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Lawyer: Federal probe is 'retaliation'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

While serving 15 years as an assistant U.S. attorney in Detroit, Canton resident Rick Convertino didn't give much thought when a defendant would vehemently proclaim his innocence.

However, that has since changed after Convertino became the subject of what is now a federal criminal investigation, after filing a whistleblower lawsuit against the United States government.

"I used to see people on television, or read in the paper, proclaiming their innocence, claiming they were

railroaded, and not think a thing of it. The government wouldn't do that," Convertino said. "Well, they do that, and I've seen it. And I'm committed to fight against it, if it's me or whoever is next in line."

Nearly a week after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, four men were arrested in Detroit by the FBI, which claimed they were part of a sleeper cell in the U.S. plotting further strikes. Convertino was the lead prosecutor in the first terror trial in the U.S. relating to the 9/11 attacks, and won a June 2003 conviction against two of them on terrorism charges.

The convictions were thrown out in 2004 after the U.S. Justice

Department claimed prosecutors suppressed evidence by withholding until after the trial a letter alleging the prosecution's witness lied.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Detroit did not return a phone call to comment on Convertino's case.

Convertino came under internal investigation by the Department of Justice after telling a Senate committee of his concerns about the federal government's war on terrorism, and filed a 2004 whistleblower lawsuit against then-Attorney General John Ashcroft claiming gross incompetence and mismanagement of the war on terror, including leaking an internal report.

FEDERAL INVESTIGATION

Convertino is in a battle for his life, literally. A federal grand jury is investigating Convertino — as well as an FBI agent and State Department security officer — which could result in indictments. He claims the Justice Department is retaliating against him for speaking out against the government's mishandling of the war on terrorism.

"I didn't expect the Department of Justice, where I served for so long, to turn on me," Convertino said. "Not only to turn on me, but try to destroy



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Canton attorney Rick Convertino has started his own practice in Plymouth, with the full support of his wife, Valerie.

PLEASE SEE PROBE, A7

Silver medalists home from Torino

Belbin, Agosto celebrate, then prepare for world competition

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto seem to be taking pretty well to their new role as America's darlings after winning the silver medal in ice dancing at the Torino Olympic Games.

In their first press conference since returning from Italy to their home rink, Arctic Edge in Canton, Agosto and Belbin talked for 30 minutes about the whirlwind they've been on since winning their medals.

Belbin was asked about her new-found status as a sex symbol, conferred upon her on various Web sites calling her "America's hottest Olympian." She laughed it off.

"I'm not a shy person, so I'm not uncomfortable with that," said Belbin, the 21-year-old Canton resident. "I saw one Web site that was rating the world's sexiest female athletes, and I was behind (Russian tennis player) Maria Sharapova. I thought, 'I'm not losing to another Russian this week.'"

The laughs are coming easier for Agosto, a Farmington Hills resident, and Belbin since winning the silver in Italy. They're only just now starting to celebrate, having



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After winning silver at the Olympics, Ben Agosto and Tanith Belbin now must get ready for this month's world championships.

done several "media days" and the like in the days after winning.

It's now they can look back on what they both called an "amaz-

ing experience" and see it for what it was.

"It's such a huge event," said Agosto, 24. "It's in the media ...

but being there, it really did live up" to all the hype.

PLEASE SEE SKATERS, A7

Petition drive to protest proposal

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It only took about three days before a group of Canton residents, frustrated and concerned, set the wheels in motion to take up a fight with City Hall, or rather, Canton Township, over a proposal to sell to a developer half of the municipal Fellows Creek Golf Course.

At a local coffee shop last weekend, some 50 people drafted petitions and fliers, then hit the streets of Canton to collect signatures in protest of the proposal, which was presented at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees Feb. 22.

"I'm worried about my property values," said Brenda Howard, who two years ago bought her condominium in Pebble Creek near the golf course. She bought at that location not because she likes to golf, even though she does play Fellows Creek a couple of times a year. She bought there for a lifestyle, she said, a quiet lifestyle on the course.

She had every expectation her lifestyle would not change all that much because the course is owned by the township, not a private interest, and just last year there were significant improvements made to Fellows Creek.

Howard is also concerned the township will accept the proposal — developer Lormax Stern/Grand Sakwa properties had offered to buy 96 acres of the 193 total, for \$17 million — in order to construct a retail lifestyle center, only to have the shopping center underperform.

"Then we would have sold off the land, and we'd have ruined the golf course, and we'll have empty stores sitting there. I'm afraid that could happen," she said. "We'll destroy the jewel we have here."

So she got involved in the petition drive, in hopes of sending a message to the township trustees.

"We want to hand the signatures to the township board to let them know we really don't want them selling our green space," Howard said. She's collected nearly 200 signatures so far, she said.

Joe Sabourin has also hit the bricks to collect signatures. He moved into his condominium at The Links of Fellows Creek just three months ago, after having lived in two larger homes in Canton since 1988.

ON COURSE

As empty-nesters, Sabourin and his wife were ready to downsize, and wanted to live near a golf course, since he is a regular golfer.

He inquired with Links developer Robertson Brothers, and even though the sales staff made no promises the golf course would always be there (in fact, as a matter of due diligence, the salesperson

PLEASE SEE DRIVE, A5

Canton voters help doom Van Buren millage

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

A \$111 million bond proposal to fund a new high school in the Van Buren Public Schools district was rejected Tuesday by a substantial margin in every precinct of the district.

The bond proposal — the second in as many years to fail — lost 4,175-2,752. The district tried to pass a bond in 2004. That one failed by an even larger margin, 4,592-2,226.

"We were surprised that the margin was that large," said VBPS spokesman Paul Henning. "But we did pick up 800 yes votes since the last election, which was encouraging." The district will likely try again to pass a bond.

The proposal failed by the widest margin in

the two Canton precincts, where voters rejected it 504-172.

Canton resident Brian Kositz hopes the district doesn't try soon to pass another bond for a new high school.

"They've already stated they're going to try again in the fall, which is just ludicrous," he said. "They've asked voters twice, and we've said no twice."

Kositz said he couldn't support the bond because he feels district officials have ignored growth patterns within the district, a fact he said was obvious when the VBPS Board of Education chose a site at Sumpter and Hull roads for constructing the new school, rather than a site which would better serve areas with the most substantial growth — northern Van Buren Township and southern Canton.

The Board of Education rejected a site off the I-94 service drive, which was more accessible to the district's northern residents.

Henning blames the bond's failure on the uncertain economy.

"When we started this, Ford and General Motors had not made any announcements about layoffs," he said. "We do have a lot of Ford workers in our district who will be impacted by the Wixom plant closing."

For now, the district will keep doing what it's been doing, according to Henning.

"Until we can get some kind of proposal passed, we'll keep fixing things and putting Band-Aids on what's broken," he said.

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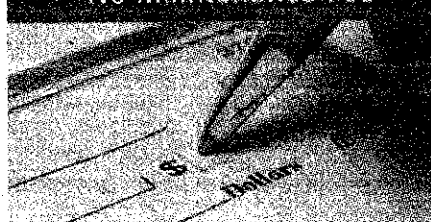
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Coming Sunday on the PINK page

Vintage jewelry designer creates Treasures of Time



Early childhood night

The Plymouth-Canton Schools Early Childhood department hosts a parent information night for the 2006-07 school year on Tuesday, March 7, at Discovery Middle School.

Applications will be available on-line the following day.

There will also be a Preschool Site Nite 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. Parents will be able to visit classrooms, meet the staff and talk with parents currently enrolled in the program.

District preschool sites are at Canton High School, Hoben Elementary, Fiegel Elementary, Hulsing Elementary and Tanager Center.

For further information, call (734) 416-6190 or visit the Web site at www.web.pccs.k12.mi.us/early-childhood

Cookbook sale

United Home Health Services, a nonprofit home care agency located in Canton, is sponsoring a cookbook sale as a fund-raiser for their Patient Support Fund.

There are 25 different mini-cookbooks to choose from with titles including From the Grill, A Taste of Italy, Five Ingredients or Less, and Crochery Cooking, just to name a few. There are also gift jar cookbooks available.

Each book, which sells for \$5.50 apiece, contains between 136-155 recipes, has a laminated hardback cover for extra durability, and a built-in, self-standing easel for easy recipe viewing.

The proceeds go to United's Patient Support Fund. This fund is used for home care patients who cannot afford basic items such as food, clothing, and medications. It is also used for medical equipment such as walkers, tub benches, canes, and commodes for patients who need these devices but just cannot find the means. Finally, because of this fund, United is able to provide home care services to patients

who lack medical insurance.

To purchase a cookbook or to make a donation, please contact Mary Jane Swanson at (734) 981-8820.

Arts ensemble

The second annual Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble takes place at Canton High School 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11.

It is a juried show featuring local art and handmade crafts. Music will be provided throughout the day performed by PCEP students, and food will be available for purchase, including a bake sale.

Admission is \$2, with all proceeds benefiting the Plymouth-Canton music program.

Women Wanted

The Canton Business & Professional Women meet 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Waltonwood Carriage Park, 2000 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.

The meeting is a chance to network with other business women in the community and to see what the Canton BPW has to offer. The group's stated goal is "to promote full participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for America's working women." Women looking for leadership development, informative programs, business contacts, networking opportunities, mentor relationships, friendships, community awareness, professional growth, political advocacy and a national, state and local voice in women's issues are encouraged to join.

Waltonwood Carriage Park is located just south of the Meijer parking lot on the east side of Canton Center Road, south of Ford Road and north of Cherry Hill.

For more information or to RSVP for the meeting, contact June Nicholas at junenicholas@comcast.net or by phone at (313) 610-2561.

Rummage sale

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

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

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

Habitat applications

Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County has scheduled an application orientation 7 p.m. Monday, March 13, at Geneva Presbyterian Church, 5835 N. Sheldon in Canton (north of Ford, across from Baker's Square).

All interested individuals who would like to apply for a Habitat home are invited to the orientation. The session will last approximately 90 minutes. The orientation will include a video presentation, history of Habitat, question-and-answer segment and distribution of applications.

Applicants will be given the option to complete the application at the session and submit with required documentation or return the completed application within two weeks with requested documentation.

Required documentation includes copy of drivers license, W-2 forms or pay stubs (at least three months), federal tax returns from previous year, current utility statements (water, gas, electric and telephone), social security cards of all family members and a \$10 application fee (money order or check made payable to Habitat Western Wayne County).

Habitat conducts employment references, credit checks

and all necessary procedures to confirm the ability to pay. The three criteria are (1) demonstration of need, (2) the ability to pay (3) applicants willingness to partner (attend required classes and completion of sweat equity).

For more information, visit Habitat's Web site at www.habitatwcc.org or call (734) 459-7744.

MARSP meeting

All public school retirees in southeast Michigan are invited to join the Northwest Wayne County Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel at its next luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 8 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia.

After the corned beef-and-cabbage luncheon, Gordon Draper will do a travelogue of Borneo and Malaysia. Make a reservation by calling (248) 477-9764. The cost is \$9.

Support the 'Seedlings'

Everyone is welcome to bowl March 3 at the Superbowl (45100 Ford Road in Canton) to benefit the "Oakwood Canton Seedlings," the team that participates in the annual Canton Relay for Life. The cost is \$16 per person and the event begins at 9 p.m.

The "Seedlings" will be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to be held May 13-14 in Canton. This year will be the group's sixth year participating in the event. The name "Seedlings" was chosen to represent the group's motto, "plant a seed and let hope blossom."

There will be a 50/50 raffle and opportunities to win other prizes at the bowling event. Contact Denise Mintz, Oakwood Healthcare System, at (734) 454-8008 to pre-pay and register, or make a donation. More than \$1,300 was raised in 2005, due to the gen-

erous contributions and support of the community.

Fish fry

VFW Post 6695, located at 1426 S. Lilley in Plymouth, will have its annual fish fries every Friday evening through Lent, with the exception of St. Patrick's Day, when corned beef and cabbage will be served. Dinners are served from 5-7 p.m. The all-you-can eat fish dinners cost \$8.

'Rally 4 Canton'

A team from this year's Leadership Canton class is hosting a road rally as their class project. Come join the fun. Tickets are available to participate in the rally (4-6 people per car, limit of 30 cars), to join the after-rally Finish Line Party, or to sponsor the event.

Rally 4 Canton is scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday, April 29, beginning at the Rotary Clocktower in Heritage Park. Prior registration is necessary. For more information or to register, visit www.rally4canton.com, or call Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

Rally 4 Canton proceeds will benefit Growth Works, Inc. and The B.L.O.C.K., youth programs in Canton.

Curves food drive

Curves of Canton and Plymouth will be participating in the Curves Food Drive to benefit local food banks. Last year, the Curves Food Drive collected 10.6 million pounds of food for local communities all over the world.

Curves is waiving its normal service fee for any new member who brings in a bag of non-perishable groceries and joins between Feb. 27 and March 11. Last year more than 251,000 new members joined Curves during the Food Drive. Others wishing to donate may drop off non-perishable food items at Curves Monday through Saturday during business hours through the month of March.

Drop off food at either the

Plymouth Curves location (44717 Five Mile Road) or the one in Canton (44248 Cherry Hill Road).

State of the Township address

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack will deliver his annual State of the Township address at the Canton Chamber of Commerce's luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on March 15 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

The theme of Yack's speech will be "Canton: Behind the Scenes" for 2006. Yack's program will include an informative video presentation of the behind the scenes efforts in the township.

The luncheon is open to chamber members and the public. Cost is \$20 per person, and reservations are necessary. Admission includes networking opportunity, full buffet luncheon, and program. Reservations can be made by contacting the chamber at (734) 453-4040 or visiting the chamber's online registration form at www.cantonchamber.com/eventsform.asp.

Basketball raffle

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club is raffling off two tickets for the first and second rounds of the NCAA Basketball tournament to be held at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The tickets will be good for all games played March 17 and March 19 and are valued at \$360. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$10 each and only 250 tickets will be sold. The drawing takes place 8 a.m. March 7 at the Plymouth Cultural Center; you don't have to be present to win.

Proceeds from the raffle benefit the programs of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club.

For more information email Deborah Torzy at dtorzy@hotmail.com or call (734) 453-9904.

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Gymboree owners Pennie and John Major, stand with their children, Pike, 1, and Payton, 3.

Play is what class is all about at Gymboree

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Children are the first thing you notice when you walk through the doors of Canton's Gymboree. Children running around. Children climbing on bars and through little tunnels. Children singing songs.

That's by design, according to John and Pennie Major, owners of the Gymboree in Canton, as well one in Ann Arbor. They say that playing is the whole point behind the Gymboree concept, which provides learning programs for children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years old. And it seems the concept is catching on. There are now more than 500 Gymborees nationwide.



Gymboree teacher Amanda Frendo has the group's attention. Mothers also play an important role.

The Gymboree programs incorporate play, games, singing and music to the learning experience. In the process children improve important social skills, while also stimulating motor skills and brain development.

"We always say there is a

kind of hole in the U.S. education system, and that's for children 0 to 5. That's where we come in. We really feed their desire to learn," said John Major.

The couple, who live in Ann Arbor, moved into the current facility on Cherry Hill after outgrowing another building on Sheldon-Center. John Major says the couple worked hard on the interior at the new location, making sure every detail created the perfect learning environment.

"We put our heart and soul into this place," he said.

The Canton Gymboree is located at 45550 Cherry Hill. For more information, call (866) 355-GROW.

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Activist targets Slavens with information request

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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A Republican activist from Okemos, Mich., has filed a Freedom of Information request with Plymouth-Canton Schools for documents relating to Board of Education President Mark Slavens of Canton.

Mike Murray of Murray Communications filed the 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 1999-2006, which is the period Slavens, a Democrat, has been a member of the school board.

"I'm doing research into the workings of the Plymouth-Canton school district and how they deliberate their budgets," Murray said. "I have a particular interest in Slavens, who appears to be a candidate for some office. I'm interested in how he uses his position."

Slavens is rumored to have been asked by the state Democratic Party to run against state Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, in the November election. Patterson is completing his first six-year term in the 7th Senate District.

Other rumblings have Slavens considering a run for Wayne County commissioner, or challenging state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, who beat Slavens for the 21st House District seat in 2002.

"I'd be interested in why he's looking into my votes," Slavens said. "I'm very proud of my votes, so I'm not worried about it. I've had people approach me about running for different offices, and that's all speculation right now. I haven't made any decisions."

While Slavens said he hasn't made a decision, Campaign Services of Saranac, Mich., a consulting firm, has registered the Web site slavensforsenate.com.

"We work for many candidates, but mostly Democrats. However, we do have some Republican clients," said Mike Vatter of

'I'm going to have to re-direct people from their normal workload to comply. We'll have three people working on it, time for copying, cost for paper, and reproduction of a possible 129 videotapes from meetings.'

Dr. Jim Ryan
school superintendent

Campaign Services. "All our client information is confidential."

As of Wednesday, the Web site had nothing more than a name, and a notice that it "is under construction."

Slavens said, "I don't know anything about it."

Murray admitted he has done work for Patterson, but said this project is unrelated. But, Murray added, "I would share it with people if they thought it was beneficial to them."

"It's no secret Slavens is a favorite of the education establishment, and he has great leverage over the financial workings of the Plymouth-Canton school district," Murray said.

Supt. Jim Ryan said he's sending a letter to Murray requesting half of the estimated \$11,642 cost to begin the FOIA project.

"I'm going to have to re-direct people from their normal workload to comply," Ryan said. "We'll have three people working on it, time for copying, cost for paper, and reproduction of a possible 129 videotapes from meetings."

When asked if he thought Republicans may be trying to deter any attempt at his running for public office, Slavens was firm.

"People don't bully me," he said. "And if they do, let them try."

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Rekindling the passion

Canton author's book probes life's meaning

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

It was an idea that came to Lynn Jarrett after a tough year. She lost her mother to cancer, just six weeks after her family learned she was sick. And Jarrett's daughter underwent her third open-heart surgery the same year.

"The things that had happened in my life left me asking a lot of questions about purpose and passion in my life," Jarrett said.

In an attempt to answer those questions, Jarrett penned her first book - a book that for more than 24 hours was a best seller when it sold more than 600 copies in one day at Amazon.com.

"It was neat to hear from people all over the world who had bought the book," Jarrett said.

The book, "Why Bother Looking?" was written to help people answer questions about the passion and purpose in their lives, and also to determine whether or not God fits in creating such a life.

"I had heard over and over from people who were angry at God when things went badly in their lives," said Jarrett, who before becoming an author had worked as a therapist, and then as a motivational speaker and life coach. "The book is about hope and encouragement, and about helping people move past the anger."

Anger is OK, she said. But getting past it is necessary in order to live a purposeful, passionate life.

"My experience is that people are really seeking to develop a spiritual side," Jarrett said. And there is a practical way to do that, she added. The book includes checklists and questionnaires and exercises to help readers identify patterns and goals in their lives.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lynn Jarrett's book took six months to write.

"They help you see yourself in a different way, and they help you see God in a different way," Jarrett said. "Everyone asks why they should bother looking. It's just a process you have to go through."

Writing the book took just 10 months, and she chose a print-on-demand publisher to distribute the book through Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.

For more information, visit <http://lynnjarrett.com>.

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Concert marks end of season

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents the fifth and final concert of its 60th anniversary-"Diamond Jubilee" season, under award-winning music director and conductor Nan Harrison Washburn, with "The Planets: Music of the Spheres."

The concert takes place 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the corner of N. Territorial and Beck in Plymouth.

PSO officials say the concert takes spectators on an exploration into outer space with a performance of the monumental and mystical work by Gustav Holst, The Planets. In addition to the aural colors and delights, the music will be accompanied by projections of photos taken by NASA satellites.

Opening with the powerful introduction to Richard Strauss' "Also Sprach Zarathustra," (theme for the movie 2001 Space Odyssey), the program also features two youth choirs: the Plymouth Counsellors Youth Chorale (Susan Lindquist, director), and the Ann Arbor Youth Chorale (Dr. Richard Ingram, director) performing Homeland, a piece composed by Z. Randall Stroope based on Holst's "Jupiter" melody from The Planets.

The treble choirs will join the orchestra again later singing in the "Neptune" movement at the concert's conclusion. Rounding out the program will be



The Ann Arbor Youth Chorale will be part of the final concert of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra's 60th season, 8 p.m. Saturday, March 11 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Adventures on Earth, John Williams' memorable score from the Steven Spielberg movie, E.T.

Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear Washburn's on-stage talk at 7:15 p.m. This is a special introduction and a chance to ask questions about the evening's musical program. Following the performance patrons are welcome to stay for the Afterglow reception.

The concert is sponsored by the DTE Energy Foundation and LaSalle Bank. It is also supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of

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Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students up to 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10-percent discount. To purchase tickets, please contact the PSS office by phone at (734) 451-2112, by fax at (734) 451-3458, by email at info@plymouthsymphony.org, or in person at 470 Forest Ave., Suite 18, Plymouth.

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DEATHS

<p>A</p> <p>Peter J. Achille Achille, 91, formerly of Livonia, died Feb. 27.</p> <p>B</p> <p>Eleanor M. Budd Budd died Feb. 27.</p> <p>Irene Byrnes Byrnes, 84, died Feb. 24.</p> <p>C</p> <p>Virginia "Ginny" Cunningham Cunningham, 75, died Feb. 26.</p> <p>K</p> <p>Waymon Kisselburg Kisselburg, 72, of Redford, died Feb. 23.</p> <p>B. Elizabeth (Betty) Knight Knight, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 26.</p> <p>L</p> <p>Edward Lescoe Lescoe, 85, of Heber Springs, Ark., formerly of Livonia, died Feb. 19.</p> <p>Harry F. Locke Locke, 83, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 23.</p> <p>M</p> <p>Carolyn Wright McGarity</p>	<p>McGarity, 68, of Boulder, Colo., formerly of Birmingham, died Feb. 23.</p> <p>Donald H. McKeon McKeon, 90, of Grand Blanc, died Feb. 10.</p> <p>Stanley Moraniec Moraniec, 69, of Bloomfield Hills, died Feb. 24.</p> <p>R</p> <p>Franco A. Rea Rea, 56, of Livonia, died Feb. 27.</p> <p>Ryan Adam Richter Richter, 18, died Feb. 27.</p> <p>Robert L. Rudnick Rudnick, 86, died Feb. 23.</p> <p>S</p> <p>Mary Elizabeth Shaw Shaw, 85, of Farmington Hills, died Feb. 24.</p> <p>Russell L. Simonson Sr. Simonson, 88, of Clarkston, died Feb. 25.</p> <p>T</p> <p>Catherine M. (Bakonyi) Trepod Trepod, formerly of Troy, died Feb. 21.</p>
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DRIVE

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mentioned the property could be sold if the township wanted to do so, Sabourin felt assured his home would be in a golf community well into the foreseeable future.

He can't help but wonder now how long the township has been considering the proposal, even though it was just presented late last month, and township officials said that they were not seeking a buyer. Rather, Lormax Sterns attorney, Bryan Amann, came to them with the offer.

"This thing is in motion and it seems like it has a lot of steam," Sabourin said. He's worried that a \$17 million windfall, as well as the \$600,000 in property taxes the township expects to collect every year once the property has been developed, may be too attractive a carrot to dangle in front of a board which has to balance tight budgets.

Robertson Brothers president Jim Clark has indicated that if the property is going to be sold, there may be a possibility that nine holes could remain on the property, which remains in the township's ownership, and he wants that option to be seriously considered, he said. Township Supervisor Tom Yack has also stated that compromise is feasible.

"If it goes ahead and there are adequate protections, and we can still be on a golf course, I don't see that as the end of the world," Clark said. "The easiest and best course for us is to leave it as it is."

"Canton has historically done a good job of distinguishing themselves as welcoming good development and pushing away bad development," Clark added. "But inherent in that is supporting development. I can't think of another community that has added more value than Canton."

Lifestyle centers, which are generally high-end developments which are designed somewhat like a downtown area, do add value to neighboring residential properties,

according to Clark. But until the matter is settled, his company and the residents in the condominium communities near the course, are "in limbo," he said.

IN LIMBO

The golf course itself is in limbo, too, as the township's leisure services department is negotiating a new contract with Fellows Creek Golf Club of Canton Inc., a private management company which runs the course, according to Leisure Services Director Ann Conklin.

Under the current contract, the management company pays the township \$400,000 per year, and Canton pays for capital improvements and other expenses such as utilities.

In 2005, expenses totaled \$62,000. The surplus goes to the township's golf fund, which supports both Fellows Creek and the 27-hole Pheasant Run municipal golf course. The township's total subsidy to both courses, after paying debt service on the Pheasant Run property, was \$420,000 in 2005, some \$50,000 less than projected.

Before Amann may return to the board to ask the township to approve the purchase agreement, he has been tasked with meeting with the nearby condominium associations. So far, Robertson Brothers and The Links of Fellows Creek have agreed to meet with him. Pebble Creek and The Preserve have not responded to his phone calls and e-mail, he said Wednesday.

Amann said the possibility of the nine-hole course remaining is worth considering, but for Sabourin, that compromise is no compromise at all.

"I know that even if leagues will play a nine-hole course if they have to, as a golfer I won't play it," he said. "I just wonder how it would survive."

The residents who have organized to fight the sale are planning to meet at 10:30 a.m. March 4 at the 4 Seasons Internet Cafe, 3500 Lilley in Canton.

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Governor's budget proposal won't plug the hole in Wayne-Westland's 'bucket'

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm wants to increase per pupil state school aid \$200 next year. It sounds good, it looks good, but is it enough?

According to Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy, the answer is no. Borrowing a phrase from former state superintendent Tom Watkins, Baracy said the proposed increase doesn't come close to plugging "the hole in the bucket."

"We appreciate getting the \$200, but it's a far cry from making up the three years of frozen foundation allowances and charge backs," he said. "And even with a \$200 increase, it won't cover the health care and retirement increases for our employees."

For Wayne-Westland, an extra \$200 per student would

generate \$2.7 million in revenue. However, it expects to spend \$268 per student for anticipated increases in retirement (\$115) and health care (\$153), leaving a deficit of \$68 per student to cover "modest wage increases, increased operating costs and significant increases in utilities," Baracy said.

"And we may not get \$200," he said. "Some of that may be dedicated to other things."

The effect on the budget would be similar to this year, according to a chart prepared by Gary Martin, the deputy superintendent of administrative and business services.

This budget year, the state increased school aid by \$175 per student, but while it is bringing in \$2.4 million, it doesn't even cover the \$2.5 million lost due to declining enrollment, \$1.4 million in increased retirement costs and \$1.3 million increase in

employee benefits, primarily health.

The net impact, according to Martin, is a \$2.9 million revenue loss or \$213 in per pupil dollars.

"Until we start keeping up with the rate of inflation, we're going to continue to deplete our savings," Baracy said.

In presenting her proposal, Granholm recommended that the foundation allowance, the per pupil amount the state gives school districts, be increased \$200 to \$7,075 and that \$25 of that amount be given to districts this budget year.

"Our position is that we would prefer all the money be in the foundation allowance so we have local control over the expenditures," he said.

She is also proposing a \$50 million allocation for districts with declining enrollment. Districts with at least two consecutive years of losses would

be eligible and the payment would be based on the difference between a three-year average and actual enrollment. Some 240 school districts could benefit from the proposal.

Wayne-Westland is experiencing declining enrollment. The current school year membership dropped by 340 students, but Baracy said the proposal appears to be aimed at helping the Detroit Public Schools which has lost thousands of students a year for several years.

The governor's proposal also has targeted \$10 million for improving mathematics and reading literacy skills in kindergarten through third grade and expanding the Great Start School Readiness Programs' funding by \$28.8 million to serve an additional 4,700 students across the state.

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PROBE

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me. I didn't expect the people, who I would have walked through a wall for, to turn their backs."

Convertino said his high school and college records have been subpoenaed by the Justice Department, along with phone records, his computer and e-mails and files in his office. Investigators have also contacted scores of friends and colleagues.

"They've interviewed more than a hundred witnesses in the case against me," he said. "There is no better entity to cause absolute destruction on a person's life than the federal government."

"They have access to records, access to resources, and that's been used to such a degree in this case it's disgusting and obscene," Convertino added. "Those resources would be better spent in ferreting out real criminals, real terrorists and real individuals that need to be investigated."

Convertino doesn't see the issue as him against the U.S. government.

"I didn't make a decision to take on the federal government, they made a decision to take me on," Convertino said. "These people aren't going to allow themselves to be deposed and investigated in the same manner and recourse I have been because they'll be exposed, and exposure is not something they want."

NEW CAREER

Convertino had always thought he'd retire as a federal prosecutor, but has since left the U.S. Attorney's Office and started his own law firm, with offices in the Mayflower Centre



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Of the federal government's investigation into her husband, Valerie Convertino said she's 'angry at what they've done to us ... We've been betrayed by the federal government.'

in downtown Plymouth. He successfully defended Michigan State Trooper Jay Morningstar, who faced a murder charge for shooting a homeless man in Detroit. Convertino said it's tough going from making \$140,000 a year to a salary of zero.

"Financially, it's been extremely hard," he said. "We've used our daughter's tuition to file the lawsuit against the attorney general. We're not wealthy people, but we have wealth in other ways."

His wife of more than 20 years, Valerie, said the entire experience has been tough on the family, including their five children.

"It's been extremely stressful for all of us," Valerie Convertino said. "I feel like they've stolen three years from me enjoying my children

because I've been under so much stress trying to support my husband. I want it to end so we can just enjoy life again."

NEVER WAVER

Valerie Convertino said while there are negative reactions from those who "believe what they're reading," others have come forward with support. She said she never wavered when her husband decided to take on the federal government.

"We are both the type of people when something is wrong, you speak up and fight against it, you don't quit," she said. "Rick threw himself into his commitment for the federal government, and I supported him, totally, and I support him now."

"I feel I made a lot of sacrifices for him to do his job well, so I'm angry at what they've done to us," she added. "We've been betrayed by the federal government."

Rick Convertino said if there were any mistakes in the terrorism trial, they were just that — mistakes.

"Absolutely, unequivocally, with certainty, there was no evidence withheld," Convertino said. "If there were mistakes, there were mistakes, we were tremendously understaffed, under-resourced, with one FBI agent, me and a paralegal handling this case."

"If my lawsuit is to be deemed credible by anyone, it will be disaster for the United States Department of Justice," he said. "I am in the crosshairs, and I expect to remain there because of my lawsuit."

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SKATERS

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"Once we took the ice, we had to tell ourselves it was just another competition," Belbin said. "Once we stepped off the ice, it was like nothing we'd ever done."

It's not that the pair isn't used to pressure skating. They were second at the world championships a year ago. But no U.S. ice dancers had won gold in 30 years, and the pressure was on Belbin and Agosto to stop the streak.

Not that they noticed it. "Going into the games, I had no thought about the historical significance," Agosto said. "Once we were finished, it was pretty astounding. It's been a long time coming."

So has the couple's success. They started training together eight years ago, when Belbin moved to the U.S. from Canada. They've grown together as a pair and have worked their way up the ladder of international success.

"We've been skating together for eight years, so we met when we were little kids," said

Agosto, who attended Groves High School in Birmingham.

"We've grown up together."

That knowledge of each other has led to a great deal of success. They're the three-time defending U.S. champions, were second at the world championships in 2005 and fifth in 2004. So their medal at Torino shouldn't have come as a surprise, according to their coach.

"It didn't happen right away," Igor Shpilband said. "They had to gradually build up to it from one year to another. It was an amazing experience for me."

With the announced retirement of two-time world champions Tatiana Navka and Roman Kostomarov of Russia, the team that beat Belbin-Agosto in Torino, the pressure could be on the silver medalists at this month's world championships.

The couple leaves for that competition in less than three weeks, but it's been on their mind since even before the Olympics.

When they get done, there's the Champions on Ice tour and other obligations. There's also an off-ice schedule to worry about. The pair have already been approached for endorsements by Speedo and Accuvue.

In fact, they will be shooting a commercial for the contact lens company soon.

"We get to experience a whole other world," Belbin said.

They're also dealing with their increased popularity, something they may not have realized they'd have to deal with until they got home. Arctic Edge officials kept a collection of the couple's various press clippings.

People are starting to recognize them more frequently — "At dinner, people are coming up to me now and saying congratulations," Agosto said.

For now, though, the couple can look back on their effort in Torino, remembering what it was like to be on the medal stand to capture America's first ice dancing medal since Colleen O'Connor and Jim Millns earned a bronze in 1976.

"The medal ceremony is that moment you identify with the Olympic performance," Agosto said. "You're in that incredible arena with those medals. You want it to be the moment you hoped it would be, and it really was."

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OUR VIEWS

All will play role in finding better way

President George W. Bush told area residents last week that there really is something new under the sun. That ought to be good news to both residents and automakers.

The news was delivered during visits to energy- and auto-related facilities in the tri-county area. They were wakeup calls for the public, shedding light on the need for new sources of energy and how to develop them.

The president pushed his plan to reduce dependence on foreign oil by 75 percent. He stopped at United Solar Ovonic in Auburn Hills, while transportation Secretary Norman Mineta stopped at TRW Automotive in Livonia.

Those destinations aided Bush's drive challenging automakers to build vehicles that are more fuel efficient. Gov. Jennifer Granholm was at United Solar Ovonic, too, but Bush met her plea for the ailing auto industry by calling for "a better way." That will come in the form of incentives for business, largely to develop hydrogen fuels.

Granholm should be credited with creating an Emerging Sectors initiative that is expected to produce new forms of energy, as well as job growth.

The most important aspects of visits by Bush and Mineta came in their message: It is possible to do something about the energy shortage — let's start now.

Both United and TRW are setting good examples. United builds solar panels and batteries, while TRW builds steering and braking systems that promise to increase fuel mileage.

But trained workers need to provide the impetus and hands-on skills to develop new sources of energy. Granholm, in her State of the State address, saluted Michigan State and Wayne State universities for their research in the energy field.

Residents need to focus on an attitude that encourages interest in the sciences, such as a Sundaes and Science event for girls Thursday at Avondale High School. Energy self-sufficiency will come from a public that supports education financially. That may not be new, but it is sometimes forgotten.

Education, after all, is the sub-atomic particle that is the building block of the future.

Focus on issue, not people, in zoo crisis

At the core of the debacle over the Detroit Zoo is the lack of a common purpose, namely, keeping that outstanding regional facility open.

Reports early this week indicated the crisis may be resolved Wednesday, with the zoo remaining open. But it will take a change in attitude for that to happen.

While everyone from the state Legislature to the Detroit City Council says they want it to remain open, stakeholders are bringing so much baggage with them, they're about to miss the bus.

Central to the dispute is the radically and racially divided nature of southeast Michigan. Never mind the conundrum of having the Detroit Zoo located in Oakland, a different county. The real problem is that the Legislature and some Oakland officials are reacting to the reputation of Detroit as a can't-do community. And Detroit council members are reaching angrily into their historical background in response.

One councilwoman has said those outside of Detroit were treating the city as if it were a plantation.

Complicating the issue were comments by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Those comments can be described only in one word — stupid.

As if that weren't bad enough, Patterson went on at least one radio talk show saying he talks that way about lots of people.

To which we can only say: Cut it out, Brooks!

By his comments, Patterson makes himself the issue, not the zoo. And it's too bad, because Patterson is a leader. He knows how to get things done and his rhetoric isn't helping to solve the problem.

The city of Detroit is close to receivership and some officials have said that the city can no longer afford to operate the zoo. The city needs to turn over operations and financing to the Zoological Society. But breaking up is hard to do, and the council wants to retain oversight.

That's a formula for disaster. It's one thing to set policy, it's quite another to micromanage operations.

The Legislature is arching its back over financing the transition, ignoring that the focus needs to be on this jewel, which draws from the largest concentration of people in the state.

That being said, no amount of state aid and no regional attraction will ever build Michigan's future unless we can all get along.

It is said that, during a storm, many different animals will gather together under shelter, putting aside their natural animosity.

We need to not only admire the animal world, but learn from it.



LETTERS

Don't cast aspersions

Oh yeah, Mr. Szyszko, Todd Caccamo is re-enlisting and going to fight the war in Iraq just to tick off the voters and the Board of Trustees in Canton (letter to editor, Feb. 23). Putting yourself on the front lines of a war is a great way to fool the voters.

You say you in your letter that you served "during the Vietnam War," but you don't indicate that you actually served in Vietnam. If you haven't walked a mile in someone's Army boots, don't criticize their actions. Todd believes firmly in what he is doing for the freedom of us all, and he is volunteering his life to go and make a stand against those who would take away our freedoms. Can you say that you feel the same way, and would you risk YOUR life to defend our country?

Shame on you for casting aspersions.

Nancy Spencer
Canton

Letter was disgusting

Mr. Szyszko's letter in the Feb. 23 edition of the *Canton Observer* was irresponsible, reckless and downright disgusting. To think that Todd Caccamo may be risking life and limb for the likes of Mr. Szyszko makes me want to vomit.

Like Mr. Kuban said, risking one's life for votes for a \$12,000 part-time position is an implausible scenario. He will be giving up a very comfortable lifestyle for that of a Marine Corps infantryman. He will be leaving behind friends, family and home and putting his marriage and career on hold. He is putting his township salary back into the community. His country needs him now and he is answering the call to duty because he loves his Marines and the country of the red, white and blue flag that he "wraps himself in."

Maybe your flag is the green flag of Al-Qaeda, Mr. Szyszko. Feel free to wrap yourself in that.

It is better to let people think you are a fool, Mr. Szyszko, then to put pen to paper and remove all doubt. Resigning from office would be irresponsible and so was your letter.

Joseph Stoppello
Canton

Taken for granted

Regarding the Van Buren Public Schools bond election on Feb. 28, I have to clarify one thing that Mr. Henning stated to you in your article on Feb. 26. Mr. Henning stated that building a new elementary school in Canton was dependent on enrollment. While technically Mr. Henning is correct, he failed to point out that Van Buren Public Schools has built two new elementary schools in the recent past when they could have considered locating one of them in Canton.

With some of the highest assessed values in their district, you would think that serving Canton would be at the top of issues to be addressed by the district. Canton continues to have high-assessed-value new homes built in the Van Buren Schools portion of the township, but those with school-aged kids avoid that area because of

the lack of a school. If Van Buren was serious about increasing its enrollment, it would acknowledge that growth will not happen in one of the fastest-growing sections of its district without the presence of a school in the area.

I know the effects of how Van Buren Schools has treated Canton first-hand. I am attempting to sell my home and the first question everyone asks me is "Where are the schools that serve this neighborhood?" I acknowledge Van Buren needs a new high school badly, but at the same time I feel taken for granted as a Canton homeowner in the Van Buren School District.

Robert Cahalan
Canton

Letter writer is wrong

I cannot believe that Mr. Szyszko would assume that working as a trustee for Canton Township would be worse than Todd Caccamo's brave decision to go to Iraq and help our other young men in the war. I am not a supporter of this war or the one in Vietnam, but I am a supporter of our troops and frankly feel the troops can benefit from Mr. Caccamo's strength and leadership.

Mr. Szyszko, do you feel that the Board of Trustees cannot be "trusted" to carry on without Todd? Or, is it that you are one of those people that would rather move another "yes-man" into Todd's trustee seat while he is away? Is this why you think a replacement should be made?

Perhaps you don't do much thinking before you put pen to hand or maybe you are the one wrapping yourself in the flag or have a political agenda of your own?

L. Walker
Canton

Tragedy could be avoided

The Canton Charter Township Public Safety Department has posted safety tips on its Web site. Included are instructions on how to walk on a sidewalk — always in the middle and facing traffic. The instructions include a warning about resisting phone calls on your cell phone while driving.

The driving tips do not contain basic items I think would be handy to include.

Recently, a 13-year-old boy died after an accident on Ford Road. His mother made a turn and was hit in the side by an oncoming pickup truck. The speeds of the vehicles were relatively slow, but the direction of the impact led to the boy's death.

Who's to blame? Well, in such a tragedy let us not lay blame, but examine what happened. There were three lanes of traffic. In order to be nice, or maybe just to get her out of their way, someone stopped to let her cross their lane. Then someone else was forced to stop in the next lane to let her get even further. With only the seemingly open turn lane left she moved forward and was struck from the side.

Was that really nice? I don't think so. It's not your civic duty to stop in moving traffic, make an obstacle of yourself and offer the person up to the onrushing traffic to your right.

Alfred Brock
Canton

Stop illegal immigrants

I'd like to thank the Rev. Leach for his response to my column on Jan. 26 regarding our government's disregard for enforcing immigration law and the effects on our country.

