said Harwell. "I encourage all library supporters to join me on Sunday, May 21, at 1:05 at Comerica Park."

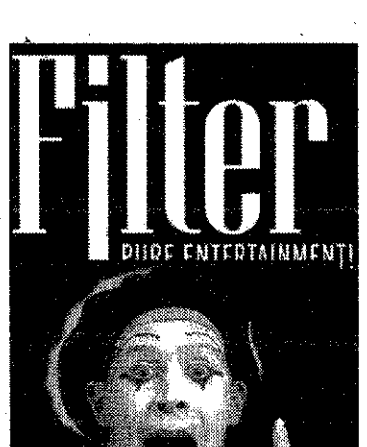
"I enjoy working with library supporters who are also great Tiger fans!" said Trammell.

Last year more than $15,000 was raised, enabling public libraries in Clare, Gaylord, Hesperia, Homer, Houghton Lake, Menominee, Oxford, Saginaw and Three Rivers to start endowments. In addition to the money generated by ticket sales, each library that applies for endowment funding is required to raise matching funds.

As a special treat before the game on May 21, the Detroit Public Library (located at 5201 Woodward Ave.) will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., allowing library ticket purchasers to visit the Lulu and Ernie Harwell Collection. Harwell will be at the library from 10:30 a.m. to noon to talk with fans about the collection, as well as the importance of supporting Michigan's public libraries.

To order tickets for the May 21 Detroit Tigers vs. Cincinnati Reds game, contact your local public libraries. Those who don't live near a participating library may download an order form at http://woodlands.lib.mi.us/tickets.pdf or call (800) 962-4472.

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District wise to pitch bond plan

Nancy Eggenberger, co-chair of the committee steering the latest bond proposal for Plymouth-Canton schools, said she isn't about to get cocky or be lulled into thinking, based on past success, that local voters will automatically say "yes" in the May 2 election.

Considering the failure of similar proposals in Northville — generally a friendly voting community — and Van Buren, that's certainly the right attitude to take.

That's why you'll see Plymouth-Canton Supt. Dr. James Ryan all over town the next few weeks, pitching the district's plan for the $118 million, two-part bond question. At last count, he had upward of some 70 presentations to make trying to explain the ins and outs of the proposal.

The first question asks voters to approve $95.7 million for a career and technical education center, a new middle school in Canton, which includes the cost for the nearly 22 acres of land; growth and equity improvements at elementary and middle school buildings; and renovation and repurposing of Central Middle School, among other items.

The second ballot question is for $23.1 million for a new theater and a pool at Plymouth High School; for an auxiliary gym at Salem High School; and $1.3 million for Canton High School athletic fields.

That's a lot of money, on top of the $109 million that was just passed last year. That's why Ryan and his staff will be out there pitching to anyone who will listen. Getting the word out themselves, in person, rather than letting publicity pieces or word-of-mouth carry the battle, is the only way the district is going to get people to go along with the plan.

It's a lesson Plymouth Township board members learned last year in finally passing their two-part police and fire millage request. The first time around, township officials were complacent, figuring the proposal would pass simply because it always had.

But voters, even in usually friendly places like Plymouth-Canton schools, are starting to take notice of how much money they're giving away. Van Buren officials couldn't convince voters a new high school was necessary; in Northville, the idea of locating an elementary school near a landfill pretty much killed that proposal.

Nothing like that stands in the way for Plymouth-Canton officials, but a tepid economy and tax-weary voters could present a problem, even with a good plan. Trustee Rich Ham-Kucharski, who voted against the ballot language but is, publicly at least, supporting the bond, said he's talked to voters who like the ideas, but are tired of paying more.

Ryan has always been a great spokesman for the district, but even he has a tough sell here. The district definitely has the right guy doing the selling. Only time will tell if he was good enough to make the sale.

Trip right on over to better roads

There's been good news and bad coming out of the tri-county area in the last week. The good news is that many of our roads are going to be repaired or reconstructed this year.

And the bad news? Of course, it's that many of our roads will be repaired or reconstructed this year.

This is one time, however, when the good news outweighs the bad. It costs big bucks to do road construction, and coming up with the funding has been tough in years past. For instance, the Road Commission for Oakland County plans to spend $54 million on road projects this year alone. One construction project — the Northwestern corridor — doesn't even have a price tag yet.

In Wayne County, there are plans for a $37.8 million reconstruction of M-14 from Haggerty Road to the Washtenaw/Wayne county line. Another major project is the underpass on Sheldon Road and CSX track. Cost is $12 million, but local officials are waiting for federal funding to the tune of $4.7 million that is earmarked for the project.

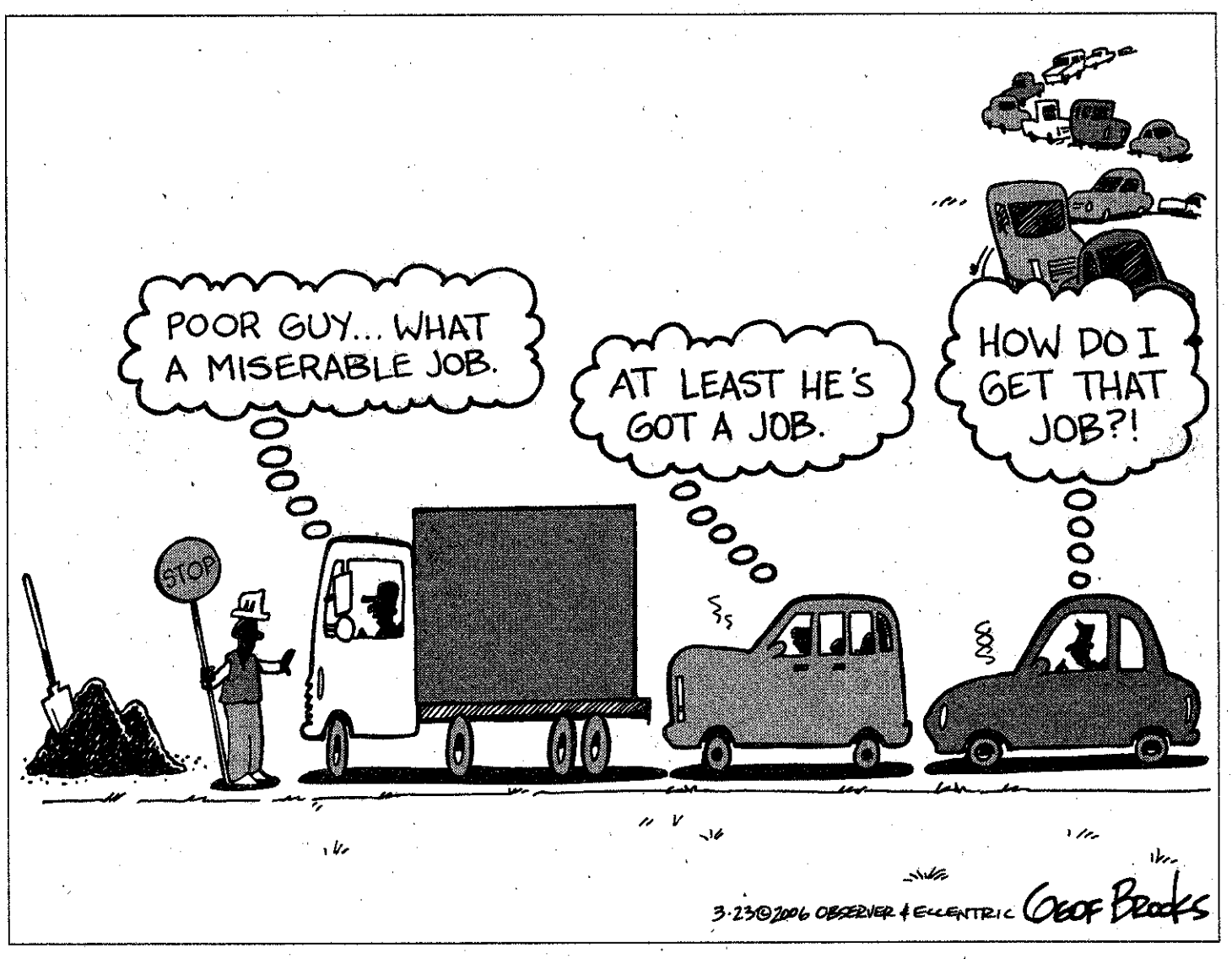
The good news comes from a plan outlined by Gov. Jennifer Granholm that would use bond sales to fund the local city and county portions — roughly $80 million — of road repairs. It is expected that will produce $320 million for the road projects.

But, hey, spring arrived Monday. So roll down your windows and smell the countryside ... better make that the fumes from the car ahead.

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LETTERS

Another plan

Well it looks like Fellows Creek course has been taken off the selling block this time around, but not necessarily in the future. Let me explain. We the people of Canton live in a democratic society, that gives everyone both private or corporate, the right to buy things. Of course, the seller has the same rights to sell or not to sell.

Therefore, let me offer some advice to all the surrounding residents who live at Fellows Creek a way to guarantee that no entity private or corporate will ever approach the township with another offer. I believe the residents who expressed their deep views in not selling the course should join and organize through their homeowners associations a way to come up with $17 million of their own and present the township with an offer. If accepted, these residents can be assured that no one will ever encroach on their desired and treasured serene lifestyle ever again.

Anthony Cauchi
Canton

Who's bullying?

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

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

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

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

I have not yet been contacted by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools on the $11,000 figure. (They obviously prefer to work through the media.) If, in fact, that is what they're claiming my FOIA request costs, Slavens (or someone on his behalf) is clearly tying to stonewall the issue and keep his documents out of the hands of taxpayers ... $11,000 is simply a silly amount of money to pay someone (why not an intern?) to assemble the requested information.

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

Mike Murray
Murray Communications
Okemos

Caccamo should resign

Enough is enough. Why must the readers of your newspaper be subjected to another in your continuing series of articles on Todd Caccamo? There are six other members of the Canton Board of Trustees and a multitude of members from other township governing bodies who deserve recognition as well. And how about the many fine, outstanding members of our community who have also chosen to enlist in the armed services and put themselves in harm's way? Some paying the ultimate price.

While I support his patriotism, and his desire to serve our nation's military needs, the vacancy he creates brings to my mind several issues.

In my opinion, Mr. Caccamo should immediately tender his resignation. Why? First, he should make up his mind whether he wants to be a trustee or a Marine, not both. He didn't bother to tell the voters of Canton of his intent to re-enlist in the corps during his election campaign of 2004. I seriously doubt he would have been elected had we known his intentions beforehand and his imminent call-up to active duty. Upon his departure next month, he will leave a vacant seat for up to 18 months, which could result in tie votes on many key issues.

Second: Apparently, his pay will continue in his absence. To which he responds, "I will donate my pay to charity." Well, excuse me, but that means the taxpayers of Canton will be donating about $1,200 per month to a charity of his choice if he follows through. I feel his trustee pay should be suspended while his seat is vacated.

Third: Caccamo will leave behind some unfinished business that I find particularly bothersome. During his campaign for trustee, he stated that he would rid the township of corruption. This implied that there was corruption here to be found and disposed of. To this date I have not heard, or read, one word of an investigation or action of any kind taking place. If Mr. Caccamo has not been able to find any corruption, then, at the very least, he owes every elected, or appointed official, or township employee, a written apology and lift the veil of suspicion and doubt before he leaves.

I pray to God that Mr. Caccamo returns unscathed. Then, let him pursue whatever political aspirations, or military career he may choose.

Ralph Shufeldt
Canton

Doesn't understand?

I don't understand all the opposition to paving over half of Fellows Creek Golf Course for another strip mall and a much needed lifestyle center. Think about the increase in tax revenues. More money for everybody. This is a chamber of commerce dream. If the condominium owners surrounding this course object to this project, they can simply move. They cannot be allowed to stand in the way of development and the free market. Sure green space is nice and wildlife can be entertaining, but where is the financial value there?

Canton is no longer the quiet rural community of yesterday. We are a suburb, and what little farm land is left will soon be converted to a concrete and asphalt landscape so that our cars and trucks will be finally free to roam every corner of it. Growth is good. That was and always will be the sacred, guiding rule for our township, for our state. Really, we have no one to blame but ourselves.

Of course, if the Fellows Creek area residents had the kind of money that the homeowners around Pheasant Run Golf Course have, this building proposal never would have been discussed by the board.

Thaddeus J. Hejka
Canton

Maybury thanks

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

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

If you have other ideas, or like one of ours, please contact us through www.voicesformayburyfarm.com, e-mail our president at sharpemom.com with "fund-raiser suggestion" in the subject line or just drop us a note to Voices for Maybury Farm, 143 Cady Centre, No. 109, Northville, MI 48167.

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"We're not sitting back and thinking this is a walk in the park, we're working very hard ... I think people understand the kids are coming and we need to deal with the growth. The reality is the need isn't going away, and the cost of it will only get higher."

— Nancy Eggenberger, Plymouth-Canton Bond Committee co-chair, on the committee's attitude as the May 2 bond election approaches

Initial conference hopefully first step to a real solution

"We are in a pickle. The state of Michigan is in the midst of serious structural economic trouble, probably its worst crisis in our lifetime. Since 2001, the state has lost one-quarter of its automotive work force and is in its sixth consecutive year of job loss, a period of decline unequaled in the 50 years for which we have data."
– George Fulton, University of Michigan economics professor

That dash of cold water from a nationally recognized authority was just one of many bracing moments at "Where Do We Go From Here?" last week's economic policy agenda-setting conference in Ann Arbor.

Two hundred fifty policy experts and civic leaders gave up their entire day to take turns listening to detailed policy papers and then huddling in small groups to discuss Michigan's situation — which vitally concerns all of us.



Phil Power

The objective of the conference, co-sponsored by The Center for Michigan and U-M's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy, was to see if a cross-section of Michigan's leaders could reach broad agreement on an economic policy agenda that could work — and make a major impact.

And, remarkably, though it was a highly diverse group, broad agreement was reached on a number of topics. They included:

■ The vast majority of the public woefully lacks understanding about the true nature of our state's present financial circumstances.

For example: Michigan has a reputation as a high tax state, but we actually rank below average. We were 29th in the nation in state and local taxes as a percentage of personal income for 2002, the last year for which data are available. That's down considerably from 1972, when only a dozen states ranked above us. The experts' best guess is that we may be even lower today.

■ Michigan's government is also, believe it or not, malnourished. The state has experienced a $1 billion-plus state operating budget deficit for the past six years. The politicians have covered the deficit by cannibalizing rainy day funds and selling off assets. But without serious structural tax and spending reform, this deficit can only get worse, according to Tom Clay, the highly respected budget expert of the non-partisan Citizens Research Council.

And our leaders' actual spending patterns seem bizarrely out of whack. For example, conferees were astonished to discover that Michigan spends $1.8 billion on our prison system in 2006 — with substantially higher incarceration rate and operating costs than our neighboring states.

This expenditure just about equals the total amount we spend on all our colleges and universities. We spend more to keep a prisoner behind bars each year than it would cost to send them to Harvard Law School.

Participants wondered if very expensively warehousing felons was more important to us than educating our young people.

The conference agreed far-reaching tax reform is necessary, beginning with the Single Business Tax. Most felt the SBT has become politically so unpopular that, as a practical matter, any serious discussion of tax reform must take on the SBT, either by substantial revision or outright repeal.

However, an equally strong consensus was that any revenue loss from SBT reform or repeal must be replaced. Not doing so would be, "financially irresponsible to an extreme degree," according to Michigan State University Professor Charles Ballard. A review of state-by-state economic data revealed that no evidence could be found that further tax cuts, in and of themselves, could contribute in any serious way to economic growth.

The leading candidate to plug the $1.9 billion hole left if the SBT was repealed is extending the sales tax, now levied on goods, to services while reducing the rate from the current 6 percent. Another possibility, politically less popular, would be to make the state income tax more progressive.

The conference also examined issues of competitive advantage for Michigan's economy and actual spending patterns in labor force skills and education. Participants agreed that it is vital for Michiganders to come to terms with the fact that the state is deep into a fundamental transition from a relatively low-skilled manufacturing base to a higher skill and knowledge-based economy.

To that end, conferees agreed that Michigan needed to make substantial investments in education and knowledge infrastructure.

Education, ranging from very early childhood through high school and on through community college and four-year and graduate universities, was regarded as suffering from years of underinvestment by the state.

Lately, the lack of investment has turned into something even worse — actual budget cuts, which threaten to cripple our future.

Many participants expressed frustration that many basic issues lying at the heart of Michigan's economic crisis have not been addressed by our state's leaders. They believed many Michigan citizens were yearning for a way to express their concerns and get something practical done without political posturing or ideological diatribe.

As a co-sponsor of the conference, I ended the day by saying that "a successful conference is just the first step in a journey of structural reform that could last many miles," while pledging that our new think-and-do tank, The Center for Michigan, was committed to investing in the process for the long haul.

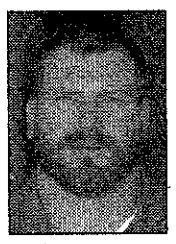
Whether the conference turns out to be a one-day, flash in the pan, or the start of something really big will depend on the willingness of people to step forward. As the famous comment goes, all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men and women to do nothing.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of Michigan politics, public policy and economics. He is the founder of The Center for Michigan, which co-sponsored the conference in Ann Arbor. For more information, go to www.thecenterformichigan.net.

FOIA request springs from the politics of personal destruction

Don't be fooled by the recent Freedom of Information request filed by Republican activist Mike Murray, who wants Plymouth-Canton Schools officials to compile and hand over every communication made by school board President Mark Slavens over a seven-year period.

Murray, who runs the Okemos-based Murray Communications, filed the FOIA request Feb. 13, asking for "letters, correspondence, tape recordings, notes, data, memoranda, reports, e-mail or any other materials ... relating to school budget deliberations and/or budget woes — including personal expense reports and any financial reimbursements" from 1999 to 2006.



Kurt Kuban

We're talking about literally thousands of documents, which will take district officials hundreds of hours to compile. Murray says his request is in the public's best interest, because we all need to know how Slavens has used, or misused, his position on the board. Hogwash. This is not about the public's best interest, it is about political gamesmanship. At its worst, I might add.

Although Slavens has not made it official, it is widely speculated that he will seek the Democratic nomination to run for the state Senate seat currently held by Bruce Patterson, R-Canton.

Murray's FOIA request is both a scare tactic and a low blow to Slavens' political aspirations. It is a political maneuver straight out of the Karl Rove playbook of dirty politics.

Rove, as many know, is one of President George W. Bush's closest advisers, and one of the main reasons Bush was twice elected to the highest office in the land. While he didn't invent the politics of personal destruction, Rove has certainly mastered its most ruthless techniques. Rove subscribes to the take-no-prisoners approach to politics. It is not enough to defeat an opponent at the polls, you must also assassinate their character and completely discredit everything they have done, even if it takes outright lies to do it.

Rove, you may remember, is the man who helped discredit Sen. John McCain during the 2000 Republican primary, as well as Sen. John Kerry during the last presidential election. Both McCain and Kerry are war heroes, who risked everything to serve their country. McCain, a fellow Republican, even withstood torture in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" during the Vietnam War. Of course, that didn't stop Rove — who never served in the military, much less in war — from raising red flags about McCain's character.

Which brings me back to Murray, who I doubt ever really expected the district to produce all the documents he requested. District officials recently sent Murray a registered letter letting him know that it will cost about $11,000 to compile all the documents, because of all the man-hours needed to locate and copy them. As of Tuesday, the district still hadn't heard back from him, though he told an *Observer* reporter the district should be able to produce all the documents for free.

Murray's request is really about casting doubt about Slavens in the minds of voters. If someone is investigating him, he must have done something wrong, right? In fact, in a letter to the editor, Murray said the fact that Slavens and others have questioned his FOIA request raises a "red flag" that Slavens has been "using public tax dollars for private gain."

Murray, who admitted he has done some work for Patterson in the past, said Patterson had nothing to do with this FOIA request, which he called "routine." It is anything but routine, and he knows it. I hope that Patterson, who I personally like a great deal, had nothing to do with it. But he is certainly the person who would benefit most from this if, in fact, Slavens decides to run for the Senate. As of Tuesday, Patterson still hadn't returned our calls about the issue.

There really is a larger issue here. Perhaps politics have always been this nasty, but it sure seems that today's political climate is as poisonous as I can remember it. Running for public office is supposed to be a noble cause. It is what separates America from countries where dictators and totalitarian governments suppress the populace. Suppress ideas. Suppress freedom. But what person in their right mind would want to subject themselves to the Roves, Murrays and other political operatives of the world?

Whatever happened to the notion of a fair fight, where two candidates exchange competing ideas and platforms, and leave it up to voters to decide which makes more sense? Today, it seems political opponents try to destroy each other's character, not their ideas. It's more about pointing the finger than the thumb. Is it any wonder that we live in a country that is so politically divided? In that sense, I feel our political leaders have failed us miserably.

As for Slavens, welcome to the big leagues.

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Performax Physical Therapy Celebrates One Year in Livonia



Michelle Krings, MS,PT,ATC and Vincent Baylerian, PT,DPT



Betsy Pollock, PTA,CSCS and Gretchen Lang, MOT, OTR

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Hiller's CEO will speak at MU lecture series

Jim Hiller, president and CEO of Hiller's grocery store chain, is the guest speaker at Madonna University's McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series on 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at Kresge Hall on the Livonia campus.

"Integrating Your Ethics with Your Business" will be the subject of the Spring lecture. This event is free and open to the public.

Hiller is a Detroit native and graduated from the University of Detroit Law School in 1973. He has received numerous awards including the Tree of Life Award from the Jewish National Fund and the Outstanding Young CEO Award from the National Retail Association.

In addition to his business efforts, Hiller endowed the Program for Understanding Neurological Diseases at the University of Michigan School of Medicine, which does research for neurological diseases like Lou Gehrig's disease.

The McManus Distinguished Business Lecture Series at Madonna University was established by Michael F. McManus Jr., founder and CEO of Header Products, Inc. in Romulus, in memory of his father and to acknowledge his father's entrepreneurial success. Michael F. McManus Sr. was an effective manufacturing agent for more than 50 years in the Detroit area.

His sales efforts helped establish the Chicago Rivet and Machine Company.

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

For more information, call the School of Business at (734) 432-5356.

Regional cooperation focus of Tri-County Summit

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

With the understanding there are things everyone agrees on and things they don't, representatives of Oakland, Wayne and Macomb Counties and the City of Detroit got together Monday to talk about those topics where their interests overlapped.

The Tri-County Summit, formerly an annual get-together of community leaders from all over southeast Michigan, met at Glen Oaks Country Club early this week to share plans for regional cooperation and cost savings and, possibly, lay the groundwork for further cooperation in the future.

One of the topics up for discussion was jail diversion, clearing nonviolent cases out of the regular correction system that could be better served in a substance abuse or mental health setting. Mark Metalski from the Oakland County Sheriff's office said it's not a way of excusing behavior, rather a way of taking people out of a place that can't address the problem.

"Jail is not set up for the needs of mental health," Metalski said. "This has a positive impact on jail overcrowding and lets corrections officers focus on the most dangerous inmates."

While it's almost an axiom that a get tough on crime posture is gold for a politician, Oakland County Commissioner Helaine Zack, D-Huntington Woods, said times are different now.

"(Jail diversion) isn't such a tough sell as it was five years ago," she said. "Jail overcrowding is everyone's issue. You don't want a low-level mental health offender taking up a bed in a jail."

SEMCOG Executive Director Paul Tait laid out a laundry list of problems the region has with its infrastructure. He said there are four realities community leaders have to face up to.

"Infrastructure is essential to business and quality of life, we need to get more out of our investment," he said. "We have to look at infrastructure holistically and there's not enough money to get everything done."

He said there are 22,800 miles of road in the state and 950 miles of those are in poor condition, 800 miles are congested. There are 3,560 bridges in southeast Michigan and more than 1,300 are deficient. All of those numbers are expected to grow within the next 20 years.

"There are 3,500 miles of distribution mains in the Detroit Water and Sewerage system and another 9,000 miles in customer communities," Tait said. "If population growth follows forecasts, we'll need 5,000 more miles of mains."

As if the laundry list weren't enough, he added that none of the items were adequately funded for the future. Multiple revenue streams, inconsistent maintenance and the addressing of infrastructure issues independently and in isolation of each other has caused a dramatic gap between what the region needs and what it's budgeted to get.

"The physical plants were built 30 to 50 years ago and had a 30 to 50 year life," Tait said. "By the year 2000 the region was 32 percent developed. By 2030, it will be 50 percent developed. There has been no adequate investment and there will be a $100 billion shortfall over the next 25 years."

The net effect, he said, will be diminished quality of life and business environment.

Oakland County Commissioner Chuck Moss, R-Birmingham, said the Tri-County Summit was about common ground.

"It's a process to get the three counties and the city to talk about their common interests," he said. "It's about finding consensus, not about being a battle ground. It's like a regional UN, not a social event."

Wayne County will collect hazardous waste

The Wayne County Department of Environment's Land Resource Management Division will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the parking lot of Huron High School, 32044 Huron River Drive, New Boston.

This free event open to all Wayne County residents and is an excellent opportunity to make your home and environment safe by properly disposing of waste that is considered toxic, flammable or corrosive.

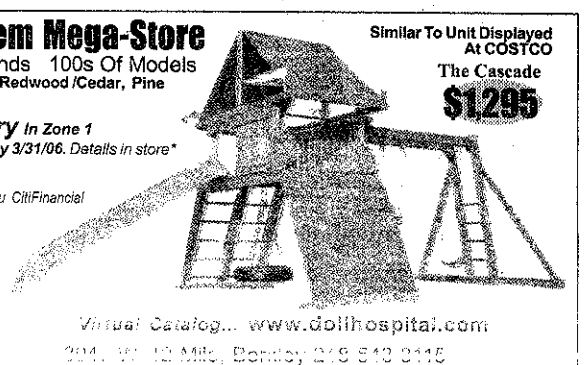
Examples of acceptable waste being collected on April 1 include; household paints, stains, dyes, floor wax, floor care products, carpet cleaner, furniture polish, bathroom cleaners, stain removers, medicine, nail polish, glue, fertilizer, lawn and garden chemicals, pesticides, antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, automotive batteries and dry cell batteries, propane tanks, computer monitors, printers, scanners, keyboards, mouse, cell phones, fax machines, VCR/Cable boxes, televisions and passenger vehicle tires (limit four per vehicle).

Two additional countywide collections have been scheduled for Aug. 19 and Nov. 4, locations and times to be announced.

For more information on the April 1, 2006 collection please call Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at (734) 326-3936.

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Troy resident Rebecca L'Ecuyer is producing a vintage fashion show for the 16th annual Community House Antiques Show in Birmingham next month. L'Ecuyer wears outfits and accessories from her extensive vintage fashion collection. Here she is wearing a dress from the 1960s.

When and wear

Vintage fashions to dress up antiques show

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

"Who are you wearing?" has become an anticipated question for celebrities on a red carpet runway, and the response is the name of a designer.

But "When are you wearing?" could be asked of many people, and the response would be a decade.

Vintage fashions are always in style, say collectors such as Rebecca L'Ecuyer of Troy.

"I wear all my things," said L'Ecuyer, whose business, Nonsense & Necessities Creative Styling, participates in special events and provides vintage fashions and props.

"The '50s are so very ladylike.

"The '30s and '40s are so glamorous . . . The '60s are so fun."

L'Ecuyer is producing a vintage fashion show for the 16th annual Community House Antiques Show, taking place next month in Birmingham.

The fashion show will feature outfits and accessories from the 1920s through the 1980s.

"We are excited about infusing vintage fashions into this year's show," said Judy Anderson, who is co-chairing the antiques show with Marjorie Hulgrave. "It's the perfect opportunity for young collectors to become inspired and begin collecting."

Vintage fashions are popular. Actress Reese Witherspoon wore a vintage Valentino gown from the 1950s to the Academy Awards earlier this month.

"It's a one-of-a-kind type thing," Dr. Joe Ales of Optik Birmingham, one of the dealers in the show, said of the appeal vintage fashions have.

His downtown Birmingham business carries "a couple thousand" pairs of unused vintage eyewear, he said.

The glasses, in Optik Birmingham's Hindsight Collection, date from the 1890s to the 1980s, with designers including Ray Ban, Emelio Pucci, Playboy and Pierre Cardin. Bette Midler bought eight pairs of vintage glasses at the store.

"No one else has the same thing and it's a lot less expensive than you might think," said another featured dealer, Lucy Ortiz of In the 20th Century, part of



L'Ecuyer enjoys wearing vintage hats.

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16th annual Community House Antiques Show

■ When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, April 7-8.

■ Where: The Community House, 380 S. Bates, south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham.

■ Entry fee: $8.

■ Features: More than 40 booths will showcase a wide variety of items, including fine jewelry, English furniture and porcelain, heirloom linens, vintage fashions and American silver.
The Antiques Show Cafe will be open noon to 3 p.m. both days, offering sandwiches, salads, soups, coffee and desserts.

■ Preview Party: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 6, at The Community House.
Attending patrons will have the first opportunity to preview and buy antiques.
Benefactor reservations are $125 with admission at 6 p.m. Friend reservations are $65 with admission at 7 p.m.

■ Fashion show and brunch: 9:30 a.m. April 7 at the Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend in Birmingham.
Vintage apparel from the 1920s to 1980s will be presented.
Reservations are $50 and include admission to the show.

■ Champagne and Chocolates: 5:30-8 p.m. April 7 at The Community House. The event will give younger collectors a chance to browse for antiques while enjoying champagne and chocolates.
Reservations are $25.

■ A Passion for Everyday Vintage: The event is a seminar and book signing by sisters Alison and Melissa Houtte, 9:15 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. April 8 at The Community House.
The seminar will be a "show-tell-and-touch discussion" about vintage clothing and accessories that should be worn and not just stored away in a closet.
Alison is owner of the popular vintage store Hooti Couture in Brooklyn.
Melissa is a journalist.
Together, the two women wrote a book, *Alligators, Old Mink & New Money*, that offers an interesting and intimate perspective of the New York vintage scene.
The fee is $15 and includes admission to the show.

■ Information: Call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Tune into TV classics with AOL's amazing new service



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

It's bad enough we're a nation of couch potatoes. Now America Online is going to turn us into PC potatoes.

The company's new In2TV service (television.aol.com/in2tv), which launched last Wednesday, broadcasts classic TV shows to your computer, on-demand, using the Internet in place of airwaves.

OK, maybe "classic" is the wrong word – call them "vintage" instead.

In2TV's catalog runs the full gamut of network programming, from cartoons and comedy to drama and sci-fi.

Thus you'll find episodes of *Pinky and the Brain*, *Welcome Back, Kotter*, *Sisters* and *Babylon 5*, to name but a few of the available series.

Think Nick at Nite for your PC.

Nope, there's no *M*A*S*H*, no *Taxi*, no *Mary Tyler Moore*, but give AOL credit for lining up some decent shows. And the company says we'll see a lot more in the months to come.

So, what will it cost you to watch grainy streamed video in a tiny window on your computer screen?

Trick question. In2TV costs nothing, which I find incredible. The service is supported by ads – commercials, natch – that run before each show. Small price to pay, you ask me.

Even more impressive is the video itself. All it takes is the click of a button to switch from window view to full-screen.

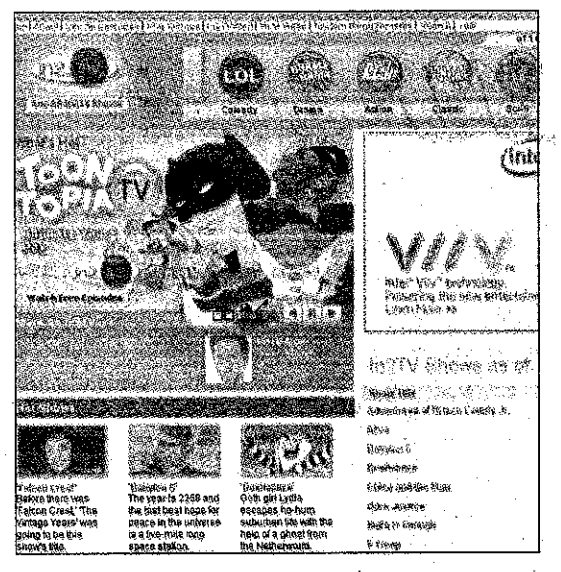
Admittedly, full-screen video looks a little blotchy, though if you sit back a few feet, it's more than acceptable.

But that's not all. Install AOL's HiQ player and you can download "DVD-quality" versions of the shows. I tried this with an episode of *Welcome Back, Kotter*, and while the quality wasn't exactly DVD-caliber, it looked darn good.

The HiQ player: also free.

This is big stuff. In2TV not only heralds the age of Internet-driven on-demand programming, but also challenges the likes of iTunes, Google Video Store and other services that have the nerve to charge for shows.

Of course, In2TV doesn't let you copy shows to your iPod, and AOL will eventually start charging for some or all portions of the service. A subscrip-



AOL's incredible In2TV service, currently available free of charge, streams hundreds of vintage TV shows to your PC.

PLEASE SEE **TECH SAVVY, B2**

Accents

Master gardeners

The Master Gardener Association of Wayne County (MGAWC) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer service organization dedicated to distributing current research-based gardening information, increasing environmental awareness, promoting gardening activities, and supporting volunteers in Wayne County and surrounding communities in Southeast Michigan with quality activities for all ages.

It is celebrating 22 years of community service.

MGAWC invites current, future and former master gardeners and master gardener students to attend membership meetings the second Thursday of the month, September through June.

Most meetings are in the Environmental Interpretive Center (EIC) at the northwest corner of the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen between Ford and Michigan Avenue.

Refreshments are at 7 p.m., activity announcements at 7:30 p.m. and a speaker at 8 p.m.

Visit mgawc.org and reference the MGAWC Calendar for meeting dates, speakers, topics and other MGAWC events. Visit the Map to EIC page for driving directions.

Comprehensive information on meetings is in the Meetings page.

Recorded information is available at (734) 786-6860.

Saarinen guides sought

Become a guide at the spectacular Art Deco-style Saarinen House on Cranbrook campus in Bloomfield Hills.

The house was the home of Finnish-American architect Eliel Saarinen, Cranbrook's resident architect from 1925 to 1950, and his wife, textile designer Loja Saarinen.

Training includes four two-hour sessions in April-May, followed by a two-week practice period. Saarinen House touring season is May through October. Guides have a flexible schedule.

For more information, contact Curator of Education Elena Ivanova at (248) 645-3314, e-mail eivanova@cranbrook.edu.

Tree tip

The 2006 National Register of Big Trees calendar, a program of American Forests sponsored the Davey Tree Expert Company, features tips for each month. This month's item:

"Now's a good time to send soil samples to a lab to determine if fertilizer or lime is needed."

Founded in 1875, American Forests works to restore forests by planting trees and advancing the fields of urban forestry, environmental education and community-based forestry.

Call (800) 677-0727 for its Historic Trees catalog. For information, call (800) 545-TREE, visit www.americanforests.org or write American Forests, P.O. Box 2000, Washington, D.C. 20013.

WEAR

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Peacock Antiques & Auction House in Fenton.

"You don't get the quality today that you can get with vintage."

Judi Grech of Paris Antiques Ltd. in Royal Oak said a designer dress could cost $6,800, while a unique vintage dress costs $45 and up. Paris Antiques is another dealer in the show.

Combining new pieces with vintage clothing can dress an outfit up (or down).

Vintage fashions come in limitless styles, such as the ivory lace dress from the 1930s and the almost iridescent green and purple dress from 1960s, both at Paris Antiques.

Among such vintage glasses as aviator and round frames at Optik Birmingham are a pair with tall wings meant to hold hair back, mask-like frames from the 1960s, and a pair with a red, white and blue frame and matching discs that hang from a chain down to the shoulders.

Vintage fashions don't have to be worn. Examples of the distinctive accents they can make are an outfit or purse as a wall hanging, a hat on a bureau or buffet, a shawl as a throw on a chair or a bed.

WEARING IT WELL

"Everything is in right now," L'Ecuyer said.



Vintage hats can be dramatic, such as this piece from the 1930s that is in L'Ecuyer's collection. Hats and other vintage clothing can be worn or used as accents in a room.

"Black and white is always a popular combination ... You can't go wrong with that."

"The little black dress is very, very popular," Ortiz said.

Jennifer Love Hewitt wears this garment from the 1950s and similar fashions on her TV show, *Ghost Whisperer*, Ortiz said.

L'Ecuyer's home is filled with vintage clothes and accessories.

Shoes, hats, purses and gloves are accent pieces in rooms. These include an arrangement of purses and hats on an upstairs wall, and assorted shoes posed on small shelves.

The dramatic and the demure, the exciting and the elegant can be found.

There are broad leather belts; shoes with tiny rhinestones; wide, floppy and tightly rolled brims; explosions of metallic brocade; pastel silks.

When she greeted visitors on a recent day, L'Ecuyer wore pointed shoes and a colorful, lively patterned dress from the 1960s, and a belt from the 1970s.

"I love the '60s. I love the bright colors of the '60s, the new fabrics that they experimented with," L'Ecuyer said.

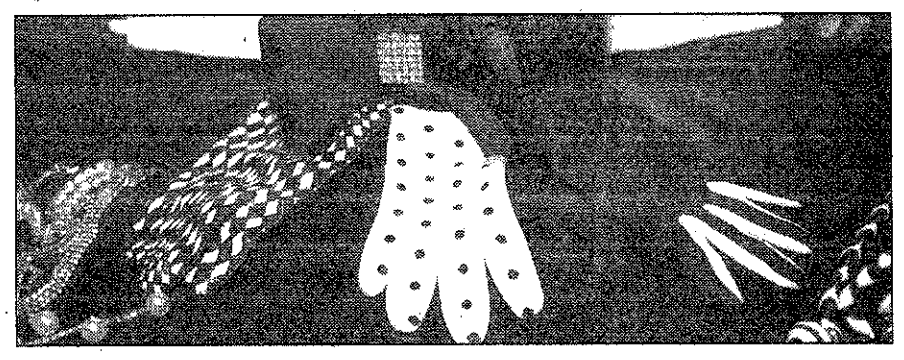
ADVICE

When buying vintage clothing, check the condition, especially under the armpit, Grech said. Don't get something that is stained.

And try an outfit on instead of going by the label, Grech said; sizes are different over time.

Clothing should be in good, wearable condition, said Ortiz, who also recommends smelling the armpits. All seams should be intact (unless, of course, like her customers who are New York designers, you take vintage clothing apart and use it for patterns), she said.

Don't go with a spectacular hat or dazzling outfit if you don't want the attention.



Vintage gloves, such as these in L'Ecuyer's collection, are one way of dressing up an outfit.

L'Ecuyer, who has worn an opera coat as a dress, says to wear what makes you comfortable.

"Go with what you like and are comfortable with," she said. "Decide what it is that you like. Start with jewelry. Jewelry and purses are very easy (to use as accessories)."

"You don't want to look as if you came from another era, but (work) it into your wardrobe," said collector Cheryl Sepienza of Birmingham, owner of Prima Authentic Vintage Accessories and Custom Designs, which provides vintage accessories for Optik Birmingham.

"Whatever you choose, you should be wearing it, it shouldn't be wearing you."

Do more than one thing with a vintage item, Sepienza said. For example, a brooch can be more than a pin. Put it on a ribbon belt, or convert it into a necklace.

Sweaters should be kept in drawers so they won't be stretched out of shape, and bags with delicate straps should be placed on shelves so the straps won't be pulled, L'Ecuyer said. Furs should be kept cool and dry, she said.

It's a good idea to see a vintage fashion show, because a lot of the clothes look differently when they are worn, Ortiz said.

- Rebecca L'Ecuyer of Nonsense & Necessities: e-mail rlnandn@comcast.net.
- Optik Birmingham: (248) 646-6699, www.optikbirmingham.com.
- In the 20th Century: in Peacock Antiques & Auction House, (810) 714-3666.
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TECH SAVVY

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tion plan is in the works, though details aren't yet forthcoming.

I don't know if I'd be willing to pay for In2TV. But for now, I'm having a blast revisiting beloved – OK, beliked – shows like *The Adventures of Brisco County Jr.*, *Lois & Clark*, *Alice* and *Wonder Woman*.