I believe the use of the term "invasion" is completely valid. The latest report estimates there are 20 million illegal aliens in this country. They sneak across the border, throwing rocks covered with burning rags and assaulting our Border Patrol agents. They bring massive amounts of drugs to sell to our youth. They dig modern tunnels under the border. Recently, 29 illegals packed themselves into a van and ended up in a crash when the Border Patrol pursued. It reminded me of the Trojan horse. If these are not invasion tactics, what is? In the last 10 years, more than 229 incursions by the Mexican military have been reported on our southern border.

It is a sad plight of people in other countries and I commend all organizations who try to help these people. There is, however, a proper way and an improper way to do this.

Forcing the American taxpayer to pay, and forcing Americans to lose their jobs and their very ability to feed their families in order to help, is not the right course of action. Why is it, for every problem in the world, people come back to "let Americans pay for it"? Expecting the American people to pay for the entire world's poverty because they (other countries) have corrupt governments is no less than robbing Peter to pay Paul.

How many billions of dollars do Americans contribute to charities to help these people? We do send plenty of money to the poor of this world.

The reverend's wanting to help people is genuine and I believe helping people begins in their own country. Mexico's social welfare program includes one thing — sending their poor and destitute to the United States. Income from the money these illegals send home is now the largest amount of cash that the country of Mexico receives. Where is their responsibility? Perhaps well-intentioned people should organize Mexican citizens to protest and appeal to their government for reform.

To get a view of the devastating effect of this illegal activity, I would like to recommend a few Web sites: www.numbersusa.com, www.fairus.org, and www.americanpatrol.com.

Peggy Robichaud
Canton

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"Both Tanith and Ben are great kids. They're friendly, energetic, focused and disciplined. And they lead their own private lives; they're not rink rats. They have a lot of different things in their lives other than skating that are important to them."

— Adrienne Lenda, an ice skating coach at Arctic Edge in Canton and girlfriend of Igor Shpilband, who coaches Olympic silver medalists Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto, who also train at Arctic Edge

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Community college is best value in higher ed today

If you seek great opportunities, look about you. One tremendous academic and economic asset Michigan has is its system of community colleges. Yes, we have great universities across our state, but community colleges are the unsung heroes, providing a stepping stone to excellent careers, continuing education and the first boost up the post-secondary education ladder leading to greater earning power and often advanced degrees.

From Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, to the far reaches of the western U.P., our 28 community colleges are touching the lives of countless students and workers returning to school to upgrade their skills



Tom Watkins

to compete in this fast-paced, global economy and are serving as incubators for innovation and entrepreneurship.

Community colleges provide the setting for investment in human capital and the fuel for the economic engine of our state to help make us globally competitive. If they did not exist, there would be a rush to create them.

Our community colleges are making a difference in a number of ways:

- Training and retraining of Michigan's workforce.

There are jobs today that did not exist a few short years ago. For Michigan to remain competitive, it is critical that our workforce continually upgrade knowledge and skills. Community colleges across the state are helping in this effort by providing on-demand training; working with business, health care and industry to provide adaptable and industry-specific worker training, hence making our workforce agile and ready to perform at top efficiency.

- Michigan Technical Education Centers

These education and training centers take the concept of school to work to a new level, bringing workforce preparedness skills to the employers across the state. Having M-Tec Centers located close to major employers where they can best meet specific needs and have local business people serve on M-Tec advisory councils ensures that the training provided has both academic rigor and real world applicability. Through M-Tec Centers, our community colleges are educating students in fields that need quality workers today and tomorrow.

- Michigan Virtual Learning Opportunities

In the fast-paced lives that many students lead, it is critical that education and training be available to them at any time, any place and at any pace. Michigan's community colleges offer virtual classes to students from any community college across the state, while students receive important support services from their "home" campus. This innovation allows students to access e-learning

courses and complete certificate and degree programs entirely online from the comfort of their homes.

- Provide fast track to careers.

Through certification and associate's degrees, our community colleges can place students on an accelerated pace to obtain the skills they need, close to home, and move them quickly into fields that are clamoring for quality workers such as health care, homeland security, auto mechanics and information technology.

- Stepping stone for an advanced degree.

Not only do our community colleges provide on-the-job-training, certificate programs and associate's degrees, they also provide foundational liberal arts courses at much lower cost. This provides greater access to the first rung of the academic ladder that is often elusive to many first-generation college attendees.

By living at home, working and attending classes, community college becomes affordable to many students who may not have prepared adequately in high school for the rigors of a four-year institution. Yet once success is reached in community college, this next rung of the ladder is more accessible.

Our community colleges, along with our public schools, are the true statues of liberty in this great country of ours. They take the tired, the hungry, the poor and huddled masses and give them hope and opportunity. I know, because like many first-generation college graduates toiling on the assembly line at the Ford Rouge Plant, if it were not for Henry Ford Community College, I would have not had the opportunity to attend college.

Former President Clinton once described our community colleges as "the most open, democratic and opportunity-filled institutions in the United States today."

Advantages of community colleges are many, and include highly qualified instructors focused on teaching and learning; enhanced lifetime earning potential; smaller class sizes; lower cost than traditional four-year institutions without lowering quality instruction; convenient and accessible; immediate skill building that transfers into economic benefit for working students; and college credits easily transferred to universities.

As Michigan prepares for the 21st century knowledge economy, where an educated workforce is vital to our very survival, our community colleges should be viewed as a linchpin in our strategy to compete on the global stage.

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Anonymous letters to editor lack accountability and credibility

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

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



Carol Marshall

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Speakers say high school requirements threaten career ed

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
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Speaker after speaker told a state Senate committee hearing Monday that they were concerned that a proposal to mandate 18 high school credits would harm or eliminate career education programs.

Three members of the Senate Education Committee chaired by Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, heard from constituents at a special hearing at Brownstown

Middle School, one in a series of hearings across the state on a proposal by the state Department of Education to mandate minimum instruction hours in key academic areas.

The proposal first presented by state Superintendent of Public Instruction Michael Flanagan and endorsed by the state Board of Education calls for four years of English, four years of math including algebra II and geometry, three years of science, three years of social science, two years of a world language, one year of health or physical education and one year of visual or performing arts. The requirements would be phased in over four years, beginning with the freshman class.

The state legislature is currently considering bills that would implement these changes with some variations. Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, introduced the committee members for their only scheduled meeting in Wayne County.

Jeremy Hughes, deputy state superintendent, and state school board member Nancy Danhof did brief presentations outlining the reasons for the curriculum proposal. Each emphasized that the proposed credit requirements do not specify particular courses and allow for each district to design its own curriculum to reach the credit requirements.

"The reality of today's world is that all students need to prepare regardless of their postgraduate occupations," said Danhof.

RIGOR, RELEVANCE

Hughes said the state in emphasizing "rigor, relevance and relationships."

"Rigor without relevance will fail," Hughes said. "We see career tech education as a big answer as to how we make this relevant."

Hughes said many credits can be earned within the context of career education programs. But many of those in the audience of more than 200 at the Downriver middle school questioned whether career tech programs could even continue under the demands of the new curriculum and how relevant the requirements are for many students.

"Adopting these standards will cause untold numbers of already struggling students, the so-called low achievers, to drop out," said Malin Wagner, director of the Downriver Career Technical Consortium. "Students learn in different ways. While some students excel at book learning in the traditional classroom setting, many students are struggling and do better in applied and hands-on classes. Students with both high and low GPAs are successful in career and technical education programs."

DCTC is a consortium of 10 school districts which allows students to travel to different districts for programs they're interested in pursuing. Wagner said most DCTC programs require a two- to three-hour block which wouldn't be possible with the requirements of the proposed curriculum.

Jeff Goulasarian, an industrial technology teacher at Allen Park schools and president-elect of the Industrial Technology Education Society, said he is concerned students whether will be able to earn math credits in his industrial education classes

because under No Child Left Behind standards he wouldn't be "highly qualified" to teach math.

"I am interested to hear how this will play out in future years for students who choose to take math credits in my classes," he said. "I'm concerned as vocational classes continue to be depleted."

STUDENTS SPEAK

Two Woodhaven High School

students offered their concerns about the curriculum and its impact on career education.

Jake Taylor, a senior, is learning welding to become a boiler maker.

"I feel my choice in what I want to do is as important as someone who wants to be a doctor or a lawyer or a scientist," he said. "It used to be in the good old days a source of pride to be a tradesman or a

craftsman but in today's society some might label you a loser because you don't want to go to college. I hope that clear heads will prevail in Lansing and please don't take away the opportunities for me and others to take CTE classes."

Katie Williams, a senior studying dental education and a student athlete, said she was concerned about the impact of the proposal on sports.

"If you raise the high school qualifications, sports programs will drop because no one will have time to participate in sports if they have four or five hours of homework every night," she said.

Other speakers supported the need for higher educational standards and required credits. Currently Michigan only requires a semester of civics. But some raised other

concerns about the proposals before the legislature.

Barbara Lott, superintendent of Woodhaven-Brownstown Public Schools, urged the senators to allow school districts the time to develop curriculums to meet the credit requirements.

More hearings are scheduled for Clinton Township, Port Huron and Milan.

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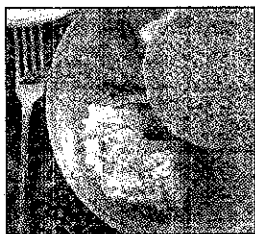
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Come Fly With Me

About 45 District 1 garden clubs from southeastern Michigan will present a standard flower show at the 17th annual Michigan Home and Garden Show Friday-Sunday, March 10-12, at Ford Field in Detroit.

The flower show, under the musical theme Come Fly With Me, will present a fun trip around the world through artistic designs and plants.

A standard flower show is a juried competition at which award ribbons are given for artistic designs using dried and living plant material.

This year's special exhibits will span a variety of topics, including the process for making handmade paper and displays of plants related to the pineapple family called bromeliads.

The Southeastern Michigan Bromeliad Society will arrange a display of these striking plants while members explain their passion for these flowers.

About 45 suburban garden clubs from Northville to St. Clair Shores and from Rochester Hills to Grosse Ile belong to Michigan Garden Clubs Inc. in District 1.

The goal of Michigan Garden Clubs is to provide education, resources and networking opportunities for members to promote the love of gardening, landscape and floral design, along with civic and environmental responsibility.

The show features products and services for the home and garden. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. March 10, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 11 and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 12.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for ages 6-14, free for ages 5 and under. Tigers Parking Garage daily fee is \$3. Those attending receive a free parking pass with Internet Express Ticket purchase online.

Ford Field is at 2000 Brush, just south of I-75 and directly across from Comerica Park.

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

'Big Box'

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has opened the 10th in its chain of thrift stores in southeast Michigan.

This store, the "Big Box" Thrift Store and Donation Center, is at 2235 Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford, west of Telegraph, across from Summit Place Mall. Phone (248) 681-6760.

The 20,000-square-foot facility is the largest thrift store and donation center operated by the society in Oakland County.

Surplus from the thrift stores support the society's other charitable operations for families in need, including food depots, health care facilities, Head Start and youth summer camps.

For donations, call (877) STVINCE.



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Many businesses and contractors will participate in the Michigan Home & Garden Show at Ford Field. Experts will present seminars as well. It will take place Friday-Sunday, March 10-12.

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Home, flower show bursting with ideas

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BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

here's no place like home" has special meaning these days, especially for such businesses as Four Seasons Sunrooms in Southfield.

Mary McCardwell of Four Seasons said homeowners are "looking for something special" and finding it in sunrooms.

"In spite of all the things about the economy... they're cocooning," she said.

"Adding a sunroom has a double benefit. It's a great investment... (and) you get the benefit of adding light in your life."

See related item in Accents

Four Seasons will be one of many businesses and contractors from the Detroit area participating in the Michigan Home & Garden Show Friday-Sunday, March 10-12, at Ford Field in Detroit (see related items).

"Year after year, many people have the goal of taking control of their home life to make life easier and more rewarding," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer of ShowSpan Inc. of Grand Rapids.

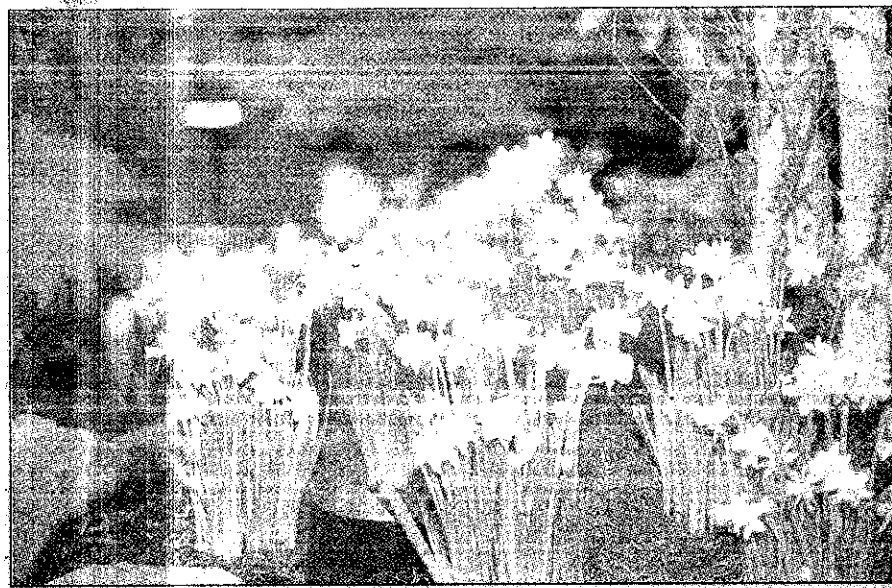
"This show is the perfect starting-off point to make this the year for things that really matter to happen."

SUNROOM STYLES

Among the uses people have for sunrooms are reading rooms, kitchens, spas, living rooms, home offices and deck enclosures.

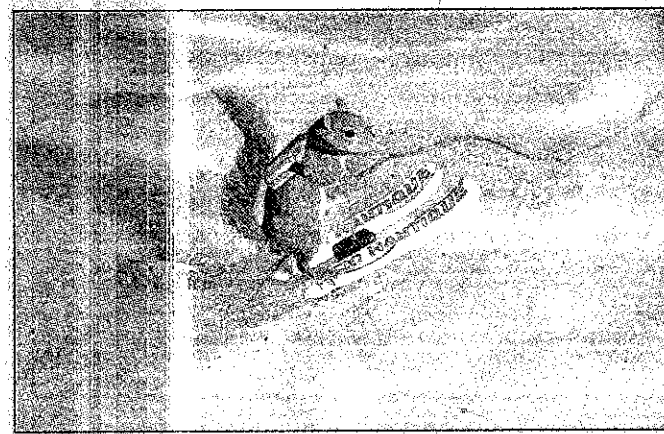
A sunroom can be as simple as an addition onto an existing deck, or as elaborate as

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COURTESY OF SHOWSPAN INC.

Regardless of the weather outside, thousands of flowers in full bloom will be on view.



Sporting a life jacket and water skis, and pulled by a remote-controlled boat in a custom swimming pool, Twigg the Water Skiing Squirrel will teach the importance of water safety. Twigg has been seen on ESPN, *The Late Show with David Letterman* and *Good Morning America*.

Watching HDTV on your PC costs less than you think



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

It may surprise you to learn this, but I still haven't taken the HDTV plunge.

Yet, as prices come down and the technology improves, I'm getting a lot more tempted.

Especially with March Madness just around the corner, and the NBA Championships not long after.

Make no mistake - HDTVs were made for sports.

But many of my longstanding objections remain: the high price of the hardware, the crummy picture quality while watching standard-definition

shows, and the need to switch to Comcast's mediocre DVR. All that hasn't stopped me from dipping a toe into the HDTV pool. First step: Upgrade my Media Center PC (currently the hub of my home theater) so it can receive and record HD programs.

To do that, I needed to install an HDTV tuner card, which, when paired with an antenna (remember rabbit ears?), can pull in over-the-air HD signals.

That's right: High-definition TV is just floating around the air, and with the right equipment you can tune it in

on your PC, free of charge. Take that, Comcast!

I chose the new ADS Instant HDTV PCI (adstech.com), a \$129 card that installed quickly and easily. About 10 minutes later, I was watching ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and the WB in high-def.

Sweet.

I did need to invest \$50 in an antenna, but that's the last bit of hardware I'll need to buy to enjoy HDTV.

Oh, right - I still need the TV itself.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B2



High-definition TV is just floating around the air, and with the right equipment you can tune it in on your PC.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Master composter
The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority Master Composter Program for environmental gardeners will begin 6:45-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2, at the Birmingham Department of Public Services Building, 851 S. Eton in Birmingham. The program includes six classroom sessions, assignments and required volunteer service. Class fee is \$30. For the program flyer and/or to register, call Karen Bever at SOCWA at (248) 288-5150, or e-mail LFDean@aol.com. The program is sponsored by the SOCWA Healthy Lawns and Gardens Programs to help promote waste reduction, water quality protection and earth-friendly landscapes. Master composters learn about making and using compost, compost bin options, healthy lawn care, natural mulches, sustainable landscapes, healthy soils, benefits of compost, and cycles of nature.

Metropolitan Rose Society
The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet at 7:15 p.m. Friday, March 3, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile. Jeff Ball will be the speaker for the evening. The public may attend. Admission is free. For more information, call (248) 689-9529. Ball has been a garden writer for 26 years. He has written eight books and made 12 videos, and was the "Garden Guy" on *The Today Show*.

Livonia Garden Club
The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington roads. Toshi Shimoura will talk about Japanese Flower Arranging. She will give a demonstration and lecture on

the history and art of the Ikenobo School of Ikebana. Visitors are welcome.

Hill & Dale
The Hill & Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Heritage Park Visitor Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Beth Liskiewicz of Steinkopf's Nursery in Farmington Hills will present *What's New with Grubs*. The public may attend. For more information, contact Mar Scawly at (248) 333-3108 or stemar@comcast.net.

Plant pest problems
Gardening classes offered at The Community House in Birmingham include Solving Common Pest and Disease Problems, four sessions (including one Saturday off-site lab) beginning Thursday, March 2. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates. Fee for this class is \$143. To register and for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

The Ins and Outs of Plants class at the Michigan School of Gardening, or equivalent experience, is a prerequisite.

Seeds, arrangements
English Gardens hosts free seminars 1 p.m. Saturdays at all six English Gardens locations. Scheduled topics are Starting Seeds Indoors (March 4) and Arranging Fresh-cut Flowers (March 11). 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. At the March 4 seminar, English Gardens experts will share their knowledge of growing flowers and vegetables from seed. Learn which varieties work

best, and what's required to get the best results. Get a head start on the season and grow your own transplants. The March 11 seminar will be a step-by-step demonstration by English Gardens experts, featuring inspiration and ideas to get you started.

More Orchids for Beginners
Home gardening courses offered by Henry Ford Community College's Center for Lifelong Learning include *More Orchids for Beginners*, Saturday, March 4, at HFCC's Dearborn Heights Center, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail between Warren Avenue and Outer Drive. Participants will study the Cattleya, Laelia, Oncidium, Angraecoid and Vanda orchids. They will learn how these orchids differ, how to propagate them, and why certain species only grow in a specific region. Cost is \$26 for Dearborn School District residents, \$29 for non-residents. To register, or for a complete list of CL2 courses, call (877) 855-5252 or visit www.hfcc.edu/CL2.

Landscape tips
Gardening classes offered at The Community House in Birmingham include *Landscape Tips*, Wednesday, March 8. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates. Fee for this class is \$23. To register, or for more information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The Michigan School of Gardening class will feature start-up tips for the homeowner who wants to take charge of an existing landscape, make changes or start new. Participants will discover practical advice that will save time and money in planning, digging and planting. Instructor Karen Sierzega earned her Certificate of Gardening of Fine Arts from the Michigan School of Gardening and is a certified master gardener.

Bee gardens are going from niche to necessary

BY DEAN FOSDICK
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

It may take more than good seed, good soil, a warming sun and a few timely rains to make your garden productive this year. It also may take some beneficial insects. Some pollinators.

Domesticated honeybees have been experiencing a worldwide die-off over the past few decades.

Science is searching for a cause as well as for a remedy. In the meantime, the pollinator decline is being noticed — especially in grower pocket-books.

The size of California's almond crop, which is said to be double the value of all U.S.-produced honey, dropped appreciably in 2003 when there weren't enough honeybees to rent or buy for pollinating the blossoms.

"The almond industry in this state has been increasing in size over the years to almost 500,000 bearing acres," said Gordon Frankie, an entomologist with the University of California, Berkeley.

"They utilize a tremendous number of honeybees during a time of year (February and March) when it's tough to get good strong colonies."

"They've had to import bees from Texas, the Dakotas and farther east. They've even brought in some colonies from Australia," Frankie said.

"That's driving costs up."

Almonds, apples, cantaloupes, cucumbers, strawberries, sunflowers, tomatoes and watermelons are just a few of the 100 or so commercial crops dependent upon honeybees for their pollination.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that as much as one-third of all the food eaten in this country comes from insect-pollinated

plants. It credits the common honeybee for about 80 percent of that pollination.

"Estimates vary, but we could be losing up to 50 percent of our honeybees to a variety of causes," said Kevin Hackett, a national program leader for biological control with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, Md.

"That heavy mortality is the product of diseases, parasitic mites, off-site poisoning and winterkills," Hackett said.

"We're not sure about habitat loss. That's being investigated, too."

BEE GARDENS

So what are residential gardeners to do? They might start by reducing the amount of pesticides they use, especially when plants are in bloom. They also might think about creating bee gardens.

Bee gardens are becoming more than horticultural chic. They're becoming necessary.

If there isn't a vehicle around to tote pollen grains from blossom to blossom, then there's no fertilization. No fertilization means no reproduction.

That would be a sizable problem for anyone with a yen for fruit and vegetables or needing forage crops for their livestock.

"Bee gardens can help, but their impacts will depend upon the number and size of gardens in an area," said Robbin Thorp, a University of California, Davis, entomologist.

"Nurseries are coming to us, asking what kinds of plants they should be offering people wanting to install bee gardens," Thorp said.

"We're setting up plant lists for California conditions but similar lists can be drawn up for every state. Just include an array of plants that are good food sources, meaning plants

rich in nectar and pollen."

Bloom periods change, as do available bee varieties. But you can recruit a sizable population of pollinators to your orchard, flower beds or vegetable garden if you provide a steady supply of food, water and cover, UC-Berkeley's Frankie said.

"You want a series of different kinds of flowers blooming at the same time for different kinds of bees," he said. "There are different cohorts of bees that come out in springtime versus those that come out later in summer."

"Some produce a couple of generations in the same year, like bumblebees. They need a constant source of flowers from spring until fall."

Never mind flower odor or bloom color when selecting plants for your bee gardens. The bees don't seem to care.

And despite the purist passions of lawn manicurists, dandelions and clover attract a great many pollinators.

What you want is bloom diversity, a great many plants flowering at the same time. It's something researchers at Cal-Berkeley call the "shopping mall effect."

"You know how it is when you go mall shopping," Frankie said. "You're after just one thing but you see something else in another store window and you buy it."

"It's the same with bees. They'll spend more time in a diverse garden than they would if the same flowering plants were isolated elsewhere."

Recommended reading: *Insects and Gardens: In Pursuit of a Garden Ecology* by Eric Grissell (Timber Press; list price, \$29.95). For more about bee gardens, visit this University of California, Berkeley, Web site: <http://nature.berkeley.edu/urban-beegardens>.

BROIDA

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It's worth noting that even on my 10-year-old tube TV, the HD channels look significantly better than what I get via cable.

But I want a big ol' widescreen for basketball, movies and *Lost*. Now for the really tough part: What to buy.

Most HDTVs fall into one of three technology categories: LCD, plasma and projection. Prices range from around \$700 to upwards of \$5,000 depending on the technology

and screen size.

I had pretty much ruled out a projection TV, as most of the models I'd seen had high-glare screens and low-quality standard-def images. But the newer breed of DLP models solves those problems, so I'm back to square one.

Once I make a decision, I'll let you know what I chose and why. In the meantime, I've decided where I'm going to buy: Costco.

I know, I've trashed Costco in the past for having only modest bargains on electronics, but the store's return policy more than makes up for it.

If I buy an HDTV anywhere else and I'm not happy with it, I'll have to pay a restocking fee. Not so at Costco.

Better yet, I'm not limited to a 14- or 30-day return window — Costco's return policy is more or less indefinite. That's amazing.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld*, 5th Edition, and *101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

'Old Farmer's Almanac Garden Guide' out

The 2006 *Old Farmer's Almanac All-Seasons Garden Guide* is available for \$3.99 wherever books and magazines are sold throughout the United States and Canada.

This perennial publication offers time-tested advice in an inspiring, full-color design with stunning photographs and easy-to-do ideas.

"It's no surprise that gardening continues to be a popular pastime. It's an activity that can relieve stress, add value and beauty to the home, and protect the environment," said Janice Stillman, editor.

"With The All-Seasons Garden Guide, we address many of the different reasons people have for gardening and provide information that will help them reach their goals."

The 2006 edition offers readers information on:

- Combining the old with the new through timeless garden designs that blend herbs, edibles and beautiful heirloom

- varieties.
- Growing and maintaining a lawn.
- Building a natural fence with lush hedges and tall flowering plants that tend to be less expensive and offer more personality than wood or barbed-wire borders.
- Making the most of dependable daylilies — the perfect plant for the perennial gardener who prefers no fuss — with 20 dazzling varieties suggested.
- Bringing the tropics to the back yard with advice on how to grow the coolest exotic offerings, including the East Asian elephant's ear and the fragrant peacock orchid.
- Flavorful flowers that any gardener can grow and any cook will love.
- Peppers that bring pizzazz to the vegetable patch.
- 36 uncommon tomato varieties that come in a rainbow of colors and taste as good as — or better than — they look.

- The very best berries and advice on what can be grown where.
- The most important word in gardening (mulch) and what it means in the garden.
- Unconventional gardening techniques, including why planting turnips in the buff may not be such a bad idea.

The *Old Farmer's Almanac All-Seasons Garden Guide* is one of a family of publications produced by Yankee Publishing Inc. of Dublin, N.H.

It is available at plant nurseries, home stores and wherever books and magazines are sold.

Copies can also be ordered at Almanac.com or by calling (800) 223-3166.

The *Old Farmer's Almanac* line of products includes several themed calendars, a series of cookbooks based on entries from county fairs and cookoffs, and *The Old Farmer's Almanac for Kids*.

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SHOW

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a pool room with heated floors, McCardwell said. "There's something for every budget," she said. Orders have ranged in cost from \$10,000 to \$200,000, with the average from \$20,000 to \$25,000, McCardwell said. Financing loans are available. Sunroom features include straight or curved eaves, and solid or glass roofs. Among styles are patio rooms and great rooms. "We have 18 different styles," McCardwell said. Conservatories are popular, she said. They are available in two styles: the hexagonal Victorian, and the more squared Georgian. At the home show, Four Seasons will feature its "tunnel of heat," an installation that simulates how a sunroom keeps out unwanted summer heat.

Conservaglass™, Four Seasons' patented material, reduces relative heat gain, glare and UV damage. It has a transferable warranty, which covers the original owner as well as anyone who buys the residence and owns the sunroom in the future. Also at the exhibit, visitors will be able to sign up to receive a free copy of *The Essential Guide to Buying Sunrooms*. "We had a tremendous success at the last home show," McCardwell said.

FEATURES

The Home & Garden Show will feature hundreds of products and services for home, yard and family under one roof. Exhibits will include kitchen and bath remodeling, new home and room additions, roofing, siding, heating and cooling, security systems, maintenance, closets and shelving.

Beautiful gardens and landscapes will be featured, with such thrilling elements as reflecting pools, waterfalls, fountains, stone and brick paver patios and thousands of flowers in full bloom. Michigan Garden Clubs Inc. will present a standard flower show, *Come Fly With Me*, artistically depicting a fanciful trip around the musical world. The Michigan School of Gardening and the Practical Gardening Institute will host The Garden Stage, with seminars presented by *Detroit News* columnist Jeff Ball, Michigan School of Gardening director and Practical Gardening Institute co-founder Janet Macunovich, author and *Detroit News* columnist Nancy Szerlag, and staff from the school and institute. City Living Detroit will present City Living Expo to showcase residential development in Detroit. The Detroit Home Tour will go from the show by bus to visit newly built lofts and condominiums, and reno-

vated mansions and homes. Information and advice on renovations, improvements, maintenance, gardening and landscaping will be available from experts. And seminars are scheduled on building, remodeling, home decorating and do-it-yourself projects. Famous crafter Carol Duvall, *Detroit News* columnist Glenn Haege, and attorney and *Observer & Eccentric* columnist Robert Meisner will give presentations. Haege will provide advice on how to keep heating and cooling bills from breaking your budget, and how to solve cleaning problems. Meisner will offer tips on condominium living. Chef Angus Campbell of the award-winning Hospitality Education Department of Grand Rapids Community College will prepare Southwest cuisine and distribute recipe cards for home entertaining.

Schedule of events at home, garden show

- Jeff Ball: New Ways to a Better Lawn - 2 and 5 p.m. Saturday, March 11; 1 and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12
- Chef Angus Campbell: Southwest Cuisine - 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 10; 11:30 a.m. and 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 11; noon, 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12
- Carol Duvall: TV and Crafting with Carol Duvall - 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, March 11
- Glenn Haege: Clean It Up - Don't Throw It Out - 4 p.m. Friday, March 10; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12
- Glenn Haege: Kick the Energy Hog Out of Your House - 6 p.m. Friday, March 10; 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12
- *The Handyman Show with Glenn Haege* live broadcast on WDFN-AM - 8 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday, March 11 and 12
- Janet Macunovich: Shade Gardening - 7 p.m. Friday, March 10
- Janet Macunovich and photographer Steven Nikkila: 8 Months of Color - 2 p.m. Sunday, March 12
- Robert Meisner: What Everyone Should Know About Condo Living - 7 p.m. Friday, March 10; noon and 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11; 1 p.m. Sunday, March 12
- Michigan School of Gardening: 8 Months of Color - 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11
- Michigan School of Gardening: Landscape Plants - 3 p.m. Friday, March 10
- Practical Gardening Institute: Preventing Construction Damage to Gardens and Landscapes - 4 p.m. Friday, March 10; 7 p.m. Saturday, March 11
- Practical Gardening Institute: Your Landscape Design - 5 p.m. Friday, March 10
- Practical Gardening Institute: Night Lighting the Landscape - 6 p.m. Friday, March 10
- Practical Gardening Institute: Making Yard Work Easier - 11 a.m. Saturday, March 11
- Practical Gardening Institute: Choosing and Planting the Right Tree - noon Saturday, March 11
- Practical Gardening Institute: Getting Started with a Water Garden - 1 p.m. Saturday, March 11
- Jim Rowland, The Kitchen Counselor: Buying Kitchen Cabinets - 5 p.m. Friday, March 10; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 11; 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12
- Nancy Szerlag: What's New in the Garden for 2006 - 3 and 6 p.m. Saturday, March 11; noon and 3 p.m. Sunday, March 12
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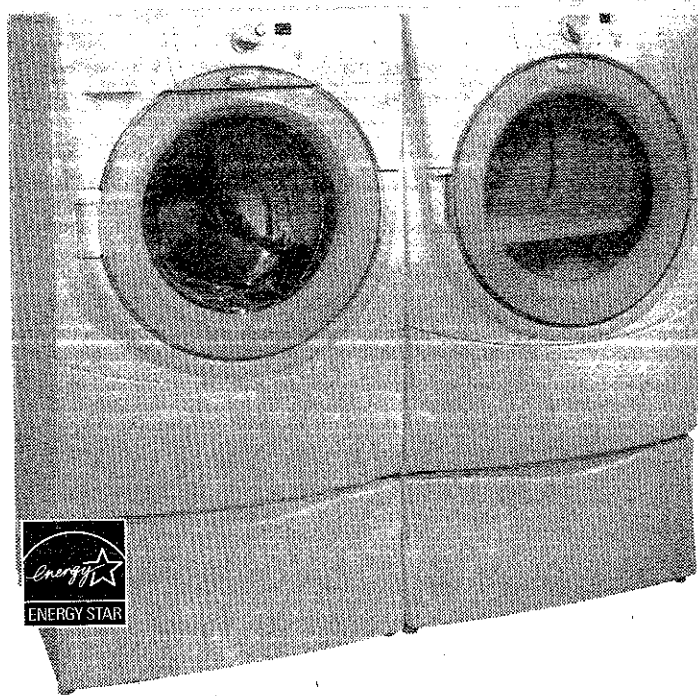
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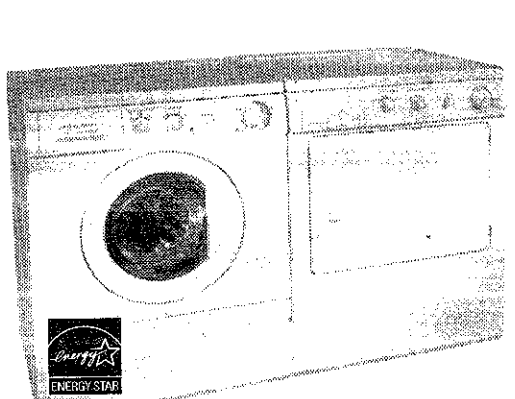


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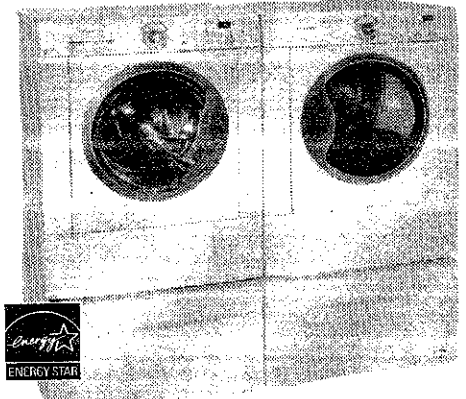
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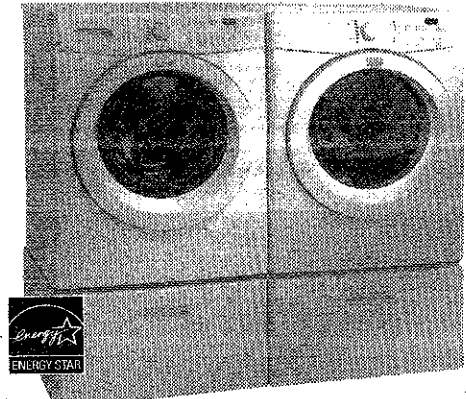
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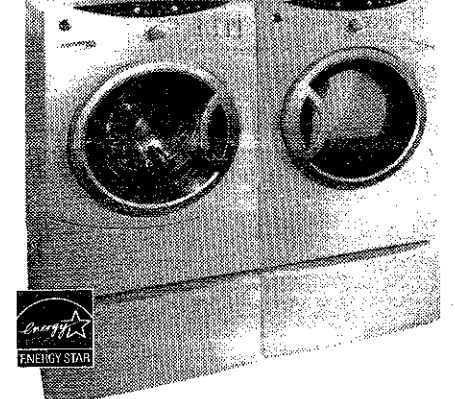
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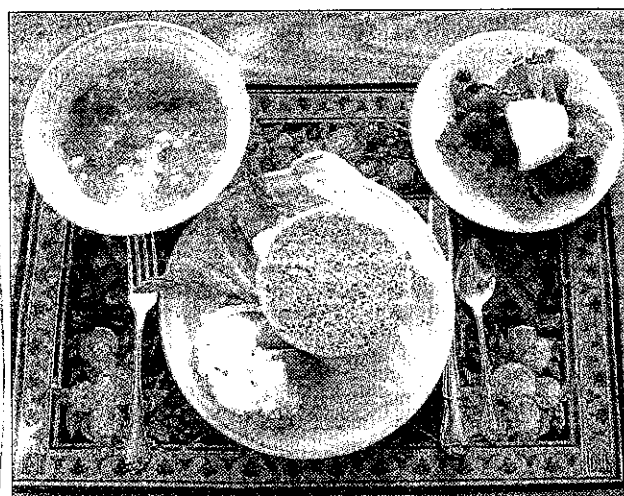


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Fruits and veggies

Retired doctor promotes
vegetarian diets



Natalie Weaver prepared vegetable soup, a black bean burger on homemade bread served with fresh asparagus, sweet red pepper and a tofu mock egg salad. Dessert is whole wheat crepes with a three-berry compote topped with a tofu-based whipped cream.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Arthur Weaver figures he's living proof that eating a vegetarian diet can prolong life.

Now 82, Weaver has been a lifelong vegetarian. The retired professor of surgery at Wayne State University and Harper Hospital has seen enough studies that convince him that a diet based on plants and grains is healthier for humans.

He cites studies on Seventh-day Adventist vegetarians and meat eaters that indicated that meat eaters had increased incidents of prostate cancer, colon cancer and breast cancer, and death from heart attack and strokes. Other studies related to diet and cancer risk have shown that Americans go meatless for a day and experience a 25 percent reduction in cancer risk.

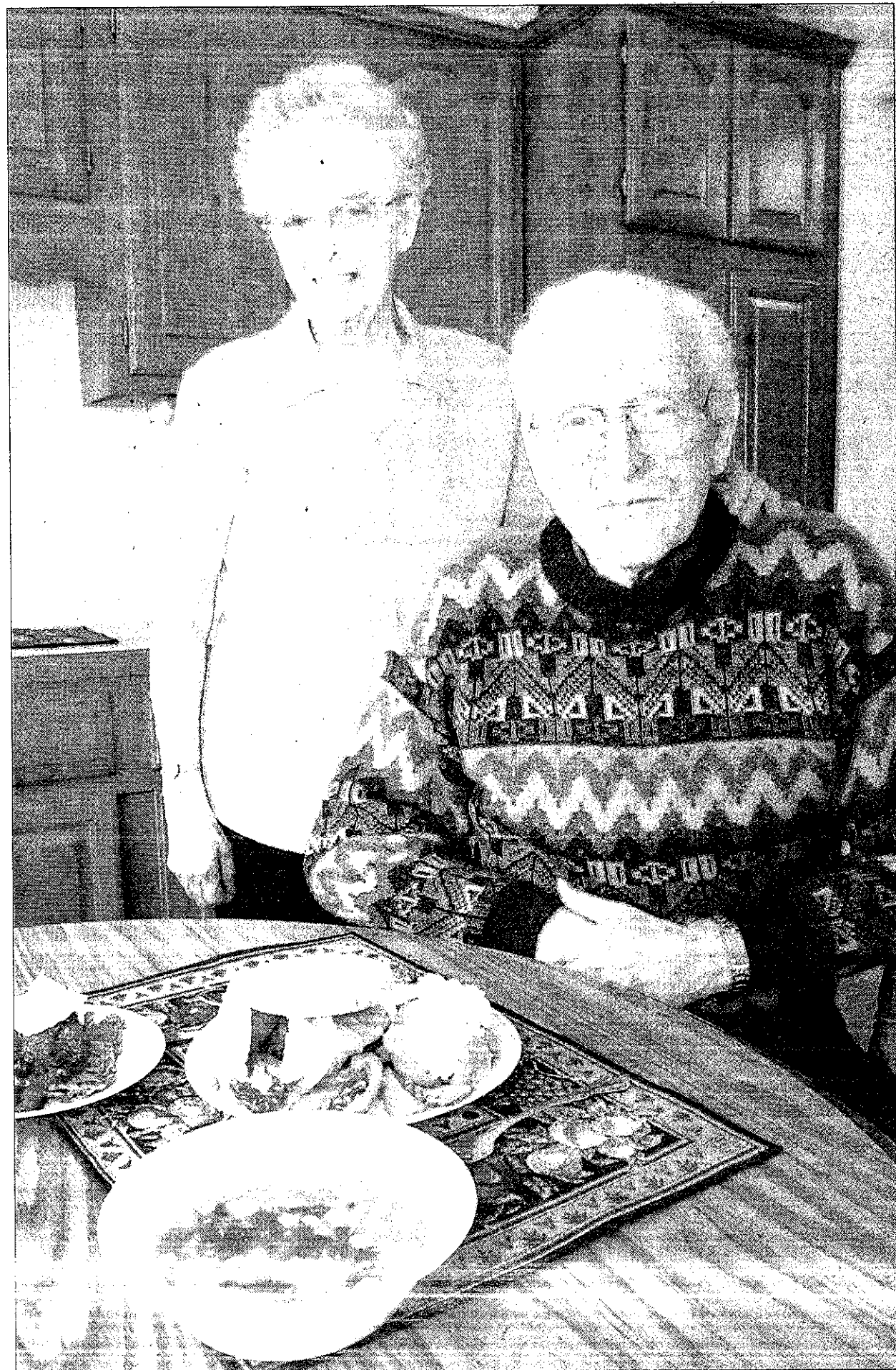
These days Weaver extends his personal knowledge on this issue through his Better Living Seminars. What started as smoking cessation workshops has evolved to include nutrition, weight control and exercise programs and stress management seminars.