(Laugh all you want – Lynda Carter looks as stunning as I remember. And Linda Lavin isn't half bad, either.)

One thing is certain: The Internet is on the brink of becoming TV Central. Google's aforementioned video-download service is already up and running, and MSN and Yahoo have similar projects in development.

Maybe, before too long, services like In2TV will drive down the exorbitant price of cable TV – and perhaps even eliminate the need for it altogether.

In the meantime, pass the popcorn – *Kung Fu* is on.

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HOME CALENDAR

Scrapbook classes

Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures stores in Troy and Sterling Heights will present a spring class preview this month.

The preview will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at 4944 John R in Troy (phone (248) 524-0051) and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at 44645 Mound in Sterling Heights (phone (586) 323-6300).

Pool, spa show

The Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show will take place Friday-Sunday, March 24-26, at the Rock Financial Showplace, on Grand River Avenue between Novi and Beck roads.

Exhibits will be filled with pool, spa, hot tub and backyard living products and services. Tips and advice will be available from experts on buying, planning, maintenance, safety, exercise, health, financing and landscaping.

Hours are 3-9:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is $8, $4 for ages 6-14, free for ages 5 and under. On site parking is available for a fee. Internet Express tickets, which include a free parking pass, are offered online. Discount adult admission coupons are at Wendy's.

For more information, visit www.NoviPoolShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

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Simple Curtain will take place Mondays, April 3-17. Cost is $60.

In the class, students will make a simple rod-pocket window treatment, lined or unlined, to use alone or over blinds or shades. They will leave with a custom curtain that fits their decor.

Crossing Flatland

Crossing Flatland: New Designs by Scott Klinker, an exhibit of new products for the home by the Cranbrook Academy of Art designer-in-residence, continues to Sunday, April 2, at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills.

The museum is at 39221 Woodward, between Long Lake and Lone Pine roads.

Admission is $6 for adults; $4 for ages 13 and over, full-time students with ID, and ages 65-plus; free for ages 12 and under.

Call (877) GO-CRANBrook (462-7262). For 24-hour recorded information, call (248) 645-3323.

Crafters wanted

St. Damian of Westland is seeking crafters for its annual Spring Arts & Crafts Show, which will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8.

For more information, call (734) 721-4758 or e-mail nelius@comcast.net.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, March 24, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall, on the OU campus off Adams in Rochester.

Guest speaker Dale White of Uncle Luke's Feed Store will talk about the use and application of organic soil amendments and fertilizers in the garden.

Guests are welcome. Non-member donation, $5. Reservations aren't required.

For more information, call (248) 608-0485 or (248) 310-8793 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Garden classes

Schoolcraft College offers gardening classes.

The schedule includes Design Your Outdoor World, beginning Saturday, March 25 (tuition is $85), and Perennial Gardening, beginning Wednesday, March 29 ($75).

Award-winning landscape architect Merritt Wolson will be the instructor. Registration is required.

For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

Container gardening

English Gardens will host The Thrills and Spills of Container Gardening, a free seminar, 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at all six English Gardens locations.

The locations include stores in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak-Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900.

The seminar will show you how to create gardens wherever you need a spot of color. Tips on selecting plants and containers, and maintaining them throughout the year, will be provided.

Healthy lawn care

Area residents are invited to learn about environmentally friendly lawn care at a free workshop 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd.

Registration and table displays will open at 6:30 p.m.

Advance registration is requested. Call the Oak Park Department of Public Works at (248) 691-7497 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

Topics covered will include mowing, fertilizing, watering, and weed management with minimum pesticides.

The featured speaker will be Gary Eichen, Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc. plant health care specialist. Eichen has 20 years of experience with professional lawn care, and directs his lawn care services to meet environmental recommendations.

Lillian Dean, of the Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority Healthy Lawns Program, will highlight soil health and soil nutrient testing.

Rick Johnson, owner of Billings Lawn Equipment, will update the audience on lawn mowers and equipment for spring 2005.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the City of Oak Park and SOCRRA, and will be hosted by the Oak Park Recycling and Environmental Conservation Commission.

Plants and pots

The Edsel & Eleanor Ford House lecture series will teach gardeners of all talents this season's new and improved techniques.

To celebrate National Gardening Month in April, Ford House is offering its Grounds for Gardening lecture series with gardening expert and columnist Nancy Szerlag.

The cost for each lecture is $9. To buy tickets, call Ford House at (313) 884-4222.

The series will begin with Cool Plants and Hot Pots at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29.

This lecture will offer tips on how to refresh and update the look of your potted plants with container gardening, the season's hottest trend.

Learn how to create stunning combinations in fabulous new containers to brighten any area.

Ford House is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information about Ford House, go to www.fordhouse.org or call (313) 884-4222.

Spring symposium

A spring gardening symposium will take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in the conservatory and greenhouses on Belle Isle.

Tickets are $30 in advance, $40 at the door. Members of the Belle Isle Botanical Society, Association of Professional Gardeners and Friends of Belle Isle can pre-register for $25.

Pre-registration deadline is Tuesday, March 28.

Schedule details and registration forms are available online under "links" at www.bibsociety.org.

Registration can be charged by calling the BIBS office at (313) 822-2548. Seating is limited. Pre-registration is strongly recommended.

Attendance can be used for master gardener credits.

All proceeds from the event will support educational programming at the conservatory.

The symposium will feature lectures on nine different topics, from creating whimsical outdoor spaces to caring for your treasured trees.

Nature program

The Junior League of Detroit, in conjunction with the Belle Isle Nature Zoo, conducts a free, educational nature program for children 1-3 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at the Belle Isle Nature Center.

The program includes a guest speaker, fun craft project, snack and book giveaway. It is open to the public, and groups are welcome.

For more information, call the Junior League of Detroit at (313) 881-0040.

The last event this spring will take place June 17. The programs will resume in the fall.

Easier gardening

A presentation and book signing with author and master gardener Janet Macunovich will take place 7 p.m. Monday, March 27, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady in Northville.

Macunovich will speak on Making Gardening Easier and sign her book, *8 Months of Color.*

Advance registration is suggested. Call the library at (248) 349-3020.

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, April 3, at the Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile.

In Full Bloom: Flowers and Plants in Art will be the topic.

Linda Wells of the Detroit Institute of Arts will present slides that go through history to discover the special meaning behind flowers and plants and how they are used in art.

Guests are welcome.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday April 4, at the Livonia Senior Center, Farmington and Five Mile roads.

Jane Suhail of Planterra Tropical Greenhouses will present a program on the care and nurturing of tropical plants.

Visitors are welcome.

Downriver Rose Society

The topic will be Antique Roses when the Downriver Rose Society meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph, between Sibley and West Road in Brownstown.

The public may attend. Admission is free.

For more information, call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

Global ReLeaf tree, shrub sale on now

Global ReLeaf of Michigan Inc. is conducting its 16th annual tree sale.

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To request an order form, call (800) 642-7353 or e-mail GlobalReLeafMi@aol.com. Order forms can be printed off the Global ReLeaf Web site, www.globalreleaf.org.

Orders must be prepaid by Thursday, April 6. Quantities are limited.

Trees are $28 each, or $25 each for six or more. Shrubs and evergreens are $20 each, or $18 each for six or more.

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Payment may be made by check, money order or credit card.

Order pickup will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 22. Maps of pickup locations will be sent with the order confirmation letter.

Pickup locations include Friendship Park-Porritt Barn in Lake Orion, the City of Livonia DPW Yard, Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc. in Troy, and Springfield Oaks Park in Davisburg.

Other pickup sites are in Ann Arbor, Grosse Pointe Park, Howell and Burton.

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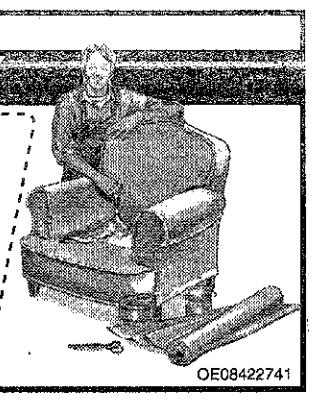
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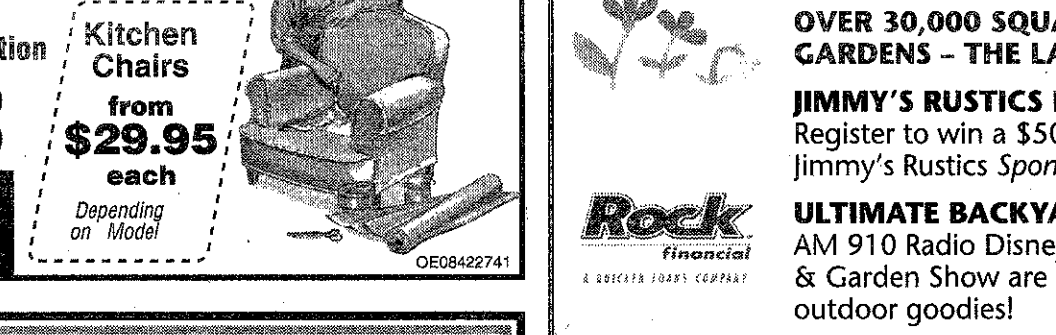
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English Gardens celebrates National Gardening Month with special weekend

English Gardens will celebrate April's National Gardening Month with its Annual Garden Party Weekend, scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, April 1-2.

The weekend kicks off the annual gardening season and features free seminars, refreshments and a look at what's new for 2006.

The event is free, open to the public and taking place at all six English Gardens stores – in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200).

Among the featured speakers will be Roger Swain, former host of PBS's *The Victory Garden*; Janet Macunovich, professional gardener and writer; and experts from English Gardens.

Swain's presentation, The Foundations of a Good Container Garden, will take place Saturday, April 1. Times are: 10 a.m. in Royal Oak, 1 p.m. in West Bloomfield and 4 p.m. in Ann Arbor.

Seminars presented by Macunovich will be: Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring (10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, in Clinton Township and noon Sunday, April 2, in Dearborn Heights); Flower Garden Success (1 p.m. April 1 in Royal Oak); Designing and Renovating Your Garden (4 p.m. April 1 in West Bloomfield); and Designing a Perennial Garden (3 p.m. April 2 in Ann Arbor).

Other topics include:

- A Garden Makeover: Step-by-step Success, by professional designers from the English Gardens Landscape Department, Saturday, April 1 (10 a.m. in Dearborn Heights, 1 p.m. in Clinton Township and 4 p.m. in Royal Oak) and Sunday, April 2 (noon in Ann Arbor and 3 p.m. in West Bloomfield).
- Earth-Friendly Lawn Care, by Lillian Dean of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority 10 a.m. April 1 in West Bloomfield and noon April 2 in Royal Oak, and by a representative of the Clinton River Watershed Council noon April 2 in Clinton Township.
- Perennial Gardening, by English Gardens experts, April 1 (1 p.m. in Dearborn Heights and Ann Arbor, 4 p.m. in Clinton Township) and noon April 2 in West Bloomfield and Eastpointe.
- Arranging Fresh Flowers, by English Gardens experts, April 1 (10 a.m. in Ann Arbor, 4 p.m. in Dearborn Heights and Eastpointe).
- Growing Beautiful Roses, 3 p.m. April 2 in Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights and Eastpointe.
- Organic Gardening, 3 p.m. April 2 in Royal Oak.
- Attracting Birds to Your Yard, 10 a.m. April 1 in Eastpointe.
- What to Plant Now, 1 p.m. April 1 in Eastpointe.

For more information, log onto www.englishgardens.com or call an English Gardens store.



Too much soap in washer, too little air movement in dryer vent, mean trouble



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Jim from Farmington writes: "I had a service man from Sears come to my house to fix my washing machine. The washer wouldn't pump out the water at the end of the cycle and I had already bought a new timer which didn't solve the problem.

"The repairman pulled out a little baby sock which belongs to our 10-month-old daughter. I know I'm writing you too late and I've spent over 200 dollars on this old washer my mother gave us.

"Can you tell me how a sock could get into the pump?"

You aren't alone on this one, Jim, so don't feel bad. Thousands of service calls are rendered on washers every year, and the big reason: TOO MUCH SOAP!

Just picture what happens under the lid after you start a wash load with too much detergent.

The suds keep growing on top of the water, and little articles of clothing such as socks, silk underpants and basically anything that is real lightweight will float on top of the suds.

These items are then gently tossed over the inside splashplate and end up between the outer and inner drum.

During the pump out cycle, they are going to find their way to the hole in the bottom of the outer drum where the water is sucked into the pump. BINGO – the pump impeller is no longer going to turn and pump out the water.

The real caution factor here is that consumers know exactly how much detergent to use in their washing machine. Look at the instruction book and use a little less than what it recommends.

DRYER VENT

Ed from Bloomfield writes: "I hear you talking on radio that the vent for my dryer on the outside of the house shouldn't have a nylon sock over it.

"I've been doing this for years to prevent the rose bushes from picking up lint which comes out of the dryer. Could you tell why I shouldn't do this?"

There is nothing more important about a clothes dryer than the air movement. Air comes into the dryer and must go out of it as fast as it comes in. The blower wheel sucks in the air from inside the laundry room and also blows it out.

If you restrict or slow down that movement of air, you are causing a dangerous fire hazard in your home.

The lint build-up or accumulation inside the vent line will multiply rapidly, which will also cause a great amount of lint to contain itself within the bottom of the dryer cabinet.

This lint is now only inches away from the heat source, and you can be assured that it will catch fire. It's just a matter of when! Will you be standing by the dryer when it catches fire so you can extinguish it, or will you be asleep or even at home?

Fires caused by clothes dryers occur more than 15,000 times a year in this country. These amounts are only those that are reported by fire departments, so I would guess the figure could even be 30,000.

This is a very serious matter, especially to those who have already been through the experience of a house fire caused by a nylon sock.

I've seen all the other things that are sold which I don't approve of. Vents with flappers on them, vents with built-in screens you slide out to clean, vents that extend and turn 90 degrees – and I don't think any of them is worth a pinch of prunes.

Let me stress the importance of safety and long life span with your clothes dryer.

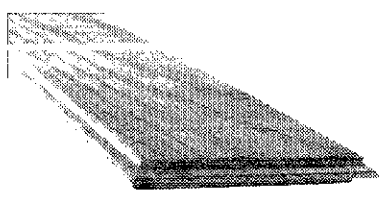
Solid metal vent line no longer than 16 feet with the use of no more than two elbows. A 4-inch, old-fashioned, flapper type vent on the outside of the house. Don't use plastic or tinfoil vent line, it is against the state construction codes.

I'll also wager that the rose bushes suffer from the air which comes out all over them. That air contains the by-products of your wash load, such as chlorine, and it isn't healthy to breath any of that stuff.

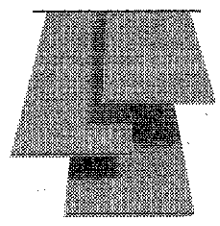
Try moving the rose bushes, get rid of the nylon sock and let me know how big the roses are this year. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

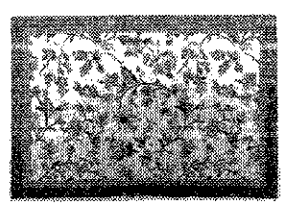




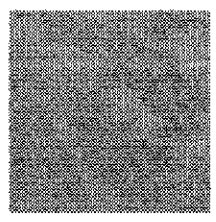
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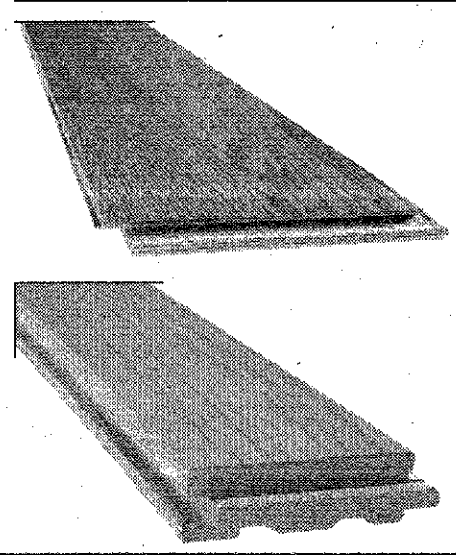


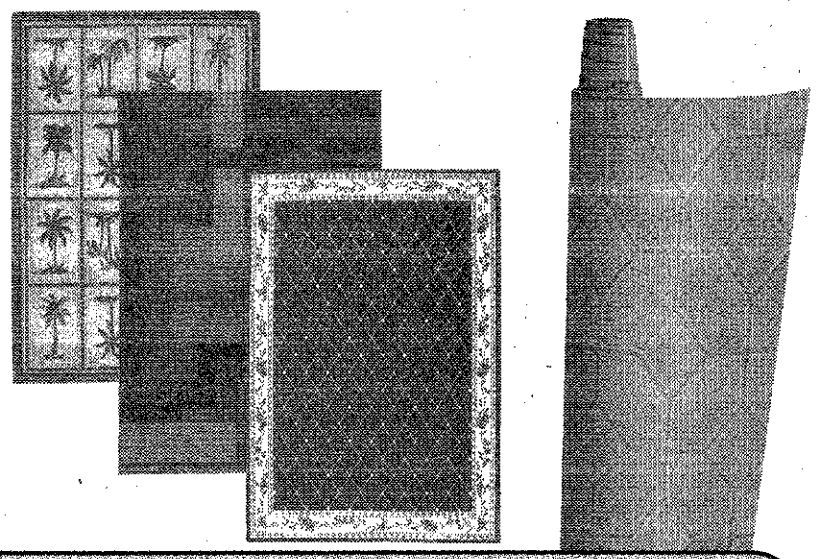
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Pack nutrition in your next lunch

Lunch can be a good time to pack in a lot of the day's nutritional needs, particularly if it's packed at home.

In addition to providing better control over portion size, fat content and calories, a home-made lunch can deliver the nutrients needed to lower the risk of chronic diseases like diabetes, heart disease and cancer.

Sandwiches, wraps and salads are fast, easy ways to make sure lunch includes the key essentials of a health-protective meal: a large proportion of vegetables and a smaller proportion of protein (reduced-fat cheese, lean meat, or fish).

For salads, which often don't contain much grain or protein, try including a small portion of protein and a generous proportion of a whole grain, like brown rice or whole-grain pasta.

Surveys indicate most workers eat lunch at their desks or while doing errands. According to one study, less than half of office workers surveyed say they bring a packed lunch from home at least once a week, and only 20 percent do it every day.

Although take-out sandwiches and other popular lunch items made with healthful ingredients, proportions and portions do exist, they are often hard to find, or in locations that are not conveniently close to the office. Many take-out or delivered lunches are oversized portions of foods high in fat and calories.

We tend to give the mid-day meal short shrift when it comes to eating more healthfully. March is National Nutrition Month, a helpful reminder that we should be more attentive to the nutrition choices we make, especially for lunch.

The following meal-in-a-salad contains a healthful combination of a whole grain, vegetables, beans and fish. It offers an interesting range of textures, colors and seasonings. The recipe provides enough salad for one entrée-sized lunch or two side salads to include at lunchtime.

Last-Minute Salad

- ½ cup canned tuna fish (packed in water), drained, or any leftover meat
- 1 cup chopped mixed raw vegetables (onion, celery, carrots, bell pepper, broccoli florets, etc.)
- ¾ cup leftover cooked brown rice or other cooked whole-grain product
- ¼ cup canned beans (any type), rinsed and drained
- 1-2 tablespoons reduced-fat vinaigrette
- 1 tablespoon plain non-fat yogurt
- 1 tablespoon reduced-fat mayonnaise
- ¼ teaspoon dried parsley (or 1 tablespoon chopped fresh)
- ¼ teaspoon dried chervil or cilantro (or 1 tablespoon chopped fresh)
- Salt and freshly-ground black pepper

In a medium bowl place meat, vegetables, rice and beans. Lightly mix together with a fork until well combined.

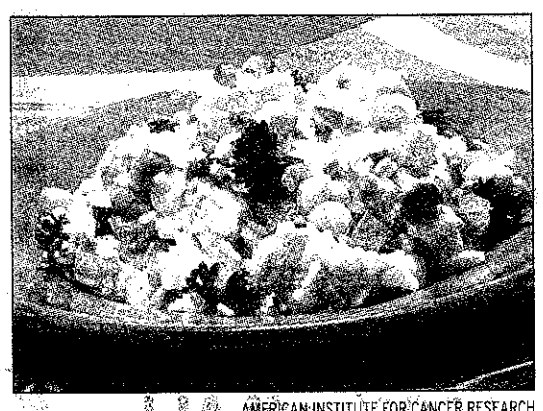
In a small bowl, whisk together with a fork the vinaigrette dressing, yogurt, mayonnaise, parsley and chervil or cilantro. Add the dressing to the bowl of salad ingredients while lightly tossing with a fork until the dressing is evenly distributed. Add salt and pepper to taste, if desired.

Cover and refrigerate 1 hour or overnight to allow flavors to blend.

Makes 1 serving.

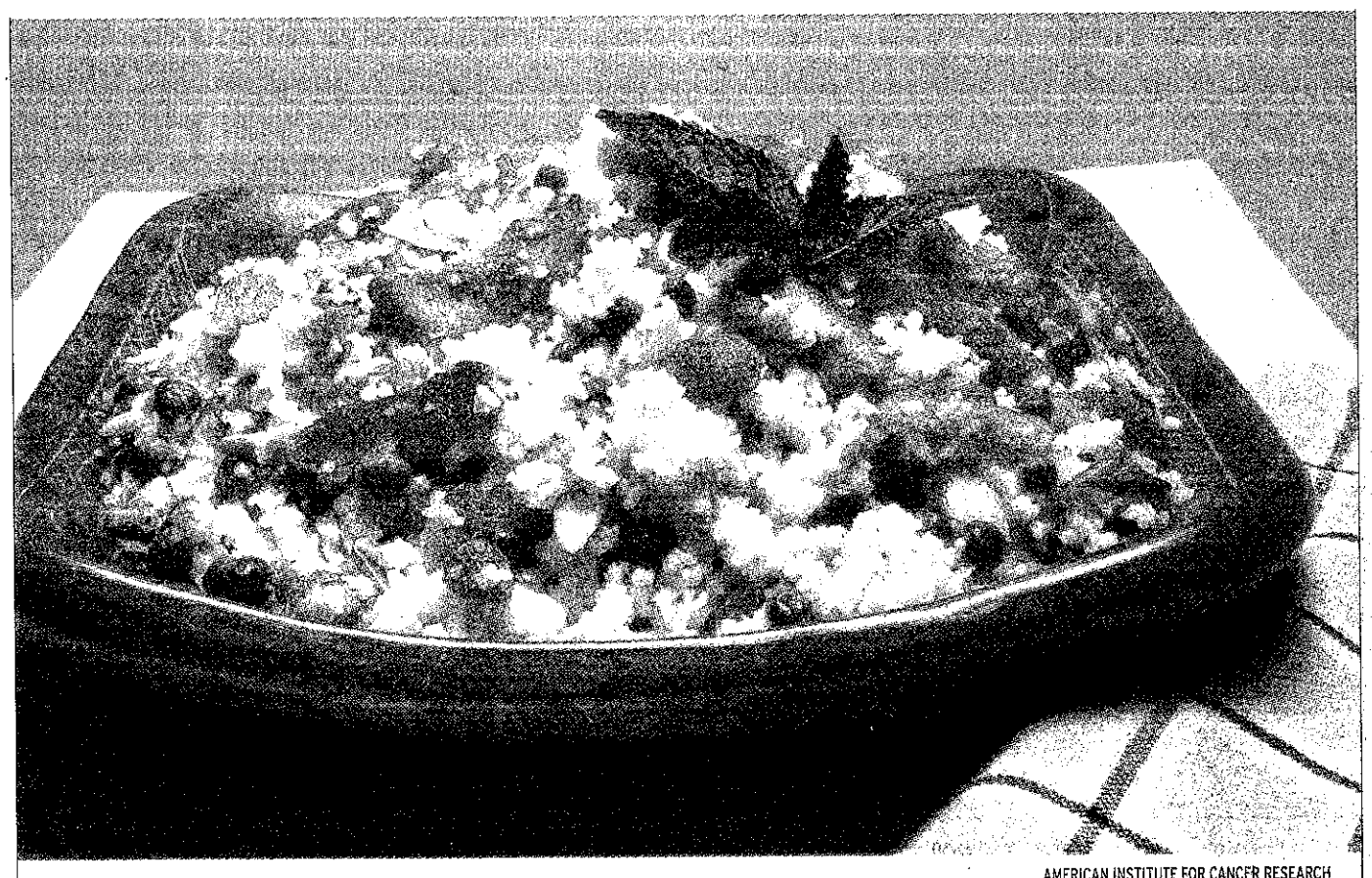
Per serving: 386 calories, 6 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 55 g. carbohydrate, 28 g. protein, 8 g. dietary fiber, 688 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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This meal-in-a-salad contains a healthful combination of a whole grain, vegetables, beans and fish.



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Dried fruits and spices pack a flavorful punch to this lamb and couscous pilaf.

Lamb remains a traditional spring dish

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Cooking with lamb offers imaginative, creative dishes. It is a chance to cook with a food with extraordinary flavor, yet quite often these dishes are relatively easy to prepare.

Lamb can be enhanced by enticing marinades, simple herbs or robust spices in a persillade (coating), making it a perfect fit for today's trend toward more flavorful and healthful food. Lamb can be used in many popular cuisines, such as Caribbean, South American and traditional European dishes.

For another recipe, please see B6.

Ground lamb can be used in place of ground beef in most recipes – from tacos to stuffed peppers to spaghetti primavera. To cook ground lamb, simply brown in a skillet until no longer pink. Drain well.

Cut leftover lamb roast into small cubes (about 1 inch) and package in freezer bags for future use in casseroles or soups and stews. For quick sandwiches, heat lamb cubes in your favorite barbecue sauce for your next family gathering.

These herbs and spices enhance lamb: allspice, basil, bay leaf, caraway, cinnamon, cloves, coriander, curry, fennel, garlic, lemon pepper, marjoram, mint, mustard, oregano, paprika, parsley, rosemary, sage, savory, tarragon and thyme, according to the American Lamb Council.

For safety, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends cooking lamb patties and ground lamb mixtures, such as meat loaf, to 160º F on a meat thermometer.

However, whole muscle meats, such as steaks and roasts may be cooked to 145º F (medium rare), 160º F (medium), or 170º F (well done).

Lamb may be the most universal, traditional food of spring in many cuisines, even though it is now available year-round. Lamb is a great way to welcome the season and remains a popular meal at Easter.

Rice pilafs with lamb are common in many countries. These grain-based dishes which often contain a wide variety of vegetables, fruits and nuts as well as meat can serve as a model for healthy meals, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research.

An American adaptation of a traditional pilaf, with its one-third to two-thirds proportion of meats to whole grains and other plant-based foods, can be incorporated into a diet for reducing the risk of chronic health problems and cancer. The pilaf is high in fiber. Calories from fat are modest.

The dried fruits and nuts in Middle Eastern pilafs are rich in substances that have been studied for their anti-cancer properties.

Apricots are rich in beta-carotene. Foods high in this phytochemical seem to help decrease the risk of lung and oral cancers, and may also play a role in slowing the progression of cancer. Raisins are rich in flavonoids, which defend against carcinogens and also help prevent heart disease and stroke.

With proper trimming, cooking and portion size, lamb can be a part of a healthful diet. When at your local market, purchase lamb with a pinkish red color and finely grained texture.



Fragrant Lamb and Couscous Pilaf

- 1 tablespoon freshly grated orange zest
- ½ teaspoon ground anise seed (or fennel seed)
- ½ teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander, divided
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 6 ounces lamb (loin chop or tenderloin), in thin, bite-sized pieces
- 2 tablespoons canola oil, divided
- 1 box (10 ounces) couscous (about 1½ cups)
- ½ cup dried apricots cut into slivers
- ½ cup Sultanas (golden raisins)
- 3 cups boiling water, divided
- ½ cup shelled pistachios, unsalted, or slivered almonds
- 2 cups frozen green peas
- Salt and white pepper
- ¼ cup minced fresh mint leaves (optional)

Mix together orange zest, anise (or fennel) seed, cardamom, half the coriander and salt. Rub into the lamb. Let stand 30 to 60 minutes.

Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a skillet over medium heat. Add couscous and stir, cooking 1 to 2 minutes, until grains turn translucent and shiny. Remove from heat. Mix in remaining coriander, apricots and raisins. Pour in 2 cups of boiling water, stirring briskly. Cover and let stand 7 minutes.

Meanwhile, toast nuts in a heavy skillet over medium heat, stirring, until lightly toasted, about 4 minutes. Transfer nuts to a small bowl.

Stir couscous with fork to fluff grains. Add remaining boiling water. Place peas on top of couscous. Cover and let stand 5 minutes more.

Heat remaining oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add lamb and sauté until lightly browned. Transfer meat to the bowl with nuts. Fluff couscous with a fork. Add salt and pepper to taste. Mix in lamb and nuts. Top with mint, if desired, and serve.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 332 calories, 9 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 50 g. carbohydrate, 13 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 311 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Side dish

Cookbooks sought

Cookbooks published for fund-raising purposes by nonprofit organizations in 2005 and 2006 are eligible to enter the 17th annual Tabasco Community Cookbooks Awards.

McIlhenny Co. says it created these cookbook awards in 1989 "to recognize the best of the thousands of cookbooks published annually to generate funds for charitable causes while preserving America's rich culinary history."

Deadline for submissions to the latest contest is Sept. 29. Information is on the Web at: http://www.tabasco.com

New flavor added

Caribou Coffee has added another new drink to its Wild Drinks line.

Zebra Mocha is the latest offering at Caribou Coffee's 400 U.S. stores and is already the third most popular drink in the Wild Drinks line. Zebra Mocha features dark and white chocolate and Caribou's own espresso. As the name suggests, the drink is topped with whipped cream, chocolate and vanilla drizzle creating a look resembling a zebra.

Minneapolis-based Caribou Coffee Co. is the second largest non-franchised coffee house chain in the United States with 400 stores in 15 states and the District of Columbia. Caribou Coffee opened its first store in December 1992 in Minneapolis.

For more information and a location near you, visit the Caribou Coffee Web site at www.cariboucoffee.com.

Better prep needed

The fact that parents make fruits, vegetables and low-fat items available in their homes does not necessarily lead their adolescent children to eat them, say researchers at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

In a study of nearly 230 African-American and caucasian children ages 10-19 and their parents, drawn from an urban adolescent health clinic, the researchers looked for connections between "common settings of food consumption" and adolescents' intake of healthy foods, according to an article in the *Journal of the American Dietetic Association.*

The researchers found "home availability" had a relatively small impact on healthy eating by adolescents, especially compared with eating in restaurants. They recommend finding ways to improve "adolescents' food preparation skills and parents' awareness of ways to make healthful foods more accessible."

The researchers added: "Interventions might focus on improving the accessibility of fruits and vegetables and low-fat foods in the settings where adolescents frequently eat, such as fast-food restaurants" and encouraging "modification not only of food choice, but also of choice of meal settings."

Badia a Coltibuono is a Tuscan jewel



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Chianti, the central Tuscany wine region, is divided into seven sub-regions. The oldest and best known is Chianti Classico, in the heart of the Chianti area between Florence and Siena.

Understanding Chianti requires some knowledge of allowed grape varieties. All Chiantis and most Tuscan red wines use sangiovese as the principal variety. The law for Chianti requires 75 percent sangiovese and for Chianti Classico, 80 percent. Up to 20 percent of the blend may include canaiolo, colorino, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and other heritage varieties.

Beginning this year, once allowed white varieties, such as trebbiano and malvasia, are no longer used in Chianti Classico. In addition, the yield per acre has been reduced and longer aging is required before release.

BADIA A COLTIBUONO

The winery known as Badia a Coltibuono is located 22 miles north of Siena and 41 miles south of Florence. The 2,000-acre estate is surrounded by vineyards and woodlands. The abbey at Badia a Coltibuono, Cultus Boni, was established in the 11th century by Benedictine monks who planted vines and made wine for daily enjoyment and celebration of the liturgy.

The property was purchased by the ancestors of the present owners in 1846. Lorenza de' Medici started a cooking school at the winery, in 1983, to educate students in the art of Italian cuisine.

Today, Lorenza's children, Emanuela, Paolo, Roberto and Guido Stucchi-Prinetti, guide the progress of the Badia. Under the direction of Roberto, armed with an enology degree from the University of California Davis, estate wine and olive oil production have been entirely converted to certified organic growing methods.

GOING HIGH TECH

A new high-tech winery for Badia a Coltibuono wines is centered within 220 acres of organic vineyards and uses gravity flow and indigenous yeasts to create wine in a simple and totally natural way. Wine aging takes place in casks and barriques in geometrically

PLEASE SEE **BADIA, B7**

DINNER CALENDAR

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

Mondavi visits

Vintner Peter Mondavi, Jr. joins Morton's The Steakhouse in Southfield on April 4 in exploring fine vintages from the Charles Krug Winery of Napa Valley. Steakhouse dining and wines are paired with a silent auction that includes one 27-liter bottle (equivalent to three cases) of Charles Krug, Vintage Selection, Cabernet Sauvignon, 2002. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of America. Tickets are $150 per guest and inclusive of tax and gratuity. A 6:30 p.m. reception precedes the 7:15 p.m. dinner. Morton's of Southfield is located at One Towne Square in Southfield.

Reservations or questions about the event may be directed to Gaye Lynn Murdoch, sales and marketing manager at Morton's of Southfield. Phone: (248) 354-6006; e-mail: cm.mso@mortons.com; or online at www.mortons.com.



Stir fry asparagus with lamb for a quick fix

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This simple stir-fry dish brings together an interesting pair of main ingredients, and the winning trick is that it's a balanced, clean combination that lets you savor each flavor.

The recipe guides the cook smartly through preparation taking only 20 minutes or so, allowing you to get family supper on the table fast – or even dinner with friends.

The dish's components are lightly cooked fresh asparagus contrasting in texture and taste with thinly sliced lamb. Make sure you cut the lamb across the grain to ensure tender mouthfuls.

If you wish, you can give the stir-fry a spicier kick with a dash of extra chili-garlic sauce. Serve with steamed rice or rice noodles, cooked and kept warm while you prepare the stir-fry.

ASPARAGUS AND LAMB STIR-FRY

- 1 pound boneless lamb (from leg or loin)
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 teaspoons cornstarch
- ½ cup low-sodium chicken stock or dry sherry
- 1 tablespoon chili-garlic sauce (Chinese)
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil or vegetable oil
- 4 green onions, cut diagonally into 1-inch pieces
- 1 teaspoon freshly minced ginger
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 pound fresh asparagus, ends trimmed, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds, toasted

Cut lamb into long, 2-inch wide strips along the grain of the meat, then cut crosswise (across the grain), into thin slices. In a medium bowl, combine the lamb, 1 tablespoon of soy sauce, and 2 teaspoons of cornstarch.

If you wish, you can give the stir-fry a spicier kick with a dash of extra chili-garlic sauce. Serve with steamed rice or rice noodles, cooked and kept warm while you prepare the stir-fry.

To make the sauce: In a small bowl, stir together the stock, the remaining 1 tablespoon soy sauce and 1 teaspoon cornstarch, the chili-garlic sauce and sugar; set aside.

Heat a wok or large frying pan over high heat. Pour 1 tablespoon oil into the hot wok, swirling to coat. Add the lamb and cook, stirring and tossing, until lightly golden, about 2 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove to a plate.

Reduce heat to medium-high. Pour the remaining 1 tablespoon oil into the hot wok, swirling to coat. Add the green onions, ginger and garlic. Cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the asparagus and cook, stirring and tossing, until bright green, 30 seconds to 1 minute.

Stir the sauce to blend and add to the pan. Cook, stirring, until the sauce thickens, about 1 minute; cover and cook until asparagus is tender-crisp, about 1 minute. Return lamb to the pan and just heat through. Garnish with sesame seeds and serve immediately with steamed rice or rice noodles. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 434 cal., 22 g total fat (5 g saturated), 116 mg chol., 657 mg sodium, 15 g carbo., 4 g dietary fiber, 42 g pro.

Recipe developed for AP by Tina Salter, courtesy California Asparagus Commission.

CALENDAR

If you have an item for the Taste calendar, please submit at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com or fax (734) 591-7279.

VisTa Gala

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

Zingerman's

Try an olive oil tasting 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, with special guest producer Ed Scott, maker of the Moutere Grove Olive Oil. Scott will talk about his olive oil and you can taste some of his recipes. $20 per person, at Zingerman's Delicatessen, 422 Detroit St., Ann Arbor, (734) 663-3400.

Indian Cooking

Incorporate the principles of Ayurveda, an ancient Indian science of health and well-being, at the following classes at 6:30-9:30 p.m. Indian Cooking Made Easy, April 6; Exquisite Daal Curries, April 27; Heavenly Vegetarian Curries, May 4; Delectable Chicken Curries, May 18 and Vegetables the Indian Way, June 1; $39 class fee, $13 materials fee payable to instructor, (248) 203-3800 or on line at www.communityed.net.

Schoolcraft classes

Culinary Seminars are offered through Schoolcraft College Continuing Education and Professional Development for winter 2006. The campus is located at 18600 Haggerty in Livonia. Call (734) 462-4448 for information or visit webadvisor.schoolcraft.edu

These classes require Cooking 101 or chef's approval to register. Wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. You'll need a tool kit consisting of a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons.

The following classes, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel are scheduled: Soup it Up, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, March 23; Saute Like a Pro, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 4; Stewing & Braising, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, and Outdoor Grilling, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, April 25 and 27. Class fees range from $109-$139.

HFCC spring banquet

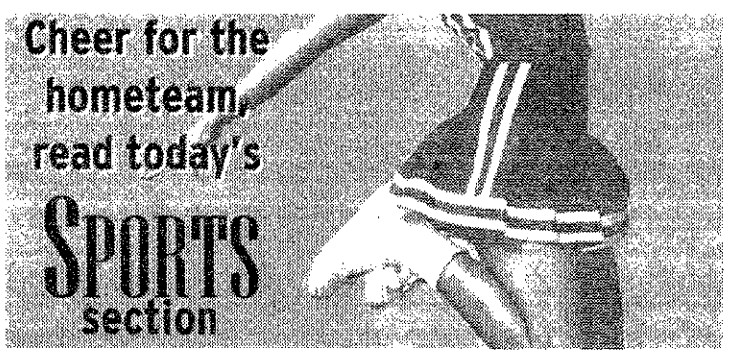
Henry Ford Community College's Hospitality Studies Program hosts a "Culinary Passport" strolling dinner with international foods 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in the Student and Culinary Arts Center on the campus at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn, $40 tickets, call (313) 845-9651.

Party planning secrets

Learn Manhattan event planning techniques on a budget from a New York City party planner, 7-9 p.m., Monday, April 24, Room G110, Seaholm High School, 2436 W. Lincoln, Birmingham, $39, (248) 203-3800, or visit www.communityed.net

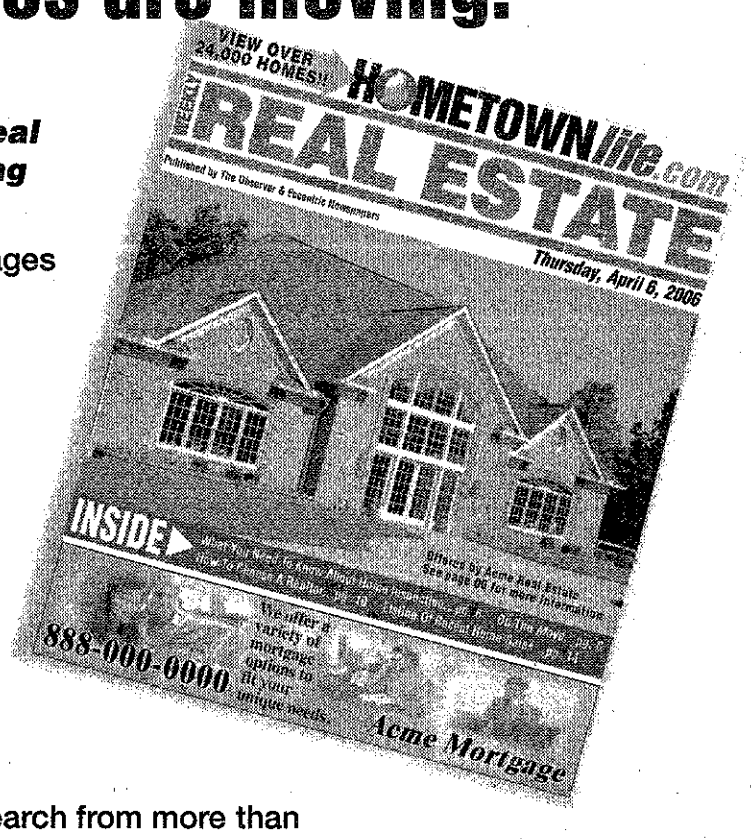
Great Lakes Great Wine Walk

More than 500 wines will be offered to sample including ice wines at the 11th Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around Tasting, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 11, in the J Building at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are $45, proceeds used for student scholarships and competition travel funds. Call (248) 522-3700.