He backs up his support of a vegetarian lifestyle with studies. Weaver points to studies of men who lived in Japan. One study found a rate of 15 per 100,000 men for prostate cancer, almost nonexistent. "They took a look at some Japanese men who lived in Hawaii and they had 10 times the death rate," Weaver said. Weaver points to his experiences in Pakistan over a five-year period in the late 1960s. Out of all of his surgeries during that time period, he performed only one colon cancer operation and saw one case of appendicitis, and that happened to be a missionary's son from the United States.

Weaver believes diet can prevent cancer and recommends whole grains, fruits and vegetables. "The soybean has five anti-cancer compounds, garlic has three or four anti-cancer compounds, cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts) have four anti-cancer compounds," Weaver said.

Weaver said when isolated in experiments, these com-

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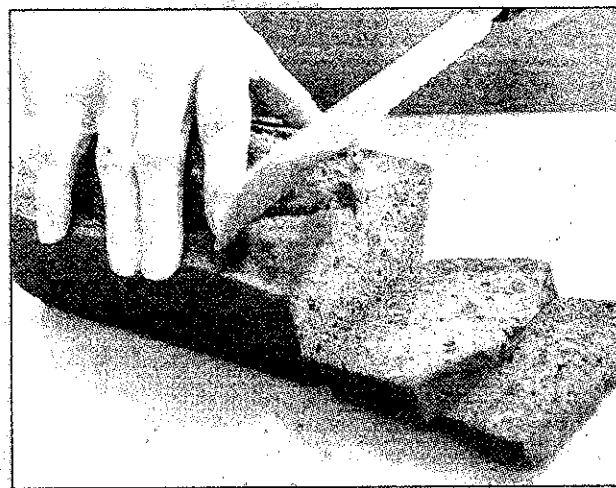
Dr. Arthur and Natalie Weaver believe their long and active lives are a testament to their vegetarian diet.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(WITH NUTRIENTS LISTED)

- Apricots - beta-carotene
- Asparagus - beta-carotene
- Broccoli - vitamin C, beta-carotene, lutein, dithiolthiones, isothiocyanates
- Blueberries - lignans
- Brussels sprouts - folate, indoles, dithiolthiones, isothiocyanates
- Cabbage - vitamin C, indoles, dithiolthiones, isothiocyanates
- Cantaloupe - vitamin C, beta-carotene
- Carrots - beta-carotene, alpha-carotene
- Cauliflower - vitamin C, indoles, dithiolthiones, isothiocyanates
- Corn - lutein
- Endive - folate, beta-carotene
- Garlic - diallyl sulfide, allyl methyl trisulfide
- Grapefruit - vitamin C, limonene
- Greens - vitamin C and folate, beta-carotene, lutein
- Lemons - vitamin C, limonene
- Limes - vitamin C, limonene
- Mango - beta-carotene
- Onion - diallyl sulfide, allyl methyl trisulfide
- Oranges - vitamin C and folate, limonene, beta-cryptoxanthin

- Papaya - beta-carotene, beta-cryptoxanthin
- Peaches - beta-carotene, beta-cryptoxanthin
- Raspberries - lignans
- Romaine lettuce - folate, beta-carotene
- Scallion - beta-carotene, diallyl sulfide, lutein, allyl methyl trisulfide
- Soybeans - isoflavones (phytoestrogens), protein inhibitors
- Spinach - folate, beta-carotene, lutein
- Strawberries - folate
- Sweet pepper - folate
- Sweet potato - beta-carotene
- Tangerine - vitamin C, beta-cryptoxanthin, limonene
- Tomatoes - vitamin C, lycopene
- Watermelon - vitamin C, lycopene
- Winter squash - vitamin C, beta-carotene



Natalie Weaver cuts into a banana-nut loaf.

Side dish

Chop Shop featured

The Chop Shop, a Birmingham food-prep business, will be featured March 4 on the PBS show *Real Simple*.

The show airs locally at 12:30 p.m. Saturdays on Detroit Public Television, WTVS-TV (Channel 56).

Real Simple Television, a companion production to the popular *Real Simple* magazine, promotes itself as "presenting useful, smart solutions to everyday problems in an appealing, easy-to-follow way."

On the March 4 show, Chop Shop owner Jane Bonanata of Beverly Hills treats show host Brooke Alexander to a fun and simple session of creating three dinners - stuffed pasta shells with marinara sauce, shrimp gazpacho and tilapia with peppers and onions.

The show highlights the ease of assembling meals when the shopping, chopping and mopping are all done for you; all customers do is choose six or 10 entrees from the menu, then follow easy directions to assemble them and pack into coolers, ready to freeze and cook at any time. In the segment, Chop Shop customers socialize while preparing and packing up their meals.

The Chop Shop, located at 2219 Cole St. in Birmingham's Rail District, is expanding its current kitchen and adding another in Birmingham this summer, with two other locations in the works.

For menus, hours and registration, call (248) 594-2210 or visit www.chopshopkitchens.com.

An edible lily

Now is a good time to think about asparagus, as a main harvest season begins. Here's some asparagus background:

■ The name asparagus, derived from Greek, means "sprout" or "shoot," and the vegetable belongs to the lily family.

■ Asparagus cultivation began more than 2,000 years ago in the eastern Mediterranean region. Greeks and Romans prized asparagus for its herbaceous flavor, succulent texture and the medicinal qualities it was believed to have. The ancients ate it fresh, and dried the vegetable to use in the winter.

■ In China, where the vegetable became known and widely used, candied asparagus spears remain a special treat.

■ In the 16th century, asparagus gained popularity in France and England, and early colonists brought it to America.

■ King Louis XIV of France so enjoyed this delicacy that he ordered special greenhouses built to produce a year-round supply. That led to asparagus being called "the food of kings."

■ The first documented production of asparagus in California dates from 1852.

The asparagus harvest begins in California in February, supplies peak in March, April and May, and then taper off into June.

Other U.S. sources for fresh asparagus shipped commercially are Washington, Michigan and the Mid-Atlantic states. Michigan's harvest usually is in May.

Man, oh MAN, what great wine values

In *Focus on Wine* last year (Dec. 29), we wrote about the South African wines of Charles Back: Fairview and Goats do Roam. Well, Back just can't help getting into additional wine adventures with friends who want to make good wines at a fair price.

Back is the oldest and self-proclaimed wisest of three partners. José Condé spent 10 years in New York City and five in Tokyo, only to discover he wanted to make wine in South Africa - go figure. Tyrrel Myburgh is the youngest partner and fifth



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

generation farmer in Paarl. Since he is youngest, he gets to do the work. His degree in philosophy must have prepared him for hauling hoses and cleaning tanks!

Since all three partners are married and wanted their wives

to feel part of the project, they named the winery after Marie, Anette and Nicky, thus MAN.

WHY MAN

If you're seeking wines to enjoy daily, without breaking the bank, try the wines of MAN Vintners.

In just five short years MAN has grown to a production of 50,000 cases with exports to eight countries. Soon it will probably need another partner, one with capital, and additional sources of grapes. With Back's experience and grape growing

contacts that shouldn't be a problem.

"We try to make bold, fruity, palate-pleasing, modern-styled wines from unique vineyard parcels in different South African wine regions," said José Condé. Old vine pinotage, a variety found only in South Africa, and bush-vine chenin blanc is sourced from vineyards close to the Atlantic Ocean. Sauvignon blanc is grown on cool mountain slopes that make a distinctive wine, slightly less aggressive than those from New Zealand.

The partners believe shiraz (they use the Australian name for the syrah grape) will be their leading variety because Back has been able to access a number of quality vineyards in the Perdeberg region, between Paarl and Malmesbury.

WHAT TO BUY

Six MAN wines are available in the metro Detroit area and are best buys, line-priced at \$10 per bottle.

■ 2005 MAN Vintners

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WINE PICKS

BRY'S ESTATE is a new winery on Old Mission Peninsula, Traverse City. Walter and Eileen Brys began planting 24 acres of vinifera grapes on an 80-acre farm in 2001. Today they produce 2,800 cases of wine annually from 100 percent Old Mission Peninsula fruit. We tasted these wines recently. Here's what we liked:

- 2004 Brys Semi-Sweet Riesling \$16 earned a double gold medal in the Michigan Wine Competition. It boasts balanced sweetness with apple, citrus elements. Not at all cloying.
2004 Brys Cabernet Franc \$27.50 is true to varietal aromas and flavors. Cool climate growing conditions keep the wine light in body. Cabernet franc is one Michigan's successful reds.
2004 Brys Signature \$30 is a blend of cabernet franc, merlot and pinot noir. A good choice with grilled meats.

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.

Chef spices up Home and Garden Show

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

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

Ever since salsa overtook ketchup in national sales in 1991, Southwestern cuisine has been a hot commodity. The foods are a blending of four diverse cultures - Aztec, American Indian, Spanish and American.

Although Southwestern food has some Mexican influence, it is uniquely its own and is one of the fastest growing among American regional cuisines.

Campbell will be working with the students of the Hospitality Education Department of GRCC, where

he has been the chef-instructor since 1991.

Before his move to Grand Rapids, Campbell lived in the Bahamas for four years where he did culinary training in the Caribbean Islands. His culinary love began in Scotland, cooking with his family. He went to school and became a master craftsman in Scotland, the highest level in the culinary arts.

Campbell's television show, Cooking With Angus Campbell airs on the local college channel. His Web site is www.chefangus.tv.

Show hours are from noon to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8; \$4 for children 6-14 and children 5 and under admitted free. Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are offered online. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Wendy's.

Garage daily fee is \$3 (located diagonally across from the Show entrance and accessible from Fisher Freeway Service Drive and Brush Street). Over 2,000 parking spaces are available adjacent to Ford Field.

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

TASTE CALENDAR

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

Cooking with Wine

Learn about the depth of flavor resulting from cooking with wine at the monthly cooking class at Busch's Markets. Learn the techniques of marinating, braising and deglazing. Recipes include whitefish with ginger beurre blanc, Greg's classic coq au vin, beef tenderloin with cherry wine sauce and poached pears. Class is free. Complimentary recipe and seating available for first 70 guests. Class is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 2 at 15185 Sheldon in Plymouth, and Thursday, March 9, at 24445 Drake in Farmington Hills.

Healthy Cooking Classes

Enjoy vegetarian, whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing the recipes. Each class is scheduled 6-9 p.m. in Garden City and includes discussions on the healthy benefits of ingredients.

Upcoming classes include Healthy Pizza Cooking Class on March 15 (\$30) and Mid Eastern Cooking Class on March 22 (\$30). Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856.

Culinary classes

Birmingham Community Education offers the following culinary classes in Room 114 at Derby Middle School, 1300 Derby Road, Birmingham. Class fee is \$39 plus \$13 materials fee payable at first class, bring a dish towel and your appetite. Classes are Delectable Chicken Curries, March 6; Flavors of Delhi Bazaar, March 13, and Dosa: A South Indian Specialty, March 20. To register call (248) 203-3800 or on-line at www.communityed.net.

Nutrition and Cooking Seminar

This seminar will make you aware of the latest scientific discoveries in nutrition 2:30-6 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Metro Seventh Adventist School,

15585 Haggerty (just north of 5 Mile Road), Northville. Cancer, heart disease and diabetes are largely preventable through proper nutrition. There will be lectures, cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans. Cookbooks will be available for purchase. A vegetarian meal will conclude the day's activities. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register call Dr. Arthur Weaver at (248) 349-5683 or Helen and Floyd Morris at (313) 531-2179.

VisTa Gala

Food and jazz will be served with a touch of elegance at VisTa Gala 2006. Schoolcraft College's black-tie 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.

Schoolcraft classes

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

Hands-On

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

The following classes, instructed by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel are scheduled: European Bread Making, 5-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, March 14 and 16; Soup it Up, 5-9 p.m., Thursday, March 23; Saute Like a Pro, 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 4; Stewing & Braising, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, and Outdoor Grilling, 5-9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, April 25 and 27. Class fees range from \$109-\$139.

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Chardonnay is an unoaked version with balanced acidity, tropical fruit and melon characters.

2005 MAN Vintners Chenin Blanc is an excellent accompaniment to fish and poultry with refreshing, crisp, citrus and melon notes.

2005 MAN Vintners Sauvignon Blanc. Pineapple, lime and a touch of mineral make this wine great with food or on its own.

2004 MAN Vintners Cabernet Sauvignon showcases red-berry fruits with smoky oak and ripe tannins. Try it with grilled meats and pasta.

2004 MAN Vintners Pinotage with 10 percent shiraz sports notes of brown spice that make it a match with curried dishes as well as grilled meats and poultry.

2004 MAN Vintners Shiraz has flavors of ripe plums and red berries with mellow tannins. Try it with red meats or game. The Paarl region produced exceptional shiraz in 2004.

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pounds don't work as well on their own, as they do in combination with one another. "Nutrition is so complex," Weaver said. "Maybe you need these to work with each other and with other fruits and vegetables for them to work (as anticancer compounds)."

Recent results from a Women's Health Initiative showed that low-fat diets may not reduce the risk of a heart attack or cancer, but that study didn't change Weaver's thinking about a vegetarian diet.

Weaver believes the study isn't complete enough. "That study only covered eight years and you don't build a heart attack in eight years," Weaver said. "It's something you build on for 40 or 50 years."

That same logic holds true to cancer rates, and you don't change cancer risk from dietary factors over a short time, he said.

The study would be far more valid over a long period of time, Weaver said. "What can you tell after only eight years?" he asked.

Many meat eaters worry about protein intake once they switch to vegetarianism, but Natalie Weaver, Arthur's wife, said protein is in fruits and vegetables. "The strongest creatures in the world are elephants and rhinos, and they are plant eaters. Every mineral and vitamin and carbohydrate and protein, has its original source in plants," Arthur Weaver said.

The Weavers eat two meals a day - breakfast consists of a multigrained cereal with dates, raisins, dried figs or mangoes, and what Arthur calls the "red, white and blue" dish - blueberries, strawberries and bananas with soy milk.

Lunch consists of vegetable soup, a vegetarian burger sandwich and an orange.

For a large group, Natalie likes to fix either a pasta-, potato- or rice-based dish.

Penne pasta with tomato sauce and cauliflower is one family favorite, with steamed asparagus in a cream sauce

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Arthur Weaver

with soy milk.

Sometimes they enjoy vegetables with pilaf. "When you talk about vegetarian diet, people think you mean peas, corn and carrots on a plate, but people don't realize how attractive and tasty it is," Weaver said.

Natalie enjoys basil on tomato dishes and soup and rosemary on potatoes.

Garlic and lemon are other flavorings she enjoys, and thyme and sage in loaves and patties.

For breakfast, Arthur makes a scrambled tofu with turmeric, green peppers, celery, onion and garlic.

Natalie said for a dish to be enjoyed, "it must be nutritious, it must look good and it must taste good."

She enjoys using "Veggie Crumbles" in place of meat and McKay's chicken seasoning instead of real broth. "What we use the most of is the actual produce," Weaver said.

And that can be bought at any supermarket. "You eat with your eyes first, so it's important to have color," Natalie said.

Dr. Arthur and Natalie Weaver's Better Living Seminars continue with a nutrition and cooking seminar 2:30-6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at the Metro Seventh-day Adventist School, 15585 Haggerty Road, just north of Five Mile, in Northville Township.

The seminar discusses the latest scientific discoveries in nutrition and that proper nutrition is a most effective preventive strategy. There will be lectures, cooking demonstrations with recipes and menu plans.

Cookbooks will be available for purchase. A vegetarian meal will conclude the day's program. Suggested donation is \$10 per person. To register, call the Weavers at (248) 349-5683 or Helen and Floyd Morris at (313) 531-2179.



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These dishes are featured in the recipes below.

TASTY VEGETABLE SOUP

- 4 cups water
- 1 cup diced onion
- 1 cup chopped asparagus
- 1 20-ounce can navy beans
- 3 cups chopped fresh spinach
- 4 teaspoons chicken-like seasoning, such as Golden G. Washington
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 2 cups diced celery
- 1-1/2 cups chopped carrots
- 1 cup frozen peas
- 1 20-ounce can whole kernel corn
- 1 14-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- salt to taste

Cook celery, onion and carrots together in water for five minutes and then add asparagus, beans, corn, peas, tomatoes, spinach and seasonings. Simmer together for 15 or more minutes. Note: Many other vegetables of your choice may be added. Serve with whole grain bread.

OAT BURGER PATTIES

- 1 cup Veggie Crumbles (Morning Star)
- 1 cup dry oats
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce

- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 can black drained black beans
- 1/2 cup cooked brown rice
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning

Place all ingredients in food processor and pulse until blended but mixture still maintains grainy texture. Form into patties and brown in skillet for 4-5 minutes then turn and brown other side. Serve on buns with your favorite hamburger toppings.

WHOLE-GRAIN CREPES

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 2 cups soy milk (liquid)
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Blend together ingredients in food processor and let stand for 30 minutes. Heat small frying pan. Place large tablespoonful of mixture in pan and roll pan in circular motion to form an 8-inch crepe. Cook until slightly browned (3-4 minutes), flip crepe and brown other side (about 1-2 minutes). Serve with

thickened fruit for desert or creamed vegetables as a main dish.

BANANA NUT BREAD

- 1-1/2 cup ripe mashed banana
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecan pieces
- 1/4 cup tofu (silken or extra soft)
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup unbleached flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine bananas, tofu, oil, vanilla, and sugar and blend in blender until smooth. Place in a bowl the flour, baking powder, soda and salt and mix thoroughly. Pour liquid mixture into the bowl with the dry ingredients and the nuts and mix well. Pour the combined mixture into a sprayed bread tin and bake at 350° F for 55-60 minutes.

Recipes courtesy of Natalie Weaver of Northville.

Spend 30 minutes on meatball soup

ITALIAN MEATBALL SOUP RAPID

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 cup frozen chopped onions (about 6 ounces)
- 4 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 celery rib, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced crosswise
- 2 carrots, halved lengthwise and thinly sliced crosswise
- 5 1/4 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth (42 fluid ounces)
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 20 refrigerated or frozen pre-cooked meatballs (15 to 20 ounces; do not thaw if frozen)
- Two 14-ounce cans small white beans, drained and rinsed
- 5- to 6-ounce bag baby spinach, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- Accompaniment: finely grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a 5- to 6-quart pot over high heat until hot but not smoking, then cook onions, garlic, celery and carrots, stirring occasionally, until onions are pale golden, about 4 minutes. Stir in broth and water and bring to a boil, covered.

Meanwhile, heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil in a 12-inch, heavy skillet over high heat until hot but not smoking, then saute meatballs (do not thaw if frozen), turning occasionally, until browned all over, about 3 minutes.

Add meatballs to soup along with beans, and briskly simmer, covered, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are tender and meatballs are heated through, about 15 minutes. Stir in spinach, cheese, salt and pepper and simmer, uncovered, until spinach is wilted, about 1 minute.

Makes 4 servings.

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Go meatless on March 19

Events are scheduled in all 50 states and 20 countries the week of March 19, encouraging people to "go meatless" and explore a healthier plant-based diet.

Metro Detroit's Great American Meatout takes place from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at the Gerry Kulick Community Center, 1201 Livernois, in Ferndale. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students; free to children 5 and under and Veggies in Motion members. VIM, Michigan's largest vegetarian organization, hosts the local event, with additional support from *Natural Awakenings* magazine and the Royal Oak Medical Center.

Headlining this year's Great American Meatout is a lecture by Dr. T. Colin Campbell, author of *The China Study*, a comprehensive study of health and diet. Also speaking are author Erik Marcus; Beaumont Hospital cardiac rehab director Dr. Joel Kahn; author, food and fitness consultant Dr. Kerrie Saunders; animal activist Bob Harvie; Sierra Club-Mackinac director Anne Woiwode; and Veggies in Motion founder Jim Corcoran. Several types of health screenings will be offered, along with meatless foods, cooking demonstrations (including one by vegetarian kids); videos,

exhibits, literature and more will provide fun and educational ways to learn about vegetarianism or simply eating healthier by cutting back on meat.