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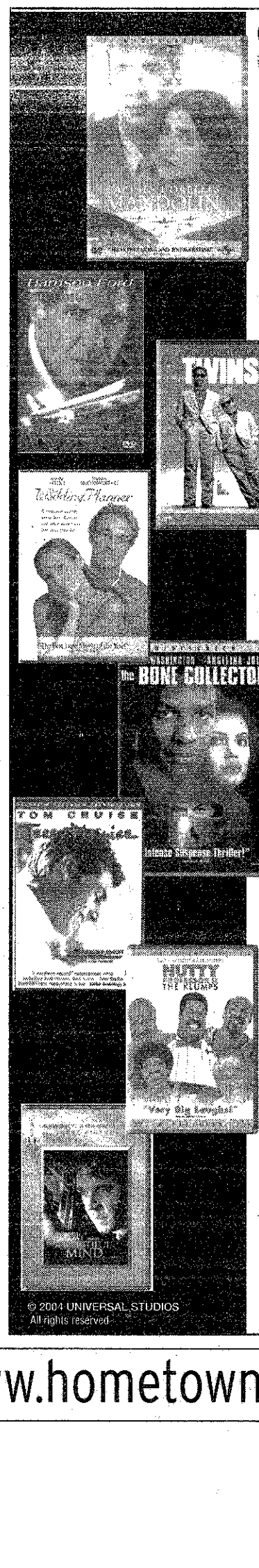
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Put a little parsley in that pesto

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Parsley is the ingredient that gives this pesto sauce its vibrant green color – the color that will catch the eye.

This pasta dish will please cooks for another good reason: It can be on the table, start to finish, in under half an hour.

The fresh-tasting and aromatic pesto complements the rice pasta that's called for in this recipe. Rice pasta, of course, has an advantage for diners who avoid wheat and look for gluten-free recipes.

The pasta can be served as a main course or side dish, recipe developer Pam Simmons points out.

Simmons explains why she tells cooks to transfer the pine nuts to a plate to cool (this will take only about five minutes): One reason is to avoid letting the nuts accidentally burn from transferred heat; another reason is that adding cooled nuts will help keep the parsley fresh and green. "It probably doesn't matter, it's just the way I've always done it," she says.

Parsley's flavor is not as assertive as basil but this pesto has a rich taste that can go with any entree, Simmons says. Another consideration: Flatleaf (not curly) parsley is much more available and cost-effective in the winter than fresh basil – and it went down very well with Simmons' taste testers, she says.

Pine Nut Parsley Pesto Pasta

16-ounce box rice pasta, any size (see note)
1 cup pine nuts (about 5 ounces)
2 cups firmly packed flatleaf parsley, washed and dried well (see note)
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 tablespoon minced garlic (4 cloves)
1 tablespoon grated lemon rind (1 large lemon)
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon coarse salt
½ teaspoon fresh cracked pepper
⅓ cup oil
Optional: 1 cup cherry tomatoes

Put a large pot of salted water on to boil for pasta.

Heat a large skillet on high. Add pine nuts and toast until slightly golden, about 3 minutes, shaking pan frequently. Remove to a dish to cool.

Coarsely chop parsley leaves and stems and add to a food processor with metal blade. Add pine nuts (reserving a tablespoon for garnish), Parmesan cheese, garlic and lemon rind. Pulse until finely chopped.

Add lemon juice, salt and pepper. Process, while adding oil in a thin stream, until smooth.

Cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain pasta (reserve ½ cup of pasta water for sauce), rinsing briefly.

Toss pasta with sauce (using reserved pasta water if a thinner sauce is desired) and serve. Garnish with remaining pine nuts and tomatoes.

Makes 4 to 6 main-course servings.

Note: Rice pasta is available in supermarkets' general or international pasta sections. A lettuce spinner is a good, fast tool for washing and drying parsley.

Recipe from Andre Prost/Notta Pasta, gluten-free rice pasta. Recipes on the Web: http://www.nottapasta.com

BADIA

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designed cellars, originally the underground caves of a cloister from the 13th century.

"The consistent characteristics of Chianti Classico are its concentration, length and complexity," Roberto said. "We make the wine by a traditional, natural process that enhances sangiovese's true nature.

"Typically, it has a ruby color with fresh aromas of iris, wild berries and dark cherries. The soft, round tannins coupled with bright acidity give the freshness needed to successfully accompany a meal."

And the best part – Badia a Coltibuono wines are sensibly priced and delicious.

TRAVEL TO TUSCANY

On any trip to Italy's Tuscany, one of the great experiences is to stay for a day or two at Badia a Coltibuono and experience the ancient architecture and the beauty of the Italian gardens.

It's possible to take a one-day cooking class or courses held over a three-to-five-day period. Maps are available for guests wishing to explore the 2,000-acre estate.

Ristorante Badia a Coltibuono is a not-to-miss dining experience and of course guided tours of the Badia a Coltibuono combined with a tasting of the wines and olive oils is a must. For more information, visit www.coltibuono.com or e-mail info@coltibuono.com.

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WINE PICKS: BADIA A COLTIBUONO WINES TO BUY

- 2004 Trappoline $12 is 30 percent sauvignon blanc and 70 percent chardonnay. It opens with fresh aromas of grapefruit and flavors of citrus. Enjoy it with white meats, fish and shellfish.
- 2003 Cancelli $10 is 60 percent sangiovese and 40 percent syrah. A fresh, medium-bodied red wine with notes of fresh berries and plums.
- 2003 Cetamura Chianti $10 is sangiovese with 10 percent canaiolo. Serve cool to appreciate the cherry and red fruit profile.
- 2003 Chianti Classico Selezione Roberto Stucchi $17 boasts red and black fruits, great concentration and structure, yet is very accessible.
- 2003 Chianti Classico Estate $21 produced from organically-grown sangiovese with a small percentage of other indigenous varieties. Dark cherries, oak and berries introduce a classic Chianti with mirrored flavors.
- 2000 Chianti Classico Riserva $30 is produced only in superior years. This vintage has depth and charm to be enjoyed with roast chicken or pecorino cheese.

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

This pasta carbonara is a vegetarian fix

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) – This one violates my "naturally vegetarian" rule.

Generally, I avoid foods that pretend to be other foods. They usually disappoint, bear little resemblance to the original and rightfully make vegetarians fodder for *Saturday Night Live* skits.

Thus, I pass on tofu turkeys and soy baloney. I won't make "meat" loaf out of morsels of textured soy protein and think chocolate mousse rendered from carob and pureed tofu should be treated like a controlled substance.

Mind you, I love tofu and happily eat it, but only for its own sake. So I won't hesitate to add cubes of seasoned tofu to a salad or stir fry because the soy is good in its own right and isn't imitating anything.

Of course there are exceptions. I love veggie burgers and don't consider them a violation of my rule. In (thankfully long gone) days of patties formed from mashed beans and lentils, veggie burgers were a sad masquerade.

Today they have a life of their own. In even the most conventional of grocers, consumers can select from dozens of varieties, none tasting like (or trying to taste like) a beef burger. They are good in their own right.

I can't say the same for tofu "hot-dogs." I've yet to taste one that wasn't insipid, limp and rubbery. In that sense, I guess they do remind me of the real thing. I'll pass either way.

So it was with some trepidation that I considered a recipe for spaghetti carbonara, which loosely translated from Italian means pasta with gobs of animal products.

Ready? Boil pasta, then toss it and a bit of its cooking water with raw eggs, a bunch of cooked bacon, a mess of grated Parmesan cheese and – in case that wasn't enough saturated fat – a hefty slosh of half-and-half.

I have fond memories of this dish from my university days, when a Norwegian housemate made a killer (literally?) version. The culture clash didn't much bother me at the time.

So that got me hankering for a bit of carbonara. And it got me wondering if a veg-friendly version was possible. I wouldn't even try to make a vegan version, though I'm confident I could find (horrible) recipes for it.

Working from the assumption that simpler is better, I borrowed a recipe from the March issue of Martha Stewart's *Everyday Food* magazine. With just seven ingredients, so long as I only subbed the meat, it couldn't go too badly.

And it didn't. I used linguini instead of spaghetti, but that's mostly irrelevant. I did, however, use whole wheat with the thought that a more assertive pasta might make up for the loss in taste when I jettisoned the bacon.

Not a great decision. It still was quite delicious, but I'd stick with old-fashioned white pasta next time. Nothing else in this meal is healthy, why pretend the pasta will make a difference?

For the bacon I used a soy "bacon" made from tempeh, a meat-like product formed from fermented soybeans. It's one of those foods I enjoy for its own sake.

There are any number of bacon substitutes on the market. I suggest finding one you enjoy the taste of and forget trying to find one that tastes like bacon. Some taste quite good, but they don't taste like bacon.

I kept the Parmesan the same, but used fat-free half-and-half instead of the full belly-busting version. This was just a matter of personal preference. If your arteries are up for the real thing, have at it.

As for the three eggs Martha calls for, I reduced those to two. Somehow it just made me feel better.

In the end? Not the most attractive dish, but it came together incredibly quickly, was intensely rich, and even had the deep savory, salty notes associated with "real" versions of this dish.

Pasta Carbonara

1 pound pasta (such as spaghetti or linguini)
8 slices soy bacon
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 large eggs
¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese, plus more for serving
½ cup half-and-half

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.

While the water heats, cook the soy bacon according to package directions. (Many soy bacons require no cooking and can be used in this recipe directly from the package.)

Once the water has boiled, add the pasta and cook until al dente, according to package directions, about 6 to 8 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a large bowl whisk together the eggs, cheese and half-and-half. Set aside.

Drain the pasta, but do not rinse and leave some of the water clinging to it. Quickly add the pasta to the egg mixture and using wooden spoons or tongs, gently toss it with the sauce for a minute or two. The heat from the pasta cooks the eggs; to ensure eggs are thoroughly heated and cooked, you may wish to toss hot pasta with egg sauce for several minutes.

Add the bacon and toss, then season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately sprinkled with additional cheese.

Makes 4 servings.

Recipe inspired by the March issue of Martha Stewart's *Everyday Food* magazine.

Grill swordfish, top with cucumber sauce

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's a swordfish special that has a lot going for it, tasty fish and accompaniments included. This combination dish, with protein, vegetable garnish and starch, also has a sensible nutrition profile, including only moderate fat levels.

The swordfish steaks can be cooked on the grill, in a stovetop grill pan or under the broiler. Tabbouleh, which you may see also spelled taboule or tabbouli, is a Middle Eastern salad made from bulgur wheat, tomato and cucumber. And it often seems to be sprouting as much fresh, green chopped parsley as grain – or more.

The recipe is from The *New Woman's Day Cookbook* (Filipacchi, 2005, $35), characterized on its cover as a collection of simple recipes for every occasion.

Swordfish With Cucumber Sauce and Tabbouleh

For the tabbouleh:
5.25-ounce box tabbouleh mix
1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel
¼ cup fresh lemon juice
1 cup diced tomato
1 large cucumber
For the cucumber sauce:
1 cup plain low-fat yogurt
3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill
2 teaspoons minced garlic
¼ teaspoon salt
Four ¾-inch-thick swordfish steaks (6 to 8 ounces each)
Olive oil cooking spray
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper

To prepare the tabbouleh:

Cook mix as package directs. Meanwhile, peel half the cucumber, then cut the cucumber in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds. Dice or chop the peeled half for the cucumber sauce, the unpeeled half for the tabbouleh.

When the tabbouleh mix is cool, add the lemon peel, lemon juice, tomato and the diced unpeeled cucumber. Stir to mix. Let stand at least 30 minutes to blend flavors.

To make the cucumber sauce:

Put yogurt, dill, garlic, salt and peeled diced cucumber in a bowl. Stir to mix.

Heat outdoor grill, stovetop grill pan or broiler.

Coat fish with cooking spray; season with salt and pepper. Grill fish, turning over once, about 8 minutes until barely opaque when pierced in thickest part. Serve fish with cucumber sauce and tabbouleh alongside. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 379 cal., 43 g pro., 35 g carbo., 7 g fiber, 9 g total fat (3 g saturated), 72 mg chol., 978 mg sodium.

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Fusion cooking expands the culinary palate

BY DANA JACOBI
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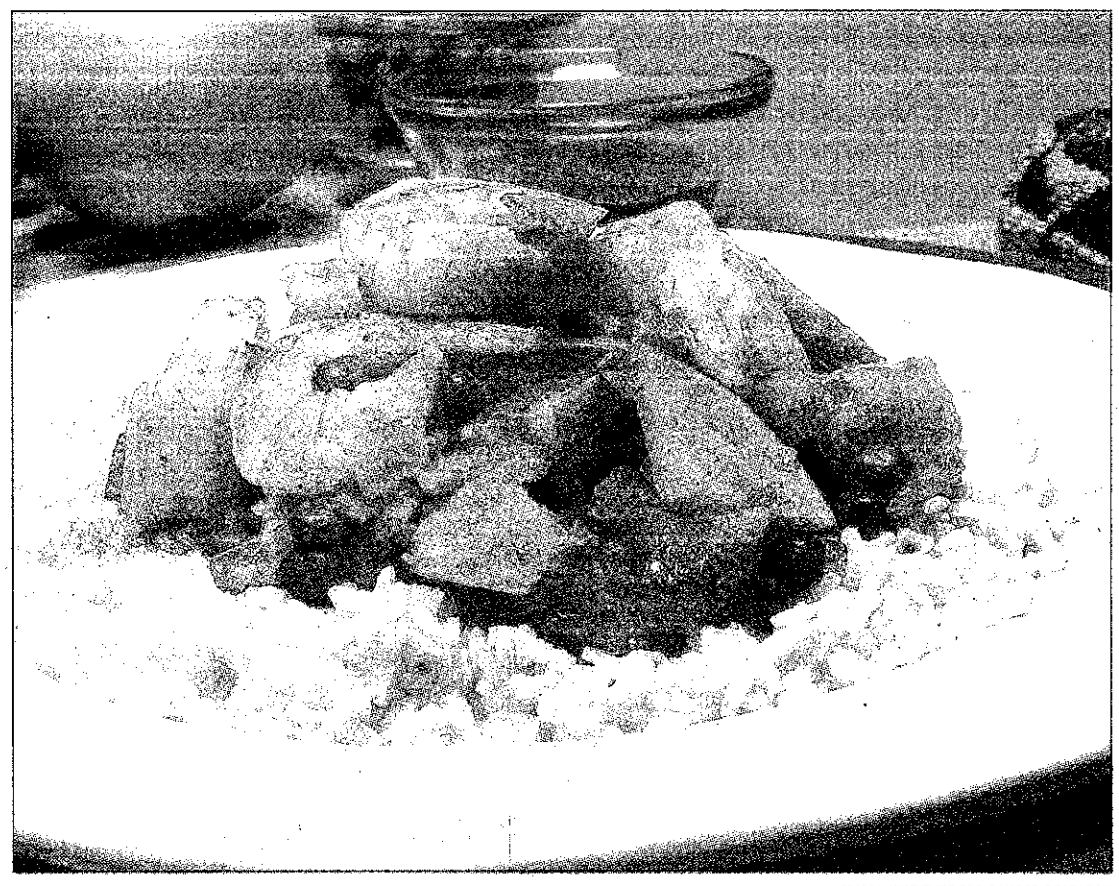
There was once a time when fusion simply meant the combining of two or more things into one. Today, "fusion cooking," the marrying of ingredients and techniques from different culinary cultures, is featured in many restaurants as if it were a new phenomenon. But, historically speaking, fusion cooking has been going on since Western traders first traveled the Silk Route to China and colonialism met local culture across the East, Africa and in the Americas.

In America's colonial era, British settlers used Indian corn when traditional ingredients were scarce to make the English dishes they were accustomed to, a strategy Pilgrims no doubt thought of as "making do," not an innovative culinary technique. Louisiana's Creole cuisine, a blend of French and Spanish cooking and local ingredients often those brought from Africa via the Caribbean, might arguably be considered the first fusion cooking in America to establish an independent and sophisticated culinary invention.

Immigrants from around the globe have contributed new prepared foods, leading to cross-fertilization of ideas on how to combine ingredients and adapt new techniques in cooking, baking and roasting. And an upsurge in international travel after World War II introduced American tourists to new cuisines. Although fusion cooking as a marketing concept made a big media splash in the 1970s when French chefs began using Asian ingredients, the globalization of food products has allowed American cooks to use new foods in preparing familiar dishes. Today, fusion cooking is so common we do it at home.

Americans who have never traveled to Japan might use imported panko, Japanese breadcrumbs, to achieve a crispier texture for breaded meats in Western dishes. A European-style sauce may include chipotle chile to add a smoky nuance. Some ingredients, such as soy sauce, have become so popularized they are now as common and accepted as ketchup, which we think of as "pure American" but in fact started out as a Malay fish sauce.

This shrimp sauté, using chipotle chile, Asian pear, and annatto (which is a frequent flavoring in Hispanic dishes), is a fusion dish you can easily make in the kitchen. (Paprika can replace the annatto, if desired.)



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Shrimp with Asian Pear, Red Peppers and Peas

- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 teaspoons annatto seeds or 1 teaspoon ground*
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
- 1 medium Asian pear, cored and diced
- ¾ pound medium or small shrimp, shelled
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- ¼ teaspoon ground chipotle chile
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ⅓ cup orange juice
- 1 cup pigeon or cow peas, canned or frozen

In a small saucepan, heat the oil and annatto over medium heat until the oil is deep orange, 4-5 minutes. Finely strain the oil into a small bowl. Discard the annatto seeds.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the annatto-flavored canola oil, in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until translucent, 4 minutes. Add the pepper and Asian pear. Sauté 3 minutes. Add the shrimp and cook, stirring, until they are red, about 3 minutes. Mix in the tomato paste, chipotle, the paprika, if using, salt, orange juice and peas. Cook until shrimp are opaque in the center, 3 to 5 minutes. Serve, accompanied by brown rice.

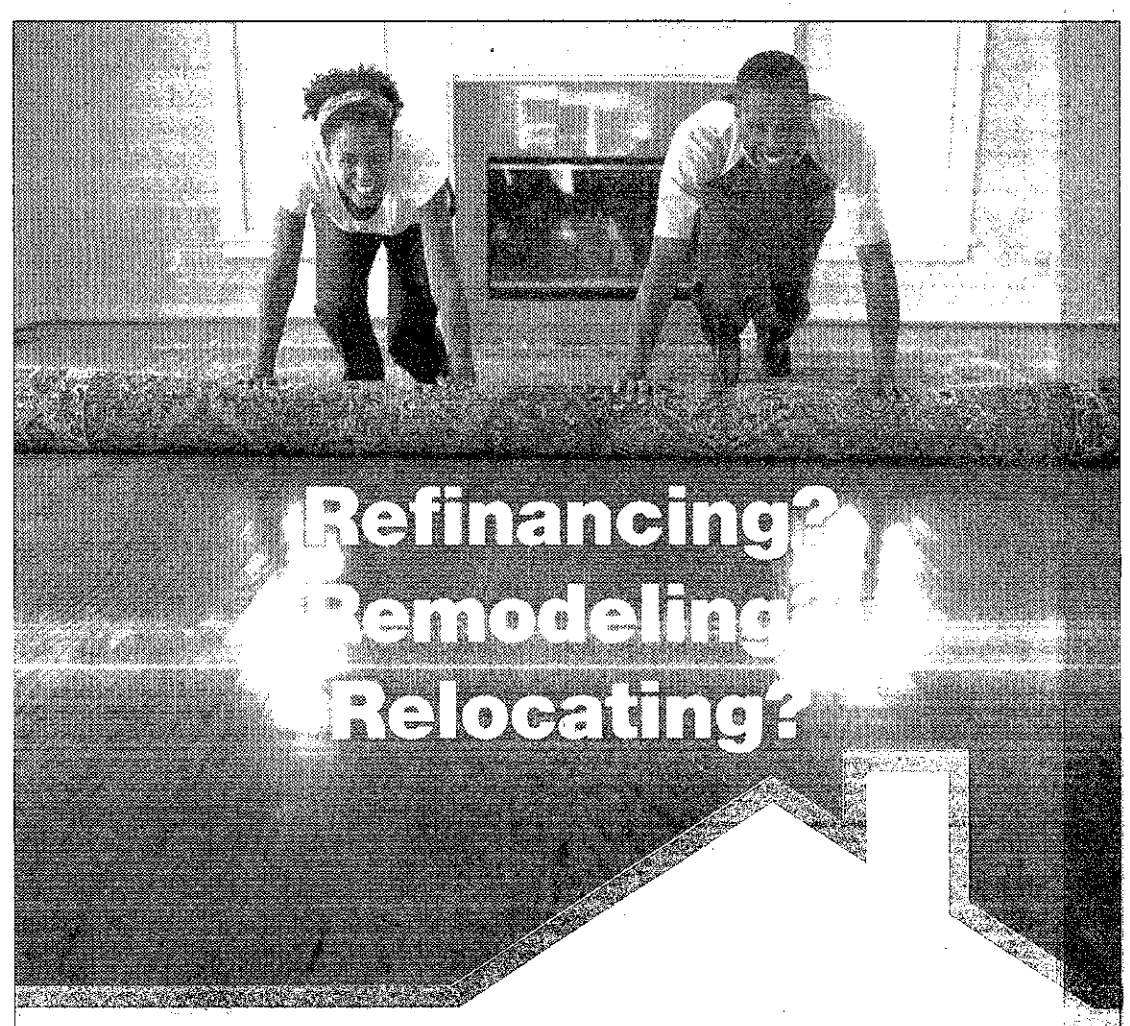
*If you cannot find annatto, substitute 1 teaspoon ground paprika.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 248 calories, 9 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 21 g. carbohydrate, 22 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 311 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of The Joy of Soy.

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ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

Whalers win crown on OT goal

Evan Brophey's tap-in of a rebound at 3:29 of overtime gave the Plymouth Whalers a heart-stopping 3-2 victory over the Saginaw Spirit and the Ontario Hockey League West Division crown in the last game of the regular season played Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 3,829.

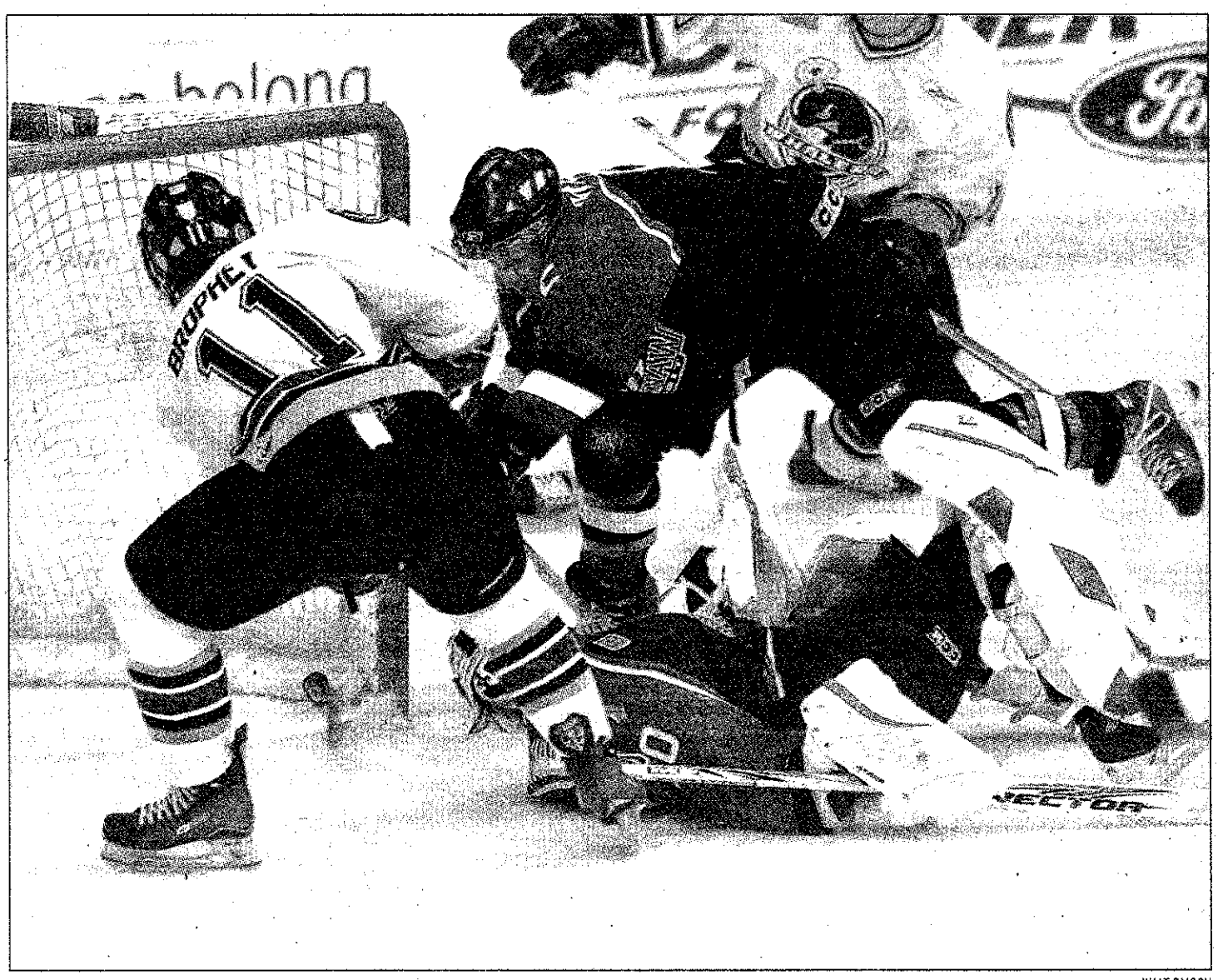
The Whalers and Spirit battled through 67 Ontario Hockey League regular-season games tied with 73 points each. Through Saturday night's regular-season finale, the teams were tied at 2-2 through 60 minutes until Brophey's game-winner.

After a scoreless first period, John Armstrong scored his 14th goal of the season at 1:57 of the second period and Andrew Fournier his 23rd at 15:19 of the period to stake Plymouth to a 2-0 lead after 40 minutes. But Saginaw came back in dramatic fashion in the third period, cutting the Plymouth lead to 2-1 on Tim Priamo's fourth goal of the season on a power play at 6:37 and then tying the game with 0:01 left in regulation on Michal Birner's 31st of the year.

That set the stage for Brophey's game-winner, set up by Plymouth captain John Vigilante, who skated hard into the Saginaw zone and got a shot on the right wing door step of the Saginaw goal. Spirit netminder Francois Thout made the save, but allowed a rebound and Brophey tapped in his 19th goal of the season for the Plymouth victory.

Plymouth (35-28-1-4) won its first division title since 2002-03 and eighth overall since 1995. In finishing first in the division, the Whalers earn the second seed in the OHL Western Conference seeding and will play Windsor in the first round of the playoffs (see related story).

Playoff tickets can be purchased by calling (734) 453-8400 or by purchasing tickets at the box office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



WALT DMOCH

Plymouth's Evan Brophey flips the puck into the back of the net in overtime Saturday night to give the Whalers a crucial 3-2 victory over Saginaw. The Whalers begin the Ontario Hockey League playoffs Saturday night when they host Windsor at the Compuware Sports Arena. The opening face-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Tunnel vision

Whalers, Spitfires set to continue border rivalry in OHL playoffs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

You can toss the seeds for the upcoming first-round Ontario Hockey League playoff series between Plymouth and Windsor into the Detroit River.

That's the opinion of Whalers President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci, who predicts the significance of his team's Western Conference No. 2 seed and the Spitfires' No. 7 seed will melt faster than a late-March snowbank once the puck is dropped in Saturday night's postseason opener, which is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

"Considering the rivalry between the two teams and the fact that we split our eight games this year, this series is more like a four seed against a five," Vellucci said. "Windsor struggled early in the season, but since Christmas they've been playing extremely well.

"It should be a great series. They've been getting solid production out of their top line and their goalie (Anthony

PLEASE SEE **WHALERS, C3**

GAME ON!

What: Ontario Hockey League first-round playoff series between Plymouth (No. 2 seed in Western Conference) and Windsor (No. 7 seed).

When: Game 1 is set for Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. Game 2 will be Sunday at 7 p.m. in Windsor; Game 3 is Tuesday at Compware (7:30 p.m.); and Game 4 will be Thursday in Windsor (7:30 p.m.).

Who to watch: Both teams' goaltenders – Plymouth's Justin Peters (3.14 GAA) and Windsor's Anthony Guadagnolo (five shutouts) – have been outstanding.

Tickets: Can be purchased by calling the Compuware Sports Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or by visiting the Compuware box office Friday between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Leddy: Salem's Mr. Relia'Bill'



Prep Profile

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As the royal blue-and-white curtain steadily descended on his high school basketball career March 8 during Salem's season-ending Class A District semifinal loss to Novi Catholic Central, senior Bill Leddy did something every athlete yearns to do in his final game.

Leddy went out in style.

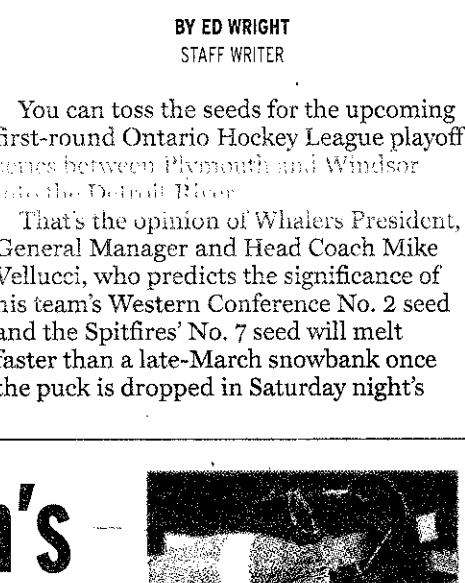
The 6-foot-3 senior drained mid-range jumpers. He buried three-pointers. He gobbled up rebounds. He hit the floor hard to vacuum up loose balls. He defended the Shamrocks like there was no tomorrow.

In the end, Leddy scored 23 points, grabbed nine rebounds and recorded four steals.

The Rocks fell to CC, 86-63, but it could have been much worse if Leddy hadn't registered one of his patented effort-filled performances in the Novi High School gymnasium.

"As a coach, I always like to see my players go out with a big game in their last game, and that's what Bill did that night," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Bill went through some lean times with us the past couple of seasons (Salem went 7-36 in Leddy's two varsity seasons), but like Joe Halewicz (the Rocks' other co-captain), he always gave it everything he had.

"He is a quiet leader who leads by example. He was one of those kids who would get on the floor for the ball and take a charge. He led our team in charges taken, which tells you something about him."



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bill Leddy was a stabilizing force on the basketball court for Salem over the past two seasons. The co-captain averaged 11 points and six rebounds during his senior campaign.

CHARGED UP

Leddy's first charge of the season proved to be his most painful.

"In the first quarter of our first game against Redford Union, Bill took a charge underneath the basket and went down hard," Brodie remembered. "When I went out there to check on him, he said he was OK and he told me he still wanted to play.

"Well, a little later on, he looked at me and said, 'Coach, something's not right.' His dad took him to the hospital and it turned out to be nothing serious and he was back at practice on Sunday."

STUDENT OF THE GAME

Leddy's passion for hoop was ignited in the Plymouth Canton Junior

PLEASE SEE **LEDDY, C2**

Tough schedule strengthens PCS boys lacrosse program

LACROSSE PREVIEW

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

In educational terms, think of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team's schedule the past couple of years as an advanced-placement high school class: challenging and relentless.

And while the Warriors' record may not yet be honor roll-caliber, the on-the-field tests they've faced in their first four years of existence have definitely prepared them for future success.

"We've played very strong schedules, but it's been a great learning experience for our team," said coach Mike Costello, whose team finished 9-10 last season. "Any time you can play teams like Catholic Central, Brother Rice and U-D Jesuit, it's going to make you better, and that's what we're after. If we're going to take the next step up like we want to do, we have to play against the best.

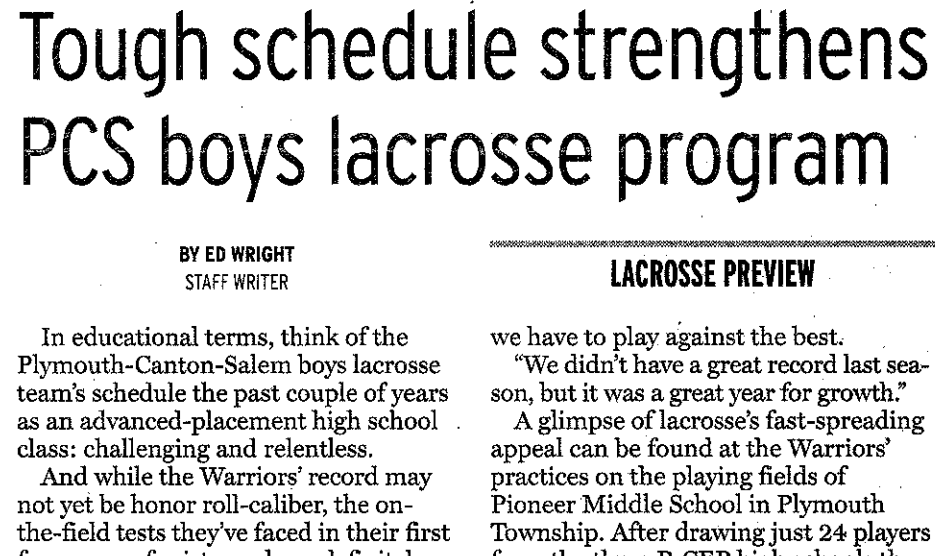
"We didn't have a great record last season, but it was a great year for growth."

A glimpse of lacrosse's fast-spreading appeal can be found at the Warriors' practices on the playing fields of Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township. After drawing just 24 players from the three P-CEP high schools the first year, Costello and his staff of assistants have 63 varsity and junior varsity players to work with this season.

What, in Costello's opinion, is the appeal of one of the country's fastest-growing sports?

"The kids love it because it's such a fast-moving game," he said. "You rarely

PLEASE SEE **LACROSSE, C3**



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Members of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem lacrosse team practice for the upcoming season Monday afternoon at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth Township. The Warriors are aiming to improve on last season's 9-10 record.

Sidelines

Learn-to-skate

The Arctic Edge Ice Arena will begin offering eight weeks of learn-to-skate sessions Saturday, March 25, and Monday, April 3. Each session will include 30 minutes of instruction and 15 minutes of free time. Classes are grouped by age and ability.

"Tot Time" starts Tuesday or Thursday. The sessions, for kids between the ages of 3½-6, will run eight weeks.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Summit on the Park or at the Arctic Edge, 46615 Michigan Ave.

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

Velocity training

The Velocity Sports Performance Training Center located inside the Arctic Edge Ice Arena in Canton will be holding a Spring Break Speed Camp for athletes of all sports, ages and skill levels April 17-21. Athletes will train one hour daily and are separated by age groups: 7-11, 12-14 and 15-18.

The cost is $65 and includes a T-shirt. The camp will focus on the fundamentals of speed and agility in a fast-paced and fun program. Athletes will develop explosive starting and acceleration techniques, increased maximum speed through proper running mechanics and correct body positioning for lateral speed and change of direction.

For more information, call (734) 485-2561 or download an application at www.velocitysp.com.

Lions camp

The Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp is returning to Plymouth this summer following a successful stop in the area last year.

The camp will be held July 5-8 at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. The camp, which is open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14, will run daily from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Participants' skill levels can range from beginning to advanced.

The camp is limited to the first 100 applicants.

The $159 registration fee includes:

- Four days of non-contact, fundamental football instruction;
- A Lions camp T-shirt;
- Guest appearances from current and former Lion players;
- Chalk talk and video sessions;
- Skills contests and scrimmages; and
- The opportunity to earn week-long awards, including the Detroit Lions Leadership Award, Attitude Award, Extra Effort Award, Future Star Award and Consistency Award.

To register or for more information, visit www.DetroitLions.com.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- March 14, 2006

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Bennett Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of February 14, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of February 21, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin, to approve the Board Study Minutes of February 22, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Citizens Non Agenda Item Comments:** Donna Sabourin, 40528 Blythefield Lane, Dan Devey, 43640 Antietam Drive, Leon Carter, 2187 Preserve Circle E., Stephanie Copher, 40488 Gleneagle Lane, Jim Hoffman, 1906 Preserve Circle W., Bob Johnson, 1939 Preserve Circle E., Joseph Sabourin, 40528 Blythefield Lane, J. Prasad, 40002 Rolling Green Court, Tom Hartnett, 1461 Hampshire, Bryan McLaughlin, 2209 Pinecroft Drive and Pat Hays, 1599 S. Lotz Road, members of the Canton Citizens Advisory Board spoke in opposition for the proposal to sell Fellows Creek Golf Course. Supervisor Yack stated that it is clear there is no support by the Board for this proposal and he will convey that to the developer. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **Expenditure Recap for March 14, 2006**

General Fund	101	$ 221,742.25
Fire Fund	206	33,589.56
Police Fund	207	74,632.84
Summit Operating	208	72,459.57
Cable TV Fund	230	342.36
E-911 Utility	261	648.60
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	2,668.46
Federal Grants Fund	274	20,989.93
Auto Theft Grant	289	1,276.01
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403	421,079.24
Golf Fund	584	9,630,53
Water & Sewer Fund	592	522,217.63
Construction Escrows	702	896.90
Total - All Funds		**1,382,173.88**

RECOGNITION: RECOGNITION OF RETIRING PUBLIC SAFETY POLICE OFFICERS. Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolutions for Officer Sharp, Officer Winkler, Officer Pytell, and Officer Schemanske in recognition of their years of service to the Canton Community and the Canton Department of Public Safety. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. REVISED EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HIGH VELOCITY SPORTS. (LSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the revised easement agreement with High Velocity Sports. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. APPROVE PARTICIPANTION PERMIT HOLDER STATUS ON LIQUOR LICENSE. (LSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the addition of Continental Café Inc., 44800 N. I-94 Service Dr., Belleville, MI 48111, as a Participation Permit Holder on the liquor license for Summit on the Park. I also move to allow Clerk Terry Bennett to sign the application on behalf of Canton Township. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS) MOM TO MOM SALE. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve special event status and placement of signs (at major intersections on March 26, 2006 and removed by April 2, 2006) for Tri-City Christian, 3855 Sheldon Road MOPS Mom to Mom Sale on April 1, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. Item **4. PROCLAMATION SEVERE WEATHER WEEK FOR 2006. (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Proclamation Severe Weather Week for March 26-April 1, 2006 resolution. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CRESCENT ACADEMY ADDITION. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Crescent Academy Addition. Motion carried by all members present. Item 2. CONSIDER J.C. LLC REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for J.C. LLC. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. CONSIDER SCHAFER DEVELOPMENT REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for rezoning request from Schafer Development. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. CONSIDER SINGH EXECUTIVE PARK REZONING. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Singh Development Corporation. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR TAKAO NORTH AMERICA. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use for Takao North America. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. CONSIDER TORREY HILL SITE CONDOMINIUM PRELIMINARY PLAN. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the preliminary site plan for Torrey Hill Site Condominiums. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1, TENTATIVELY SETTING UP A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD) AND DIRECT THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO HAVE PRELIMINARY PLANS AND COST ESTIMATE PREPARED FOR ROAD REPAIRS FOR COPPER CREEK CONDOMINIUMS SAD 2006-1. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to adopt Resolution No. 1 for the Copper Creek Condominiums SAD 2006-1. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. AUTHORIZE AWARD OF BID FOR THE SPRING 2006 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM FOR GEDDES/BECK/MORTON TAYLOR/PILGRIM HILLS. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the award of bid for tree planting and watering for the Spring 2006 Tree Planting Program to Nature's Garden Center for a total of $76,910.00 plus a 10% contingency for maintenance of $7,690.00 for a total purchase order of $84,600.00 (account 101-285-970-0000, Tree Fund Planting). Motion carried by all members present. **Item. 9. CONSIDER AWARD TO APPRAISAL SEVICES OF MICHIGAN, INC FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to accept the proposal submitted by Appraisal Services of Michigan, Inc. to provide real estate appraisals in the amount $5,000 (Account No. 403-506-803-0000); and authorize the Clerk to sign the letter of agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. CONSIDER SIGNING THE EASEMENT DOCUMENT PREPARED BY DTE ALLOWING THE PROPOSED SANITARY SEWER ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF PROCTOR ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED THROUGH THE DTE SUBSTATION PROPERTY. (MSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to execute the easement document to allow the proposed sanitary sewer across the DTE property. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF $25,437 FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ALLIANCE OF ROUGE COMMUNITIES (ARC). (FBD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to authorize payment of the invoice for $25,437 to continue our membership in the Alliance of Rouge Communities. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TWO FIRE ENGINE PUMPERS. (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for Two Pierce Dash Pumper to Halt Fire Inc., (Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.), 50168 West Pontiac Trail, Unit 5, Wixom, MI 48393 in the amount of $771,240. The vendor will supply Canton with a performance bond. Fire Capital Account 206 336 977 0000, line item #10. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 13. ADDITION OF ABS BRAKING SYSTEM TO SIX (6) LEASED PATROL MOTORCYCLES. (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the addition of ABS braking system to six (6) leased patrol motorcycles for 2006 through Town & Country Sports for an amount of $4800 (Police Contracted Services 207 301 818 0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 14. APPROVE THE PURCHAE OF AN INTERFACE MODULE FOR RADIO COMMUNICATION FOR THE MOBILE COMMAND POST. (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve the following budget amendment in 911 Service: 911 Service - Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation #261-000-699-0000 $2,735, Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #261-346-977-2070 $2,735. This budget amendment increases the FY2006 911 Services Budget from $326,000 to $328,735. Further, I move to approve the purchase and installation of a Motorola interface module and accessories for radio communication for the Mobile Command Post from ComSource, Inc., 2130 Austin Dr. Rochester Hills, MI in the amount of $2,735. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 15. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MOTOROLA PATROL LAPTOP REPLACEMENTS. (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the reprogramming of capital from Police Capital Outlay Account # 207 301 977 0000, Item 1 Vehicle Replacement (6) to Police Computer Capital Outlay Account # 207 301 977 2580, Item 18, Laptop Replacements (5) in the amount of $7,645.00. Further, I move approve the purchase of five (5) Motorola Patrol Laptop MW800 replacements from Motorola, 20060 Fort #202, Riverview, MI 48193 via a State of Michigan Bid, in the amount of $40,644.25—Police Computer Capital Outlay 207 301 977 2580, Item 18. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 16. AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE AV CONTROL EQUIPMENT FOR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – BUDGET AMENDMENT. (PSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendments to Fire and Police for the purchase of equipment and installation of Audio Visual Control Center for the Emergency Operations Center. **FIRE FUND** Increase Revenue:

Fund Balance Appropriation	#206-000-699-0000	$13,051
Increase Appropriations:		
Capital Outlay-Equipment	#206-336-977-0000	$13,051

This budget amendment increases the FY2006 Fire Fund Budget from $9,889,100 to $9,902,151. **POLICE FUND:** Increase (Decrease)Appropriations:

Capital Outlay-Equipment	#207-301-977-0000	$13,050
Contribution to Fund Balance	#207-301-999-0000	(13,050)

This budget amendment does not change the FY2006 Police Fund total of $13,954,150. Further, I move to approve the purchase of equipment and installation of Audio Visual Control Center for the Emergency Operations Center from ProVideo Systems Inc, 26471 Southpoint Rd., Perrysburg, OH 43551 in the amount of $26,101. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 17. APPROVE PURCHASE OF TRUCKS – PARKS DIVISION. (LSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to award the purchase of 3 full-size work trucks including four wheel drive, heavy duty towing package, rust proofing, and bedliner with snow plow and attachments for the snow plow to Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program through Red Holman Pontiac/GMC, 35300 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185 in the amount of $71,319 (Parks Division Capital Account 101-270-977-000).Motion carried by all members present. **Item 18. AWARD BID FOR THE 2006 CANTON LEISURE SERVICES INFLATABLE ATTRACTIONS.** (LSD) Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to award the bid for inflatable attractions to Eccentric Entertainment, 5870 Safety Dr., Belmont, MI. 49306, in an amount not to exceed $17,950 to be paid from the Recreation Budget Contracted Services account #101-691-818-4000, Special Events - $13,961, account #101-691-818-3000, Youth Development - $2,992 and Canton Sports Center-Program and Activities account #101-755-742-0000 - $997. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 19.PURCHASE GAS AND DIESEL FOR PARKS AND GOLF MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS. (LSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to authorize the purchase of unleaded gas and diesel fuel for the Parks and Pheasant Run Golf Club operations to Oakland Fuels, 3943 Airport Rd., Waterford, MI 48329 in the amount of $65,000. Funds are available in the 2006 Parks budget account # 101-270-860-0000/ Transportation, # 101-270-930-0000/Maintenance and Repair, and the 2006 Pheasant Run Golf Club budget account #584-756-860-000/ Transportation. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 20.** APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR THE GOLF PROFESSIONAL AT PHEASANT RUN. (LSD) Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve an incentive-based pay contract with Greg Bores as Golf Professional with a base salary not to exceed $34,440 and an additional incentive as outlined on the attached not to exceed $50,000 (Golf Course Fund – Part-Time/Seasonal Salaries Account # 584-756-706-0000). Motion carried by all members present. **Item 21. BUDGET AMENDMENTS-GENERAL FUND -PART-TIME CLERICAL POSITION FUNDED BY DDA - CONTRIBUTION TO POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUND. (FBD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to provide funding for additional post employment benefits contributions and clerical/ intern costs to be reimbursed by the Canton Downtown Development Authority: Increase Revenues:

Contribution from DDA	#101-000-676-2940	$ 25,700
Appropriation from fund balance	101-000-699-0000	148,450
Total		$174,150
Increase Appropriations:		
Salaries-Economic Development	#101-728-705-0000	$ 23,700
Fringe Benefits-Economic Develop	101-728-720-0000	2,000
Transfer to Post Employment Benefits	101-959-965-7360	148,450
Total		$174,150

This budget amendment increases the Economic Development Department budget from $101,887 to $127,587, the Transfers Division budget from $3,406,902 to $3,555,352, and the General Fund budget from $27,601,131 to $27,775,281. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 22. BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR THE CARRYOVER OF FY2005 OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS TO FY2006. (FBD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendments in the 2006 budgets for purchase order commitments carried over from 2005:

FUND	CURRENT BUDGET	BUDGET AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General	$ 27,601,131	$ 306,368	27,907,499
Fire	9,889,100	295,226	10,184,326
Police	13,954,150	76,221	14,030,371
Community Center	3,272,147	1,100	3,273,247
Cable TV	1,128,541	870	1,129,411
911 Service	326,000	2,344	328,344
Capital Proj-Roads	1,527,000	1,205,401	2,732,401
Golf Course	2,359,602	9,972	2,369,574
Water & Sewer	30,124,926	560,899	30,685,825
Saltz Rd SAD	0	3,164	3,164

Motion carried by all members present. **Item 23. PURCHASE 17 DELL BRAND DESKTOP AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS, 4 HEWLETT PACKARD/COMPAQ BRAND FILE SERVERS & 1 MICROSOFT SQL SERVER LICENSE. (FBD)** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to remove from the table from the February 14, 2006 Board meeting. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve the purchase of 17 Dell brand Computers, 4 Hewlett Packard Compaq brand file servers and 1 Microsoft SQL Server License for a total price not to exceed $52,200. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 24. LEASE RENEWAL FOR SHELDON SCHOOL. (ACSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve renewal of the Lease with Starfish Family Services for use of Sheldon School as a Head Start site, for a five-year term beginning April 1, 2006, and ending March 31, 2011. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 25. APPROVE AMENDED PART- TIME/ SEASONAL/ TEMPORARY WAGE SCALE. (ACSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve the revised the Part-time/Seasonal/ Temporary wage scale to be effective April 1, 2006. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 26. APPROVAL OF CANTON POLICE COMMAND OFFICERS ASSOCIATION (LIEUTENANTS AND SERGEANTS) POLICE OFFICERS COUNCIL CONTRACT. (ACSD)** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by LaJoy to approve the collective bargaining agreement between Canton Township and the Canton Police Command Officers Association (Lieutenants and Sergeants) Police Officers Council to run from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2009. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated the next Board Study Session will be March 21, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, first floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan, 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 10:54 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. – Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor – Terry G. Bennett, Clerk –

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

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All for 'won'

The High Velocity Sports Alliance men's indoor soccer team placed first in its division at the National Indoor Soccer Championships held March 4-5 at High Velocity Sports in Canton. Alliance, which is headed by HVS leading owner and former Detroit Rockers goalkeeper Bryan "Goose" Finnerty, won the title in the open men's division for the fifth time in six years. Finnerty's former Rockers' teammates Rodrigo Gonzalez, Jaman Tripoli, Jason Willan and Alex Leon, along with former University of Michigan player Ryan Alexander and various ex-pros and amateur players from Columbus, OH and Milwaukee, WI, make up the team.

LEDDY

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Basketball Association, which he participated in from elementary school until his freshman year at Salem. During his middle school days, he was a regular at Salem games since his sister was a Rock cheerleader.

"I remember going to the games and going out on the court at halftime to shoot," Leddy said. "I had a blast. I couldn't wait until I got the opportunity to actually play for Salem."

During his eighth-grade year at Central Middle School, he became the first student to participate in five sports — softball, volleyball, basketball, swimming and track — in one school year

POSITIVE INFLUENCE

Once in high school, it didn't take long for Leddy to make a positive impact on the Salem basketball program. His hustle and positive outlook were contagious, even in the face of several gut-wrenching losses during his two varsity seasons.

"Sure, I wish we would have been more successful during the time I played," Leddy said. "But the team never the losses get us down. We worked so hard in practice from the beginning of the season until the end. Coach Brodie taught us to always try hard and never give up."

Leddy, who carries a stellar 3.41 grade-point average, didn't hesitate when asked to single out his most memorable high school basketball highlight.

"My very last home game we beat Plymouth," he said. "It was the first time we had beaten them, so it was a nice way to go out. We had a hard time putting four good quarters together, but that night we did it."

ON TO THE DIAMOND

Once basketball season ended, Leddy turned his energies to Salem's baseball team. An outfielder and pitcher, he played a key role in the Rocks' run to the Class A regional championship game last season. They lost, 2-1, in extra innings, but not before giving No. 1-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer a serious run for its money.

"We didn't do real well during the regular season, but once the state tournament started, we put it all together," Leddy reflected. "I was a little nervous before the game against Pioneer because I knew they had some possible future major league players on their team, but once the game started I was pumped.

"We'll have a young team this year, but coach (Dale) Rumberger is an awesome coach and he'll get the best out of the team."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY2006 CDBG ACTION PLAN AND REPROGRAMMING

On April 11, 2006, at 2 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room, first floor, Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be a public hearing on the above captioned activities. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify projects and project funding levels for the FY 2006 CDBG program. The funding requests are: First Step, $36,000; Growth Works, $8,800; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan, $20,500; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, $3,000; Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator, $6,500; Canton Township Sheldon School site improvements, $128,910; First Step Building Acquisition, $20,000; CDBG program administration, $69,741; Affordable Housing Contingency, $100,000. The FY 2006 CDBG allocation is $373,707. There will be a second public hearing to reprogram FY 2003 Housing Lot Purchase funds to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency. The reprogramming neither cancels an old project nor creates a new project. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194.

Terry Bennett, Clerk

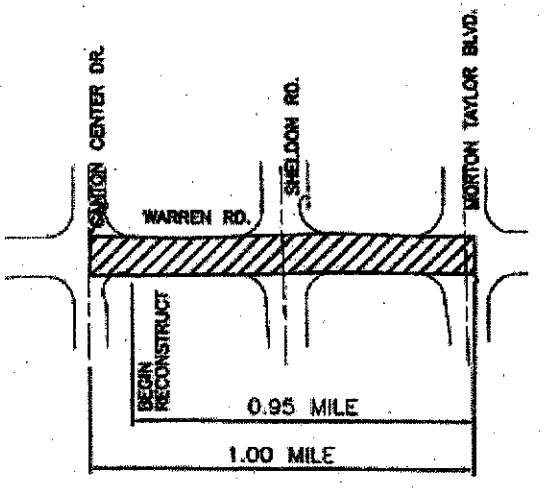
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WAYNE COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN COOPERATION WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE WARREN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT (CANTON CENTER TO MORTON TAYLOR) CANTON TOWNSHIP

March 29, 2006
6:30 p.m.
at the
Summit on the Park
PDC Room - Banquet Center
46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Township

- Project Overview



- Construction schedule, April 2006 to September 2006
- Road, grading, drainage, and sidewalk improvement overview
- Three stage construction explanation
- Your opportunity to get answers to your questions and concerns

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Get on the ball. Read today's SPORTS coverage!

WHALERS

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Guadagnolo) has been outstanding. We've been playing without two of our leading scorers (Dan Collins and John Vigilante), but we have Vigilante back now and we're 6-3-1 over the last 10 games, so we'll be ready."

The Whalers enjoyed a taste of the playoff intensity that awaits them in Saturday's regular-season finale when they edged Saginaw, 3-2, in an overtime thriller that helped them clinch first place in the OHL's West Division. Evan Brophey scored the game-winner just over three minutes into the overtime.

"There were some NHL guys at that game and they told me it was one of the best junior games they've seen all season," Vellucci said. "It had the intensity of a playoff game.

"I think it helped us playing in a lot of meaningful games down the stretch because we didn't rest anybody. Everybody will be ready to go."

The Whalers (35-28-1-4) flourished over the latter part of their schedule even without Collins, who was sidelined the final third of the season after suffering a knee injury. Collins' absence created an opportunity for several of his younger teammates to step up and fill the offensive void.

"Our scoring was really spread out, especially in the second half of the season," Vellucci said. "Guys like Andrew Fournier, Evan Brophey and James Neal really stepped up. One of the best things about our team is our depth."

Vigilante finished the regular season with a team high 77 points (24 goals and 53 assists), which was good enough for 31st in the OHL's top scorers category. Brophey notched 61 points, Neal contributed 58 and blue liner Steve Ward netted 47 points. Collins, who may return to the ice if the Whalers go deep into the playoffs, recorded 26 goals and 23 assists in just 44 games.

The Spitfires are paced by Cal O'Reilly, who racked up 18 goals and an OHL-high 81 helpers. O'Reilly's 99 points placed him ninth on the league's scoring list. O'Reilly was complemented on the offensive side of the red line by teammates Bryan Bickell (83 points), Patrick Davis (68), Ryan Garlock (52) and Peter Aston (52).

Based on the stellar goaltending both teams were stocked with this season, three goals a game could be the magic number. Justin Peters sparkled for the Whalers after being acquired in a Dec. 9 trade with Toronto for Ryan Nie. The playoff veteran has compiled a 3.14 goals-against average, .910 save percentage and 29-21-2-2 record.

"Justin has been great since we got him," Vellucci said. "He's played in the OHL conference finals three times already. He's been an outstanding leader both on and off the ice for us."

Guadagnolo has been spectacular for the Spits, notching five shutouts, a 2.75 goals-against average and .916 save percentage.

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Ahern shocked and honored by award

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

At first, Kara Ahern was "floor"ed.

Moments later, she was "beam"ing.

Those were Ahern's initial reactions after the Canton gymnastics standout found out she was the recipient of the "2006 Kim Rennolds Senior Gymnast of the Year" award, which is presented annually to the high school gymnast who is judged by the Michigan High School Gymnastics Coaches and Judges Association to be the sport's best ambassador.

The award, which is accompanied by a $500 college scholarship, was presented moments after the conclusion of the Michigan High School State Gymnastics Meet March 11 at Troy Athens High School.

"I was shocked when I heard my name," remembered Ahern. "I had no idea. My coach did a good job of keeping it a secret. Then, after it set in, I was excited and extremely honored."

Rennolds, a former Canton gymnast and the first winner of the "Michigan Gymnast of the Year Award" in 1993, died in May of 1996 when the ValueJet plane she was a passenger on crashed into the Florida Everglades.

"Kara is one of those gymnasts that every coach would want to have on their team, that every parent would want to adopt," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "She's worked hard and had a great attitude since joining the program four years ago. She's what this award is all about — a great ambassador for the sport."

She's also an extremely talented gymnast, having earned "All-State" status after placing eighth on the balance beam at the Division 1 state meet.

Ahern encountered her first balance beam at the age of 3 when she attended a class at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics.

It turned out to be love at first vault.

"I liked the sport right away," she said. "I quit for a couple of years before high school, but I got right back into it my freshman year at Canton. It took me a little while to get back into the routine, but I improved every year after my freshman season."

Ahern said one of the highlights of her senior season was the opportunity to serve as a captain.

"Being a captain, I got to know all the girls better than I would have if I wasn't a captain," said Ahern, who will take a 3.5 grade-point average to Eastern Michigan University in the fall. "I enjoyed working with the younger gymnasts, no matter what their age or ability was."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton gymnast Kara Ahern was presented with the "Kim Rennolds Michigan Senior Gymnast of the Year Award" at the state gymnastics meet March 11 at Troy Athens. A senior captain, Ahern earned All-State honors on the balance beam.



Puck champs

The CAHA Squirt hockey team won the Big Bear Cross Roads tournament held in Chicago recently. Pictured (front row from left) are Evan Joseph, Sam Flesher, Jonathan Clark, Camrin Wolford, Ryan Desjardin, David Strong, Trevor Mac, Dylan Letizio, (second row from left) Cooper Bates, Adam Gosztyla, Matt Clemons, Brian Eastman, Joey Johnson, (back row from left) coaches Doug

LACROSSE

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see a player other than the goalie standing still. When people come to one of our games for the first time, they're hooked. And once the kids play it for the first time, they love it. They can't put the sticks down."

Costello is optimistic heading into the 2006 campaign, thanks largely to a solid effort the Warriors turned in at this past weekend's Motor City Shootout scrimmage at Detroit Country Day High School.

"So far, so good," he said. "I was pleased with how far we are at this point compared to last year. We had a lot more work to do last season to get to where we are now. Now it's my job to make sure we consistently improve every day. We have to keep working hard to stay up with the level of competition we'll be playing this season.

"One of the main reasons I'm optimistic is because the boys started a strength-and-conditioning program back in January. It's been great for camaraderie and communication. They're willing to support one another. They know their teammates have their back."

Senior goalie Chris Sorensen (Salem) will anchor this year's squad. Entering his third year of lacrosse, the tri-captain earned third team all-state recognition as a junior.

"We ask our goalies to do three things: stop the ball, clear the ball and communicate, and Chris does all three things very well," Costello said. "Working with our goalie coach Kevin Riley for the past three seasons, Chris has transformed himself into an all-state player."

The defensemen Sorensen will be communicating with the most this season are juniors Brian Walsh (Salem), Rob Zaumseil and Ken Herzfeld; and senior John Sidor, one of the team's three four-year players.

"All of these guys are very good positional players," Costello said. "They're always where they're supposed to be."

Among the players manning the Warriors' midfield will be senior captain Johnny Groat (Salem), John Savino (Salem), Josh Shifferd (Canton), Nick Saia (Canton) and Mike Cooley (Canton).

"John Groat brings speed and an outstanding knowledge of the game to our defense," Costello said. "He's our leader on the field. He's a good, all-around player.

"Mike Cooley will be our long-stick middie. He played really well this past weekend."

Leading the PCS offense will be attackers Mitch French (Canton), Jared Ruark (Plymouth) and Nick Cote (Plymouth). French, a four-year player, netted six goals in a key playoff victory over Northville last season.

"Mitch is a solid player and a good scorer," Costello said. "Jared is a tireless worker who has gotten a lot better by playing in a challenging summer league. He has a great shot and he knows a lot about the game, so we look to him to help out the younger guys."

The Warriors open their 2006 campaign April 6 at Ypsilanti. Their home opener is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, against Northville on the P-CEP junior varsity football field located just south of Plymouth High School.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE MAY 2, 2006 ELECTION
FOR
PLYMOUTH/CANTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT
WAYNE/WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that **April 3, 2006**, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerks Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by

April 3, 2006.

Terry G. Bennett
Clerk

Publish: March 23, 2006

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE BY AUCTION, LIVE OR ON THE INTERNET, OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY

ORDINANCE NO. C-06-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY AUCTION, LIVE OR ON THE INTERNET, OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR A RECOMMENDATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AUCTION SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE PROCESS BY THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND/OR THE SUPERVISOR; PROVIDING FOR REPORTS TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD UPON THE CONSUMMATION OF THE SALE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AY AUCTION: RECOMMENDATION; SUPERVISION; REPORT; POLICIES.

When it is determined by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth that the sale of unneeded property by means of auction, including electronic auction, is necessary and reasonable in the exercise of the Township Board's fiduciary duty to obtain the best price for property to be sold, the Board may authorize such sale. If a minimum bid is advisable, the Board shall set a minimum bid that will be accepted for the property. Such auction of Township property shall only occur upon the recommendation and under the supervision of the appropriate department head and/or the Township Supervisor and the results of the auction shall be reported to the Township Board at the next regularly scheduled Township Board Meeting. All Township policies inconsistent herewith are hereby amended to comply with this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. SUPERVISION; ACCOUNT.

Any account, i.e. ebay, should be set up in the Township's name and the department head supervising the process shall be responsible for handling all questions about the item being sold, its condition, inspection by potential purchasers, pictures of the item and delivery/pick-up. The Board shall also designate the account to be credited with the sale proceeds.

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY.

Unless otherwise provided any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred ($500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 6. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 14th day of March, 2006, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

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MU hitters hope to shake cold start

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Cold start or not, head coach Greg Haeger still believes in his Madonna University baseball team.

Haeger, whose team took on Rochester in a Wednesday doubleheader to open MU's Ilitch Ballpark, is willing to give his players some time to shake off the ill effects of a 3-11-1 stretch – compiled on spring trips to California and Tennesee.

"The teams we played, they have played 20 more games than us," said Haeger before Tuesday's practice. "We're just starting our season. We're playing teams in California that have been on the field since January. It shows."

It remains to be seen whether the Crusaders (40-16 in 2005) can be strong enough to win the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, which was predicted in a pre-season poll. The Crusaders also were ranked 17th nationally in pre-season polls by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Coaches Association and Collegiate Baseball Magazine.

But Haeger is optimistic that the Crusaders will cruise, thanks to pitchers such as senior All-American Derek Dufrane (Belleville), Westland John Glenn alum Will Kennedy and lefthanded transfer student Eric Wendling. His lineup also features punch, with seniors Jason Barbeau, Todd Kalmbach and newcomer Ben Ramsey, among others.

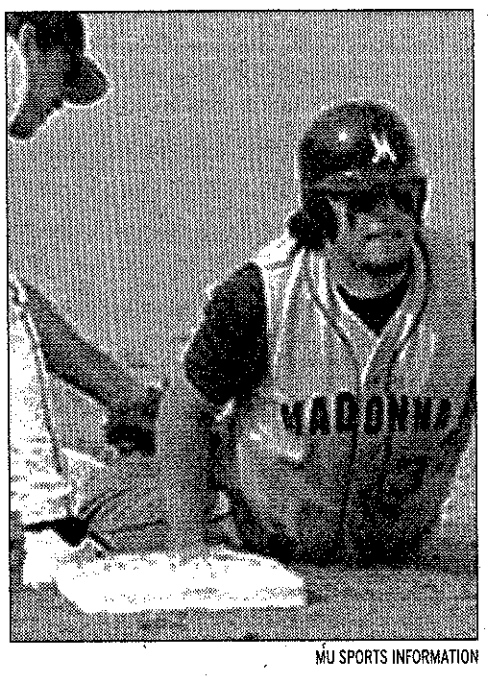
STILL BETTER

"We're pretty talented," Haeger continued. "We have a lot of guys who can do a lot of good things and I really still like our chances to win the conference.

"This is a better team than last year, that won the conference."

Dufrane should be able to minimize any slumps with his pitching ability. Last year, he walked 10 and fanned 90 in 80 innings while winning 10 of 12 decisions.

"Derek's one of the best pitchers we've ever had here," said Haeger, starting his 10th season at the MU helm (210-202). "He has good stuff and he keeps it over the plate."



MU SPORTS INFORMATION

Madonna sophomore David Herrick, a Westland native who graduated from Livonia Churchill, dives back to the base during a spring game in California.

Next in the rotation is Kennedy, who is off to a sensational start with a 1-0 record and ERA of 0.52 in three starts.

"He's throwing the ball extremely well," Haeger noted. "And he's a sophomore, so it's good to see an underclassman come along like that."

Wendling, a junior transferee from Mott Community College is flame-thrower off to a 1-1 start. He defeated No. 6-ranked Point Loma Nazarene for one of Madonna's California-trip highlights.

Other key pitchers will include senior righties Clint LaFountaine and Greg Spanel.

"We have fantastic depth at pitcher," Haegar said. "It should be the best part of the team."

Those pitchers will be throwing mostly to senior Justin Fabian (All-WHAC, .294 in '05) although others vying for time behind the dish in a backup role include senior Nick Hippler (Farmington Hills), sophomore Dave Herrick (Westland/Livonia Churchill) and freshman Zack Flavin.

Back at first is senior Kalmbach, who led the team in hitting last season with a .370 average and is off to a .319 start this year.

Herrick and freshman Matt Rodeghier (Redford Catholic Central) will back up Kalmbach.

Four players will primarily be rotating between second base, shortstop and third base.

LINEUP OPTIONS

All-conference returnee Barbeau, who hit .299 out of the top of the lineup, is rounding back into shape after missing practice time with a broken thumb. But the second baseman didn't lose his batting stroke, hitting .321 entering Wednesday's games.

"He's a quick kid with leadership on the field," Haeger said. "He's solid defensively."

Junior Kyle Fedorka will back Barbeau up at second – when he's not starting games at shortstop. So far this spring, he's leading the Crusaders with a .333 average.

Another infielder to be reckoned with is Ramsey, a 2003 draft pick of the major-league Colorado Rockies. Ramsey hit 11 homers in 2005 at Indiana Tech and is expected to see plenty of playing time either at short or third.

"He has a lot of power potential," Haeger said.

Last year's third baseman, junior Gary Van Allen, also is in the mix. He hit .280 last year and provided steady defense.

Infield reserves of note include junior Matt Humenay (Westland/Churchill) and sophomore Dan Valente.

Haeger also has choices in the outfield, with four players being rotated.

Senior Kevin Entsminger, a transfer student from Coastal Carolina University who went to high school at Redford Catholic Central (.430 his senior season) is encountering some struggles at bat this spring. But Entsminger is "great defensively, the kid goes and gets a lot of stuff" in center, Haeger said.

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Madonna softball team handles loss of key players with class

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Some college softball teams would be in a state of flux due to having three top players graduate.

But not Madonna University, which is off to a 10-0 start despite the loss of 2005 grads Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood), Krystle Shina (Farmington Hills Mercy) and Mary Warchuck. The Crusaders will look to stay unbeaten in the home opener, scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday against Spring Arbor.

"Last year we were already talking about this team and what we'd have coming," said Crusaders head coach Al White, whose 2005 squad finished 29-13. "... I don't think we're going to miss a beat."

Joining a stellar cast of returnees led by senior pitcher Erin Brockert (WHAC Pitcher of the Year in 2005) are three top recruits – who White said are already alleviating the sting of the aforementioned graduations.

One is sophomore first baseman Christina Finch. The transferee from Concordia University is expected to bat cleanup and she's already doing that job very well. After the recent undefeated spring trip to Florida, Finch had a .345 average along with three home runs and nine RBI.

Four other newcomers, all freshmen, are also being counted on for some big contributions as MU strives towards goals of winning the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title and ultimately qualifying for the national tournament.

Catcher Alison Grant (Carlton Airport), third baseman Danielle Richardson (Lapeer West) and outfielders Mary Kate Setta (Chelsea) and Hannah Godfrey (Waterford Mott) are seeing consistent playing time. White, meanwhile, is satisfied with the early results from the young quartet.

"She (Grant) has a good bat," White said. "We've got to get her in there somewhere, somehow."

As of now, Grant is backing up sophomore catcher Stephanie Day (Livonia Ladywood). Day was an all-WHAC first-team selection in 2005 after posting a .325 average along with five homers and 29 RBI.

"It's a good problem to have," White said.

Richardson begins the year starting at third, and she brings a .286 average into Thursday's home opener. Her two-run single helped MU win the 10th game of the spring trek, March 9 against Urbane.

White will divide left field between power-hitting Setta and strong-armed defender Godfrey. As of Thursday, Setta sported a .417 average, but Godfrey wasn't far behind (.400).

TOP RETURNEES

The first-year Crusaders join an impressive cast of returnees.

Brockert went 17-5 with a 1.69 ERA on the mound last season, but she also carried a heavy bat – registering a .399 batting average along with 35 RBI. Her efforts were rewarded with selection to the all-conference first team.

So far this spring, she's 7-0 with a microscopic ERA of 0.32 and has struck out 42 in 38 innings of work. At the plate, Brockert already has 11 RBI, hitting at a .367 clip.

But more than her on-field talent, White said Brockert's off-field leadership is a big reason for the cohesiveness of the team.

"She has really helped turn our program the right way, with her work ethic and determination," the coach noted. "And with her leadership."

Other pitchers for MU include lefthanded junior Shannon Noder, sophomore Liz Ballinger and freshman Alyssa Wagner.

Madonna's middle infield is unchanged from last season with senior Stacey Sexsmith and sophomore shortstop and Garden City alum Lynzee Smith. Both struggled at the plate in 2005, but White is already witnessing improvement.

Sexsmith, a .231 hitter last year, hit .481 on the spring trip.

Smith, who hit about .200 in 2005, registered a .259 average in Florida and contributed two homers and eight RBI.

"We know she has pop in her bat," White noted. "I think she's on the right track."

The rest of the outfield will feature senior Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial) and sophomore Heather Richardson (Plymouth Canton) in center and right, respectively.

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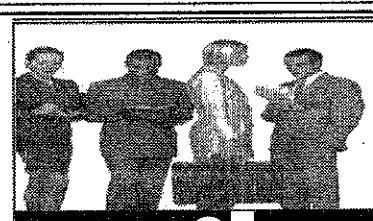
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GCYBSA registration

Local youths can still register for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association by picking up registration forms at the Canton Sports Center or the Summit On the Park.

For more information or if you have questions, call (734) 394-5489.

Baseball tryouts

The U9 Canton Cardinals travel baseball team has openings for the 2006 season. GCYBSA fees already paid can be applied to team costs.

Tryouts will be held March 29. For more information, call Jim at (734) 658-2446.

Baseball clinic

The annual Salem Varsity Baseball Skills Clinic for players between the ages of 7 and 14 will be held March 25 and April 1 at Salem High School.

The clinic, which costs $25 and has four sessions to choose from, includes three hours of instruction, snacks and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact Ron or Pat Myers at (734) 459-4026; or at pcmmyers@hotmail.com.

Adult softball

■ The Canton Softball Center is now accepting registrations for its Session 1 adult softball leagues. Over 25 competitive and recreational men's and co-ed softball leagues will be offered this spring.

Registration started March 1 and is based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Leagues are offered Sundays through Fridays and will begin in early- or mid-April and conclude in early-July, depending on the day the league is held.

All leagues will have a doubleheader schedule format. Friday leagues will have a 12-game schedule; Monday through Thursday leagues will play 18 games; and Sunday night leagues will play 16 games.

Registration for Session II will begin June 1.

For more information, contact the Canton Sports Center at (734) 483-5600; or visit csc.canton-mi.org.

■ The Northville Parks & Recreation Department will be offering an adult women's softball league beginning May 9 and an adult coed softball league beginning May 7. The per-team entry fee for the 11-game leagues is $460. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

Youth hockey

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

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OLGC football

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

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

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

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

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

Ann Arbor run

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

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

Runners can run the river, enjoy the post-race carnival atmosphere, then take the family a block down Main Street to sample the offerings of the Taste of Ann Arbor Festival. Proceeds benefit the Champions for Children Campaign, spearheading fund raising for the new C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.

Honorary chair Tyrone Wheatley will walk the 5K in support of the fund. Complete information is available at www.dexterannarborrun.com.

Youth golf

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

More than 35,000 youngster throughout the country are expected to compete in the DC&P. Winners from each local event will have the opportunity to compete in regional championships and possibly represent their hometowns at the national championship in October.

For more information, including a complete schedule and registration form, visit www.TheGolfChannel.com.

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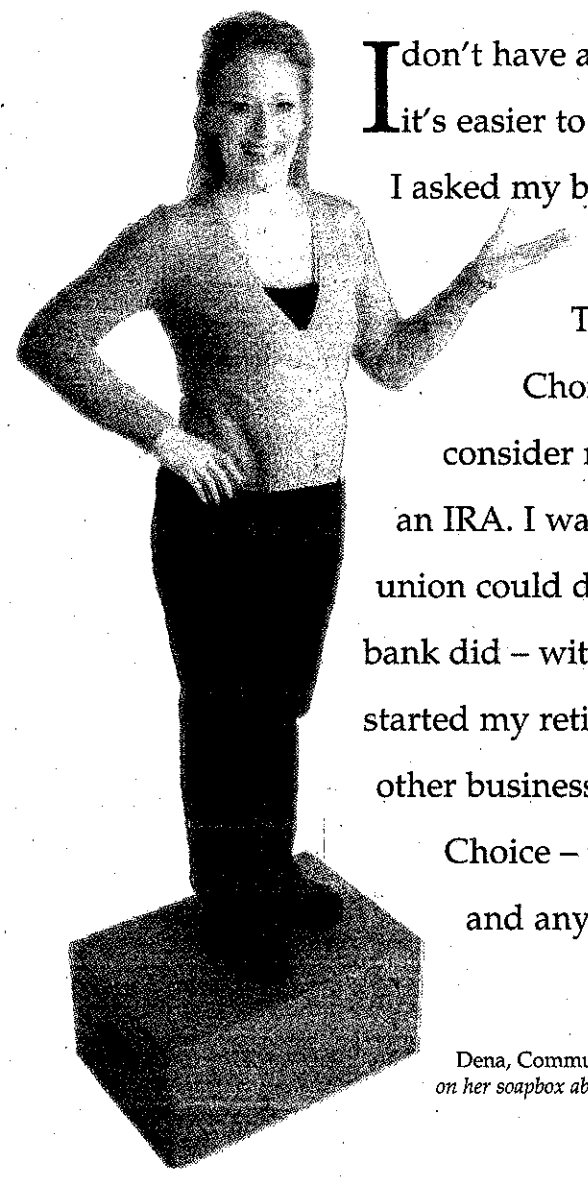
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MARCH

Lenten dinners
Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church on Six Mile east of Middlebelt in Livonia will host Lenten Fish Fry dinners from 4-7 p.m. Fridays (except Good Friday) during Lent. Fish dinners are $5 each, with proceeds benefitting the church.

Movie night
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Fish fries
In recognition of its 75th Anniversary, St. Michael the Archangel Church of Livonia is offering Lenten Dinners 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24 and 31, in the cafeteria of St. Michael School on Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. For information, call (734) 261-1455.
Dinners are all-you-can-eat and feature a choice of hand-dipped fried or baked cod along with a large assortment of side dishes and beverages. Cost is $8 adults, $4 children ages 3-11, and free for under age 3.

Fish fry dinners
4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, 31 and April 7, 14 (dinner starts at 3:30 p.m. Good Friday, April 14), in addition to dinners of hand-battered fried and baked fish choices include salmon patty and pierogi, and $5 macaroni and cheese, and pizza dinners, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Cost is $8, $6 children. Carry out dinners available at same prices. For questions, call (734) 462-1222.

Catholic men's conference
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall, 4001 W. McNichols. Tickets $40 in advance, $50 at the door. To register, go online to www.mensfellowship.com, call (734) 459-9558 for registration or brochure, or Jeff Allen at (248) 761-5993 for more information. Presented by Archdiocese of Detroit and Knights of Columbus.

Lenten dinner
Spud-tacular potato dinner 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is $6 adults, $4 children, $22 family. All proceeds go to support the Society of St. Andrew's which helps feed the hungry. Menu includes potatoes with all the toppings, salad. rolls, and dessert. At 6:30 p.m. Bob Stead performs a variety of tunes on his collection of flutes. Call (734) 422-6038.

Faith Promise event
Tony Twist, CEO and president of TCM International Institute (prepares men and women for Christian leadership and provides benevolent assistance in Eastern Europe) speaks 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at Memorial Church, 35475 Five Mile, between Farmington and Levan, Livonia.. All events free and open to public.

Lenten Vespers
The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit conducts services March 26, Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross at St. Thomas Albanian Orthodox Church, 29150 10 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 471-1059; April 2, Sunday of St. John Climacus at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church, 20500 Anglin, Detroit, (313) 366-0677, and April 9, Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt at St. Paul Macedonian-Bulgarian Orthodox Cathedral, 700 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights, (313) 565-9863. For information, contact the Very Rev. Michael Matsko, Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, at (248) 476-3432 or mmatsko@twmi.rr.com.

Blood drive
2-8 p.m. Monday, March 27, at Bova VFW Post 9885 Hall, at 6440 N. Hix, Westland. Walk-ins welcome, appointments encouraged. Call (734) 728-3231, (734) 377-8329.

Luncheon series
Ecumenical Lenten series hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth for churches of Plymouth noon to 12:30 p.m. service, 12:30-1 p.m. soup and bread lunch Wednesday, March 29 and April 5, at 701 Church Street. Donation to benefit Salvation Army.

Lent program
Wednesday March 29, and April 5, 6 p.m. Taize prayer and song, 6:30 p.m. program with meal, service project and prayer, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Lenten schedule
Services 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, and April 5 (nursery available), at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit http://holy-crosslivonia.org.
Holy Week services Palm Sunday April 9 at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Maundy Thursday April 13 at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday April 14 Reflections on the Passion 12:30-2 p.m., and Tenebrae Worship Service at 8 p.m.; Easter Vigil April 15 at 8 p.m., and Easter Sunday April 16 at 7 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Forum
Standing up for peace in a world of conflict 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 30, at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern near Lahser, Southfield. Call (248) 356-1020, ext. 137

Karaoke night
6:30 p.m. Friday, March 31, at Knox Hall, in Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. Solo or group singers welcome; but registration required by March 27 to perform. Tickets $5. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Two-part seminar
The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion, presented by Right to Life - LIFESPAN 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, March 31, and 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 1, at Dearborn Evangelical Covenant Church, 18575 W. Outer Drive. Cost is $15. Registration required. Call (248) 478-8878.

School registration
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-2007 school year, at 9600 Leverne, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

Lenten Bible study
Pastor Herschel Ele leads a Lenten Bible Study 6:20-7:10 p.m. Wednesdays, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, one block south of Ford. The church continues **Sunday services with** an adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m., traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m., contemporary Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. Tuesday adult Bible Study at 11 a.m. Call (734) 421-7620.

Lenten programs
Runs Wednesdays to April 5, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361. All welcome to 6 p.m. Evening Prayer, 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper, 7 p.m. Story of Anglicanism and the Episcopal church.

Lenten services
10 a.m. Sundays through Lent and Easter Sunday, and 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday, April 13 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

UPCOMING

Remarriage workshop
Rethinking marriage when thinking remarriage 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 1, Room C317/C319, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville. A fee of $5 at the door includes workshop materials and continental breakfast. This workshop is a "must do" for singles and those who are planning/praying to remarry someday. Call (248) 374-5920.