Now in its 22nd year, the Great American Meatout has become the world's largest grassroots diet education campaign.

Meatout 2006 responds to these dietary trends, according to event organizers:

■ New U.S. dietary guidelines recommend more consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains and less consumption of saturated fats, cholesterol and trans-fatty acids.

■ Obesity, heart disease, diabetes, strokes and many cancers are now linked to diet.

■ Mad Cow disease, Avian flu, hormones, pesticides, antibiotics and infectious pathogens (like salmonella, E coli and campylobacteria) focus on the problems with meat safety.

■ The vegetarian food market is growing explosively, at a rate of 100-125 percent per year.

■ Mainstream food manufacturers are now marketing meat and dairy replacements.

■ Fast-food and other restaurants are offering veggie burgers and healthier menu options.

■ One in four college students requests vegan (no animal products) meals on campus.

■ California, New York and Hawaii now recommend a vegetarian school lunch option.

In addition to the health benefits, a plant-based diet benefits the planet in terms of resource conservation, environmental quality and animal welfare, according to event organizers. They say grains and soybeans currently fed to animals can instead be fed to the world's hungry people and reducing meat production conserves topsoil and water, preserves wildlife habitats, and reduces pollution of waterways by soil particles, debris, manure and pesticides.

The global Meatout observances are coordinated by the Farm Animal Reform Movement, a nonprofit public-interest organization. Its Web site, www.meatout.org, offers vegetarian starter kits, recipes, Meatout proclamations and endorsements by celebrities including Joaquin Phoenix, Jennie Garth, Bill Maher and Mary Tyler Moore.

For details, to join Veggies in Motion and receive free admission to the Meatout, to request a \$3 discount coupon, or to volunteer at the event, visit www.detroitmeatout.org, or call (248) 616-9676.

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

Italian Wine Dinner

Giulio's Cucina Italiana, 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia, hosts an Italian Wine Dinner at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14. The menu includes a Jumbo Sea Scallop wrapped in bacon, glazed with a saffron beurre blanc for an appetizer, a Tuscan bread salad featuring house made croutons, white balsamic vinaigrette, red onion and Gorgonzola cheese, Pappardelle pasta with a veal, beef and sausage ragu, a tenderloin steak pounded thin, pan sautéed and topped with a tomato

basil "Ammoghio" sauce, served with sun dried tomato polenta and Italian green beans and a caramel pecan tartlet for dessert. Dishes are matched with appropriate wines. Tickets are \$55 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Call (734) 427-9500 for reservations.

Great Wines

"The Great Wines of America -The Top Forty Vintners, Vineyards & Vintages" features a dinner and book signing with author Paul Lukacs and winemaker Larry Mawby Friday, March 3, at Morels, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms. Lukacs has received the James Beard and Clicquot awards for wine writing. He is the wine columnist for the Washington Times and The Washingtonian. Guests will enjoy six of the 40 wines, and hear commentary from Lukacs and Mawby on com-

petitive American wines. Reception begins at 6:30 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m., \$75 per person, plus tax and gratuity. For reservations, call (248) 642-1094, Ext. 1. Copies of *The Great Wines of America* will be available for purchase.

All cabernet dinner

Enjoy an all-cabernet dinner with winemaker Bob Egelhoff Wednesday, March 22, at the NoVI Chophouse inside the Hotel Baronette, 27790 Novi Road in Novi. Five opulent Napa reds made by Egelhoff will be poured, including David Arthur, Amizetta, Axios and Egelhoff, served with traditional American steakhouse fare by Executive Chef Jason Hayden. A welcome is scheduled at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. at \$100 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call (248) 305-5210.

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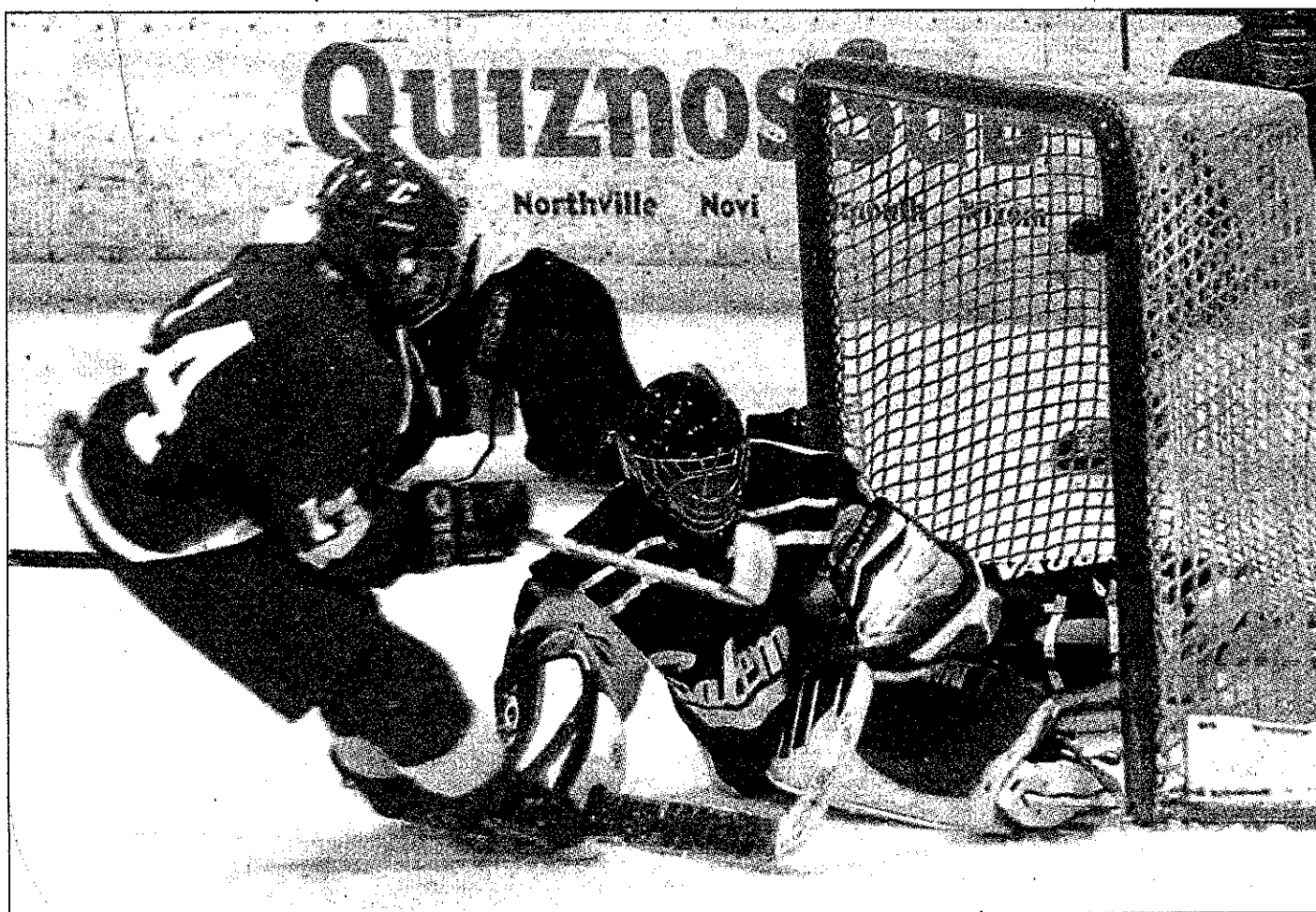
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Canton's C.J. Wies's shot sails past Salem goalie Ralph Aspenwall and just wide of the right post during the second period of Monday night's Division 1 pre-regional hockey game at the Novi Ice Arena. Wies later added an assist in the Chiefs' 3-1 victory.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stayin' alive

Canton icers post pre-regional victory over Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Maneuvering successfully through traffic isn't always about speed — either on the freeway or in front of a hockey net.

A prime example of the latter is Kevin Tollison's game-winning slapshot that helped give Canton a 3-1 victory over Salem in Monday night's Division 1 pre-regional game at the Novi Ice Arena.

With the game tied at 1-1 and 7:12 left in the second period of the win-or-your-season's-over contest, Tollison unleashed a low, off-speed shot that found its way through a logjam in front of the net and past Rock goalie Ralph Aspenwall for

the difference-making goal.

The victory earned the Chiefs (7-14-3) a berth in Wednesday's final against Northville, which upended South Lyon, 4-3, Monday night. (Due to deadline restrictions, results of Wednesday's game will appear in Sunday's *Observer*.)

"I don't think the goalie ever saw Kevin's shot," said Canton coach Mike Behen. "It wasn't a real hard shot, but it was low, which is where you want to put it when there's that much traffic in front of the net."

The season-ending loss dropped Salem to 4-21.

"I thought we played pretty good tonight," said Salem coach Fred Feiler. "I thought the kids' effort was there. We

had a couple of penalties that really cost us and even though the time of possession was pretty even, they outshot us almost 2-to-1. We waited too long to shoot at times tonight. When you don't get shots, you don't get rebounds and when you don't get rebounds, you don't get goals."

Both goalies — Aspenwall and Canton's Kevan Swanberg — turned in solid efforts for their respective teams. Swanberg re-directed 15 shots, including two during a 20-second stretch late in the third-period when Salem threatened to knot the game with a power-play barrage.

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, C2

Hot Rocks edge 'Cats in thriller

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem's basketball team is peaking — and streaking — at the right time. The Rocks are the hottest team this side of Northville following their 45-44 victory over Plymouth Tuesday night. It was the third-consecutive triumph for coach Bob Brodie's squad, which capped its regular season with a 6-14 mark (6-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association). Plymouth finished 8-12 and 6-8.

The host Rocks trailed, 34-28, heading into the fourth quarter, but were sparked by the play of sophomore guard Grant Stone, who tallied 12 of his team-high 14 points in the final eight minutes.

"We went to a man-to-man defense and pressed full court for the fourth quarter and it kind of disrupted their offense," said Brodie. "Grant made some big shots and some big free throws for us down the stretch."

"It was a nice win for the kids' sake because they go to school with the Plymouth players. Any time you play these three games down the stretch, you emphasize gaining momentum (for the district tournament). Hopefully, we can use this winning streak as a springboard."

Salem opens the Division 1 district tournament at Novi High School on Wednesday at 5 p.m. against the winner of Monday night's Northville-Novio Catholic Central game. Plymouth will take on the winner of Monday's Canton-Novio contest on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Novi.

Stone wasn't the only Rock to shine in Tuesday's win. Junior guard Jierah Dixon added 10 points and senior forward Billy Leddy added nine points and a team-high six rebounds.

"Kevin Burleigh and Mike Marek both played well defensively for us," Brodie added.

Plymouth led 12-6 after one quarter and 22-18 at the half.

Sidelines

Volleyball pairings

All three P-CEP volleyball teams will be in action at Friday's district tournament that will be hosted by South Lyon. Salem will open with a 5 p.m. showdown with Western Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Churchill on Court A while Canton will take on the host Lions at 5 p.m. on Court B.

Plymouth, which drew a first-round bye, will battle the winner of the Churchill-Salem match at 6:30 p.m. and Northville will square off against the winner of the Canton-South Lyon tilt at 6:30 p.m.

The final match is scheduled for 8 p.m.

MU women foiled

Madonna University women's basketball team couldn't stand prosperity Saturday at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

After upsetting Cornerstone on Thursday, 69-68, the fifth-seeded Crusaders fell victim to host Aquinas College in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference semifinals, 55-43.

MU bows out at 14-17 overall, while Aquinas improved to 25-6.

Jackie Braspenning led the Saints with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Ashley Heuveiman and Claire Hogan each tallied 11 points.

The Crusaders, who led 27-24 at halftime, got team-high 10 points from Stephanie Childs. Lindsay Klemmer (Salem) added eight. In the win over Cornerstone, Sarah Thomson scored a game-high 21 points while Klemmer (Salem) and Martina Franklin (Redford Union) added 16 each.

Katie Anderson's 21 paced the Golden Eagles.

Hoop clinic

Perfect Play Inc., a basketball training company whose staff consists of former NBA, NCAA and European pro players, will be hosting a "March Madness Basketball Blitz" on Saturday, March 4, at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

The tutors of Perfect Play, including former NBA player Brandon Williams and ex-University of Michigan star Jimmy King, will host three group sessions of workouts that improve participants' agility, speed and defending and shooting skills. Other tutors include Troy Coleman, Ann Marie Carravallah, Dan Young and Saddy Washington.

The times of the sessions are 8-9 a.m. (ages 10-11), 9:30-10:30 a.m. (ages 12-13) and 11 a.m.-noon (ages 14 and up). The cost is \$10 per player and only 20 players per age group will be accepted.

To register, call (734) 769-9839; send an e-mail to info@perfectplayinc.com; or visit the company's Web site at www.perfectplayinc.com. Registration forms can be dropped off at the "members activities" desk at Lifetime Fitness in Canton.

MHSAA honors Plymouth's Mihelick

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The dilemma Alex Mihelick may be facing three weeks from now is one any parent would wish upon a child.

If the Plymouth High School mock-trial team advances to the state finals on March 25 — which is a strong possibility — Mihelick, a senior at the school, will have to decide whether to join his teammates for the competition or travel to East Lansing to accept the Michigan High School Athletic Association's 2005-06 Scholar-

Athlete Award during halftime of the Class C boys basketball championship game.

"If we make it to the (mock trial) state finals, it will be the first time a Plymouth-Canton school has done that, so I'm kind of leaning towards going there," said Mihelick, who was one of just 16 Division 1 student-athletes selected for the scholar-athlete award out of over 2,200 nominees. "The scholar-athlete award is a great honor, too, so it's going to be tough to decide."

Judging by his stellar academic career at Plymouth, Mihelick will make the right choice. The football

and baseball letter-winner has carved out a 4.1 grade-point average despite a workload that includes a heavy dose of advanced-placement courses.

"I've received a lot of support from my parents and everyone here at Plymouth," said Mihelick, when asked to explain the formula for his academic success. "My parents always stressed education and when I was young, they made sure I did my homework before I could do anything else. My coaches have been great, too. If I have a National

PLEASE SEE MIHELICK, C5



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth student-athlete Alex Mihelick was recently honored with one of 16 Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete scholarships. More than 2,200 athletes were nominated from throughout Michigan.

2005-06 Division 1 State Wrestling Match Preview

Wrestling gains fans at Canton

Welcome to "March Mat-ness," wrestling's version of "March Madness" that has swept through Canton High School the past two weeks.

You can see it on the school's walls, feel it in the air and hear it in the voices of the Canton students who have discovered that there is another entertaining spectator sport besides basketball, volleyball and hockey being played between the months of November and March.

"March Mat-ness" was ignited at Canton thanks to its 28-4 wrestling

PLEASE SEE WRESTLING, C2



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

They may be polar opposites when it comes to size, but Canton's 103-pound freshman Carl Lucke (left) and junior heavyweight Donnie Laramie have both played major roles in the Chiefs' run to this weekend's state finals in Battle Creek.

Canton-Rockford II

Cross-state showdown shifts from gridiron to wrestling mat

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

They may be separated by 150 miles of highway, but that hasn't stopped Canton and Rockford high schools from developing a budding sports rivalry.

Just over three months after squaring off in the Division 1 state championship football game, the Chiefs and Rams will tangle in a D1 state quarterfinal wrestling match Friday at 3:15 p.m. at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek. Canton, which captured its first regional team wrestling title last week with a stirring 34-30 last-match victory over Novi Catholic Central, will take a 28-4 record into the match against the 32-1 Rams.

"Rockford has a very, very good team," emphasized Canton coach

Casey Randolph. "They're ranked 40th in the country right now and their only loss was to Hartland, which is unbeaten and ranked 28th, so that tells you a lot. They have a facility down there called 'Camp Bennett' that is a lot like High Velocity in Canton, except it's all wrestling. It's like a feeder program for the high schools in the area.

"But we're good, too, and I think we have a chance to score some points. I like our chances. No one gave us much of a chance to beat Franklin or CC last week. Win or lose, I'm very proud of what this team has accomplished and how hard these guys have worked. But our work is not done, and the kids know that. We're going to get in

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HOCKEY

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"I thought Kevan played well," Behen said. "He made all the plays that he was supposed to make."

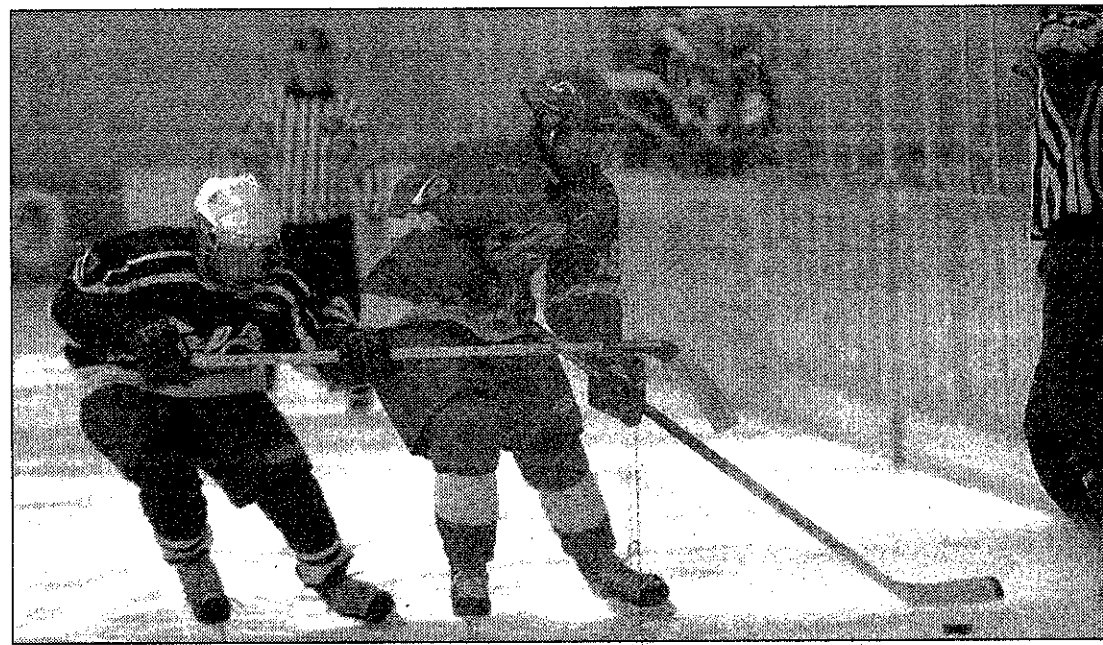
The only shot that eluded Aspenwall — at least the only one that he could actually see — was Derek Trosper's unassisted tally five minutes into the game that gave Canton a 1-0 advantage. Altogether, the junior recorded 26 saves.

With the Rocks trailing 1-0, Kris Brandt gave Salem a shot of momentum with 32 seconds left in the first period when he snapped a wrist past Swanberg from 15 feet away. The goal was assisted by Mike Haburne.

Brandt nearly put Salem ahead just over five minutes into the second period, but he was denied on a break-away by Swanberg.

Aspenwall's most electrifying save of the night came at the 4:15 mark of the second period when he smothered a Canton 2-on-1 break-away with an acrobatic stop.

Aspenwall was pulled for an extra attacker with 1:00 to play. Fifty-one seconds later,



Canton's Kevin Tollison (right) and Salem's Joel Cheesman battle for possession of the puck during the second period of Monday night's pre-regional game at the Novi Ice Arena.

Canton's Andy Barylski put the game on ice with an empty-net goal that was assisted by C.J. Wies.

"The key for us tonight was that we limited their chances," said Behen. "The kids played disciplined hockey and did

what they were supposed to do."

Feiler said the 2005-06 was a foundation-building year for the Rocks.

"We had a very young team this year," Feiler said. "We could have 17 (of 20) players

back next season, so it will just be a matter of building confidence. I can't fault the effort this team gave. They worked hard."

On Feb. 24, Salem knocked off Walled Lake Western, 7-5, in a WJAA crossover game. David Carey registered a hat trick and an assist for the winners, who received strong goal-tending from Mark Barkoff. Also scoring goals for Salem were Steve Heiler (two), John Hoelseher and Evan Meibers.

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WRESTLING

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team, which, under the guidance of fourth-year coach Casey Randolph, has evolved from an average-at-best program to a state-finals qualifier in just over three years.