Classic senior singles
7 p.m. Saturday, April 1, in room C317. Do you feel overwhelmed by crises or circumstances beyond your control? Join us as Paul Clough discusses steps to change our lives and become triumphant survivors through the Lord rather than be victims of our life situations. No ticket/reservation required. Call (248) 374-5920.

Potluck dinner
5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. The dinner is followed by a musical program by Rev. Joon Yoo, pastor of the Amen Korean Methodist Church of Novi.

Sacred cantata
St. Robert Bellarmine adult choir presents The Seven Last Words of Christ by Theodore DuBois 7 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the church, 27101 West Chicago at Inkster, Redford. No charge. (313) 937-1500.

Rummage sale
The sale, presented by the Congregational Church of Birmingham, UCC, opens Wednesday, April 5 with early admission at 4 p.m. for $3 followed by free admission from 5-8 p.m. at the church, 1000 Cranbrook on the southwest corner of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. The sale continues 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6 with a 1/2 price sale (on most items) from 1-4 p.m. and bag sale on most remaining items 5-7 p.m. No strollers due to limited space. All net proceeds benefit outreach/charitable programs of the church.

Musical program
Men of Grace release party for their new CD The Hymns Project: Volume 1, 7 p.m. Friday, April 7, at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy. No charge. Call (248) 335-1222.

Rummage sale
9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 7, and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in the fellowship hall at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, between Newburgh and Haggerty, Livonia. $2.00 bag sale on Saturday. One quarter of proceeds will be donated to Lutheran Social Services (for victims of Hurricane Katrina living in Michigan), Starfish Family Services and Ecumenical Theological Seminary Library. In addition, part of the profits will assist the church's youth group who will be traveling to Indiana on a mission project.

Potluck dinner
6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9, with the Cass Ambassadors, a group of previously homeless men who travel the area spreading their musical message of hope and salvation, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038. A free will offering will be taken. Dessert and coffee to follow program in Fellowship Hall.

Holy week services
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 13; 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service of Shadows April 14; and 8:30 a.m., 9:50 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 16, at St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA, 23225 Gill Road
Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584.

Last Supper re-enactment
7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 13, presented by Wayne Westland First United Methodist Church and First Congregational Church of Wayne at Three Town Square, Wayne. Open to public. No charge, but a love offering will be taken. Call (734) 721-9300 or (734) 721-4801.

Maundy Thursday service
7:30 p.m. April 13, in the sanctuary at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Lecture
Life and Death: Joy and Reality by Sister Ann Stamm, doctorate of ministry, 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Sister Stamm is a religion professor at Madonna University. She's served as a police chaplain for more than 25-years. The presentation focus on life and death as gifts to be cherished.

Concert
BUILDING429 and TAiT perform music while showing segments of the reality TV series Travel the Road about two young missionaries 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at Faith Baptist Church, 3411 Airport Road, Waterford. Tickets $24 reserved, $18 general admission. Call (888) 627-5808.

Crafters wanted
For the St. Thomas a'Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555. S. Lilley Road, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Lutheran course
For all Lutherans - old, new and anyone in between, began 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, and continues weekly through March 28, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Purpose Driven Life
Members, friends and neighbors of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville will be studying the best selling book The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren during Lent. Small groups will meet at homes in Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Novi and South Lyon on Wednesday evenings during Lent. All faiths are welcome. Call (248) 349-3140 for more information.

Senior activities
Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. First we enjoy a wonderful lunch together then we fellowship with some games and stories.

Bible study groups
The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Church activities
St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for $4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Exercise series
A weekly class on exercise and fitness began 6:45 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 and runs to March 20, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call Linda Hollman at (734) 522-6830.

Scripture from scratch
No previous Bible study required, began 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington, Livonia. The units include the Old Testament (March 14, 21, 28), the New Testament (April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, and Gospels (May 16, 23, 30 and June 6). Each session includes video presentation, small and large group discussions. Be one of the first 10 to receive the participant's manual for $5. After that, the cost is $10. To register, call (734) 425-5950.

Bible studies
Began 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11 (with family dinner at 6:15 p.m.), and 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 (for women, the Bible study is based on the book of Luke), at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722.

Kabbalah classes
Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center, the classes began 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 5595 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students. Call (248) 855-6170, ext. 1 or send e-mail to BCTC770@aol.com.

Eucharistic adoration
The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services
All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Fall Sunday services
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. Bible study, and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sunday school, at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, 9083 Newburgh, Livonia.

Unity of Livonia
Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services
The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

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Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com.

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Trinity Episcopal Church
Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Wednesday service 6:15 p.m.
- Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.

Shabbat Rocks
A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit the Web site at www.adat-shalom.org.

English classes
Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Scripture from scratch
If you've always wanted to learn about the Bible from square one, here's square one 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950 to register.

Sunday school
Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia) is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

Services
St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday School hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.



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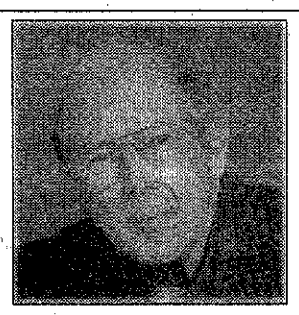
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ANDREW PAUL HOLMLUND

Age 9, March 20, 2006. Loving son of Robin and Brian. Dear brother of Morgan. Dearest grandson of Connie and Lee Wells of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Robert and Sandy Holmlund of Hudson, Iowa. Andrew will be missed by his Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and many friends. Visitation Friday 2-5 & 6-9pm from McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Ctr. Rd. Funeral Saturday instate 9:30am, mass 10:30am from St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Special Days Camps, Make-A-Wish or Kaleidoscope Hospice. Please visit www.mccabefuneralhome.com to read Andrew's story and submit memories.

BERNICE FOUNTAIN

Age 94, of Plymouth, died March 19, 2006. She was born December 5, 1911, in Garfield, Michigan. She came to the Plymouth community in 1935, from St. Charles, Michigan. She was a retired registered nurse and the Head of the Medical Division at the Detroit House of Correction. She was a member of the Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star. She was very active in the Plymouth community. Her family was of utmost importance to her, and she was a loving mother, grandmother, and sister. She is survived by her son, Harry (Claudette) Fountain, Jr.; her grandchildren, Nathan and Ian (Melissa) Fountain; and her sister, Emma (Clayton) Peters. She is preceded in death by her husband, Harry Fountain, Sr. Private services held. Memorials may be made to the Adventist Development and Relief Organization at the Plymouth Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 4295 Napier Rd., Plymouth, MI, 48170. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

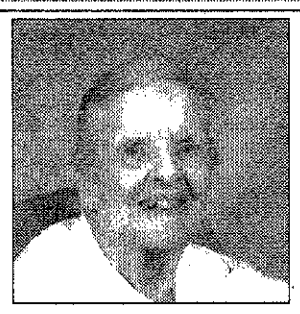


BRUCE "H.B." RICHARD

Age 86, lifelong resident of Plymouth, died March 18, 2006. Beloved husband of Doris. Loving father of Nancy (Daniel) Earle, David (Barbara) Richard, and Michael J. (Laura MacKimmie) Richard. Dearest grandfather of six, and great-grandfather of seven. Brother of Dorothy "Midge" Jewell. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Services were held Tuesday, March 21, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Lions Foundation, the Plymouth Historical Society, or Angela Hospice.

HELEN B. KELLY

Age 82, of Plymouth, March 21, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Dear mother of Thomas, Maureen (Ken) Hawthorne, Dr. Brian (Esperenza), and Kathleen. Also leaves three grandsons. Visitation Sunday, 3-9pm, at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road (btwn Sheldon and Beck), Plymouth. In state Monday, 10am, until 10:30am Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck), Plymouth. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. To leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com



GENEVIEVE M. KNIERIM

Age 87 of Canton, wife of Dr. John A. Knierim for 63 years, stepped into eternity Monday, March 20, 2006. Surviving are 2 daughters Julie (Mark) King of Holt, MI & Jennifer (the late Samir) Nakhleh of Canton; granddaughter Natasha M. King and related nephews and nieces. Visitation Thursday 1 PM until service 2:15 PM at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd, Canton. Committal service 11 am Friday March 24 at Evergreen Cemetery, Lansing. Donations may be made, in honor of Genevieve's beloved doggie friends, to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy, Ste. 175, Southfield MI 48034. To view Genevieve's full obituary, and leave message for the family, log onto www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.
John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself.

KATHERINE J. "SIS" CAMPBELL

Formerly of Detroit, died March 19, 2006, at Masonic Pathways in Alma, Michigan. She was a retired teacher who majored in French, minored in Education, and received her MA Degree from the University of Michigan. She was predeceased by her brother, Ward "Bud" Campbell; her mother, Lena Ward Campbell; and her father, Royal R. Campbell. She was recipient of the Hebert Award for outstanding service to Alma College in 1995. Her unselfish volunteerism and cheerful spirit will always be remembered by her many friends. She designated her estate to establish the Ward "Bud" and Katherine "Sis" Campbell Endowed Scholarship at Alma College to assist worthy students. Memorial gifts area also designated for the scholarship fund. A memorial service in the Alma College Chapel is planned for later this year. Arrangements have been enlisted to the care of the Lux-Moody-Wolfel Funeral Home, Alma.



SEAN MACKENZIE CLARK

Age 8, March 21, 2006. Loving son of Ann and Keith. Dearest brother of Elizabeth Regan. Dear grandson of Elaine Moores, and nephew of Jack (Kathy) Moores, Richard (Clare) Moores, Cheryl (Jim) Patrick, Tom (Karen) Moores, Mary (Mike) Spitzley, Pam (Richard) Bradfield, Tom (Cindy) Clark, Marcy Morgan, John (Diane) Clark, Paula (Doug) Hobbs, and Susan (Bob) Zimmerman. Sean will also be missed by many cousins and friends. Visitation Thursday, 2-4pm and 6-9pm. Funeral Service Friday, 11am, from McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd. www.mccabefuneralhome.com

MARILYN L. MOSSER

March 18, 2006. Loving mother of Cynthia (Mark) Cox, Kathy (Mark) Adams and Chris. Beloved grandmother of Melissa, Matthew, Tiffany and Kristy. Sister of Richard Kraatz. Funeral Services Friday at 10:00 A.M. at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Road, Garden City. Visitation Wednesday from 4-9 P.M. and Thursday from 3-9 p.m.

MILTON DEAN WEST

Passed away peacefully in his home in Livonia on March 20, 2006. He is survived by his loving wife, Irene; his son, Paul; his step daughter, Sandy; and his six grandchildren, Chris, Julie, Philip, Jack, Jimmy, and Nicki, of whom he was very proud. He also leaves behind his two sisters, Nonita and Donna, and many other relatives from a large, loving family from Illinois. Milt was a man of courage, quiet strength, eternal optimism and enthusiasm. He had a very quick wit and was an encyclopedia of knowledge -- able to complete challenging crosswords in a New York minute and deliver an infinite number of jokes -- always with perfect timing. He loved classical music, bowling, and most of all, golf -- having played with a group of buddies for decades. Prior to his retirement, Milt worked in advertising and public relations for Ford Motor Company for over 35 years. We will all dearly miss his endless smile and constant twinkle. Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, March 25th at 11:00am at the church in Greenmead Historical Park (on Newburgh Rd., just south of 8 Mile) in Livonia. A memorial luncheon will follow. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate that any donations be made to the American Cancer Society or Angela Hospice in Livonia.

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OLSM basketball team advances to semifinals

BY MARTY BUDNER
STAFF WRITER

The Orchard Lake St. Mary's basketball team is headed to the Final Four with a chance to make history.

Already the only school in Michigan to own state championships in three different classes (B, C and D), the Eaglets can add to that remarkable record by winning the Class A title this weekend in East Lansing.

St. Mary's qualified for the Class A semifinal game by defeating Detroit Southeastern Tuesday evening, 67-63, in a quarterfinal game played at University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall. The Eaglets (20-6) now play Okemos (24-1) 1 p.m. Friday at MSU's Breslin Center with the winner advancing to Saturday's Class A state championship game.

"It's great for us to be playing in the Final Four," said St. Mary's head coach George Porritt, head coach on that 2000 squad that defeated Flint Beecher in the title game. "We're just thrilled to be going. We've beaten some very good teams to get here and now we have to keep it going."

St. Mary's, which was 4-5 early on but has since won 16 of its past 17 games, was paced in Tuesday's victory by junior guard Kalin Lucas who tossed in a game-high 25 points.

In a closely-contested game all the way, St. Mary's enjoyed a four-point halftime advantage and led 41-33 with 3:53 remaining in the third quarter. However, Lucas picked up his fourth personal foul at that point and Porritt was forced to take his Michigan State-bound star out of the game.

Southeastern then went on a 12-3 run to take a 45-44 lead with a minute left in the quarter. Porritt took a gamble and sent Lucas back in to settle things down. The teams went into the fourth quarter deadlocked at 48-all.

With Lucas running the show, St. Mary's gradually began to pull ahead of the Jungaleers. St. Mary's went up 60-54 on a pair of Justin Siller free throws with 3:26 left in the game. Southeastern countered with a 7-2 run to pull within a point at 62-61 with 1:54 remaining. But, Lucas coolly canned five of six free throws down the stretch to clinch the four-point victory.

Porritt explained that Lucas is not only a vital scoring threat, but is an important floor leader. That's why he decided, despite the four fouls, to put Lucas back into the lineup late in the third quarter when the Jungaleers threatened to take control.

"He's our floor leader. He's our captain and we needed him on the floor," said Porritt. "This team is capable of playing without him, but tonight was a tight situation, and I think with the nerves and everything, we needed him out there.

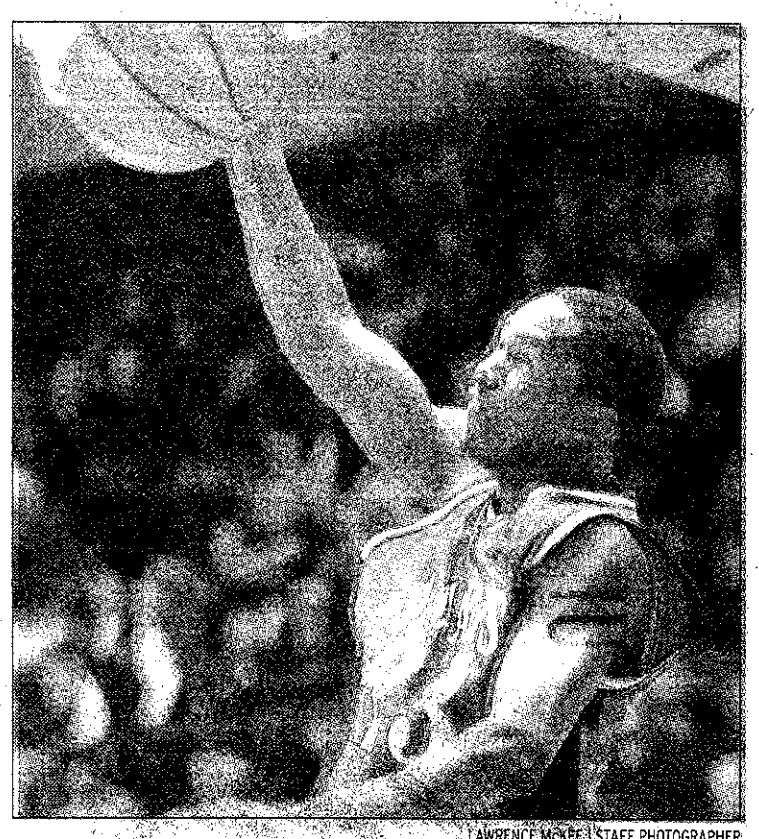
"They were making a run at us and I had to get him back into the game," he said. "He played an outstanding quarter and a minute there with four fouls. And we're lucky he lasted."

Lucas, who hit 8-10 free throws in the game, was not the only double-digit scorer for St. Mary's. Junior forward Jon Tassin, who hit a key three-pointer in the third quarter, finished with 15 points. Dionte Allen netted 10 points - all in the first half. Siller, a junior, finished with nine points.

"I'm excited to get to the Final Four," said Tassin. "We've been working hard in practice and we wanted to win. It's been our goal all year to get to the state championship game and win."

Southeastern, which lost in the semifinals of the PSL tournament to Detroit Redford, was led by senior Willie Mustin's 23 points. Senior Demarco Lovette and Eulis Stephens also hit double figures with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Each team had 20 two-point baskets, but St. Mary's enjoyed a 7-4 edge from three-point range. St. Mary's was 16-21 from the free-throw line and Southeastern was 18-29 from the charity stripe.



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Orchard Lake St. Mary's junior guard Kalin Lucas slams home two of his 25 points against Detroit Southeastern during the Eaglets' Class A quarterfinal victory Tuesday night.



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Detroit Country Day players react to the final seconds being counted down Tuesday night in Class B quarterfinal action against Detroit Renaissance. The Yellow Jackets saw their title run come to an end with a 73-57 defeat at the hands of the Phoenix.

Country Day cagers' season ends on a sad, familiar note

BY MARTY BUDNER

Detroit Country Day's boys basketball season ended the same way it did last year - with a Class B state quarterfinal loss to Detroit Renaissance at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall.

While last year's clash with the Phoenix resulted in a two-point heartbreaker, Tuesday's game was nowhere near as dramatic. The Phoenix turned a close game after three quarters into a decisive 73-57 triumph.

Number seven-ranked Renaissance, the 2004 Class B state champion, now advances to the state semifinal game for the second straight year. Renaissance (20-4) will play Flint Southwestern (24-2) 7:50 p.m. Friday at MSU's Breslin Center.

Detroit Country Day, ranked No. 4, finished the year with a 20-5 overall record.

"It's very disappointing," said veteran DCD head coach Kurt Keener, whose state tournament hopes have been dashed by Renaissance three times in the past four years. "In our program, everything is geared towards the state tournament and when we don't get (to the Final Four) we're disappointed.

"Whereas last year it may have been a little harder because it was a one-possession game, here it was convincing. They were the better team tonight. They took the play to us, drew the fouls and made their free throws."

"We had their number for awhile in the 90s, and now they kind of have our number. Now we have to work to get it back."

The Yellow Jackets started with a strong first half as they controlled the boards, especially on the offensive end, and had a number of high-percentage shots inside the paint.

DCD led 14-12 lead after one quarter and went on an 8-2 spurt to begin the second quarter for a 22-14 advantage. Each team hit a trey and DCD still enjoyed an eight point lead – its largest of the game – with 4:58 remaining before half.

However, the Phoenix then hit four more treys to close out the half while DCD could only counter with three points.

The barrage of five straight three-point shots - three by sophomore Paul Williams - lifted Renaissance to a one-point halftime lead, 29-28.

The third quarter was back and forth with four lead changes and three ties. Renaissance outscored DCD by a basket and held a 45-42 lead heading into the final quarter.

Renaissance then stepped up its defense and caused a number of turnovers to take control. The Phoenix scored the quarter's first seven points for a 52-42 lead. Country Day got no closer than nine points the rest of the way as Renaissance made 15 of its 18 free throw attempts to close out the game.

"I think a real turning point in the game was at the end of the second quarter when they really shot the ball well," said Keener. "It was similar to last year when they got on a run in the second half when they hit three or four consecutive threes.

"We knew (Renaissance senior Tajuan) Porter was a good shooter, but we were hoping to contain some of their other players. But Williams picked a good night to knock down some three pointers and he came up big.

"So as hard as we played - and I thought we played very well, especially defensively - in the first half, we were still down by a point. In the second half, getting into the early foul trouble, and they were in the double bonus at the start of the fourth quarter, it was kind of Katie-Bar-the-Door."

Porter, who averages close to 20 points per game as Renaissance's leading scorer, finished with a game-high 30 points. The flashy guard, bound for the University of Oregon, hit three treys and was 9-of-13 from the line.

Junior center Toreau Brown had 17 points, freshman Delano Collins posted 12 points and Williams finished with 11. Renaissance was 24-33 from the free-throw line.

Country Day's leading scorer was junior Alex Legion who tossed in 22, including eight baskets, one trey and a 5-of-5 effort from the line.

Sophomore guard Darnell Brown had 12 points and senior power forward E.J. Whitlow finished with 11.

The Yellow Jackets were 9-14 from the free-throw line.



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Be smart, plan how to escape in case of fire

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Chief Michael Reddy of the Westland Fire Department and his colleagues know how important an escape plan is in fire safety.

"You have to have a meeting place," he said. "They need to practice it." There should be a smoke detector on each level of a home, Reddy added, and detectors need working batteries.

Batteries should be changed twice a year, when the time changes in the spring and fall or by designating them to coincide with children's birthdays. Reddy said children are good about reminding parents to replace batteries when needed.

"They remind the grown-ups, hey, it's the smoke detector's birthday too."

Candles are a source of potential fires. Reddy finds most candle fires occur when something is accidentally thrown over the candle, the candle's knocked over or placed too close to a combustible such as a tapestry on a mantel.

He recommends carbon monoxide detectors as well which also need working batteries. Smoking in bed is best avoided as it can lead to a home fire, and smoldering ashes should never be placed in a trash can.

Another tip is to turn pan handles inward on a stovetop to avoid catching your sleeve while cooking. Reddy recommends a fire extinguisher, costing only $8-$9, for the kitchen.

Local fire departments are there to help if you have questions about fire safety. A call to the nonemergency number of your local department will yield answers.

That advice was echoed by Inspector Denny Hughes of the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Hughes agreed that planning is key for fire safety.

"All those plans have got to come into place," he said. Deciding where all family members will meet in case of fire is essential. Sometimes, firefighters end up having to go into a burning home for no reason when it's believed there may still be people inside.

"It doesn't really cost anything for an escape plan," said Hughes, who's found people know of the need for smoke detectors, which fire officials have emphasized. You need to know the best avenues of egress, getting your family together and deciding on an escape plan.

A door's best for leaving but isn't always an option. "Your next option at that point is a window," Hughes said. "How do you plan for that?" In some cases, young children may need to wait for the fire crew by their bedroom windows, rather than risk jumping.

Hughes also recommends carbon monoxide detectors and portable fire extinguishers. He lives in Hartland where power outages are frequent. "We have a lot of brownouts." If detectors are hardwired, you'll lack protection if the power fails.

Battery-operated detectors or other modifications are available, Hughes said. He added it's vital not to put smoke detectors in a kitchen area where they'll go off constantly.

"Don't put those in areas where they're automatically going to trigger the device." Residents can become complacent and ignore real dangers, Hughes said.



Fire safety begins with planning

The Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross offers these simple fire safety tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe:

Make Your Home Safe

- Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home.
- If people sleep with doors closed, install additional smoke alarms inside sleeping areas.
- Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year.
- Vacuum away cobwebs and dust from your smoke alarms monthly.
- Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in your home. Get training from the fire department on how to use them.
- Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home.



Plan Your Escape Routes

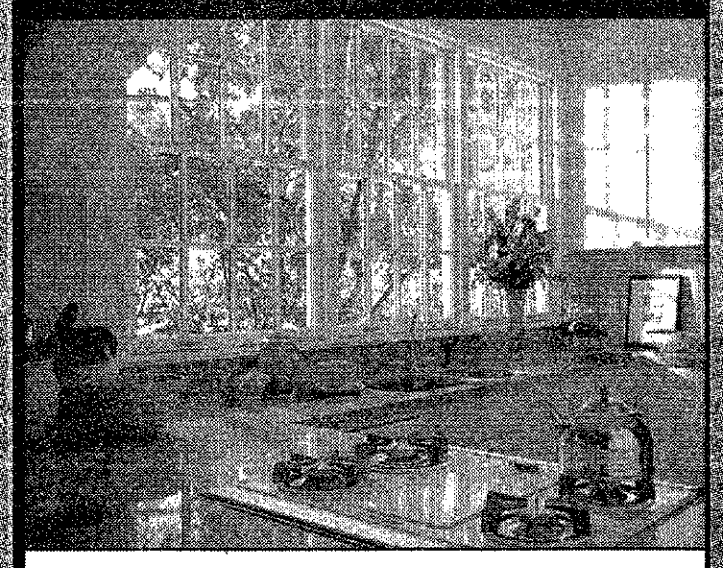
- Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home.
- Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Learn how to use them and store them near the window.
- Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping.
- Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

Escape Safely

- Once you are out, stay out! Call the fire department from a neighbor's home.
- If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out. If you must exit through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.
- If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use your second way out.
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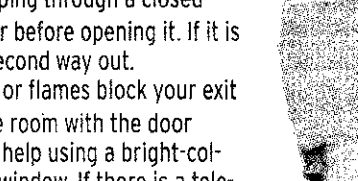
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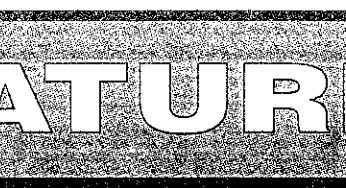
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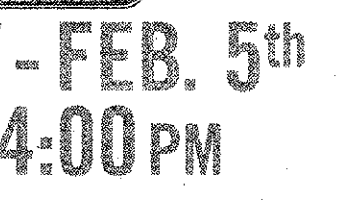
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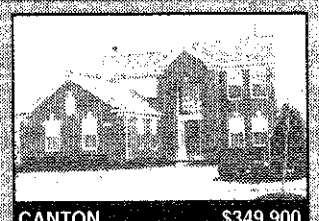
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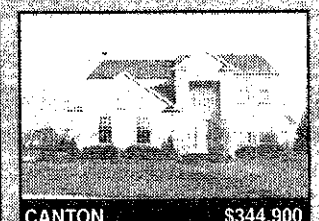
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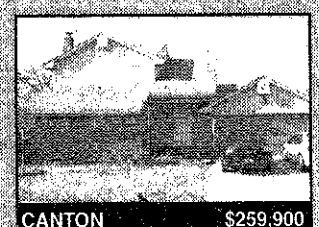
CANTON $279,900

Sharp & clean 4 BR, 2.1 BA brick colonial in "Sunflower"! Spacious kit-nook. Open & airy FR w/natural FP & custom drs. 1st flr study. Formal DR. Master w/updated bath. Finished basement. Neutral. Lots of updates! MLS# 26036927 734-453-6800



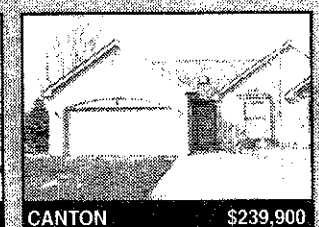
CANTON $264,900

Move right in! Beautiful condo in golf course community! Impeccably clean & neutral. Upgrades: 2 sided FP, HDWD flrs, vaulted GR & large mstr w/elegant bath, soaker tub & separate shower. 1st flr lndry & 2 car gar. MLS# 26037238 734-453-6800



CANTON $259,900

3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath Home w/Vaulted Ceiling To 2nd Flr. New Hdwd Flrs T/O. Ceramic In Baths. Attached Sun Room.1st Floor Laundry. New Roof. Two Car attached Garage. All Appliances. MLS# 26018440 248-347-3050



CANTON $239,900

Ranch Condo w/Ceramic Foyer & Baths. Great Rm W/Cath. Ceilings & Gas Fp W/Mantle. Kit. W/Upgraded 42" Cab, Range, Micro-wave, D/w. Doorwall In Dining Rm Leads To Deck. Full Bsmnt + 1st Flr Laundry. 2 Car Att. Gar. MLS# 26034187 248-347-3050



CANTON $236,900

Delightful cape cod condo in golf course community! End unit facing wooded area. 1st flr master w/fireplace. 2nd master upstairs plus upper loft area & bonus room. Large eat-in kitchen. Deck & 2 car side entry gar. MLS# 26036347 734-453-6800



CANTON $229,900

Hard to find 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch on an estate size 1 acre setting w/Plymouth-Canton Schools. Completely updated kitchen. Updated windows. Bright & sunny LR & DR. Neutral 2 car plus detached 1 car garage. MLS# 26032659 734-453-6800



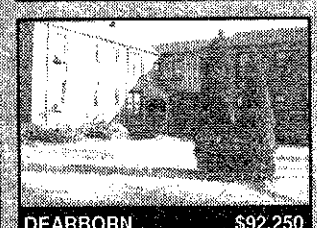
CANTON $204,900

End Unit Condo W/many Upgrades. Lrg Mstr Ste W/WIC. Kit. w/Granite Counter Tops, eat-in Counter, Hdwd Flrs, & All New Appl. Stay. Living Rm W/cathedral Ceiling & Remote Gas Fp, Sep. Dining Rm. Partially Fin. Bsmnt. MLS# 26033213 248-347-3050



CANTON $196,750

3 BR, 1.5 BA updated colonial includes Pergo flrs in kit & half bath, new kit cntrs & newer oak cbnts. Tear off roof (05), vinyl wndws & doorwall plus Anderson bay wndw in front LR. Huge deck. Partly finished bsmt. MLS# 26036120 734-453-6800



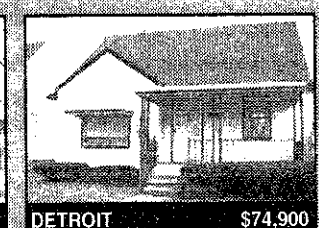
DEARBORN $92,250

First Floor Condo W/Natural Oak Floors. Updated Kitchen W/ White Cabinets & Appliances Inc. Storage In Basement. Assoc. Fee Includes: Heat And Water. Very Clean In First Floor. Great Buy, Must See. MLS# 26036978 248-347-3050



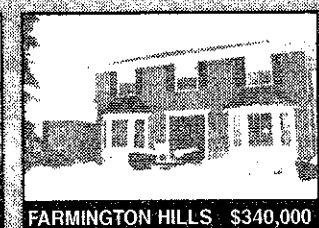
DETROIT $96,900

Brick ranch w/3 BR's, 1 1/2 baths, fin. bsmnt & gar. Updates incl. new win., newer furnace, newer C/A, new kit. w/oak cabs, new counters 7 sink, new flrng, new electrical. Alarm sys. & newer roof, freshly painted. FP in LR. MLS # 26036755 248-347-3050



DETROIT $74,900

New Roof, New Vinyl Windows, Hardwood Floors, Large 2.5 Car Garage And Deep Yard. Well Cared For Home, Needs Some Updating. Estate Sale Home To Be Sold As Is. Seller Will Escrow Money For New Furnace. MLS# 26028322 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS $340,000

Open flr plan, eat-in kitchen w/drwall leading to oversized deck. Family rm w/nat frplc & add. doorwall. Library w/bay window & built-ins, living rm w/bay window, dining rm. Newer, driveway, walk, porch, roof, A/C, furnace. MLS# 26024733 248-347-3050



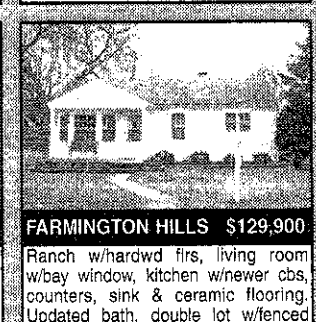
FARMINGTON HILLS $250,000

Raised Ranch (3 Steps Up To Bdrms), wooded Private Lot, c/a, Covered Patio, alarm,1st Flr Lndry, 2.5 Car Garage, newer Hwh, 2-way Fpl Btwn Living/family Rooms (price Reflects Need For Updates). MLS# 26038588 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS $149,900

Impeccably decorated condo offers great floor plan w/xtra large rooms. Sparkling white kitchen cbnts, newer cntr & ceramic floor leads to formal DR w/dramatic mirrored wall. Spac LR w/fieldstone gas FP. All appl's. MLS# 26024349 734-453-6800



FARMINGTON HILLS $129,900

Ranch w/hardwd flrs, living room w/bay window, kitchen w/newer cbs, counters, sink & ceramic flooring. Updated bath, double lot w/fenced yard, huge deck, garage. Updates: roof, furnace, HWH, some elec & more. MLS#26035497 248-347-3050



GARDEN CITY $164,900

First time buyers dream! You will not find a better value. This 3 BR, 2 BA home w/fin basement & heated garage is truly move-in ready. Newer roof, furnace, AC, Wallside wndws, updated kit & baths. Freshly painted. MLS# 25163426 734-453-6800



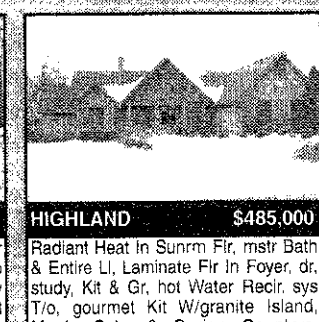
GARDEN CITY $159,000

Turn key property w/neutral decor. Spac kit w/eating nook, Pergo flrs, stove, frig, washer & dryer. New carpet in LR. HDWD flrs in BR. Newer roof & windows, fin bsmt w/xtra room, 1/2 bath & dry bar. 2.5 car det gar. MLS# 26032379 734-453-6800 11984139



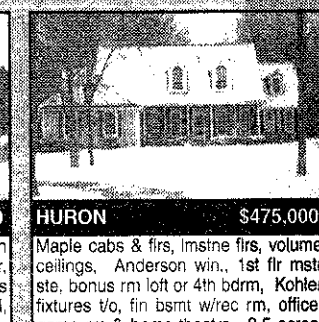
GREEN OAK $1,300,000

On 2.3 acre w/frntge on lake/river. In-flr heat; hot water recir. sys.; marble t/o fyer, half bath, kit & hallways; 2-stry fyer: LR w/vaulted ceil., 2-stry FR w/bridge; grmt kit w/cherry cabs w/grnte cntrs; & unfin. w/o bsmt. MLS# 26039080 248-347-3050



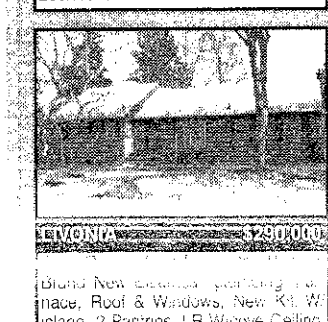
HIGHLAND $485,000

Radiant Heat In Sunrm Flr, mstr Bath & Entire Ll, Laminate Flr In Foyer, dr, study, Kit & Gr, hot Water Recir. sys T/o, gourmet Kit W/granite Island, Maple Cabs & Corian Counters, Sunrm W/2- Stry Fieldstone Fp. Part. Fin. Ll MLS# 26024448 248-347-3050



HURON $475,000

Maple cabs & flrs, lmstne flrs, volume ceilings, Anderson win., 1st flr mstr ste, bonus rm loft or 4th bdrm, Kohler fixtures t/o, fin bsmt w/rec rm, office, game rm & home theatre, 2.5 acres, 3.5 car garage, hi-eff furn. & hwh. MLS# 26030466 248-347-3050



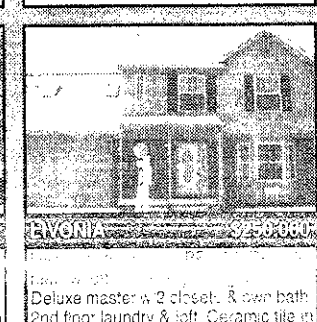
LIVONIA $250,000

Brand New Electrical panel w/ furnace, Roof & Windows, New Kit. W/ Island, 2 Pantries, LR W/cove Ceiling, Wainscoating, Mstr Bdrm W/new Mstr Bath, New Guest Bath, Fin. Bsmt. MLS# 26042122 248-347-3050



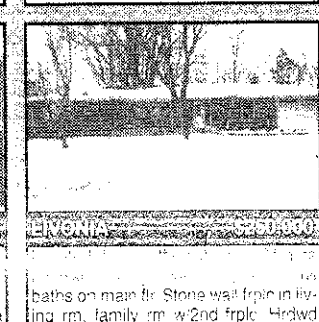
LIVONIA $234,900

Appointed & well maintained ranch w/ furnace, air, electrical, plumbing, & glass block windows. Prof. painted in neutral tones, refinished hdwd flrs, new ceramic in kit & baths. MLS # 26036090 248-347-3050



LIVONIA $250,000

Deluxe master w 2 closets & own bath 2nd floor laundry & loft Ceramic tile in kitchen, bathrooms & entry Spacious LH w/gas FP & bay window. MLS# 26035264 734-453-6800



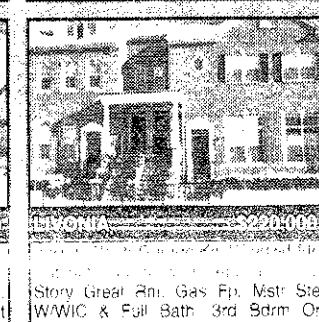
LIVONIA $251,000

baths on main flr Stone wall frplc in living rm, family rm w/2nd frplc Hdwd flrs, coved ceilings. Anderson windows. Full bsmnt. MLS #26022408 248-347-3050



LIVONIA $225,000

cntrs, new appls, hw flrs t/o, snd sys, cust m'dgs, fin bsmnt w/fp, fam rm, wet bar & bath, deck, updates: roof, driveway, paver walk, win., furnace, a/c. MLS#26031329 248-347-3050



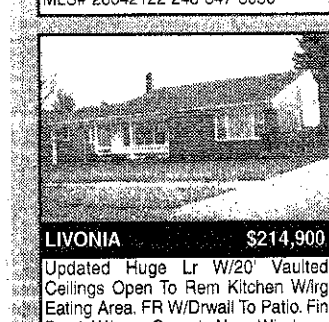
LIVONIA $247,000

Story Great Rm. Gas Fp, Mstr Ste W/WIC & Full Bath 3rd Bdrm Or Office W/priv. 1/2 Bath. 1st Flr Laundry W/washer & Dryer. Neutral Thru-out. MLS# 26019121 248-347-3050



LIVONIA $215,000

room Brick ws, Siding, Gutters, Entry & Garage Door, G/B Wins. Gas Fp in FR W/Built In Speakers. All Appliances Stay. Fin Bsmnt W Bar. Mstr Bed W Bath. MLS# 26031892 Theresa Barr 734-591-0333



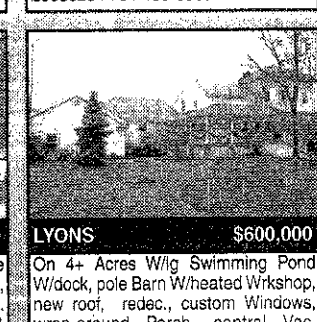
LIVONIA $214,900

Updated Huge Lr W/20' Vaulted Ceilings Open To Rem Kitchen W/lrg Eating Area. FR W/Drwall To Patio. Fin Bsmt W/new Carpet. New Windows. Prof Painted In Neutral Tones. New Carpet,rem Baths, Huge Backyard. MLS# 26033728 248-347-3050



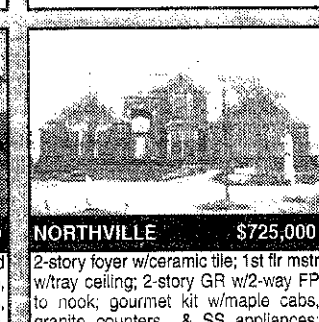
LIVONIA $165,000

Living Rm W/coved Ceiling & Picture Window, Dining Rm w/coved Ceiling, Kit. W/pantry & Appliances Inc., Fin. bsmnt W/dry Bar,Gas Fp,1/2 Bath & Cedar Closet, Newer Windows, Hdwd Flrs T/O, Ac, Fenced Yard W/sprinklers. MLS# 26042170 248-347-3050



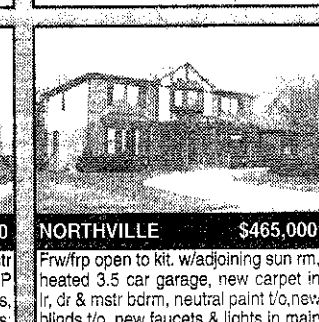
LYONS $600,000

On 4+ Acres W/lg Swimming Pond W/dock, pole Barn W/heated Wrkshop, new roof, redec., custom Windows, wrap-around Porch, central Vac, newer Corian Counters In Kit,10 Ft. Ceilings On 1st Fl., new Hwh & Newer C/A. MLS# 26039240 248-347-3050



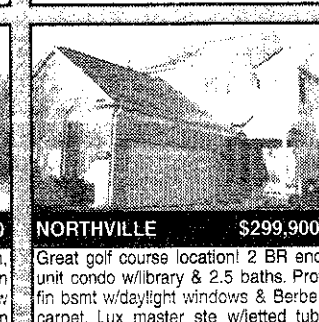
NORTHVILLE $725,000

2-story foyer w/ceramic tile; 1st flr mstr w/tray ceiling; 2-story GR w/2-way FP to nook; gourmet kit w/maple cabs, granite counters & SS appliances; upstairs media rm or FR; patio & paver lined driveway; landscaping. MLS# 26038277 248-347-3050



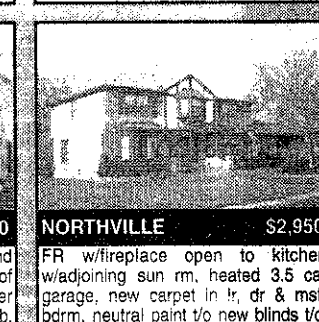
NORTHVILLE $465,000

Frw/frp open to kit. w/adjoining sun rm, heated 3.5 car garage, new carpet in lr, dr & mstr bdrm, neutral paint t/o,new blinds t/o, new faucets & lights in main bath, circular drive, new double oven, new maple flr in study. MLS# 26028227 248-347-3050 11963167



NORTHVILLE $299,900

Great golf course location! 2 BR end unit condo w/library & 2.5 baths. Prof fin bsmt w/daylight windows & Berber carpet. Lux master ste w/jetted tub, WIC, newer ceramic floor & cath clg. Newer Bruce hardwood in kit. MLS# 26040212 734-453-6800



NORTHVILLE $2,950

FR w/fireplace open to kitchen w/adjoining sun rm, heated 3.5 car garage, new carpet in lr, dr & mstr bdrm, neutral paint t/o new blinds t/o, circular drive, new double oven, new maple floor in study). MLS# 26028227 248-347-3050



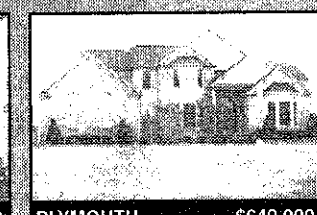
NOVI $375,000

On Prime Cul-de-sac location, Foyer W/dual Closets, Hrdwd Flr, Vaulted FR W/frplc, Mstr Ste W/glamour Bath W/jetted Tub, WIC, 3.5 Car Insulated Gar, Deck & Screened In Gazebo, Newer Windows, Roof, Ac & Water Htr! MLS# 26034606 248-347-3050



NOVI $359,900

Fabulous 2005 built colonial w/2389 sq ft. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, GR w/FP, kitchen w/HDWD flrs, butlers pantry, maple cabinets & Corian counters. Master suite w/lux bath & huge WIC. 2 car att gar, basement w/egress window. MLS# 26040667 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH $649,900

Exceptional home & value! Cresthaven model cape cod of almost 1 acre of prof landscaped grounds. Bright & cheery kitchen w/built-in appliances, granite & HDWD floors. 2 story GR. 1st floor master. MLS# 26036084 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH $624,900

1996 custom built in & out 4 BR, 3.5 BA ideally located in town. Bright & cheery kitchen w/granite, b/i appliances & vaulted ceiling. 2 story GR w/2 way FP to sun rm-family room. 3rd story theatre room & much more! MLS# 26037975 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH $329,900

Trailwood ranch! Beautifully landscaped interior setting. Spacious kitchen & nook. Formal DR. FR w/full brick FP. 1st flr laundry. Master w/bath. Updates: Anderson wndws, furnace, downspouts & gutters. Overszd gar. MLS# 26037877 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH $284,900

Charming & beautiful w/updates in past 5yrs: furn, C/A, crmc bath, kit flr, cntrs, dw & appl's. Gleaming HWF, arched doorways & plaster walls. 2nd flr completely new w/high ceilings, 20x13 mstr, ceramic BA & office. MLS# 26000151 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH $260,000

3 BR, 2.5 BA end unit condo w/formal LR w/gas FP, DR w/2 DW's onto rear patios, brkfst nook w/DW leading to side patio. Spac master ste w/bal to woods. LL is fin w/2nd FP, daylite wndw, newer fur & HWH. 2.5 car gar. MLS# 26037607 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH $259,000

Absolutely incredible brick cape cod. Everything is updated: wndws (99/02), roof (02), glass block wndws (99), ext trim, gutters & front storm door (02) & completely updated bath. Finished basement w/FR & 3rd BR. MLS# 26031788 734-453-6800



PONTIAC $199,900

Brick tudor, 3 BR, 1.5 ba. 2 car gar. & fin bsmt w/wet bar. Entire home updated. New kit w/maple cabs, corian cnt. & ceramic flrs. Newer roof, new HWH, freshly painted, new asphalt dw, newer win., new elect. gazebo w/elect. MLS #26033848 248-347-3050



REDFORD $145,000

Priced To Sell 3 Br, 1.5 Ba Brick Ranch in South Redford. Newer Vinyl Windows '95, Newer Roof (tear-off), Newer Furnace, C/a, Updated Bath & Kitchen. Partially Finished Bsmt. W/possible 4th Br. 2 1/2 Car Gar. MLS# 26033928 Jeff Glover 734-591-0333



REDFORD $99,900

Kitchen & eating area are open to the living room. New roof, siding, electric & windows. Partially finished basement. Newer kitchen & baths. 1 yr. home warranty. MLS# 26033565 248-347-3050



ROSEVILLE $100,000

3 BR ranch w/3 BR's, 2 car garage & large fenced yard. Freshly painted andre-carpeted t/o, this home comes with refrigerator and washer and dryer. newer vinyl windows. Conveniently located near expressway access. MLS #26040950 248-347-3050

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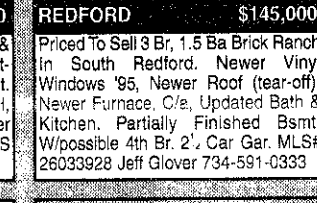
SOUTH LYON $372,900

Located on premium cul-de-sac. Your fussiest buyer will enjoy the professionally landscaped yard w/patio to enjoy the tranquil views of the pond & common area. Upgraded carpet & light fixtures. All appliances inc. MLS# 26025303 734-453-6800



WEST BLOOMFIELD $145,000

Ranch w/vaulted ceilings. Great neighborhood w/Union Lk privileges. Wood burning stove in Gr. Screened in porch. Pergo in kit. New carpet in GR. Newer windows T/O, roof approx. 8 yrs old. Paver walkway. MLS #26025573 248-347-3050



WESTLAND $159,900

Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, separate bdrm sts w/WICs, prof. painted t/o, upgraded Berber carpet, Gas Fp w/granite surround & oak mantle, upgraded cabinets, light fixtures, glass shower doors, all new appliances. MLS# 26027766 248-347-3050



WESTLAND $140,000

Totally updated 3BR Bungalow on dbl lot! New tear-off roof, wndws, newer kit w/appl's. Hdwd flrs, LR w/coved clng & crown mldg. New bath w/ceramic tile. Freshly painted, part fin bsmt w/tons of storage. 2+ car gar. MLS# 26032560 734-453-6800



WESTLAND $28,500

Great Bus. Opportunity! Deli/baked Goods & Some Grocery Items. List Price Incl Goodwill, Equip, Fixtures & inventory. Bring All Offers! Motivated! Space Is Being Leased. Seller Related To Agent. MLS# 26005940 Cathy Elias 734-591-0333 ext 126

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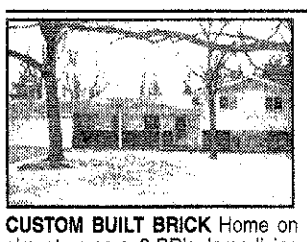
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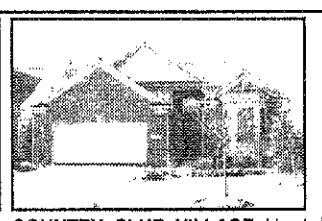
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CUSTOM BUILT BRICK Home on almost an acre. 3 BR's, large living room w/dining room area. Kitchen w/all appliances & nice eating area. Hardwoods, 1.5 baths, large Family room w/fp & built-in bookcases, 2 car garage plus a barn for extra storage. $199,900 (P-256GL)



WALK TO DOWNTOWN Outstanding Plymouth neighborhood! Custom built w/many updates including furnace, air, hwh, kitchen appliances, & roof. Hardwood floors, 3 full baths, large Family Room w/fp, & an impressive master bedroom. $519,000 (P-411LI)



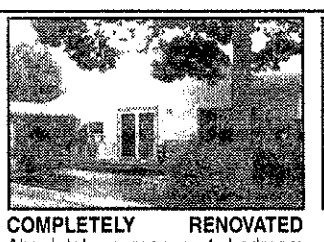
COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Hard to find detached ranch condo in sought after sub. Walkout basement, premium lot, exten-sive use of crown moldings and classy touches throughout. Built in 2000. Nice. $359,000 (P-077NO)



HERE IT IS! So much to list! Start w/covered 2 story entry & ceramic foyer, large pillared formal dining room, extensive use of crown molding t/o, tear off roof, 1st floor mater suite with cathedral ceiling & bath w/garden tub. Come take a look! $299,000 (C105LA)



GREAT LOCATION For this immaculate end unit ranch in Canton. Amenities include skylights, cathedral ceilings, updated roof, furnace & central air. Bright kitchen w/appliances, full basement, pool, clubhouse and more. $128,400 (C-374SO)



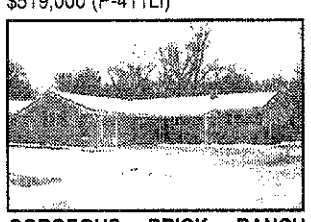
COMPLETELY RENOVATED Absolutely gorgeous 4 bedroom home featuring new roof, windows, doors, siding, copper plumbing, updated electrical, Berber, hardwoods & ceramic, new kitchen & baths, vaulted ceilings even a courtyard w/waterfall! $265,000 (C-463SU)



ENCHANTING RANCH 3 BR solid brick ranch has a fantastic Canton location. Open floor plan featuring 1633 sq ft, a great room w/gas fplc, roomy kit & dining area. Soaring ceilings. Lge mstr ste w/private bath. Attractively priced & quick occu. $249,900 (C-977TI)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY Spacious 3 BR, 2 bath brick home w/many updates inc. new windows, C/A, updated baths &kit, tear off roof in '97, bsmt is plumbed for bath, new cement patio, FR w/nat fp, new front door, & entire interior freshly painted. $229,900 (C-494YA)



GORGEOUS BRICK RANCH Beautiful updated brick ranch backs to woods. Superb finished basement, newer carpet, windows, doors, roof, & furnace. Open floor plan, neutral décor, in-ground. Quiet location. A must see! $215,000 (P-032BR)



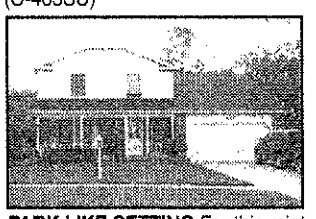
BRAND SPANKING NEW Bright and spacious new construction condos with 2 BR, 1.5 BA, huge kitchen, large dining area, oversized master, basement and garage. You wont find a better deal anywhere at this price. $134,900 (C-734BR)



ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE! In this gated community with beautiful views of Ford Lake. Upper ranch condo featuring 3 beds, 2 full baths, fireplace, a large deck overlooking the lake, clubhouse and a pool. Dues include heat and water. $149,900 (P-859CL)



BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED 2 BR, 2.5 ba condo w/large spacious rooms. Wonderful Galley Kitchen w/all appl. Newer vinyl windows, furnace, & hwh. Neutral décor, full Basement, & a garage. Call today! $127,900 (C-534CO)



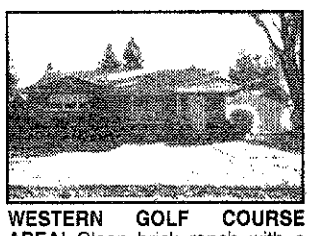
PARK LIKE SETTING For this mint condition 4 bedroom colonial with custom touches and a spacious 2200 square foot floor plan. Upgrades galore, front and back porches overlooking a manicured lawn. $234,900 (C-420DO)



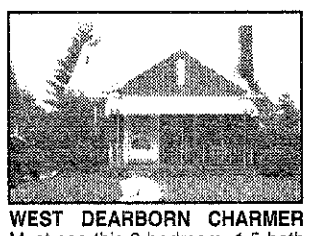
PLYMOUTH'S OLDE VILLAGE Don't miss the chance to own this beautiful historic Victorian home with a totally updated interior and old world charm throughout. Spacious interior with 3 bedrooms and a large backyard for the kids to play in. $219,900 (P-784HO)



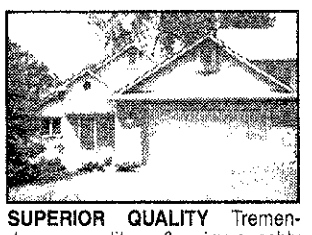
CANTON'S BEST CHOICE All your dreams at a great price! Experience the best of condo living w/vaulted ceilings, huge master suite, 3 full baths, gas fireplace, extended deck, & a finished basement. Neutral t/o. Call today for this great house. $285,000 (C-491KI)



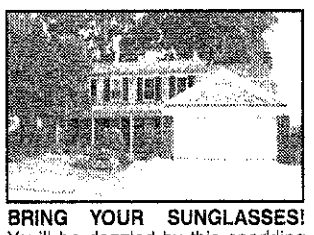
WESTERN GOLF COURSE AREA! Clean brick ranch with a finished basement, new roof, furnace and central air! Updated windows, covered porch, 2 car garage, an extra large lot and a one year home warranty. Perfect for 1st time buyers. $151,000 (C-715LY)



WEST DEARBORN CHARMER Must see this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick bungalow with a finished basement and 2 car garage. Updates include the roof, furnace and refinished hardwood floors. Lots more to see, call for details. $164,900 (P-945MA)



SUPERIOR QUALITY Tremen-dous quality & impeccably maintained. 2 BR, 2 bath end unit condo in a quiet setting. Vaulted great room w/fp, large private Deck, & 2.5 car Garage. Home warranty included. $174,900 (C-032RI)



BRING YOUR SUNGLASSES! You'll be dazzled by this sparkling 4BR/2.5BA home in a great neighborhood! New windows, flooring, fresh paint, fireplace, nice landscaping & large floor plan. Call for more info today!! $220,000 (C-600LA)



HOME SWEET HOME Comfortable colonial with a large family room off of the updated kitchen w/lots of cabinets. Hardwood floors, oversized garage, vinyl windows and more! 3 block from the elementary school. $165,900 (C-835MO)



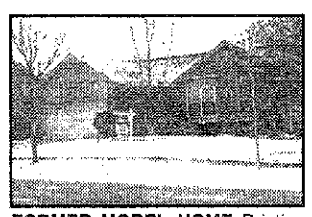
GORGEOUS EXECUTIVE HOME Everything you would expect & more. 4 bd home in golf course community. Open floor plan w/ many decorator updates. Extensive granite in gourmet kit, spacious fin bsmt, paver patio, hot tub, & more. Too much more to list. Call today! $412,000 (C-626SA)



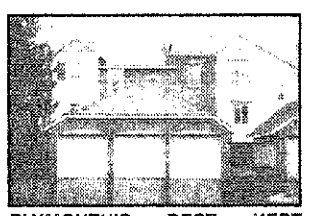
HOUSE BEAUTIFUL IN CANTON Absolutely stunning home offering many upgrades like granite in the kitchen, top of the line carpeting, marble surrounding the fireplace, cherry wood floors. Call to see it today! $274,900 (C-550SC)



GREAT HOME Outstanding colonial w/marble flooring in foyer & Kitchen. Huge master suite w/ vaulted ceiling, fireplace, WIC, bath w/double sinks, & soaking tub. Great neighborhood. $251,900 (C-881TA)



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



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



FABULOUS LOCATION 3 BR home on 1/4 acre corner lot. Updated Maple kit w/breakfast bar & custom ceramic floor, & new ceramic bath. Extensive landscaping, brick paver walkway, 2 car gar, covered Patio area, pool w/oversized Deck w/privacy fence. A must see! $164,900 (P-116AL)



ABSOLUTE GEM Totally done! Beautiful Livonia ranch offering 2 newer baths, gorgeous oak kitchen, vinyl windows, updated plumbing & elec, hwd floors, awesome finished bsmt, fenced yard, & insulated 2.5 car garage w/ 220. Call today! $149,900 (P-685AN)



AWESOME BUY Affordably priced & built in 1981. This great tri level home offers Livonia schools, vaulted ceilings, spacious floor plan & many updates. All appliances included. Excellent value! $154,900 (P-721BE)



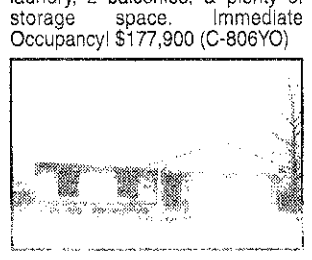
CUTE HOUSE Move right in to this 3 bedroom colonial with an extra lot. Too many updates to list - A must see inside - Home Warranty provided for Buyer. $99,000 (P-026CA)



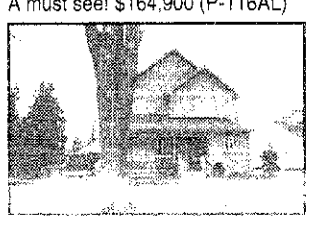
A REAL GEM One of the best Canton Condo features expanded flr plan, custom kit w/oak cabs, hwd floors & breakfast nook 1st flr mstr/ bath, WIC & double vanities. 2nd flr boasts 2 BR's & loft overlooking GR w/frpl. Formal dining overlooks cedar deck. $279,900 or lease $1,800/mo (P-461CH)



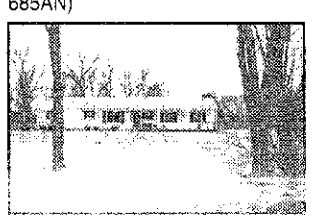
GORGEOUS VIEWS Move-in ready 3 bd home on quiet interior lot. 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, Great Room w/vaulted ceiling, walkout basement, & backs to wooded pond. Don't miss out on this fabulous home! $484,900 (P-809CO)



UPDATED 3 BR home offers formal Living Rm, Family Rm w/frpl & eat-in Kitchen. Upgrades include roof, furnace & A/C, Powder Rm, garage door & opener, landscaping, fenced yard & Patio. Plymouth Canton Schools. $196,900 (P-901CO)



NEWLY BUILT Walk to Canton's colonial with abundance of features. 3 BR, 2.5 baths, 1st floor laundry, 2.5 car Garage. Livonia schools, & so much more. Call today! $229,900 (P-887DE)



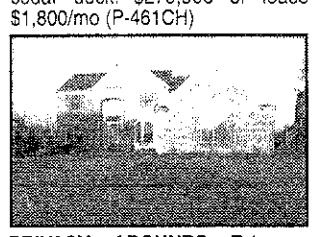
UNIQUE 2 acre Farmstead property offering 2 acres Custom built, 1 owner 4 BR upgraded ranch home. Current updates inc filtration system, generator, SS & corian kit, extensive ceramic flooring, 2 full baths, circular drive, & beautifully wooded in prime location. Many more features. $550,000 (P-460DO)



TURN KEY HOME Beautiful colonial in Old Orchard Sub. Totally remodeled t/o, 3 bd, 1.5 baths. 2 car Garage, updated windows, furnace, C/A, garage door, steel doors, fresh paint & new Patio. Hurry, this one will not last long! $216,900 (P-127EC)



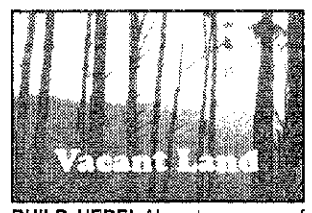
SPECTACULAR COLONIAL Outstanding in every way. 2500+ sq ft colonial w/corian counters, huge Great Room, extensive Crown molding, fashion bath, fabulous gardens & much more. $399,900 (P-152EL)



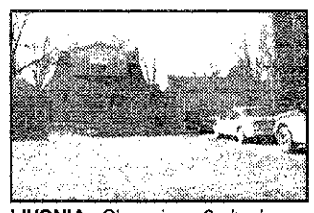
PRIVACY ABOUNDS Fairways West executive style home features an open 2 story foyer w/ hwd flrs. Chef's kit w/neutral ctops, desk area, hwd floors, nook, & custom deck. Large FR w/2-sided frpl, & lib w/frpl. Mstr ste w/bath & WIC. Fin LL, prof. landscaping, & premium lot. $423,900 (P-351EL)



NICELY UPDATED Great location w/private access to Whitmore Lake. Many updates completed in 2005 including furnace & AC, bathroom, plumbing, Kitchen counters, water softener, well, & freshly painted w/new carpet. $130,000 (C-142FO)



BUILD HERE! Almost an acre of prime property on paved road. Close to everything. Van Buren schools, ok to put modular or manufactured home on lot. Call today for more info. $38,000 (P-000GR)



LIVONIA Charming 3 bedroom Cape-Cod with many new updates. Huge lot, all appliances stay along w/jaccuzzi in back yard. Too much to list, a must see. $144,900 (P-263HA)



COMPLETELY UPDATED Nothing left to do but move in! Updated siding, roof, oak Kitchen, ceramic tile floors, bath, carpet, furnace, & C/A. Tasteful décor, 2.5 car Garage, large Deck & more. Perfect house just waiting for new owner! $137,500 (P-118HE)



REFRESHING This ready to move in condo is in great shape & has plenty to offer. Large Living Room w/frpl, large maser w/bath & jetted tub, formal Dining Room, garage, deck, & bsmt plumbed for full bath. All appliances stay. $167,900 (C-572HU)



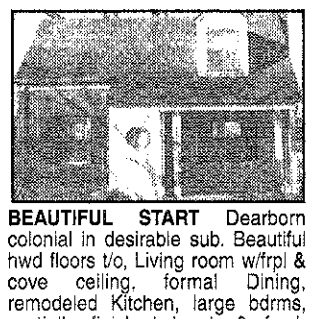
GREAT BUSINESS OPPOR-TUNITY Carpet store & beauty salon. All equipment in beauty salon included in sale. 2 wash bowls, 3 dryers & 4 styling stations. Newly remodeled w/state of the art security system. $199,000 (P-1511I)



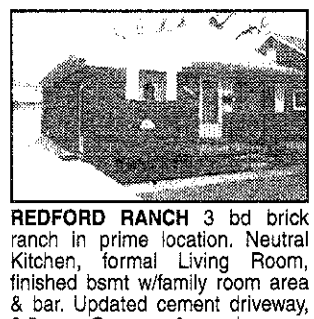
GREAT COMPLEX Maintenance free living! Open floor plan w/ private patio, master bedroom has private balcony. Newer carpet, kitchen flooring & fresh paint. Relax in the whirlpool tub or at the complex pool. Gas and water included! Great Buy! $88,900 (C-124JA)



5 BEDROOM COLONIAL Spotless best describes this 5 bd, 2.5 bath home in popular Rolling Oaks. 3 car side entry garage, 1st floor Master Suite w/bath, large island Kitchen w/hwd floors & all appliances, doorwall leading to large deck. A pleasure to see. $469,900 (P-962KN)



BEAUTIFUL START Dearborn colonial in desirable sub. Beautiful hwd floors t/o, Living room w/frpl & cove ceiling, formal Dining, remodeled Kitchen, large bdrms, partially finished bsmt, & fresh landscaping. $169,900 (C-828LO)



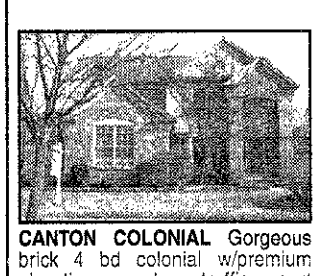
REDFORD RANCH 3 bd brick ranch in prime location. Neutral Kitchen, formal Living Room, finished bsmt w/family room area & bar. Updated cement driveway, 2.5 car Garage, & much more. $139,900 (P-410LU)



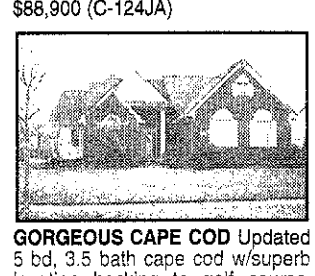
GREAT STARTER Beautiful starter home located at the end of the street for added privacy. Ceramic floors in Foyer, new windows t/o, & more. Call today. $169,900 (C-040MA)



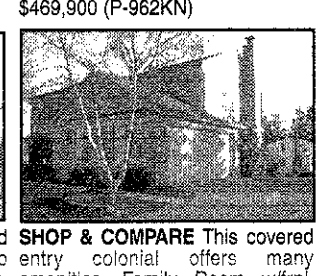
MOVE RIGHT IN 4 BR colonial w/ attached 2 car garage & finished basement w/office. This home offers a great room, formal dining room & FR w/frpl. Eat in Kitchen which has been completely remodeled. Home has lots of new updates. Home Warranty provided. $329,900 (P-713MA)



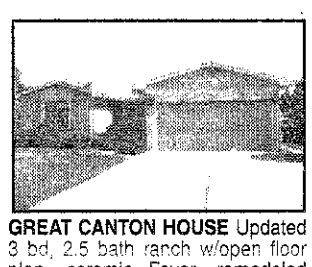
CANTON COLONIAL Gorgeous brick 4 bd colonial w/premium elevation on low traffic court location. Backing to woods in popular Sunflower sub, this home also offers a fin bsmt, fresh paint, new carpet on 1st floor, large open kitchen, & side entry garage. Must see! $362,600 (P-711MO)



GORGEOUS CAPE COD Updated 5 bd, 3.5 bath cape cod w/superb location backing to golf course. Fantastic finished bsmt, 2 story Great Room, gourmet Kitchen, 3 car Garage & so much more. $389,999 (P-475MU)



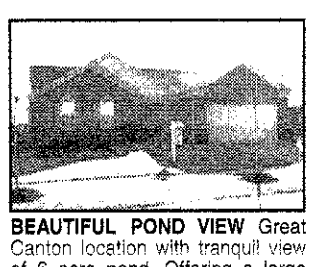
SHOP & COMPARE This covered entry colonial offers many amenities. Family Room w/frpl, Dining Room w/bay window, Master Suite w/cathedral ceiling & vanity area, side entry Garage, brick paver patio, central air, & Livonia Schools! Call today. $329,900 (C-381OV)



GREAT CANTON HOUSE Updated 3 bd, 2.5 bath ranch w/open floor plan, ceramic Foyer, remodeled oak Kitchen that opens up to Family Room w/frpl. Formal Living Room, updated windows, finished lower level w/possible 4th BR & 2 car Garage. $212,900 (P-830PA)



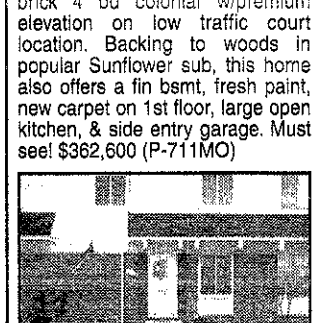
GREAT PRICE Nicely nestled in well established neighborhood. Updated windows, carpet, furnace, C/A, extra wide driveway, & extended gar w/newer door. Spacious bdrms, FFL, all appls stay, deck, fast occu, & home warranty provided. An absolute must see! $264,900 (C-757PA)



BEAUTIFUL POND VIEW Great Canton location with tranquil view of 6 acre pond. Offering a large master suite w/private bath, open floor plan, fireplace in Great Room, & doorwall to new deck. Call this one your home. $253,000 (P-058PO)



MOVE RIGHT IN Beautifully updated colonial featuring Kitchen w/corian, Anderson windows, & professionally finished bsmt w/ egress window & guest bedroom & bath. Everything has been done for you, call today. $399,900 (P-273RE)



IMMACULATE This 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo is just waiting for it's new owner! Newer carpet & paint, eat in kitchen w/custom built kitchen table & bench seat, new roof in 05, common pool, finished bsmt, doorwall leading to deck & close to everything. $112,000 (P-703RO)



ONE OF A KIND Full brick home featuring 3 car Garage, 3100 sq ft, huge Great Room, open Kitchen w/upgraded cabinets, hwd floors, all appliances stay, deluxe Master Suite, extra deep bsmt, & backs to open land & sides to stream. Excellent location! Excellent value! Don't Wait! $399,900 (P-083SH)



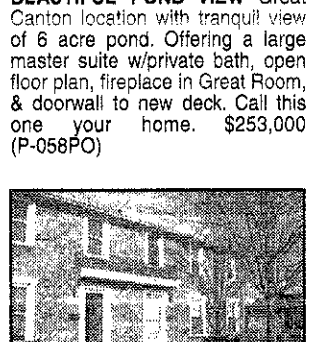
LIVONIA CHARMER Gorgeous 4 bd, 2 bath home w/over 2000 sq ft. Formal Living & Dining rooms, Family Room w/natural frpl, oversized lot w/fresh landscaping & cement Patio. Move in condition. $290,000 (P-900SO)



A BREATH OF FRESH AIR Stylish Pulte 4 bd home features a 2 story foyer & large kitchen w/hwd floors. Spacious FR w/frpl, Flex room could be used as LR or library. Large master features private bath, WIC & sitting area. Professionally landscaped yard backing to commons area. A real value, don't miss it. $389,900 (P-395SP)



PICTURE PERFECT Great ranch offering 3 bd, open floor plan, updated furnace, C/A, HWH, & steel doors. Add to this updated 6 panel doors, professionally finished bsmt, new siding, great Patio, & covered porch. Priced to sell! $124,900 (P-369ST)



GREAT VALUE Immediate occupancy on this move in condition condo in Canton. 1200 sq ft, 3bd, 1.5 baths, oak Kitchen, neutral carpeting, full bsmt, & more. Super clean. Motivated Seller. $117,500 (P-511UM)



ABSOLUTLEY STUNNING! Colonial offering Family Room w/ soaring ceiling & frpl, Kitchen w/ island & Jennair appl. Formal LR & DR, private Study, hwd flooring, huge Master Bedroom w/sitting area & bath w/jetted tub, Jack & Jill Baths, 1st floor laundry/mudroom, & 3 Car Garage. $559,900 (P-479WH)

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Consider mortgage's rate of return



Timothy Phillips

One method of measuring success is by comparing the sum of an endeavor's results with the sum of our efforts. That is, compare the output with the input over time. For investments, this is called a rate of return.

While a mortgage is not a traditional investment, per se, it is a critical part of perhaps your largest investment – the purchase of your home. It follows that we should be able to evaluate it like other investments.

A rate of return is a measurement of financial output relative to financial input for a given period of time. If my $1,000 certificate of deposit earns me $60 per year, I am realizing 6.0 percent annual rate of return on my investment. If I could find a $500 investment that would yield the same $60 annually, I would double my rate of return. The extreme situation of having a $60 annual yield with zero money out of my pocket would give me a mathematical infinite rate of return.

Let's say Melissa purchases a $100,000 home with a 5 percent down payment on the same day John, her new next-door neighbor, buys the identical home with 20 percent down. Five years later, they each sell their homes on the same day for the same price of $140,000. In this scenario, Melissa would realize an average 160 percent annual return on her investment versus John's 40 percent growth.

Melissa's higher monthly payments will offset her actual gains a bit, but she also retains the opportunity to put $15,000 – the extra amount that John has tied up in his home's larger down payment- into some other more aggressive investments for those five years. She may also choose to keep the money liquid in the event of a layoff or career change.

Today's TIMBIT! The smaller down payment you can make without paying a disproportionately high interest rate, the better your mortgage rate of return will be. Some mortgage lenders even offer over 100 percent financing for creditworthy borrowers. Eligible VA and FHA borrowers may be able to purchase homes with as little as zero and 3 percent down, respectively.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit www.PhillipsHQ.com for article archives and www.CarteretOnline.Biz for mortgage calculators and solutions. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Policy should be specific



Real Estate Inquires

Robert Meisner

Q. Our condo association, which has never experienced any serious delinquency problem, is now beginning to see a number of co-owners being late on their payments. We don't have a written collection policy but have the right to put a lien on. What do you recommend?

A. I recommend that you promulgate as soon as possible a written delinquency policy that sets forth in detailed terms how you will proceed to collect assessments including when the late notices go out, when the late charge is imposed, when the lien is filed and when the foreclosure or other legal recourse is initiated. Your payment procedure should also deal with the issue of whether you accept partial payments and whether you will accelerate the assessments due for the remainder of the fiscal year. This should be prepared by an experienced attorney who is familiar with your condominium documents as well as permissible collection policies.

Q. Our condominium attorney is suggesting alternative dispute resolution as a matter of resolving our dispute with the developer. Do you have any recommendations?

A. As a trained Alternative Dispute Resolution Mediator, I wholeheartedly recommend ADR in nearly every case concerning litigation to the extent possible. Most courts mandate that cases go into all ADR at some time during the course of litigation as it frequently results in an expeditious resolution of the case. It all depends, of course, on the mediator chosen by the parties in terms of how successful the process will be as well as the willingness of both parties to make compromises. Your attorney has made a good suggestion and you should follow through with a capable and experienced mediator who is knowledgeable about the areas of the law in which you have a dispute.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for $9.95 plus $1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for $24.95 plus $5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Oct. 17-21, 2005, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

42269 Ashbury	$200,000
42649 Barchester	$160,000
45655 Bartlett	$304,000
41682 Bedford	$150,000
41706 Bedford	$126,000
4055 Berkeley	$143,000
2249 Berwick	$193,000
40492 Blythefield	$170,000
6812 Bridgemont	$347,000
526 Buchanan	$351,000
44210 Candlewood	$263,000
7777 Charrington	$238,000
375 Charterhouse	$180,000
8504 Chatham	$820,000
309 Cherry Hill Pointe	$248,000
43679 Christopher	$152,000
2353 Cleveland	$290,000
4010 Cornerstone	$46,000
49566 Courtyard	$142,000
49594 Courtyard	$142,000
2283 Cranbrook	$233,000
540 Delaford	$380,000
5515 Denton	$139,000
8050 Elmhurst	$234,000
44888 Fair Oaks	$235,000
7100 Festival	$445,000
426 Filmore	$201,000
4044 Forest Bridge	$58,000
4153 Forest Bridge	$58,000
681 Georgetown	$186,000
41544 Glade	$240,000
45443 Glengarry	$395,000
50147 Harding	$185,000
45365 Horseshoe	$180,000
39860 John	$187,000
4033 Kimberly	$249,000
1068 Kings	$203,000
43663 Lotus	$221,000
44621 Meadowcreek	$231,000
45692 Morningside	$327,000
45732 Morningside	$335,000
1924 Morrison	$242,000
1732 N Morton Taylor	$253,000
44288 N Umberland	$210,000
44316 N Umberland	$243,000
1227 Paddington	$254,000
2066 Pinecroft	$187,000
2138 Pinecroft	$173,000
4733 Pond Run	$278,000
3943 Ravensfield	$204,000
46211 Registry	$265,000
47756 Royal Pointe	$385,000
47521 Scenic Circle	$260,000
314 Selkirk	$180,000
4723 Shoreview	$291,000
43825 Simsbury	$280,000
51153 Sleepy Hollow	$257,000
51167 Sleepy Hollow	$261,000
46012 Spinning Wheel	$236,000
43557 Stuart	$194,000
41949 Sunderland	$225,000
720 Sutten	$213,000
45055 Turnberry	$345,000
1533 Valentine	$330,000
43568 W Arbor Way	$131,000
47601 Waddington	$425,000
6591 Weatherfield	$315,000
907 Wildwood	$258,000
6833 Willow Creek	$219,000
6844 Woodmere	$325,000
186 Woodward	$445,000

Garden City

30616 Beechwood	$90,000
401 Brandt	$87,000
30616 Brown	$173,000
32651 Brown	$66,000
6560 Cadillac	$110,000
32142 Cambridge	$158,000
29520 Dawson	$105,000
30940 Dawson	$156,000
1629 Gilman	$135,000
6193 Gilman	$151,000
1736 Harrison	$148,000
29516 Hennepin	$140,000
33042 Hennepin	$152,000
33560 John Hauk	$152,000
28443 Krauter	$120,000
881 Radcliff	$150,000
211 Ross	$130,000
29809 Windsor	$140,000

Livonia

33657 Eight Mile	$86,000
32483 Allen	$255,000
36056 Ann Arbor	$86,000
20155 Antago	$135,000
14171 Arcola	$190,000
14245 Arcola	$166,000
9257 Bassett	$187,000
15068 Blue Skies	$196,000
15352 Brookfield	$194,000
32913 Brookside	$293,000
32919 Brookside	$309,000
32920 Brookside	$318,000
32924 Brookside	$304,000
32984 Brookside	$419,000
33000 Brookside	$420,000
27755 Clarita	$165,000
11413 Deering	$150,000
11533 Deering	$127,000
14182 Deering	$178,000
14213 Deering	$170,000
17380 Deering	$167,000
15628 Ellen	$328,000
33395 Fargo	$79,000
19934 Floral	$124,000
38523 Grennada	$220,000
30766 Hathaway	$172,000
33701 Hathaway	$264,000
9183 Houghton	$226,000
9293 Houghton	$250,000
37911 Howell	$224,000
14535 Hubbard	$231,000
14567 Huff	$165,000
11635 Inkster	$94,000
18270 Manor	$320,000
19176 Meadowridge	$190,000
14574 Melrose	$186,000
20349 Melvin	$135,000
9026 Newport	$186,000
9041 Newport	$181,000
31103 Orangelawn	$175,000
20205 Parkville	$157,000
19374 Rensellor	$120,000
38439 Richland	$204,000
31131 Robert	$178,000
33444 Roycroft	$199,000
14906 Sunbury	$136,000
17955 University Park	$135,000
17589 Westbrook	$238,000
14045 Westmore	$248,000
15320 Woodring	$165,000

Plymouth

460 Ann	$310,000
551 Arthur	$215,000
906 Arthur	$150,000
718 Burroughs	$244,000
40763 Crabtree	$235,000
46331 Curituck	$420,000
12411 Duxbury	$372,000
44878 Erin	$179,000
701 Harding	$214,000
734 Kellogg	$140,000
9146 Manton	$214,000
42101 Mill Race	$162,000
12055 N Canton Center	$350,000
40403 Newport	$145,000
1432 Palmer	$388,000
42575 Plymouth Hollow	$98,000
9611 Red Maple	$314,000
324 Red Ryder	$220,000
328 Red Ryder	$240,000
46761 Strathmore	$279,000
9500 Terry	$175,000
14864 Thornridge	$262,000
50611 W Fellows Creek	$603,000
387 Windmill	$220,000
9020 Woodlore South	$418,000

Redford

9956 Arnold	$130,000
15802 Beech Daly	$83,000
17339 Beech Daly	$102,000
9550 Berwyn	$150,000
10035 Brady	$156,000
19953 Centralia	$130,000
18850 Dalby	$86,000
19286 Dalby	$118,000
19166 Delaware	$35,000
24417 Elmira	$138,000
24445 Elmira	$149,000
17677 Fox	$135,000
25350 Graham	$113,000
16251 Kinloch	$173,000
11370 Leverne	$129,000
19713 Lexington	$110,000
19969 Macarthur	$110,000
15630 Meadowbrook	$182,000
9079 Mercedes	$154,000
13211 Nathaline	$150,000
18303 Norborne	$117,000
19926 Norborne	$98,000
23225 Plymouth	$35,000
27222 Plymouth	$410,000
9326 Riverview	$150,000
24848 Ross	$172,000
26811 Ross	$203,000
15046 Sumner	$124,000
26916 W Six Mile	$130,000
9136 Winston	$140,000
15546 Winston	$115,000
19171 Woodworth	$136,000

Westland

2618 Second	$110,000
1851 Alexander	$157,000
33043 Anita	$159,000
33508 Avondale	$167,000
34634 Avondale	$149,000
407 Barchester	$172,000
34642 Blackfoot	$150,000
2240 Buchanan	$200,000
35826 Canyon	$155,000
7368 Cardwell	$121,000
6850 Central City	$165,000
7554 Cherrywood	$285,000
1315 Craig	$225,000
7502 Culpepper	$131,000
7523 Culpepper	$145,000
7311 Deering	$163,000
1115 Easley	$154,000
38604 Emerald	$226,000
35066 Fairchild	$136,000
37232 Gilchrist	$146,000
1665 Gloria	$142,000
31763 Grand Traverse	$115,000
35019 Hazelwood	$145,000
32775 Hiveley	$155,000
35713 Hunter	$131,000
6385 Hunter Pointe	$132,000
8226 Huntington	$65,000
32352 Keewenaw	$99,000
350 Larchmont	$213,000
38461 Maes	$174,000
31240 Merritt	$155,000
32687 Merritt	$165,000
6013 N Dowling	$134,000
7725 N Henry Ruff	$146,000
8748 N Hubbard	$170,000
38224 N Rickham	$171,000
7318 N Wildwood	$160,000
1446 Norris	$93,000
8414 Perrin	$132,000
7747 Princeton	$145,000
214 S Christine	$146,000
1320 S Hambleton	$154,000
535 S Hawthorne	$135,000
35436 Schley	$167,000
413 Surrey	$160,000
6319 Twin Oaks	$202,000
33878 Whitewood	$249,000
5958 Wilmer	$122,000
39370 Worchester	$182,000

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Success story

When Joe Williams of RE/MAX 100 was recently told his team was the No. 1 sales team, he wasn't fazed. When RE/MAX 100 had their annual awards ceremony to honor agents like Joe, he wasn't there; he was helping his clients move furniture.