The Chiefs proved they were legit Feb. 22 when they posted a 34-30 "we-are-for-real" triumph over Novi Catholic Central in a Division 1 regional final at Plymouth High School.

HOLLYWOOD ENDING

The final moments of the match were stolen from a Disney movie. With the Chiefs trailing 30-28 and only the 130-pound match remaining, sophomore Steve Cox stepped onto the mat against CC's Steve Wikter with both teams' seasons on the line.

Three minutes and 18 seconds later, Cox earned a page in the school's history book when he pinned Wikter's shoulder blades to the mat in dramatic fashion.

The gym erupted and "March Mat-ness" was born at Canton.

"The next day, after we beat CC, there were signs on the walls of the school congratulating us," said Canton senior wrestler Marwan Faraj. "People were coming up to me and talking about the match."

"My first year here, no one cared about wrestling. They had no idea what the sport was about. Now, we're actually getting good crowds at our matches and people are coming up to me

and asking questions about how points are scored and things like that. It's great."

START OF TRADITION

"March Mat-ness" may be new to Canton, but it's not foreign to Randolph, who grew up in the wrestling-rich town of Hudson. For Randolph, a former state wrestling champion who last week earned his second-consecutive "Regional Coach of the Year" honor, the four-year building process has been worth the wait.

"It seems like more people are gravitating toward our program now, they're starting to take notice, which is nice," said Randolph, who teaches physical education at Canton. "The kids at school are getting excited about the sport and more and more of them are coming to watch the matches."

"I've even heard students talking about our matches the next day in school, which was unheard of four years ago."

BATTLE CREEK-BOUND

Here's another thing that was unheard of four years ago: On Friday morning, members of the Canton wrestling team will board a bus that is headed to Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena, the site of the Division 1 state team finals. That afternoon, the Chiefs will take on Rockford, a strong and tradition-rich program that is a frequent visitor to the state finals.

"My first year here, I would have said getting to the state finals before I graduated was a longshot," Faraj said. "But coach Randolph has made us believe in ourselves. Now we know anything is possible."

Ed Wright is the Plymouth/Canton Observer sports editor. He can be reached at (734) 953-2108.

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The Board of Review will be held in the Canton Township Hall on the first floor, at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Entry into the building can be accessed through the front doors of Township Hall. Please come prepared, as an eight (8) minute limit before the Board will be strictly adhered to.

The Following is the schedule for March Board of Review:

Tuesday, March 7, 2006	Organizational Meeting -- 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. (No Appointments)
Monday, March 13, 2006	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Tuesday, March 14, 2006	Hearings from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Appointments Only)
Saturday, March 18, 2006	Hearings from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. First Come, First Serve (Walk-in-Schedule)

Please be advised entry the building on Tuesday, March 14th after 5:00p.m. and Saturday, March 18th can only be accessed through the front entrance of the Township hall.

If you have any questions regarding the March Board of Review, you may call Jana Shaw, Secretary to the Board of Review (734) 394-5111.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Nine Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Dollars (\$995,000) for the purpose of paying a part of the Township's share of the costs of the Sheldon Road/CSX Railroad Grade Separation project, which project consists generally of the construction of street, bridge, public utility, drainage and related improvements and the acquisition of certain rights of way and easements in connection therewith.

BOND DETAILS

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty (20) in number, with fixed or variable interest rates to be determined at public or negotiated sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable statutory and constitutional limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: March 2, 2006

PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 6, 2006 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

PATEL REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 133 99 0003 000 FROM O-1, OFFICE TO C-3, REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located on the northwest corner of Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue.

SECTION 34

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, March 2, 2006 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

Publish: February 12, and March 2, 2006

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS WRESTLING
Friday, March 3
Division 1 Quarterfinals
Canton vs. Rockford at Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena, 3:15 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Saturday, March 4
Plymouth, Salem and Canton at Division 1 regional tourney

ICE HOCKEY
Saturday, March 4
Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League State Tournament at Arctic Edge

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Friday, March 3
Division 1 District tournament at South Lyon H.S.

Livonia Churchill vs. Salem on Court A, 5 p.m.
Canton vs. South Lyon on Court B, 5 p.m.
Plymouth vs. Churchill/Salem winner on Court A, 20 minutes after first-round match

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, March 3
Whalers vs. Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 4
Whalers vs. Windsor Spitfires at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 5
Whalers at Sault Ste. Marie, 7 p.m.

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SHOWDOWN

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their face and, hopefully, we score more points than them."

Both teams' starting line-ups are deep and talented. Pacing the Chiefs this season have been 130-pound junior Corey Phillips (53-3), 145-pound senior Konrad Konsitzke (47-4), junior heavyweight Donnie Laramie and senior 160-pounder Marwan Faraj (46-8). Phillips, Konsitzke and Laramie all qualified for the individual state meet March 9-11 while Faraj just missed earning a ticket to the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Randolph said he is not using November's loss to the Rams as a primary motivational tool prior to Friday's quarterfinal match.

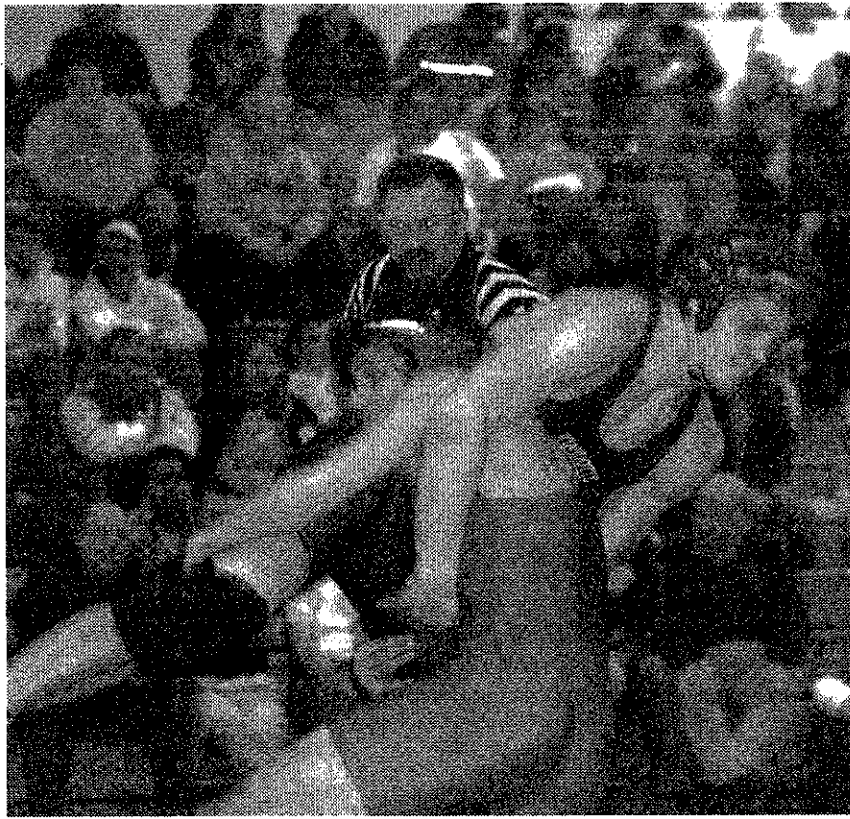
"I don't like to look at it as a revenge thing," he said. "My mind-set is that they're the team we have to beat to get to the semifinals. They're the next obstacle for us, not the team that beat us in football."

The Rams are coached by 31-year veteran Don Rinehart, who has led his team to seven regional titles.

"I coached the freshman football team last fall, so I was on the sidelines for the championship game," Rinehart said. "I think it's kind of neat how the two teams have enjoyed parallel success this year."

"We had a good team last year and we only graduated a few seniors, so I had a feeling we'd be pretty good this year. The kids have worked hard to get back to the quarterfinals."

The Rams' roster is stocked with



BRIDGET KONSITZKE

Canton's 160-pound Marwan Faraj has played an instrumental role in the Chiefs' 28-4 record heading into Friday's Division I quarterfinal match against Rockford.

three unbeaten wrestlers - 103-pound Kyle Waldo (45-0), 125-pound Jeff Shutich (46-0) and 152-pound Ben Bennett (49-0) - and four former state champions: 112-pound Alex Gorton, 125-pound Phil Gorton, 135-pound J.J. Johnson and Bennett. Rockford's depth is exemplified by the fact that Phil Gorton

hasn't been able to break into the Rams' starting line-up this season.

Whichever team survives Friday's quarterfinal showdown will take on the winner of Friday's Romeo (29-9)-Davison (25-6) match. The semifinals are set for Saturday at 9:15 a.m.

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Eight local wrestlers are Palace-bound

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Eight P-CEP wrestlers proved they're among the best of the best at Saturday's Division 1 regional individual meet held at Southgate Anderson High School.

The eight - Salem's Jeremy Henderson (189 pounds), Cory Mervyn (125) and Jake Bennett (140); Canton's Corey Phillips (130), Konrad Konsitzke (145) and Donnie Laramie (heavyweight); and Plymouth's Steve Korpus (130) and Ali Youssef (145) - all qualified for the D1 individual state meet March 9-11 at the Palace of Auburn Hills by placing fourth or higher in their respective weight classes.

The state finals trip will be the third for Phillips and second for Henderson. The other six will be making their Palace debuts.

Phillips, who was 53-3 going into Friday's Division 1 state team quarterfinal match against Rockford, placed first at the regional when he ousted Belleville's Jeff Phillips, 4-0, in the final.

"It was a dominating performance by Corey," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "The score was only 4-0, but he controlled the match from top to bottom. The script for Corey's season has yet to be written. We'll measure his success by how well he does at the state meet. We have high expectations of him and he expects a lot from himself."

Konsitzke's accomplishment was extra-sweet considering he barely missed qualifying last year. He defeated Temperance-Bedford's John Potrzebowski, 11-3, in the final match at 145.

Laramie earned his Palace ticket the hard way - by losing his opening match then battling back to finish third.

Henderson will take an impressive 35-2 mark into his March 9 opening-round match at 189. The senior is on a roll after placing first in the individual district tourney, regional tourney and the WLA conference meet two weeks ago.

He'll be joined by teammates Bennett (43-8) and Mervyn (30-9), who finished second and third in their respective weight classes.

"All three of these kids have gotten better and better every week," said Salem coach Greg Wochuk. "I think they all have a good opportunity to be in the finals and at least place."

"They're all hard-working kids who deserve to be where they are."

The Wildcats' Korpus (36-13) and Youssef (42-11) advanced to the state finals after leading the Wildcats' to a highly successful first year in Division I. Both wrestlers finished fourth on Saturday.

Among the local wrestlers who fell into the "barely missed" category were Salem's Nick Steiger (119) and Canton's Marwan Faraj (160).

PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006 THIS MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 PM (734) 453-1234

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Transportation Center Roof Replacement.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR COMAU PICO, INC. TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

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Churchill spikers gain redemption over Salem

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Livonia Churchill couldn't have timed its first volleyball win of the season over nemesis Salem any better. The Chargers, who had lost two previous meetings, successfully defended its Western Lakes Activities Association tournament title with a 25-14, 25-15 triumph Saturday in the finals at home over the Rocks.

Ironically, Churchill (53-3) and Salem (43-7-1) will meet again at 5 p.m. Friday in the first round of the Class A district tournament at South Lyon.

"Churchill played phenomenal — they could do nothing wrong," said Salem coach Amanda Suder. "Defensively, we didn't play very well

and we couldn't stop their big hitters — Kyndra (Abron) or (Lauren) Krupsky."

"It's very hard beat a team a third time," Churchill coach Mark Grenier said. "Our girls were hungry and they wanted to build a little confidence and a little energy going into the districts. They played with a lot of emotion and things just went our way."

Salem went 3-0 in pool play, ousting Plymouth (25-21 and 25-21), Westland John Glenn (25-16 and 25-19) and Wayne Memorial (25-16 and 25-15). The Rocks then bumped Northville in three sets — 23-25, 25-15 and 15-7 — in the quarterfinals before derailing

Livonia Stevenson, 25-18 and 25-23, in the semis.

The Rocks were paced by Jansan Falcusan (121 assists, 26 digs and three service aces), Lauren Price (10 aces, 54 kills and 52 digs), Teresa Coppiellie (48 kills, 38 digs and eight block assists), Courtney Seiler (61 digs) and Nikki Mersch (41 digs).

Churchill, which captured all six games its pool, whipped Walled Lake Western in the quarterfinals, 25-20, 25-9, and then turned back Plymouth in the semifinals, 25-12, 25-21, setting up the showdown with Salem, which had ousted Livonia Churchill, 25-18, 25-22.

"We made a couple of adjustments this week in practice, some things we weren't doing against them before,"

Grenier said. "We also made some slight personnel adjustments."

Churchill's defense was outstanding led by senior Libero Brynn Kerr, who had a total of 74 digs on the day.

Junior Kelly Archer added 58 digs, while serve-receiving at 90 percent and serving at 92 percent. She also had 12 kills and five blocks.

"Those two just ate up the court," Grenier said. "Kelly is probably our best all-around player and Brynn was amazing. She's a great athlete. They controlled the defensive end."

Senior setter Stacy Urbats had a total of 143 assist-to-kills to go along with 28 digs and a 96 percent serving rate.

"She set the tempo for us the entire day," Grenier said.

Not to be outdone were the efforts of

Churchill's top two attackers.

Krupsky, a 5-foot-11 outside hitter, had 76 kills in six matches, while 6-2 sophomore middle hitter Kyndra Abron added 65 kills and 19 blocks.

Plymouth overcame its opening-match loss to Salem to advance all the way to the semi-finals against Churchill. After falling to the Rocks, the Wildcats downed Wayne (25-21 and 25-12) and John Glenn (25-23 and 25-19). Plymouth defeated Northville, 25-22 and 25-21, in the quarterfinals.

Leading the Wildcats were Jeanine Moise (41 kills), Sarah Haskins (86 assists), Brandi Swyhart (31 digs) and Lyndsay Vogelsberg (21 digs).

Canton failed to win a game in pool play.

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VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
Feb. 25 at Livonia Churchill

Championship final: Livonia Churchill defeated Salem, 25-14, 25-15.


Semifinals: Churchill def. Plymouth, 25-12, 25-21; Salem def. Livonia Stevenson, 25-18, 25-22.

Quarterfinals: Churchill def. Walled Lake Western, 25-20, 25-9; Salem def. Northville, 23-25, 25-15, 15-7; Plymouth def. Walled Lake Northern, 25-22, 25-21; Stevenson def. Westland John Glenn, 25-20, 25-12.

POOL PLAY RECORDS
(A): 1. Salem, 6-0 (games); 2. Plymouth, 4-2; 3. John Glenn, 2-4; 4. Wayne Memorial, 0-6.
(B): 1. Churchill, 6-0; 2. Northville, 4-2; 3. W.L. Western, 2-4; 4. Canton, 0-6.
(C): 1. Stevenson, 6-0; 2. W.L. Northern, 4-2; 3. Walled Lake Central and Livonia Franklin, 1-5 each.

ALL-WLAA TEAMS
All-Conference: Teresa Coppiellie, Jr. OH, Salem; Lauren Price, Sr. OH, Salem; Maria Mezzadri, Sr. MH, Stevenson; Laura Robinette, Sr. MH, W.L. Northern; Brandi Swyhart, Sr. Libero, Plymouth; Lauren Krupsky, Jr. OH, Churchill; Kyndra Abron, Soph. MH, Churchill.
All-Lakes: Jennifer Swartz, Sr. OH, John Glenn; Ashton Judis, Sr. setter, Stevenson; Lauren Kurtz, Jr. MH, Salem; Amanda Alpert, Sr. OH, Stevenson; Sam Matheson, Sr. Libero, W.L. Northern; Jessica Howald, Sr. Libero, W.L. Central; Brynn Kerr, Sr. Libero, Churchill.
Honorable mention: Jansan Falcusan, Courtney Seiler, Shannon Rusin, Nicole Mersch, Danielle DiPietro, Katrina Cope, Salem; Kelly Archer, Shea Truxell, Carly DeClercq, Churchill; Jordan Pilut, Jill Flaughner, Theresa Hamilton, Rebecca Rehberg, Kaite Kumm, Kim Hemming, Stevenson; Carly Dodge, Stephanie Schultz, Ann Green, W.L. Central; Virginia Butler, Heather Lindon, Melanie Stawkey, Jessica Maxwell, Becky Barrett, John Glenn; Brittany Essian, Angie Niemi, Jac Mackowski, Christen Degrande, Jasmine Jolly, Theresa Matheson, W.L. Northern;
All-Western: Joanna Foss, Jr. MH, Northville; Krysta Cicala, Soph. setter, Northville; Liz Dempsey, Jr. MH, Franklin; Kelsey Bailey, Sr. OH, Canton; Asilda Dhembi, Sr. setter, W.L. Western; Kellie Newsted, Jr. setter, Wayne.
Honorable mention: Morgan Daul, Amanda Marquart, Katie Moran, Allison Holmes, Kristen Enehalt, Northville; Lindsay Vogelsberg; Janet Hanchett, Jackie Dorre, Lauren Stemberger, Plymouth; Jaleece Lavine, Rachael Riesen, Laura Marshall, Cassie LaPrairie; Lisa Western, Sarah Alexander, Krista Holcomb, Rachel Beaudoin, Izabela Paszkowska, Canton; Kesley Guilliani, Sam DeYonker, Paige Parteno, Heather Becker, W.L. Western; Carrie Laubernds, Amber Day, Crystal Beayer, Olivia LaFortune, Wayne.

WLAA AWARDS
Conference and Lakes Division: Salem.
Western Division: Northville.
Conference Tournament: Churchill.
Sportsmanship: John Glenn.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 16th, 2006 for the following:

PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE COTS AND STAIR CHAIRS

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish: March 2, 2006

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR ABSOPURE WATER COMPANY TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Absopure Water Company for a 12 year Industrial Facilities Exemption for their facility located at 8835 General Drive, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the date of the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:00 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Publish: March 2, 2006

PCA cagers win on 'Senior Night'

Plymouth Christian closed out its regular season with a 59-48 "Senior Night" victory over Sterling Heights Bethesda to improve to 10-10 overall and 3-7 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division. The visiting Eagles fell to 6-13 and 3-7, respectively.

Trevor Zinn led the winners with 20 points. Matt Saagman contributed 13 points and eight assists while Devyn Govan added nine points and 10 boards. Justin Govan chipped in with six points and 10 rebounds.

PREP BASKETBALL

Ryan Height paced Bethesda with 27 points, 10 of which came from the free-throw line.

PCA started all four of its seniors: Scott Brandt, Caleb James, Ben Welton and Ryan Barber.

"It was kind of an ugly win, but we grinded it out," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We didn't do one thing particularly well, but the kids played tough. They played a zone against us for

most of the night then switched to a man-to-man in the fourth quarter. They have a couple of good-sized kids."

Bethesda led 12-7 after one quarter before the hosts battled back to secure a 26-22 halftime lead. PCA stretched its advantage to 43-32 with eight minutes to play. The closest Bethesda got in the fourth quarter was six points.

PCA hit 13-of-21 free throws while Bethesda drained 11-of-17 from the stripe.

The Eagles' reserves shined, scoring 37 points.

CANTON AGAPE 58, BRITTON-MACON 29: The Wolverines rolled to a 26-13 halftime lead and never looked back as they improved their record to 13-5. The Tories committed 25 turnovers against Agape's ball-hawking defense.

Derek Leathers led the scoring parade for Agape with 16 points. Junior point guard Jack Anleitner recorded a triple-double, registering 13 points, 12 steals and 10 rebounds.

"Jack kept stepping in front of their passes and tipping the ball out of their hands," Keith Anleitner said. "He gave

them fits with his quick hands and quick feet."

Terrell Pierce tallied 11 points, two of which came on a left-handed flip shot while falling down as the first-quarter buzzer sounded.

"We played excellent man-to-man defense and good team defense," Anleitner said. "We turned a lot of our steals into fastbreaks, which got our offense going."

Agape canned 7-of-15 free throws while B-M went 2-for-3 from the stripe.

ALL-WLAA HOOPS

ALL-WLAA BOYS BASKETBALL TEAMS

All-WLAA: Alvin Storrs, Jr. 1-1 G, Northville; Chris Farr, Sr. 6-4 F, W.L. Central; Denard Branch, Sr. 6-1 G, W.L. Western; Andre Bridges, Sr. 6-2 F, Canton; Tony Lenardon, Sr. 6-0 G, Livonia Stevenson; Andre Bell, Sr. 6-3 G, Livonia Franklin.