"It isn't about me, it's about them," said Williams. "Our clients mean everything to us and they are the secret to our overwhelming success this year."

Joe, his brother, Paul Williams and his sister, Donna Bolig, sold 63 houses in 2005 which was an increase of 53 percent over 2004. Nearly every sale came to the team by referral. The referrers: past and current clients who were so pleased with the service they received that they were willing to go out of their way to refer their friends and family to the Williams Team.

"Joe is very hands-on with all of his clients. You'll see him up on a ladder with a home inspector looking at a roof, delivering candy baskets to his clients' kids at Halloween, or dropping off a gift for someone's anniversary," said Crystal Halley, broker and owner of RE/MAX 100.

"It's very heart-warming to see how much the whole team cares."

While many Realtors are down as much as 25-50 percent in this tough market, the Williams Team is sticking to their values.

"We came from a family of 13," said Paul Williams. "We end up developing a bond with our clients and they tend to feel like an extension of our family."

Although technology is a big part of how the team actually lists and sells properties, this is not a group of point and click Realtors who sit in the office all day. They get out in the field and talk to people. As a result, the team brought in 21 new buyer and seller referrals in January alone. Visit Joe's Web site at www.joewilliams.com to view properties, look up tips,mortgage rates and other information. Receive their monthly publication on home ownership, maintenance and finance by e-mailing joenegot8r@aol.com.

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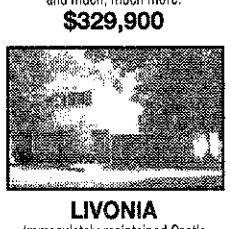
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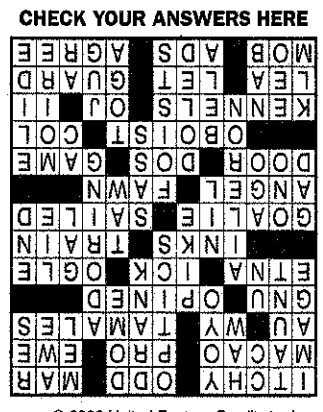
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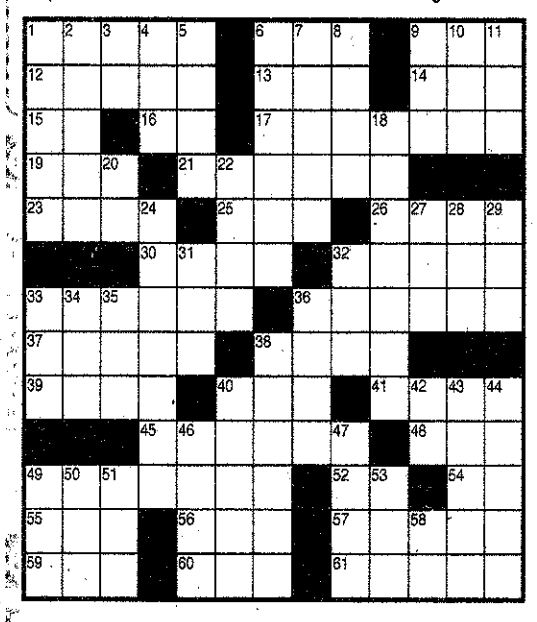
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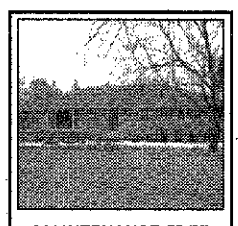
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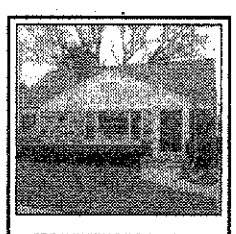
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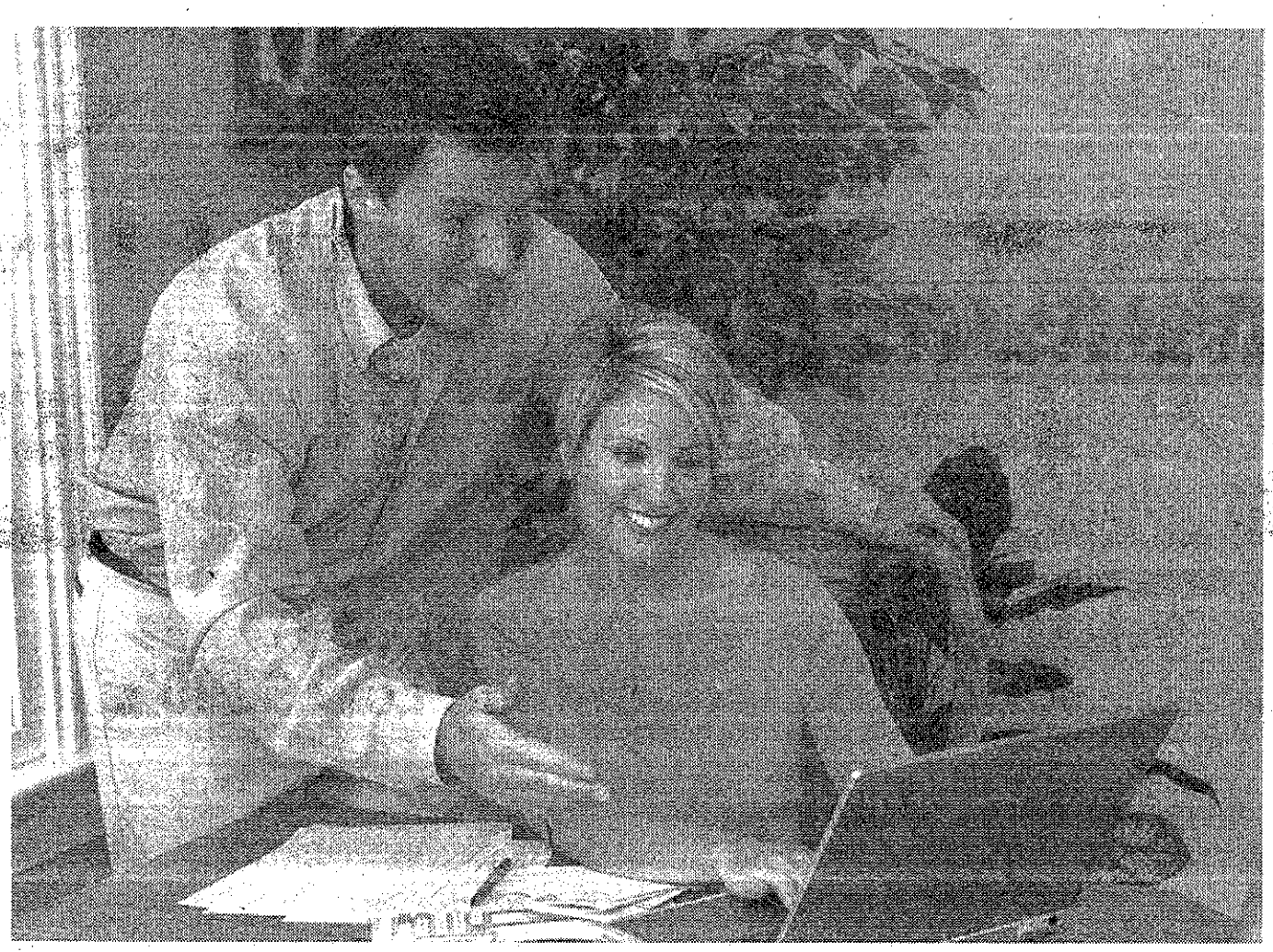
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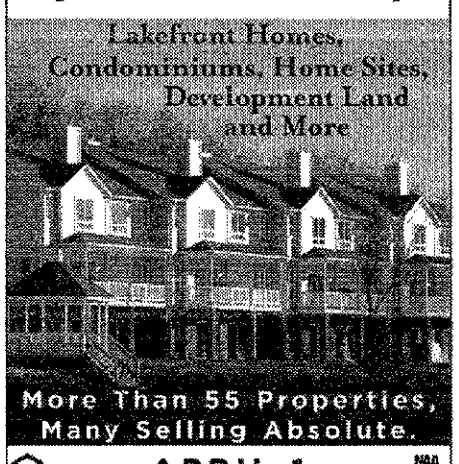


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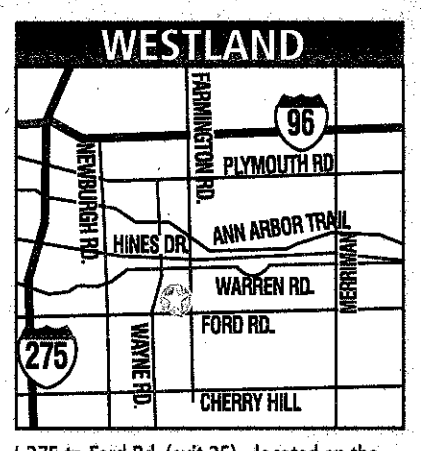






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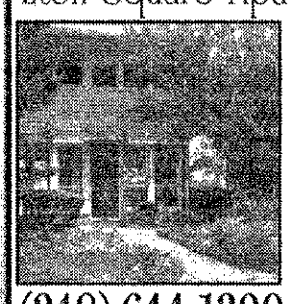
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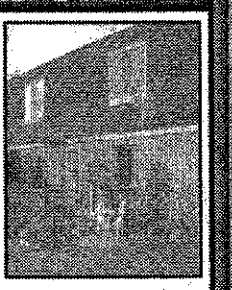
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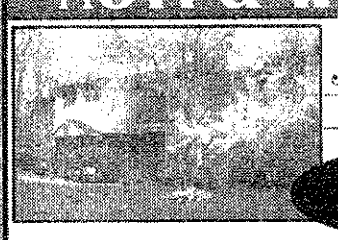


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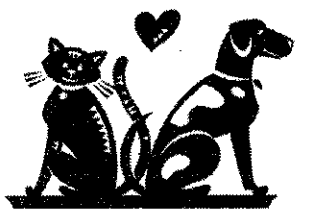


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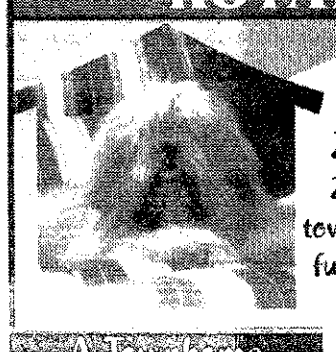
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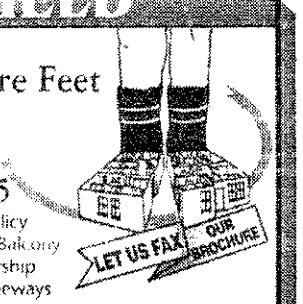
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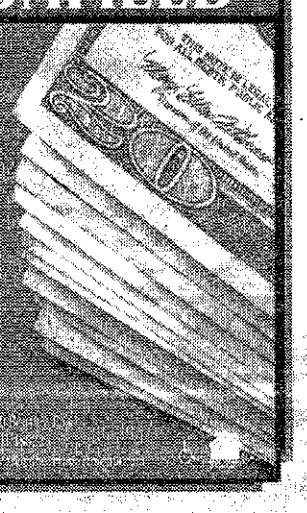
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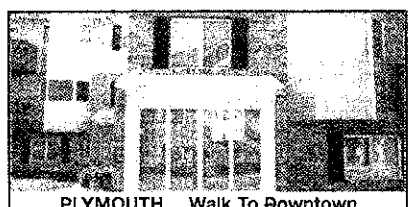
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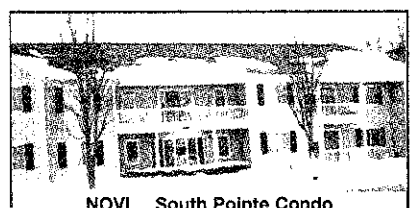
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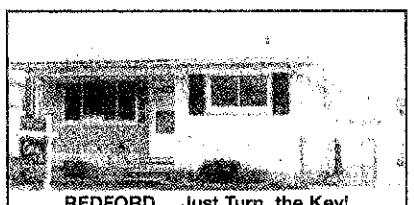
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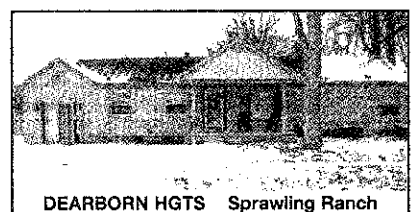
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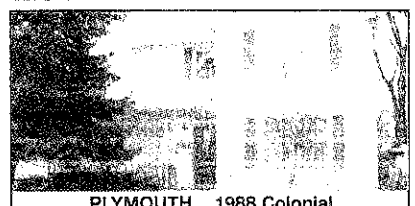
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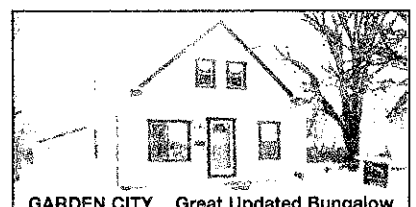
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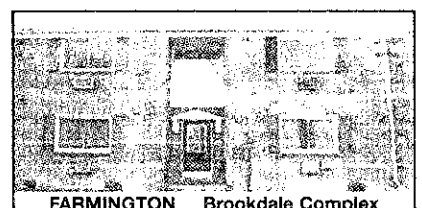
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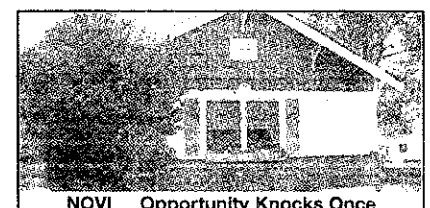
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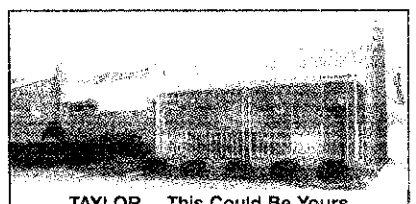
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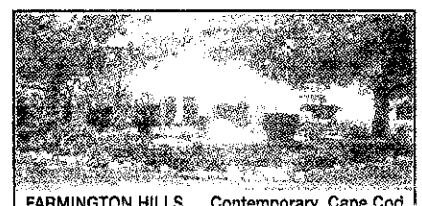
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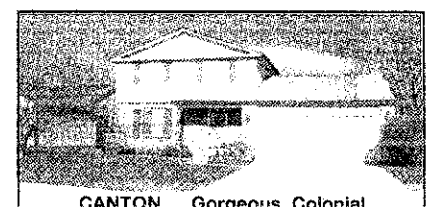
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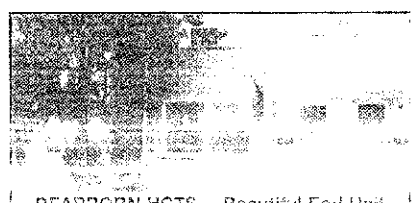
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NEWER LAKEFRONT MASTERPIECE! No expense spared in this totally custom home! Fabulous views of 2 lakes from most rooms. Over 5,100 SF of outstanding quality. 4BR, 3 full, 2 half baths. Walkout LL. (25169483) $1,325,000



NORTHVILLE 248-851-1900
GOLF COMMUNITY - SOPHISTICATION & ELEGANCE! Spectacular lot overlooks woods, golf course. Hardwood firs, soaring ceilings. Toffee maple, granite kit. 5BR, 4.5BA. Conservatory. Incredible master suite. Newly fin. LL. (26033376) $1,059,000



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
EXQUISITE CUSTOM CAPE COD! 5BR, 3.2BA Custom Cape Cod with brick & stone exterior. Walking distance to downtown Plymouth. Basement is fully finished. Have to See! (26033162) $699,900



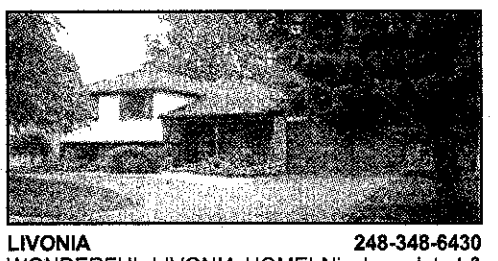
PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
ENTERTAINER'S DREAM! From formal DR, library with wet bar, intimate LR with FP, huge kitchen nook, cozy FR with FP to beautiful patio with hot tub. Lots of room to roam inside & out. 5BR, 4.5BA Colonial. (26033633) $475,000



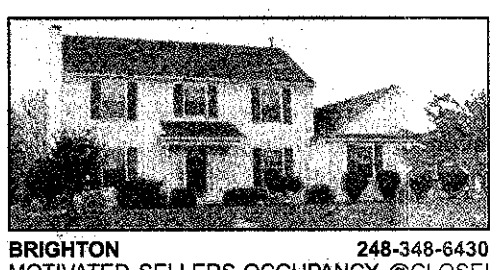
CANTON 734-455-7000
UNBELIEVABLE PRICE IN FAIRWAYS! Nothing to do but move in! Over 3400 sq.ft. 4 Bedrooms & 3.1 Baths, Master suite w/FP. Wooded site with goldfish pond. Walk to Dodson elementary. (26020968) $439,900



SOUTH LYON 248-437-3800
Like New Colonial In Carriage Club! Home is on premium cul-de-sac lot backing to pond and nature preserve. Oak cabinets, large master suite and open floor plan. Sparkling with neutral decor. (25182562) $309,900



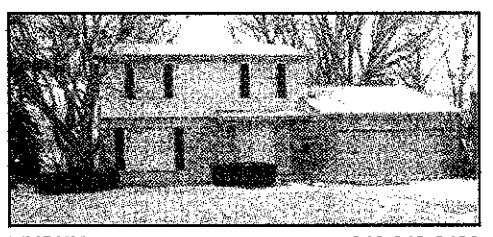
LIVONIA 248-348-6430
WONDERFUL LIVONIA HOME! Nicely updated & in desirable Nottingham woods sub. New roof, updated kitchen & baths, Andersen windows, brick walkway & Livonia Stevenson High School area. 349-6200 (25148476) $299,900



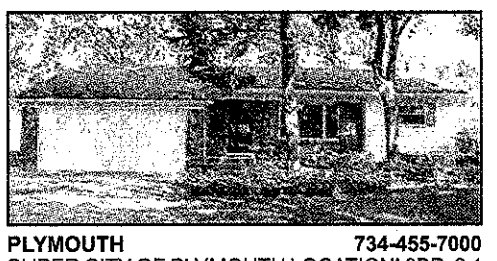
BRIGHTON 248-348-6430
MOTIVATED SELLERS-OCCUPANCY @CLOSE! Beautiful Colonial with lovely backyard. Perfect sub and fabulous lot. 3 BR & 2.5 BA. Double decking, finished bsmt w/office & side entry garage. A pleasure to show. 349-6200 (25162405) $269,900



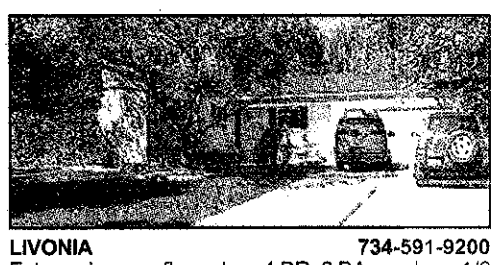
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Great Location! Totally updated home. New kit-'06. New elect & roof-'04. A/C & plumbing-'02. Anderson Windows t/o. Hardwood floors under carpet. Freshly painted. Lg. addition to living rm w/gas FP, finished basement & more. (26019646) $255,000



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
VERY NICE 4 BR LIVONIA COLONIAL! Close to parks, shopping & golf. Lovely family room with fireplace, updated kitchen with oak cabinetry. Formal dining room & more. 248-348-6430 (26035290) $249,000



PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
SUPER CITY OF PLYMOUTH LOCATION! 3BR, 2.1 Ranch. Large & open LR offers exposed hardwood floor. Florida room. Basement offers FP with insert, Family room area, office, Japanese style room--very unique! Newly painted. (26035702) $239,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Extremely open floor plan- 4 BR, 2 BA ranch on 1/2 acre lot. Updts incl: windows, roof, furn/A/C, hardwood floors, ceramic in kit. & BA. New kitchen cabinets w/granite counters & all new appliances. New carpet, fin. bsmt. & more. (26027663) $239,900



CANTON 734-591-9200
Stylish, Newer Canton Colonial! Sizable Family Room with Gas Fireplace and Recessed Lighting. Open, flowing kitchen. Large dining room with doorwall to deck and wooded view. Wide open basement. (26005791) $234,900



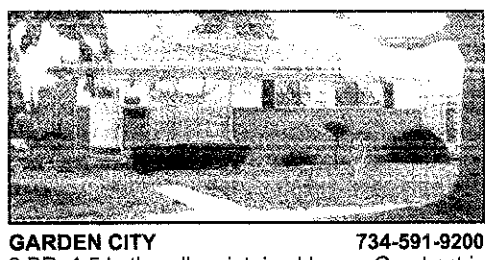
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Great Livonia ranch. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, lots of updates. Hardwood Floors, granite floor & countertop in BA. Marble tiled FP. Newer roof, windows, carpet. Large deck off family room with gazebo. 2 car attached garage. (26024457) $204,900



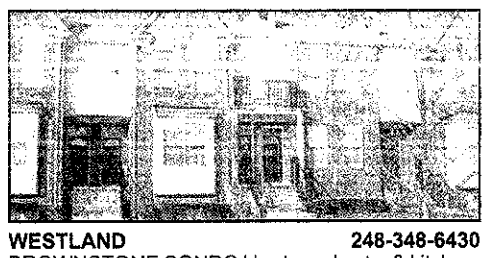
LIVONIA 248-348-6430
CHARMING & COMFORTABLE HOME! 3 BR, 1.5 BA, cove ceilings & hardwood floors under carpet. Partial finished bsmt. Updates include: roof, furnace, A/C & windows. Newer washer & dryer remain. 349-6200 (25167969) $169,000



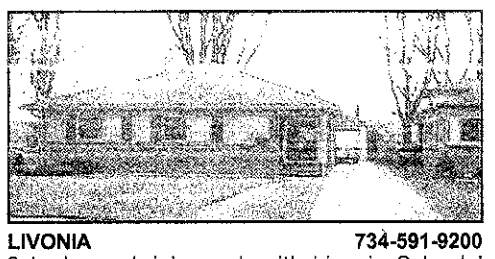
LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Spotless Livonia Ranch in the "State Streets" subdivision. 1219 sq ft. Newer roof, furnace, windows and A/C. Large backyard & 1/2 block from elementary school & park. (26038226) $167,500



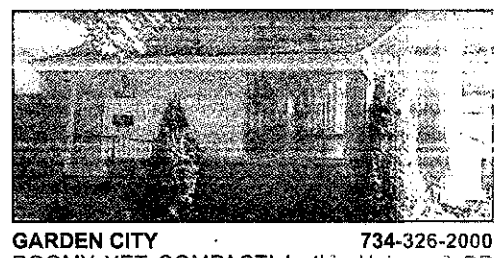
GARDEN CITY 734-591-9200
3 BR, 1.5 bath well maintained home. Great eat-in kitchen, large finished bsmt w/FP, bar & half bath, oak hardwood floors under carpet. New oak cabinets in kitchen with Wallside Doorwall. Brick patio in large backyard. (26033578) $159,900



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
BROWNSTONE CONDO Hardwood entry & kitchen, 9 ft ceilings, 2 BR, 2.1 BA. 1 car attached garage. Basement w/daylight windows. Last Avalon style. Immed. Occupancy. All appliances stay. 349-6200 (26016191) $157,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
3 bedroom brick ranch with Livonia Schools! Spacious bedrooms, large updated kitchen, updated, clean & neutral too. Super cute! (26033966) $149,900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
ROOMY YET COMPACT! Is this Unique 3 BR Tri-Level in Garden City with 1.5 Baths. Refinished hardwood floors, FR, LL Walkout, C/A, and 2 car garage. Can also be leased for $1095 per month. (25142267) $149,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Charming 3 BR, 2 bath brick ranch located in S. Redford. Updates galore: newer kitchen, BA, windows, doors, int. paint, copper plumb, circuit breaker box, glass block windows in part. fin. bsmt w/bar & full BA. 2+ car garage. (26035841) $139,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
PERFECTLY PERFECT! No stone unturned. Beautiful Hardwood Floors, Brand New Kitchen, Updated Bath, Finished Basement, New Roof, New Windows. Squeaky Clean! (25149851) $137,500



WAYNE 734-326-2000
GOT IT ALL! 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, finished basement, C/A, fireplace, hardwood floors, solar panels, garage, & much, much more. (25175475) $137,500



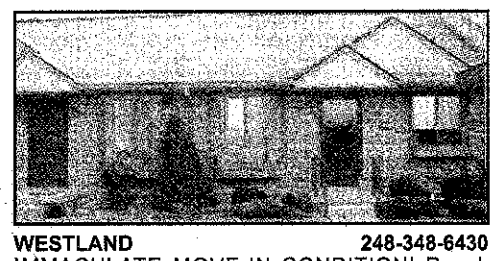
WYANDOTTE 734-326-2000
3BEDROOM BUNGALOW! New Kitchen, newer siding and dimensional 30 year Roof. Large garage on a double lot. (26022324) $129,900



CANTON 734-326-2000
Make Yourself at Home in this 2 BR unit across the street from Lifetime Fitness Center! New windows 2004. Updated kitchen & bath. Corner unit with attached garage. Fresh Paint. Pets allowed. Pool. (26034158) $125,000



WAYNE 734-326-2000
ALL DRESSED UP! This 3 bedroom Beauty with loft 2 car garage and oversized lot is completely updated from head to toe! Call for a list of updates and a private showing. (26008310) $117,500



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
IMMACULATE MOVE-IN CONDITION! Ranch condo features vaulted ceiling creating an open airy feeling. Bay window in LR. Bright kitchen with doorwall leading to deck. Master BR with master BA. 349-6200 (26021486) $114,999



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 248-348-6430
MUST GET INSIDE TO BELIEVE! Remodeled in 2003. New windows, furnace, entrance doors. Hardwood floors, all neutral colors. Ready to move in. Perfect for first time buyer. 349-6200 (25180586) $111,800

CANTON 734-455-7000
SUPERIOR VALUE FOR CENTRAL PARK ESTATE! Premium quality 4BR Colonial. Gourmet kitchen with island, hardwood floors. Master Suite with double sink & vanity. 3-car garage. Pool & Tennis courts! Plymouth/Canton schools. (26038929) $344,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
DESIRABLE HUNTINGTON PLACE! Gorgeous Colonial nestled in desirable sub. 4BR, 3.5BA, luxurious Master w/seperate shower & tub. Fin. basement with rec room, wet bar & full bath. Beautifully maintained. (26028420) $339,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
CHERRY HILL VILLAGE BEAUTY! Priced way below cost. 2BR/2BA ranch condo w/20x40 bsmt. 2 car attached garage.1st floor laundry. Kitchen with hardwood, maple cabinets, stainless appliances & granite. Fabulous master suite. (25166871) $239,900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Sharp 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath Colonial in Canton Country Acres Sub. Large FR w/Nat FP, updated kitchen with seperate dining area, spacious LR, newer thermal-vinyl windows, part. fin. bsmt, ceramic foyer and more. (26016838) $209,900

DEARBORN 248-348-6430
SUPER SHARP.5 BR, 2.5 BATH HOME! Totally remodeled from the inside out in 2004. New kitchen, baths, windows, doors, roof, siding, plumbing, hardwood floors. 349-6200 (25136031) $165,000

FARMINGTON HILLS 734-455-7000
.75 ACRE OF COUNTRY LIVING! Well-maintained 3BR/3BA home loaded w/updates on 3/4 acre country setting. Formerly used for senior care -- can be business or personal residence. (26019600) $249,900

FARMINGTON HILLS 734-455-7000
COUNTRY DREAM RANCH! Picture perfect brick home on large lot (close to 1/2 acre) with a park-like setting. 3BR, FP, A/C, 2car garage. Rebuilt in 1999. (26011623) $192,815

HAZEL PARK 248-348-6430
HAZEL PARK GEM! 3 bedroom ranch on a double lot. Everything updated. Move-in ready and under $90,000. 349-6200 (25162338) $89,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Country in the city, Cape Cod on a cul-de-sacl .88 acres, 4 BR, 2 baths, fin. bsmt w/wet bar, newer high efficiency furnace, windows, siding, Koi Pond, large deck, outside lighting. (26028658) $360,000

LIVONIA 248-349-6200
Desireable Woodcreek sub. Many updates. Furnace, A/C, H2O heater, updated kitchen, oak cabinets, lg Florida room, fin bsmt, lg treed lot & home warranty. 348-6430 (25166993) $299,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Hurry to this beautiful 4BR, 2.5 bath Colonial in Francavilla Sub! Fabulous curb appeal, family room w/FP open to kitchen. Bsmt, 2 car attached garage. Clean, great 500 sq ft deck. Liv. Stevenson HS. (25080889) $289,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Spacious 3BR brick ranch. 2,000 bonus credit at closing. Fully updated all new kit w/lg eating area. All new flrng & carpet t/o. New furn. & A/C, paver patio in back w/built in grill. (26019086) $210,000

LIVONIA 248-851-1900
JUST MOVE IN! Nicely updated home! In the last few years the windows, siding, furn, C/A, kitchen, FR, & 1/2 BA have all been re-done. Great location, great curb appeal. Take a look! (25079488) $169,900

LIVONIA 248-348-6430
ALL THE UPDATES!!! New kitchen, bath w/jacuzzi, Pergo, fin. drywall bsmt w/pool table, newer furn, A/C, steel doors, 5 ceiling fans & all 7 new appliances stay. Hurry! 349-6200 (26030013) $154,000

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Lovely well maintained Livonia brick bungalow. 3 BR (3rd BR being fin). 1228 sq ft all major upgrades done-Furnace, C/A, glass block, copper plumbing, elec, windows, vinyl trim, newer carpet & much more. (25152775) $145,000

LIVONIA 248-348-6430
CHARMING 2 BR RANCH! Updates include: kitchen, vinyl siding & trim, roof, furnace, HWH, vinyl windows, driveway, parquet flooring in LR. Livonia schools. Must see! 349-6200 (25175714) $124,500

MILFORD 248-851-1900
GREAT CONTEMP CONDO! Great floorplan, 1st flr mstr ste, jacuzzi. Huge kitchen. Wrap around deck. 1st flr lndry. Walk to Milford. (26028490) $232,000

NEW HUDSON 248-437-3800
What a great home! Custom Colonial on cul-de-sac with large wooded lot & a pond. Hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, 2 story foyer, Library with built in bookselves. Much more. (26006558) $394,900

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
Elegant & delightful townhouse. Warm & inviting condo w/open LR & DR. Features 2-way fireplace. Light kitchen w/nook & balcony. 1st floor master BR. Guest room & bath upstairs. Ample storage. 349-6200 (25154097) $227,000

PINCKNEY 248-348-6430
4 BR, 2.1 BATH HOME! Golf course just behind the pines off the deck of this nearly new Colonial. Island kitchen highlighted by Brazilian hardwood floors, master BR & BA w/Jacuzzi. 349-6200 (26025123) $317,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
VACATION AT HOME! 4 BR/5 BA Cape Cod. First floor master, 2nd master up. Finished bsmt, 3 car garage, inground pool & hot tub, 3 fireplaces on almost an acre. (25137626) $534,900

PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Loaded with updates! 4 BR, 2.5 bath Colonial. Features incl: Eat-in kitchen w/maple cabinets & unique granite tops, FR w/FP & sep. wet bar room, Mstr BR w/BA & WIC, fin bsmt, large deck with gazebo. (26023273) $474,900

PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
WONDERFULLY MAINTAINED RANCH Open floor plan with neutral decor, spacious kit, GR with FP & vaulted ceiling, fin bsmt w/ FR, craft rm & walk-in Cedar closet. 349-6200 (26025816) $348,500

PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
Nature lovers delight! 2.2 acres w/Plymouth-Canton schools. Tons of features incl: new oak kit, new roof, vinyl windows, hardwood floors. Spacious room sizes w/4 BR & 2 full baths. 349-6200 (25141161) $299,950

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CHARMER! 3BR/1.5BA Tri-level. LR, FR, New kitchen - all appl. stay, incl. washer/dryer. Satiny hardwood floors abound. 2car+ gar. Newer furnace & vinyl windows. Deep lot. Court setting. (26021424) $222,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
A LOT OF HOME FOR THE MONEY! Prime downtown Plymouth location. 3BR, 1.5BA, new FR carpet, hrdwd flrs under BR carpet. Freshly painted. New furnace in '99. Lg. beautiful back-yard. Priced to sell. (26020749) $181,900

PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Charm & Character throughout this ranch with large front porch. 100x135 double lot & walking distance to Downtown Plymouth. Well maintained, 3 BR, 2 BA, basement, 2 car garage & more. (26019683) $189,900

PLYMOUTH 248-437-3800
Great Colonial In Plymouth Township! Great location with 3 BR 1st flr MBR, 1st flr lndry, updtd kit. & wood burning fireplace. (25138224) $174,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
A neat & clean brick ranch with hardwood floors. Newer kit (oak cabs), countertop & new flrng, Roof-6 yrs, Furn. & Air-6 yrs, window 5 yrs, glass block fin bsmt w/wet bar, deck, double lot, copper plumbing. (26030102) $134,900

SOUTH LYON 248-437-3800
Immaculate Home In Trotters Pointe! GR with nat. gas hookup FP. Lg. office/den on main floor. 1st flr mstr with garden tub in BA. Fin. basement with workshop. (26014378) $324,900

SOUTH LYON 734-591-9200
Charming, Flowing Ranch! Updated & Clean. Newer Kitchen w/ loads of cabinet & counterspace. New windows & roof. Spacious FR with natural FP, 2 door walls to deck. (26023968) $184,900

TAYLOR 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING! Cozy 3 BR, 1.5 BA Colonial w/a newer open kitchen. Natural fireplace in FR. Some new windows & doorwall. Beautifully fin. bsmt. 349-6200 (25179416) $187,500

WESTLAND 248-348-6430
Remodeled Brick Ranch! Bonus Home, $2500 Credit toward closing costs. Nice kitchen, LR, mstr, fin bsmt, fenced yard, patio, 2 car gar, Livonia Schools. 349-6200 (25166356) $162,500

WESTLAND 734-591-9200
3 BR, 1349 sq ft brick ranch w/2 car gar. Offers updated oak kit(00), updtd BA w/jetted tub(02), windows(02), newer furn(97)w/C/A, roof(99), FR w/recess lights, home warranty. (26026435) $139,900

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Emerging Field of Legal Nurse Consulting



WORKWISE

by Mildred L. Culp

Law firms began using legal nurse consultants (LNCs) in the early 1970s, according to Patricia Iyer's "Legal Nurse Consulting Principles and Practice," 2(nd) ed., but the occupation, with nurses and former nurses functioning as employees or subcontractors, isn't yet fully-established. A spokesperson for the Chicago-based American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants (AALNC) states, "There are no standards for becoming a legal nurse consultant or for practicing."

CONTROVERSY

LNCs assist attorneys in cases requiring nursing expertise, from reviewing medical charts to serving as expert witnesses. Frances Britt, case coordinator at Legal Nurse Consulting Solutions Inc, in Tampa, says that working with attorneys isn't a matter of "just getting a box of records, reviewing a chart and that's that. You're constantly learning." She and the president, Rose Marie Harvey, who co-owns the company, are pictured here with co-owner, James McHugh of The McHugh Fuller Law Group in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Sam Lanham, president-elect of the 460-member Maine Trial Lawyers Association and partner at Cuddy & Lanham in Bangor, Maine, has worked with several. "They are very, very helpful," he says, "as long as it is for the right kind of case and a particular, focused circumstance (for which the LNCs) have the particular expertise . . ." Other Bangor attorneys are skeptical because of the size of cases they handle, lack of standards, the issue of confidentiality, the availability of attorneys on staff who are former nurses.

TRAINING/PREPARATION

There are several ways to become an LNC. The first is on the job. Rose Marie Harvey left nursing, then worked in a Tampa Bay-area law firm for seven years before opening her company, LNCS, in September. "I worked with a number of attorneys who orchestrated different cases," she says. "I evaluated the quality of care." She and her employees don't serve as expert witnesses. Instead, the company provides law firms nurses, physicians and dieticians who do. She says that many LNCs continue nursing.

"I encourage attorneys to recontact us after the review is complete," Harvey states. "I don't just want to go in and out of the door. We provide a full array of services related to the medical aspects of the case from record sorting, identification of missing records, review, medical research and the preparation of legal documents." Attorney James McHugh continues to serve as mentor, as he did during Harvey's years at a law firm.

Formal training prepares other nurses for the occupation. The AALNC, for example, offers a new online course that will be growing to eight modules introducing nurses to the field. Its certification program, which requires 2,000 hours of working in the field, takes five hours and costs $275. A spokesperson says that it's "the only legal nurse consulting certification program accredited by the American Board of Nursing Specialties."



James McHugh, Rose Marie Harvey and Fran Britt work together on cases involving legal nurse consulting.

The online program offered by Kaplan University, headquartered in Davenport, Iowa, and the Vicki Milazzo Institute in Houston, which offers two alternatives, are two other sources of training. Kaplan's unaccredited, self-paced program, leading to an LNC Certificate, takes 12 months and costs $3,195.00 for tuition. Milazzo, a former nurse with a J.D., teaches a six-day or home-study program, which requires an examination for certification. Her program, accredited by the Texas Nurses Association, costs from $3,697 to $7,397, the latter with extensive mentoring for those who maintain certification.

Milazzo states that a $23 hourly nursing salary may be exchanged for $100 per hour to $150 per hour. Harvey agrees, explaining that expert witnesses are paid the most.

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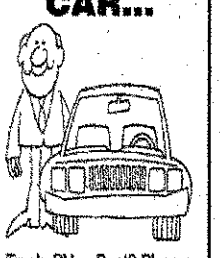
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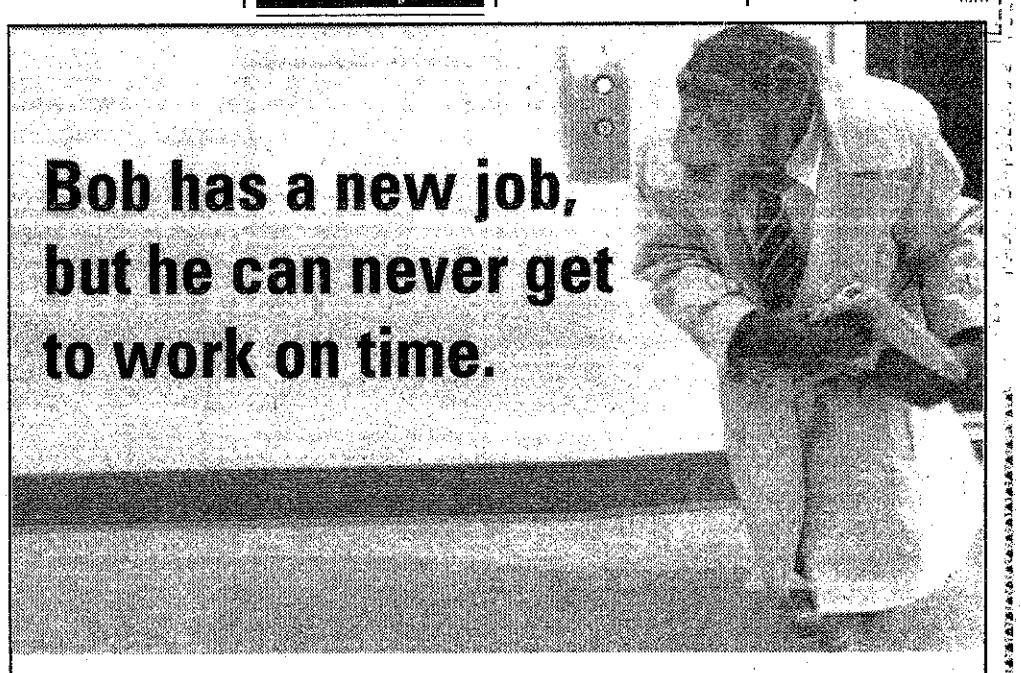
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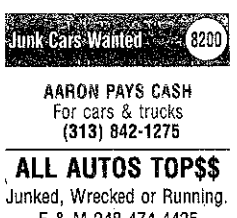
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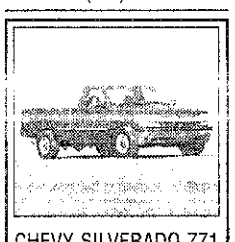


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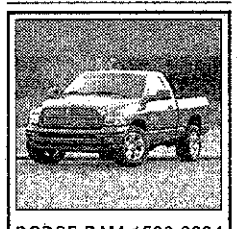
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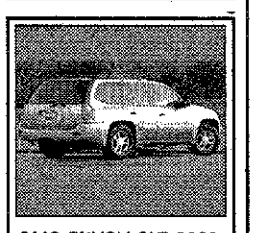
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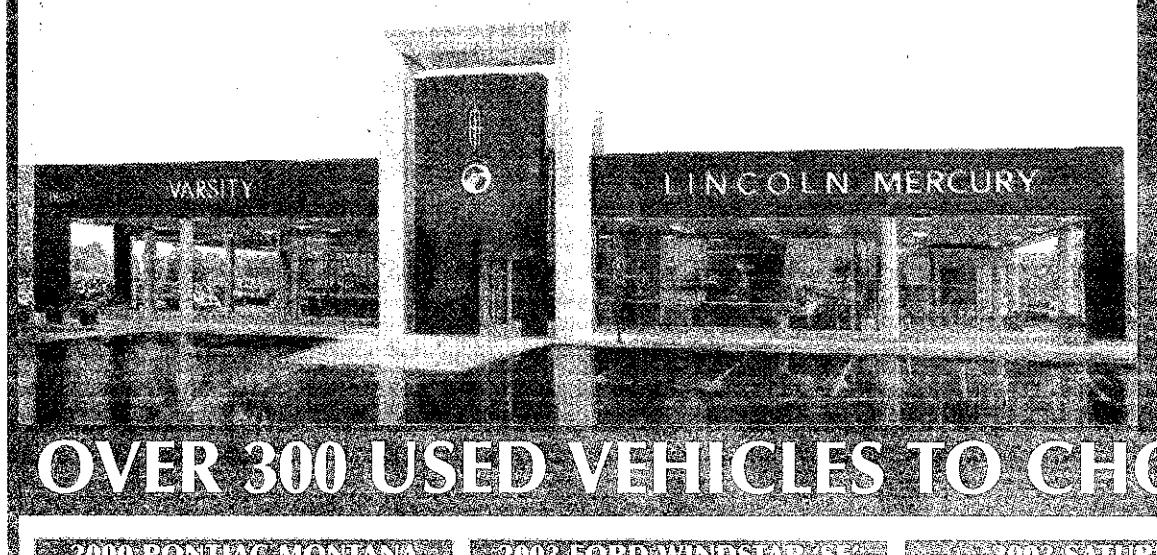
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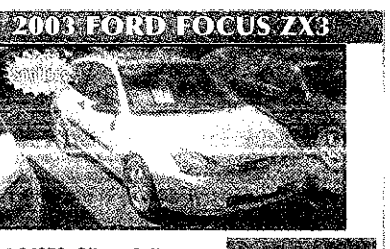
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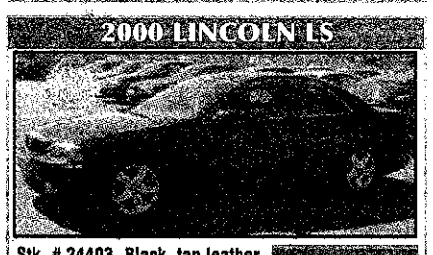
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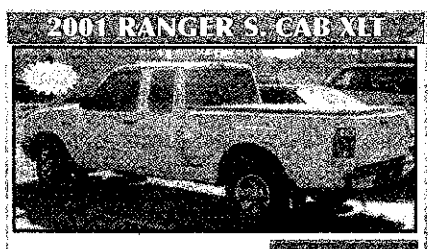
Stk. # 24619. Silver, 4 door, auto, grey cloth, CD, great on gas! $10,695

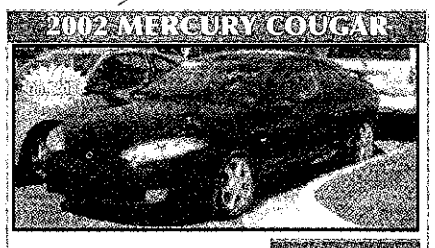
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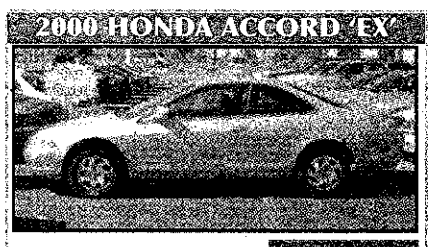
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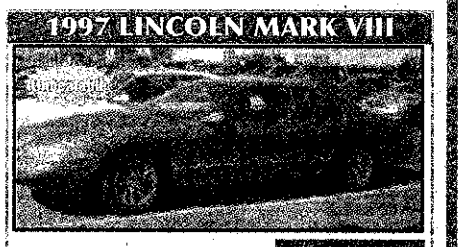
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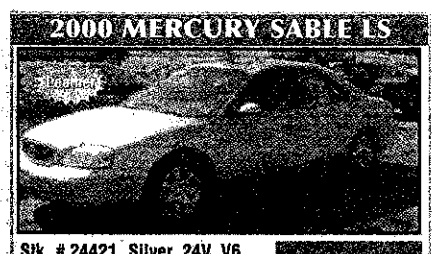
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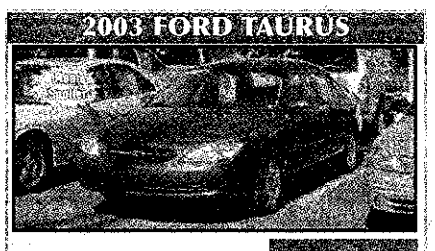
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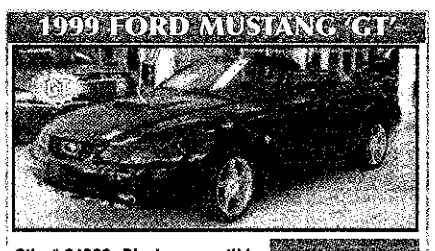
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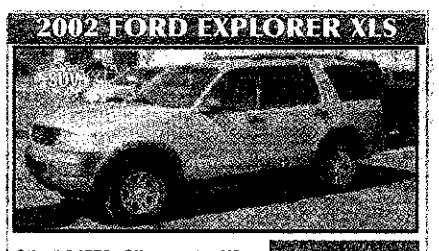
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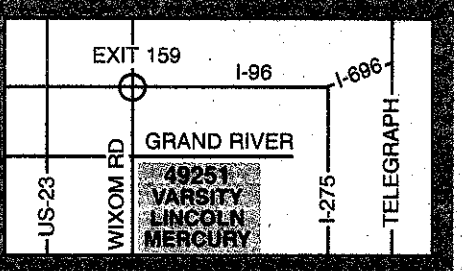
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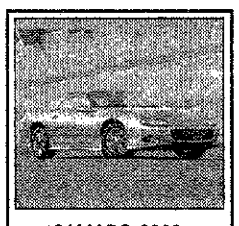
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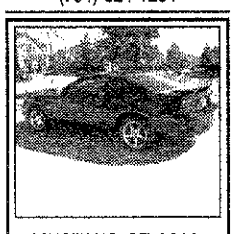
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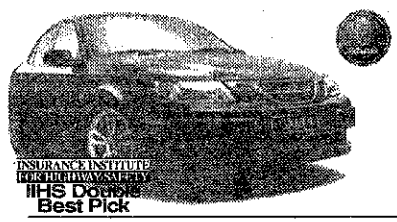
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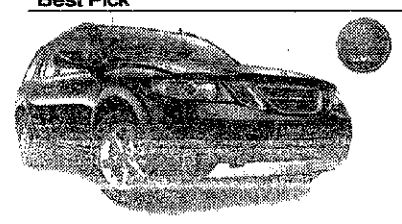
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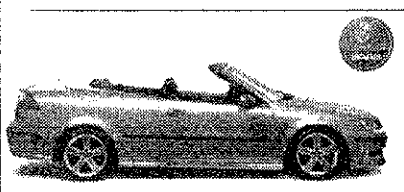
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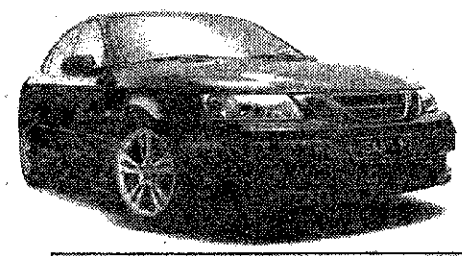
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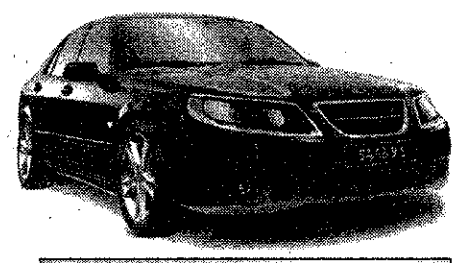
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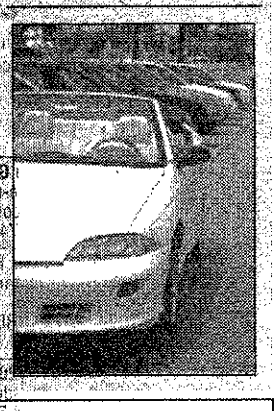
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2006 Sebring Convertible Limited gives you that top-down feeling

By Dave Menard
Avanti NewsFeatures



2006 Chrysler Sebring Convertible Limited. Type: compact. Where built: Sterling Heights, MI. EPA: 21/28. Base price: $31,475. Price as tested: $33, 955

Be honest – how long have you wanted to own a convertible? I know they're not for everybody, but for some, there is just no substitute for driving with the top down and feeling the wind rush through your hair. Provided, of course, it's not the middle of winter in a northern climate. When that convertible weather hits, though, you're likely to see some Chrysler Sebring Convertibles on the road. Three times in the last nine years the Sebring has been America's best-selling convertible, and for 2006, Chrysler serves up four versions of the Sebring convertible, including the Limited. While I have a few issues with the Sebring Limited, it's easy to see why it's fared so well.

First and foremost, it's a sharp-looking car; in fact, I think it looks better as a top-down convertible than its four-door sedan counterpart. The aggressive-looking wide front grille, the sweeping lines and the 16" aluminum chrome clad wheels fit together nicely. The convertible top is powered and comes with a top cover boot. Fog lamps are standard, too, and with the top down, this car looks nice.

The Limited is powered by a standard 2.7-liter, DOHC, 24-valve, V-6 engine with available AutoStick transmission. The engine is rated at 200 hp and 190 lb.-ft of torque @ 4850 rpm. I would have liked just a little bit more from it; while acceleration is adequate, and the engine runs smoothly, with a fun-looking convertible like this, you'd like a little bit more push off the line. On the positive side, you can use regular fuel.

The AutoStick transmission performs well most of the time. There were a few rough downshifts when braking quickly, but overall it works well.

The Sebring Convertible Limited handles well, but I'm not crazy about how it rides. The car comes with a double-wishbone touring suspension, and you really do feel the road – more than I care for, but maybe that's just me. Power rack-and-pinion steering is standard and it handles the car very well, allowing easy maneuvering. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are standard and they do a good job.

Inside, the Sebring Limited carries a simple, yet refined look. A walnut door trim panel and instrument panel bezel (optional) are nice touches and the car comes with a well-laid out instrument cluster. The six-way power seats are leather-trimmed with suede inserts and they can be heated. The seats are comfortable and provide good support.

There's plenty of room up front, but, as you would expect with a two-door convertible, not a lot in the rear. The trunk is a good size, but a lot of the space is taken up with the convertible cover, so keep that in mind if you're going to use it to go grocery shopping.

There are a lot of nice standard features in the Sebring Limited. Air conditioning, power windows, mirrors and locks, two auxiliary power outlets, a trip computer/compass which will calculate your fuel reserves, electric rear window defroster, cruise control, remote keyless entry, Sentry Key engine immobilizer, security alarm and leather-wrapped steering wheel are all included.

The standard audio system is an AM/FM/single CD system with six speakers rated at 150 watts of power and it sounds very good.. You can upgrade to a system that will give you a cassette player and a six-disc in-dash changer, and you can add a satellite radio system, as well. Also available as an option is a GPS navigation system.

The 2006 Chrysler Sebring Convertible Limited starts at around $31,500. Add the option packages that give you the heated seats, AutoStick transmission, six-disc CD system, and the walnut interior touches and you're looking at about $34,000. Not a bad price to pay for feeling that wind through your hair, is it?

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Anne Fracassa, Journalist, and Activist Loved Her Family



Anne Fracassa

Anne Fracassa, the syndicated Sunday auto columnist for the Observer & Eccentric newspapers and Macomb County animal activist, died Monday, March 13, 2006, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit.

She was 47.

Mrs. Fracassa has been the Sunday automotive columnist at the Observer & Eccentric newspapers for years. Her columns, syndicated by Avanti NewsFeatures, have run in more than 400 newspapers nationwide, includding Newsday, the Tampa Tribune and other major publications.

She worked 23 years as a journalist for Detroit-area newspapers. Her first auto column ran in The Daily Tribune in Royal Oak.

Mrs. Fracassa co-founded the Warren Dog Park and was chairwoman of the Warren Animal Welfare Commission. She spurred Warren to create the commission when she saw a woman drown rabbits in front of children. Her dream, not yet achieved, was to create a no kill animal shelter in Macomb.

"Anne stood up to protect animals when others wouldn't," said Dr. Paul-Michael Turkal, a family friend and Clinton Township veterinarian. "She was driven by a passion to do the right thing."

Before becoming a journalist and animal welfare activist, Mrs. Fracassa worked in law enforcement. She was an employee of the FBI for six years and for two years was a police and fire dispatcher in Southfield.

For the past 14 years, Mrs. Fracassa has worked from home, allowing her to be a devoted mother. She was Market Day coordinator at Warren Woods Christian and Macomb Christian schools and spent hours watching her two daughters skate for the St. Clair Shores Figure Skating Club.

"Anne is the best mom ever," said Hawke Fracassa, her husband.

Mrs. Fracassa graduated from St. Mary's of Redford High School and earned bachelor's degrees in history and journalism from Wayne State University.

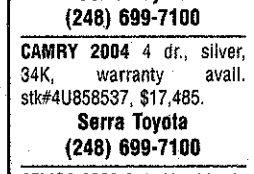
Survivors include her husband, Hawke; their two daughters, Francesca and Rebecca Fracassa; and two dogs, Stevie Y and Shanny.

Mrs. Fracassa was preceded in death by her son, Nicholas, and her parents, Lydia and Guerino Fracassa.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Malachy Catholic Church, Sterling Heights, with entombment will be at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East, Clinton Township.

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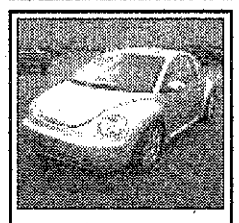
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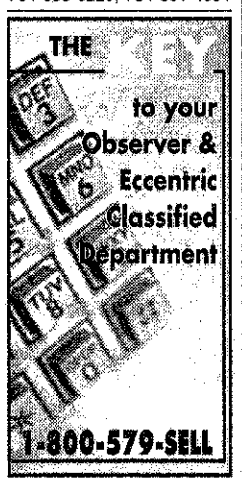


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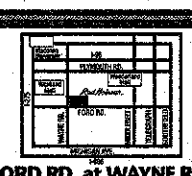


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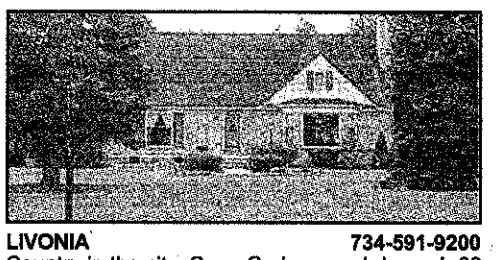
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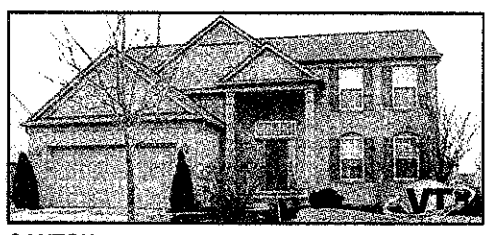
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LIVONIA **734-591-9200**
Country in the city, Cape Cod on a cul-de-sac! .88 acres, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, finished basement with wet bar, newer high effic. furnace, windows, siding, Koi Pond, large deck, outside lighting. (26028658) $380,000



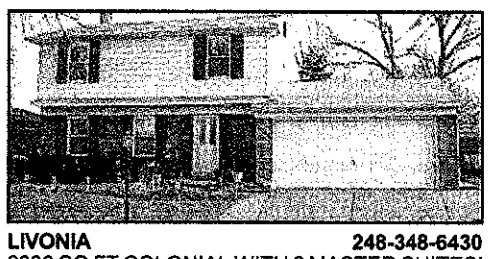
CANTON **734-455-7000**
PICTURE PERFECT! Lovely 4BR/2.5BA Colonial. Neutral T/O. Very large BRs. Master BA w/jetted tub & separate shower. FR with FP. Hardwood floor in foyer. New paver patio. Ply/Canton schools. (26027752) $328,000



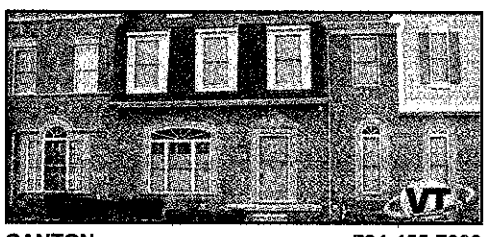
CANTON **734-455-7000**
PRIME CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION! 4BR/2.5BA Colonial. Hardwood thru foyer and kitchen; 16x22 FR with corner fireplace; huge master suite. Deep in sub. Part. finished basement. 2-car garage. (26031988) $299,000



LIVONIA **248-851-1900**
BEAUTIFUL Premium lot in prestigious Burton Hollow Estates. 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial with spacious, open 1st floor plan. Gorgeous new kitchen, immac. hardwood floors t/o. New windows. Fin. bsmt. (26024329) $273,900



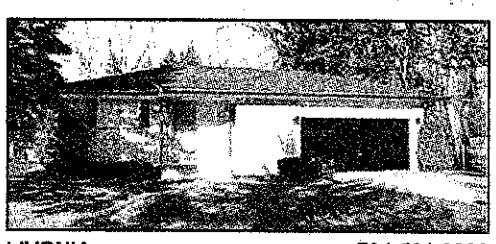
LIVONIA **248-348-6430**
2000 SQ FT COLONIAL WITH 2 MASTER SUITES! Updates include: kitchen, all 3 baths, deck, Berber carpet, windows, doors, hardwood floors. Appliances stay. 349-6200 (26031047) $249,000



CANTON **734-455-7000**
BETTER-THAN-NEW TOWNHOUSE! 3BR/2.5BA Condo. Professionally finished basement; stainless appliances, ceramic kitchen; 2 car attached garage. Beautifully decorated and maintained. (26031694) $242,500



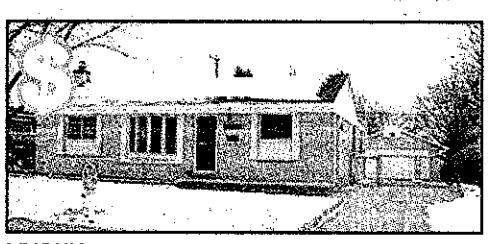
SOUTH LYON **248-437-3800**
Cozy Colonial on large country lot! Take in the views from the three season sunroom. Kitchen has pergo floors, built in desk and snack bar. Priced to sell to one lucky buyer! (26030008) $226,900



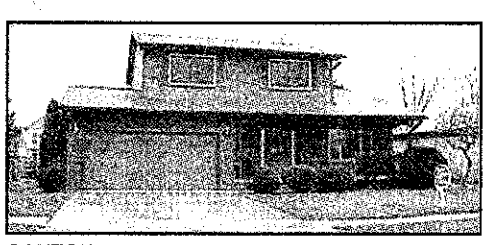
LIVONIA **734-591-9200**
Wide open spaces. 1/2 acre lot. 3 BR brick ranch, updated baths, open kitchen. New in 2005: Roof, Furnace, Carpet, Storm Door. Painted, fin. bsmt, 2 car attached garage, & home warranty. (26005879) $223,900



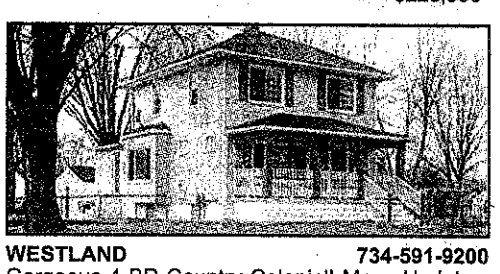
LIVONIA **734-326-2000**
FABULOUS DETACHED CONDO! To Die For! Fantastic 2 Bedroom Ranch with 2.5 Baths, 2 car attached garage, main floor laundry and a fireplace too! (26017837) $214,900



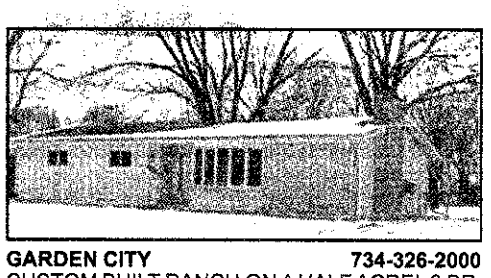
LIVONIA **734-591-9200**
Spacious 3BR brick ranch! $2,000 bonus credit at closing. Fully updated, all new kitchen with large eating area. All new flooring & carpet t/o. New furnace & A/C, paver patio in back w/built in grill. (26019086) $210,000



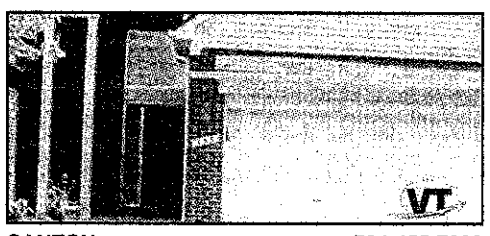
CANTON **734-591-9200**
Sharp! 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath Colonial in Canton Country Acres Sub. Large FR with natural FP, updated kitchen w/seperate dining area, spacious LR, newer thermal-vinyl windows, part. fin. bsmt, ceramic foyer and more. (26016838) $209,900



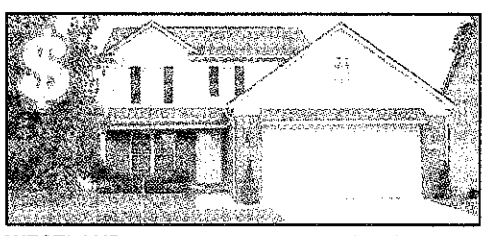
WESTLAND **734-591-9200**
Gorgeous 4 BR Country Colonial! Many Updates. New carpet & windows T/O, hardwood floors, new countertops & cabinets, updtd BA. New vinyl siding & large 22x14 deck. New A/C & 90% eff furn. Seller is motivated! (26005074) $199,900



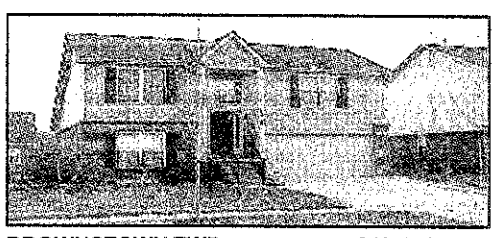
GARDEN CITY **734-326-2000**
CUSTOM BUILT RANCH ON A HALF ACRE! 3 BR, 2 bath home with FR, fireplace, remodeled kitchen, finished basement, dining room and 2.5 car garage. Home is generator ready and has a mother-in-law apt. (26023776) $199,900



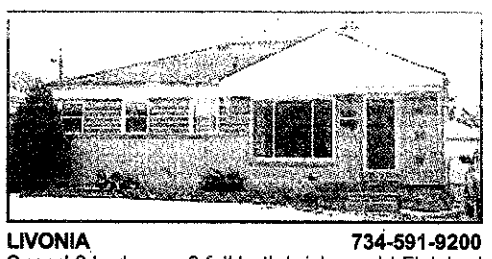
CANTON **734-455-7000**
CANTON CONDO BACKS TO POND! Tastefully decorated, beautifully maintained 2BR, 2.5BA Condo. Hardwood in foyer and Great Room. Gas fireplace. Basement. 2 car finished garage. (26031049) $194,000



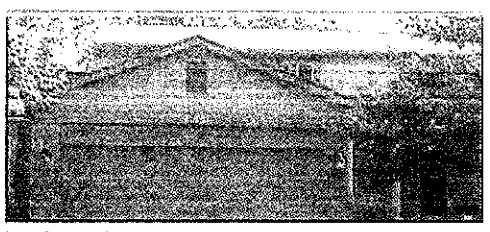
WESTLAND **248-348-6430**
Very Nice! Very neutral! Very nearly new! 3 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial w/professionally fin bsmt. Built in 2001, home is bright, neutral & in move-in condition. Newer sub w/sidewalks &close to everything. 349-6200 (26020885) $189,900



BROWNSTOWN TWP **248-851-1900**
1700 SQ FT BUILT IN 2002! Super clean - freshly custom painted. Dining room balcony oversees family room w/doorwall to patio. Many upgrades. Attached garage & professionally landscaped. (26030632) $189,900



LIVONIA **734-591-9200**
Super! 3 bedroom, 2 full bath brick ranch! Finished basement, completely updated & clean! (26022382) $169,900



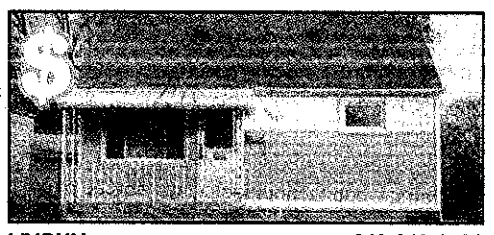
WESTLAND **734-326-2000**
IDEAL OPPORTUNITY! In this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2 story condo in Westland. Full finished basement, 2 car attached garage, first floor laundry, C/A. (25142567) PC 220082 $168,000



WESTLAND **248-348-6430**
TOTALLY UPDATED RANCH W/LIVONIA SCHOOLS! Newer gourmet kitchen with built-in ovens. New Pergo floors ,new windows & doors. Fin. bsmt & deck in yard. All 6 appliances stay (some brand new). 349-6200 (26019989) $150,000



LIVONIA **734-326-2000**
LIVONIA CHARMER This Beauty is loaded! 3 Bedroom ranch with gorgeous finished basement & 2 car garage. All new roof, vinyl windows, updated electric & more. Open floor plan. Clean & bright. (26026218) $149,900



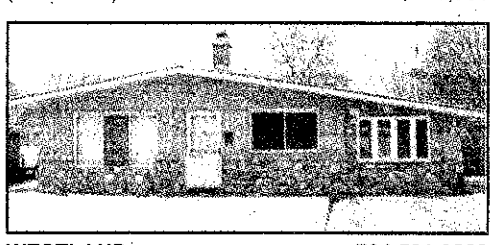
LIVONIA **248-348-6430**
Cute Bungalow Within walking distance of schools & park! Newer windows, beautiful hardwood floors t/o fenced yard. Seller offering $2000 toward buyers closing cost. 349-6200 (26003905) $149,000



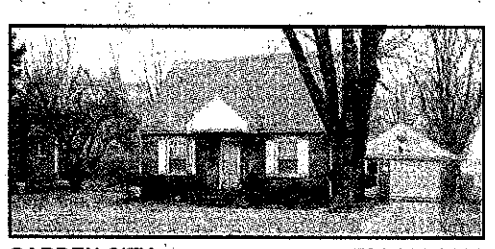
CANTON **248-348-6430**
END UNIT W/COURT LOCATION! GR w/vaulted ceiling & gas fireplace. Large deck (2005) with built in benches. Neutral decor. Bright kichen. All appliances remain. Attached garage too. 349-6200 (26031042) $147,900



DEARBORN **734-326-2000**
Many Quality Updates! Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, w/newer white kitchen, roof shingles, glass block windows, fabulous rec room in professionally finished basement. Nice landscaping. (26032733) $144,900



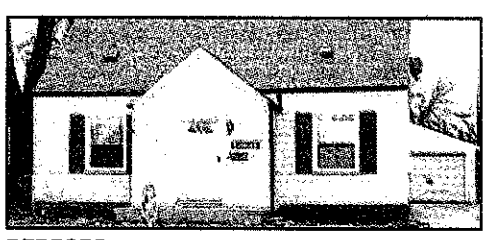
WESTLAND **734-591-9200**
3 bedrooms, 1349 sq ft brick ranch with 2 car garage. Offers updated oak kitchen (00), updated BA with jetted tub (02), windows (02), newer furnace (97) with C/A, roof (99), FR w/recess lights, home warranty. (26026435) $139,900



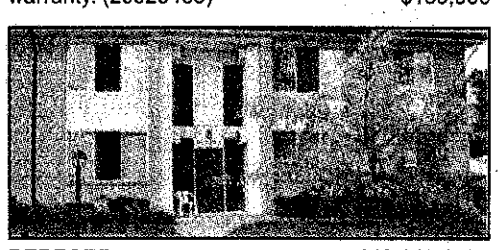
GARDEN CITY **734-326-2000**
All Brick Beauty! Desirable large lot. Entry level has refinished bleached hardwood floors and ceramic tile in kitchen with walk- in pantry & butcher block counter. 2 steps down to laundry room. (26027020) $134,900



REDFORD **248-348-6430**
$2000 Bonus Cash! Brick ranch has many updates in past 2 years. Tearoff roof, windows, furnace, rebuilt garage, ext doors. On quiet dead-end street. 349-6200 (25174141) $129,900



REDFORD **734-591-9200**
Charming Redford Bungalow with HardWood! Tastefully decorated. Totally updated Kitchen. Hard wood in excellent shape. Living Room with cove ceiling. Newer windows, HWH, circuit breakers. Stylish wood blinds. (26016514) $115,000



REDFORD **248-348-6430**
VERY CLEAN 1ST FLOOR END UNIT CONDO! Payment lower than renting. Includes heat/water, newer windows & roof. New berber carpet, hardwood floors in master bedroom w/WIC. Appliances stay. 349-6200 (25140702) $50,900

BRIGHTON **248-348-6430**
7+SPLITTABLE ACRES! 7+Splittable acres backing to Shenandoah Sub. Wooded. Hartland Schools. Great for small development, private estate. Convenient to Brighton, Expressways! 349-6200 (24080021) $169,000

BROWNSTOWN TWP **248-851-1900**
MOVE IN READY 4 BEDROOM! Well maintained, move in condition 4BR. Updated kitchen. Doorwall to balcony. Huge mstr ste. New roof 2004. Beaut.landscaped. (25143381) $179,900

CANTON **734-455-7000**
FAIRWAYS WEST BEAUTY! 4BR/2.5BA Canton Colonial. Formal DR, GR, library. Master suite with sitting room/nursery. 3 car garage. Immediate occupancy. (25159689) $425,000

CANTON **734-591-9200**
Welcome! To this exquisite 2003 built 4 BR, 2.5 bath, 2,448 sq ft, 2 car att garage & basement detached condo.Maple cabinets, corian counters & a great view. (25057048) $279,900

CANTON **734-455-7000**
CHECK THIS ONE OUT ! 3BR Condo with master on the 1st floor. Hardwood floor in entry way, hallway and kitchen. 2.5 BA, full bsmt and loft. Ready to go! Hurry! (26006604) $215,500

CANTON **734-455-7000**
A DREAM COME TRUE! 3BR Colonial w/updated kitchen. Beautiful maple cabinets & hardwood floors. Major updates complete and ready for you to move in. (26027438) $209,900

CANTON **734-455-7000**
MOVE RIGHT IN! A wonderful 2 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/full bsmt. Everything is done. One of the best locations in the complex. Hurry, & check out the view in back. (26006603) $196,500

CANTON **734-455-7000**
RENT A TRUCK..... and start moving. This well-maintained condo is waiting for new owners. Back of sub location. Spacious master w/private bath. Appliances stay. Call soon! (25167170) $122,900

DEARBORN **734-591-9200**
What a great place to live! All the conveniences that Dearborn offers & close to all schools. Many updts: furnace, A/C, windows, roof, kit, etc. 5 BR & 2 full BA, formal DR & rec room in bsmt. (25157183) $139,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS **248-348-6430**
MUST GET INSIDE TO BELIEVE! Remodeled in 2003. New windows, furnace, entrance doors. Hardwood floors, all neutral colors. Ready to move in. Perfect for first time buyer. 349-6200 (25180586) $111,800

FARMINGTON HILLS **734-591-9200**
Huge 4 BR ranch on 1.5 acres. Totally renovated up & down & stem to stern. 4 BR, FR, LR, new white kitchen, DR, 3 car garage & more. (25178532) $379,900

FARMINGTON HILLS **734-591-9200**
Spacious 2000 sq ft ranch on 3/4 acre lot. Prime location. Large kitchen overlooking 4 seasons room. Living room with fireplace. California Closets. (26007709) $215,900

FARMINGTON HILLS **734-591-9200**
Affordable 1st floor end unit condo! New carpet, paint, remodeled, huge main BA. All appliances stay, doorwall to patio. Laundry located directly across hallway. Close to everything. Covered carport. (25074875) $95,000

HARTLAND **248-437-3800**
Custom Built Ranch On Approx. 6 Acres! Gorgeous home with open floor plan, hardwood floors, large kitchen & partially finished basement. Pole barn has cement floor and elec. Super view of woods. (25180642) $349,900

LIVONIA **248-348-6430**
WONDERFUL LIVONIA HOME! Nicely updated & in desirable Nottingham woods sub. New roof, updated kitchen & baths, Andersen windows, brick walkway & Livonia Stevenson High School area. 349-6200 (26007363) $299,900

LIVONIA **734-591-9200**
Great Location! Totally updated home. New kitchen-'06. New elect & roof-'04. A/C & plumbing-'02. Anderson Windows T/O. Hardwood floors under carpet. Freshley painted. Large addition to living room w/gas FP, fin bsmt & more. (26019646) $255,000

LIVONIA **734-591-9200**
Extremely open floor plan- 4 BR, 2 BA ranch on 1/2 acre lot. Updates incl: windows, roof, furn/A/C, hardwood flooars, ceramic in kitchen & BA. New kit cabs w/granite counters & all new appl. New carpet, fin. basement & more. (26027663) $239,900

LIVONIA **248-348-6430**
QUALITY BUILT COLONIAL ON A 1/2 ACRE LOT! Clean, well maintained, coved ceilings, bay window in DR. Updated kit, roof, windows, all appliances. 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Bsmt & garage. Don't miss this one. 349-6200 (25168827) $219,000

LIVONIA **734-591-9200**
Great Livonia ranch! 3 BR, 1.5 BA, lots of updates. Hardwood Floors, granite floor & countertop in BA. Marble tiled FP. Newer roof, windows, carpet. Large deck off Family Rm w/gazebo. 2 car attached garage. (26024457) $204,900

LIVONIA **248-348-6430**
CHARMING & COMFORTABLE HOME 3 BR,1.5 BA,cove ceilings & hdwd flrs under carpet.Partial finished bsmt.Updates incroof,furnace,A/C & windows.Newer washer & dryer remain. 349-6200 (26026492) $169,000

MILFORD **248-349-6200**
SPARKLING CUSTOM COLONIAL! This replica historic home has 9 ft ceilings, wrap-a-round porch, sun-drenched LR & FR, a great location in a great neighborhood. Gardeners delight. 348-6430 (25155439) $369,900

PLYMOUTH **248-348-6430**
WONDERFULLY MAINTAINED RANCH! Open floor plan w/neutral decor, spacious kit, GR w/ fireplace & vaulted ceiling, fin bsmt w/ FR, craft rm & walk-in Cedar closet. 349-6200 (26025816) $348,500

PLYMOUTH **248-348-6430**
Nature lovers delight! 2.2 acres w/Plymouth-Canton schools. Tons of features including new oak kitchen, new roof, vinyl windows, hardwood floors. Spacious room sizes w/4 bedrooms & 2 full baths. 349-6200 (25141161) $299,950

PLYMOUTH **734-455-7000**
WELCOME TO PRIVACY! Almost an acre surrounds this graceful 3 bedroom home. Two fireplaces, updated kitchen, oversized family room, etc. Handicap friendly. Location, location. (25165781) $298,900

PLYMOUTH **734-455-7000**
LOOKING FOR PLYMOUTH? LOOK NO FURTHER! Historical home has everything you need including a great price. 2 car garage. Great backyard, walking distance to downtown. This is a must see. (25142167) $230,000

PLYMOUTH **734-455-7000**
DRIVE BY AND FALL IN LOVE ! 3BR/1BA Ranch. LR w/vaulted ceilings, new kitchen. Cozy FR w/FP, D/W to deck.Tons of updates: kitchen, furnace, HWH, front door, windows, pedestal BA, blown-in insulation. (26022429) $199,900

PLYMOUTH **734-591-9200**
Charm & Character throughout this ranch! Large front porch, 100x135 double lot & walking distance to Downtown Plymouth. Well maintained, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, basement, & 2 car gar & more. (26019683) $189,900

SOUTH LYON **248-437-3800**
This Home Has It All! 3000 sq. ft. open floor plan. Freshly painted w/lots of upgrades. Large whirlpool, oak floors, wet bar, private first floor guest suite and underground pool. (25056690) $299,900

SOUTH LYON **248-437-3800**
Perfect house for the price!! Remodeled in 2002 with all new paint, carpet, kitchen, bath upgrades and more. Great floor plan!! Big value for small price!! Don't miss this one! (25151261) $189,900

SOUTHFIELD **248-851-1900**
LARGE HOME IN POPULAR SUB! Spacious. 2,578 sq ft, 4 BR, 3.5 bath, tri-level. Large island kichent. Formal dining & living rm. Second kit in LL. Library. 2 car att garage. (25171194) $205,000

TAYLOR **248-348-6430**
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING! Cozy 3 BR,1.5 BA Colonial w/a newer open kitchen. Natural fireplace in FR. Some new windows & doorwall. Beautifully fin. bsmt. 349-6200 (26033423) $177,500

WESTLAND **248-348-6430**
Remodeled Brick Ranch! Bonus Home $2500 Credit toward closing costs. Nice kitchen, LR, master, fin bsmt, fenced yard, patio, 2 car garage, Livonia Schools. 349-6200 (25166356) $162,500

WESTLAND **248-348-6430**
BROWNSTONE CONDO! Hardwood entry & kitchen, 9ft ceilings, 2 BR, 2.1 BA. 1 car att. gar. Bsmt w/daylight windows. Last Avalon style. Immed. Occ. All appl. stay. 349-6200 (26016191) $157,900

WESTLAND **734-591-9200**
Great Location! Well maintained 2 BR, 1.5 BA, condo (end unit). Kitchen features granite countertops. LR has FP for the cool winter evenings, bsmt & att. gar. Livonia Schools. (26006125) $149,900