All-Western Division: Chris Lorente, Sr. 6-4 F, Northville; Campy Smith, Sr. 6-2 G, Northville; Ryan Waldmann, Jr. 6-7 C, Canton; Tommy Jankowski, Sr. 5-11 G, Franklin; D.J. Coleman, Sr. 6-0 G, Plymouth; Justin Collop, Sr., 6-2 F, Wayne.

All-Lakes Division: Neil Mitchell, Sr. 6-1 G, W.L. Central; Luke Knochel, Jr. 5-9 G, Stevenson; Alex Ropek, Sr. 6-4 F, W.L. Northern; Nick Bortz, Sr. 6-4 G, W.L. Northern; Billy Leddy, Sr. 6-3 F, Salem; Joel Hall, Sr. 6-0 G, Churchill.

Honorable mention: W.L. Central - Aaron Hakola, Jr. 6-0 G; Tim Cross, Sr. 6-2 F; Ryan Easton, Sr. 6-2 F; Stevenson - Andy Madelein, Sr. 6-2 F; Ben Schroeder, Sr. 6-2 F; W.L. Northern - Robert Johnson, Jr. 5-11 G; Ryan Sheridan, Sr. 6-3 G; Jordan Karbowski, Sr. 5-10 G; John Glenn - Robert Jones, Jr. 6-4 F; Ryan Lopez, Soph. 5-7 G; Salem - Grant Stone, Soph. 6-3 F; Joe Hafewicz, Sr. 6-0 G; Churchill - Brad Evans, Jr. 6-3 G; Ryan Rosenick, Soph. 6-2 G; Northville - Doug Hasse, Sr. 6-5 C; Nick Kaldis, Sr. 5-1 G; Brandon Barkoski, Sr. 6-2 F; Bret Spencer, Jr. 6-3 F; Canton - Steve Paye, Jr. 6-5 F; Robtppier, Sr. 6-2 G; Andy Larsen, Sr. 6-4 F; W.L. Western - Mike Roberts, Sr. 6-1 G; Franklin - Matt McCullough, Sr. 6-2 F; Sean Sciba, Jr. 5-4 F; Plymouth - Josh Le Duc, Sr. 6-4 F; Jim Wilbur, Sr. 6-1 G; Jake Hager, Soph. 6-1 F; Wayne - Josh Lewis, Jr. 5-11 G; John Hill, Soph. 6-2 F.

MIHELICK

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Honor Society meeting, they'll let me leave practice early. They've all been very supportive."

Mihelick insists he doesn't study any more than an average student to attain his above-

"I don't want to be a student who is connected, but doing well in school has always come naturally for me," he said. "One of the most difficult classes I've taken is computer applications because I was horrible at typing. I could type maybe three words a minute at the beginning. Now, I'm up to 50 words a minute without any errors."

On the athletic fields, Mihelick was a reserve defensive end for the Wildcats' successful football team and is a first baseman for the Plymouth baseball squad.

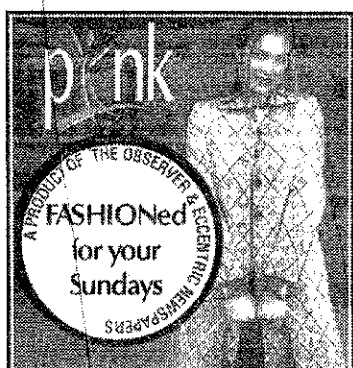
"I'm a pinch-hitting specialist for the baseball team," Mihelick said, grinning. "I haven't had a lot of individual successes in sports, but it was great just to be a part of the football team's success this season. Baseball is probably my favorite sport, but there was nothing like the adrenaline rush you get during Friday night football games."

One of the requirements for the MHSAA award was to write an essay on the topic of sportsmanship in high school sports. Mihelick's essay included the following passage:

"The fact that I can collaborate on a project with a rival school's athlete on Friday morning, line up across from him on a football field Friday evening, then complete our school project Saturday morning is only possible due to the value we place on competing with good sportsmanship."

Mihelick has another fast-approaching dilemma on the horizon - whether to attend Michigan State University or the University of Michigan in the fall. He's a finalist for MSU's Distinguished Alumni Scholarship, which would ensure him a full-ride scholarship to the school.

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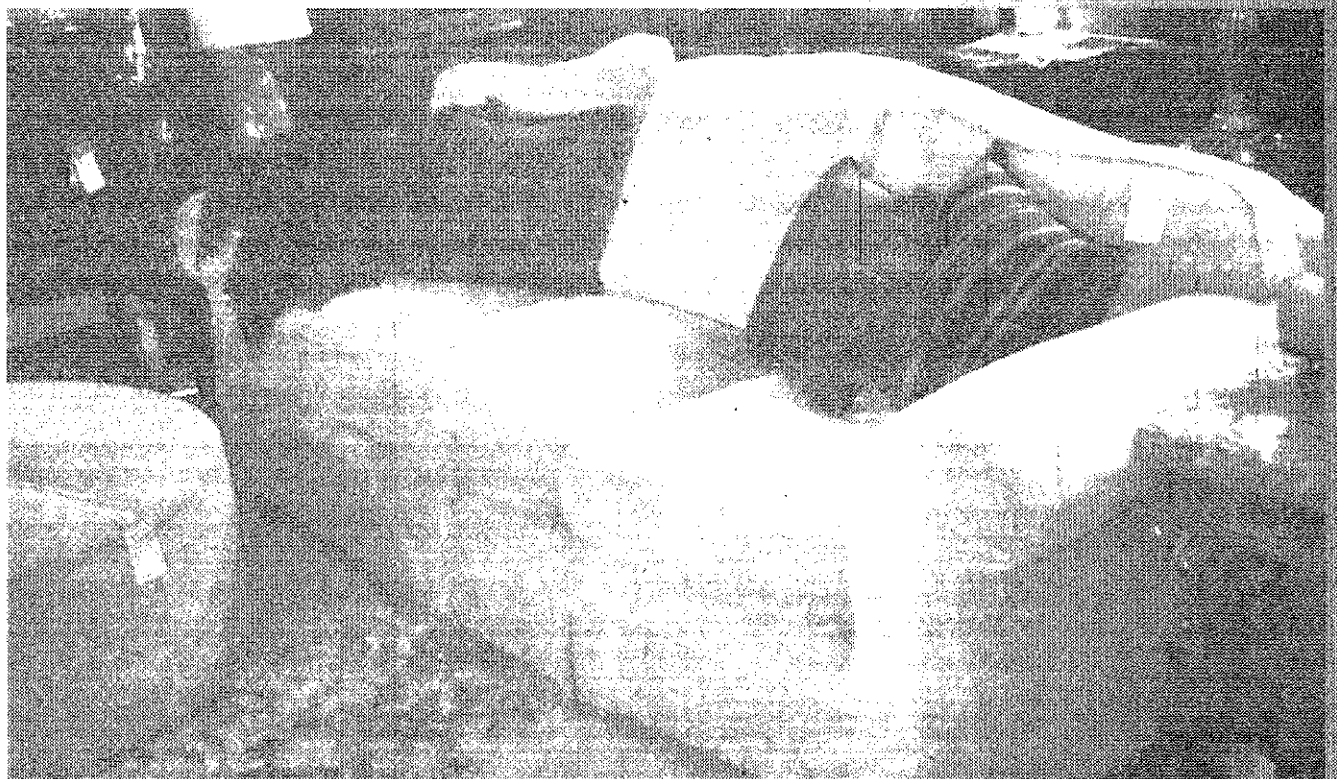
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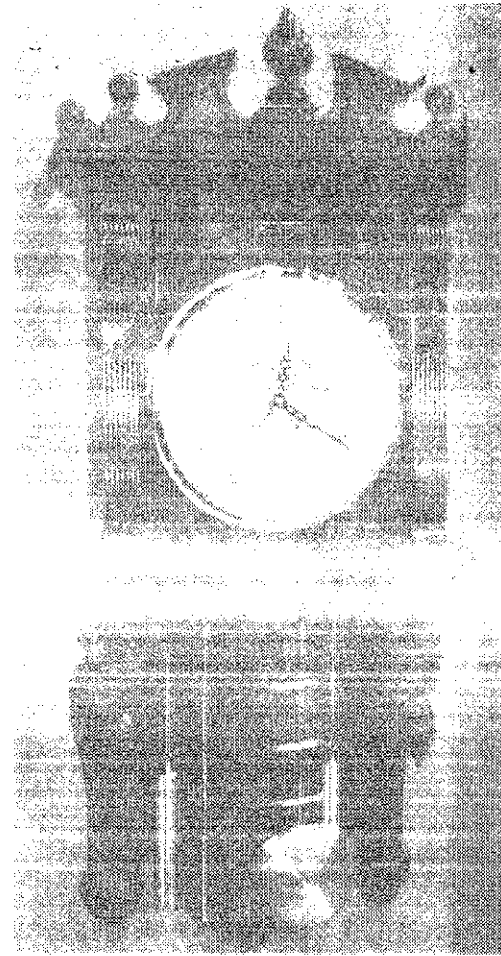
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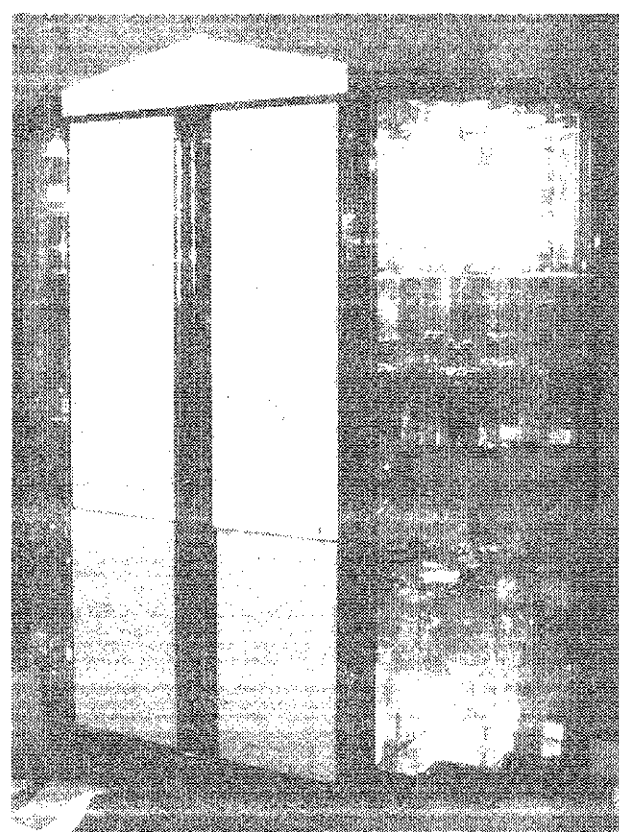
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Saginaw Spirit beats Whalers, takes over 1st

Jesse Gimblett's power-play goal at 15:26 of the third period snapped a 1-1 tie and lifted the Saginaw Spirit to a 4-1 victory over the Plymouth Whalers in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 4,170 at the Dow Event Center.

With the victory, Saginaw (now 32-26-1-0) moved into sole possession of first place in the OHL's West Division with 65 points, two more than Plymouth (29-25-1-4).

Following Gimblett's goal, Ryan McDonough added some insurance for Saginaw when he scored 32 seconds later with his team-leading 33rd goal of the season. Spirit rookie Zack Torquato added an empty-net goal — his 17th — with 33 seconds left after Plymouth pulled goaltender Justin Peters for the extra attacker.

The first 30 minutes of the contest belonged to the goaltenders. Peters matched Saginaw goalie Francois Thuot save-for-save until Tom Mannino scored his third goal of the season on a power play at 10:50 of the second period to give the Spirit a 1-0 edge.

Plymouth knotted the game at 1-1 at 5:48 of the third when Evan Brophrey feathered a pass to linemate Joe McCann, who tipped the puck by Thuot for his 10th goal.

That set the stage for

Gimblett's game-winner, which came on a 4-on-3 Saginaw power play. The Spirit won the battle of special teams, going 2-for-10 on the power play while killing off all five Plymouth man-advantages.

Plymouth outshot Saginaw, 44-31, but Thuot played well and was awarded the game's first star in stopping 43-of-44 shots. Peters re-directed 27-of-30 for Plymouth.

The same two teams meet again Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

LONDON 3, PLYMOUTH 2: Dylan Hunter scored the lone goal in a shootout to lead the Knights to victory before 3,028 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Andrew Fournier (16th) and Tom Sestito (10th) scored in regulation for Plymouth. Jordan Foreman (25th) and Rob Schremp (48th) replied for London.

Neither team led by more than one goal throughout the game. Sestito's deflection of a Ryan McGinnis point shot tied the game at 2-2 at 8:47 of the third period.

The stars of the game were the goaltenders: Peters stopped 44 of 46 shots while London's Adam Dennis stopped 40-of-42.

Special teams were busy as referees Carman Cox and Ryan O'Neill called 24 power-plays between the two teams and 84 minutes in penalties. Plymouth went 11-for-13 on the penalty kill against London's league-leading power play (28.7 percent). London went 12-for-13 against the Whalers' power play.

WHAC playoff run ends for Crusaders in semis

On the heels of their first-ever Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoff win, the Madonna University men's basketball team couldn't duplicate another upset Saturday, losing to host Cornerstone University at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids, 88-77.

Guard Jim Cochran hit 5-of-7 three-pointers en route to a game-high 25 points for the victorious Golden Eagles, who improved to 22-10 overall and earned a spot in the WHAC final.

All five Cornerstone players scored in double figures with center John Jonker adding 19 points and nine rebounds.

Josh Liggins added 14 points, while Mike Cameron contributed 12. Kevin Wurn also had a double-double with

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10 points and 11 rebounds. Doug Creighton (Catholic Central) scored a team-high 19 points for the Crusaders, who trailed by only six at halftime, 45-39. Creighton also grabbed eight rebounds.

Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) added 18 points, hitting 4-of-5 triples. Derrick Mudri chipped in 15 points, while Jordan Napier (Agape Christian) came off the bench to score 10.

The difference once again was rebounding as Cornerstone held a 45-31 advantage.

MU, which was coming off a first-round 85-84 overtime win over Indiana Tech, finishes its

season with an 11-20 overall record.

MU women ousted

The Madonna University women's basketball team couldn't stand prosperity Saturday at Mol Arena in Grand Rapids.

After upsetting Cornerstone on Thursday in the opening round of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference playoffs, 69-68, the fifth-seeded Crusaders fell victim to host Aquinas College in the semifinals, 55-43.

MU bows out at 14-17 overall. Jackie Braspeninx led the victorious Saints with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Ashley Heuvelman and Claire Hogan each tallied 11 points.

The Crusaders, who led 27-

24 at halftime, got team-high 10 points from Stephanie Childs. Lindsay Klemmer (Salem) added eight.

In the win over Cornerstone, Sarah Thomson scored a game-high 21 points while Klemmer (Salem) and Martina Franklin (Redford Union) added 16 each.

Katie Anderson's 21 paced the Golden Eagles.

On Tuesday, Davenport got 20 points from Karen Rugless to beat host Aquinas for the WHAC title, 64-63. Jennifer Rausch added 17 for the Panthers, who advance to the NAIA Division II Nationals with a 28-5 record.

Braspeninx led the Saints (25-7) with 20 points, while Heuvelman added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Snubbed Lady Ocelots now on a mission

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Feeling a bit grumpy about not being able to compete at the recent state tournament, Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team is geared up to make up for lost time.

The Lady Ocelots — ranked third nationally and owners of a 26-2 record, best among Michigan community colleges — failed to qualify for last week's Michigan Community College Athletic Association tourney because victories against probationary teams Wayne County and Kirtland

did not count in the league standings.

But Schoolcraft will lace them back up for the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II District H tournament at Delta College, beginning with a 3 p.m. Friday matchup against Owens Community College. The tournament continues with semifinal games 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday and the final at 2 p.m. Sunday.

"So we're going into the regional tournament with a chip on our shoulders," Lady Ocelots head coach Karen Lafata said.

Schoolcraft finished league play with a mark of 10-2, tied with Delta but one-game behind Mott CC.

Mott's No. 1 finish gave it a top seed at the state tournament while Delta advanced instead of Schoolcraft because the Pioneers knocked off the Lady Ocelots.

"Mott only played Kirtland and Wayne County three times and Delta and us played them four times," lamented Lafata. "It's a real tragedy. Athletic directors decided before the season they'd not count those games in the conference standings."

Lafata added that the decision

not to count the victories because of sanctions against other teams "was totally unfair. I felt bad for our kids. We're 26-2, it's the best record in the state, we're ranked third in the country and we didn't even qualify for the state tournament."

As it turns out, both Mott and Delta were defeated at the state tournament, with Lansing CC coming away with the first-place trophy.

Lansing edged Mott, 64-54 in Saturday's finals, while Delta lost to Lansing 62-54 in a semifinal on Friday.

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ness and kinesiology and, who will go on to seek coaching positions.

Chuck Henry, a full-time faculty member who runs the Athletic Department's "Champions of Character" program at MU developed the P.E. minor and will also be teaching several courses.

"Data from our student sur-

veys revealed an interest in this minor," Henry said. "Many students believe this will be an important, positive factor in seeking out a teaching position."

According to the U.S. Department of Labor statistics, teaching jobs are expected to continue to grow 2004-2014, especially among secondary schools as baby boomers con-

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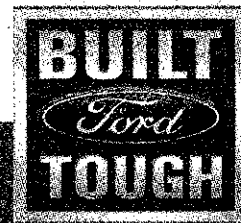
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BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

M. Mena Davis was a teacher and worked 14 years with the Boys & Girls Club of America. She saw how important good homes were for healthy, functional families.

"I got into housing about six years ago," said the Westland resident, now president of Michigan Affordable Housing Consultants, based in Westland. "Real estate just kind of opened up for me."

She's been in nonprofit development the last 17 years, and in 2003 opened her own business. Its work includes work with nonprofits that do housing, helping with land buying, site and floor plans and matching with buyers.

Davis offers homeowner education courses, "which is a crucial part of it." She's also a Realtor and handles the real estate transactions, along with grant-writing and fund raising.

"There is a huge demand for low to moderate housing," She teaches budget management, helping to put buyers into appropriate homes.

"Individuals and families are having to take pay cuts," Davis said. Her goal is to put them into quality, affordable homes.

"I work mainly in Wayne County," including Detroit. "It's just wherever there is a demand, that's where I go."

If a factory dismisses 1,800 workers there's a good chance many of them will live in the suburbs, she said. It's best to keep those people living in the community they've supported a long time.

She'd been director of the Peoples Community Hope for Homes housing development in Westland, leaving last June and continuing to do consulting



Davis

for that. "I know the program works," said Davis, who praised city of Westland officials for their support.

She finds education is the key to home ownership, and that Realtors need to put families in the right home. "The selection is

very small." Gov. Jennifer Granholm is supportive of affordable housing endeavors, Davis said.

She'd like to do more with Habitat for Humanity buyers on education and follow-up after they've moved into their homes. Davis does counseling after people move in on such areas as budgeting and energy savings; she points with pride to the absence of foreclosures.

She can be reached at (734) 727-0722 or via e-mail at miaffordhousing@aol.com.

"I enjoy seeing families realize the vision of owning a home." She likes to pass along the keys, along with empowering nonprofits to be more effective.

"We can still live in decent neighborhoods and have decent homes. The need is just so great."

Michigan Affordable Housing Consultants also works with companies in board development and human resources. Her partner does special event planning.

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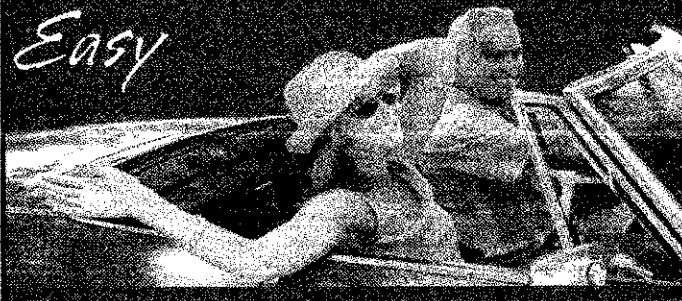
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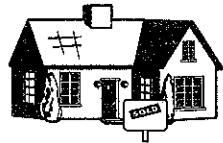


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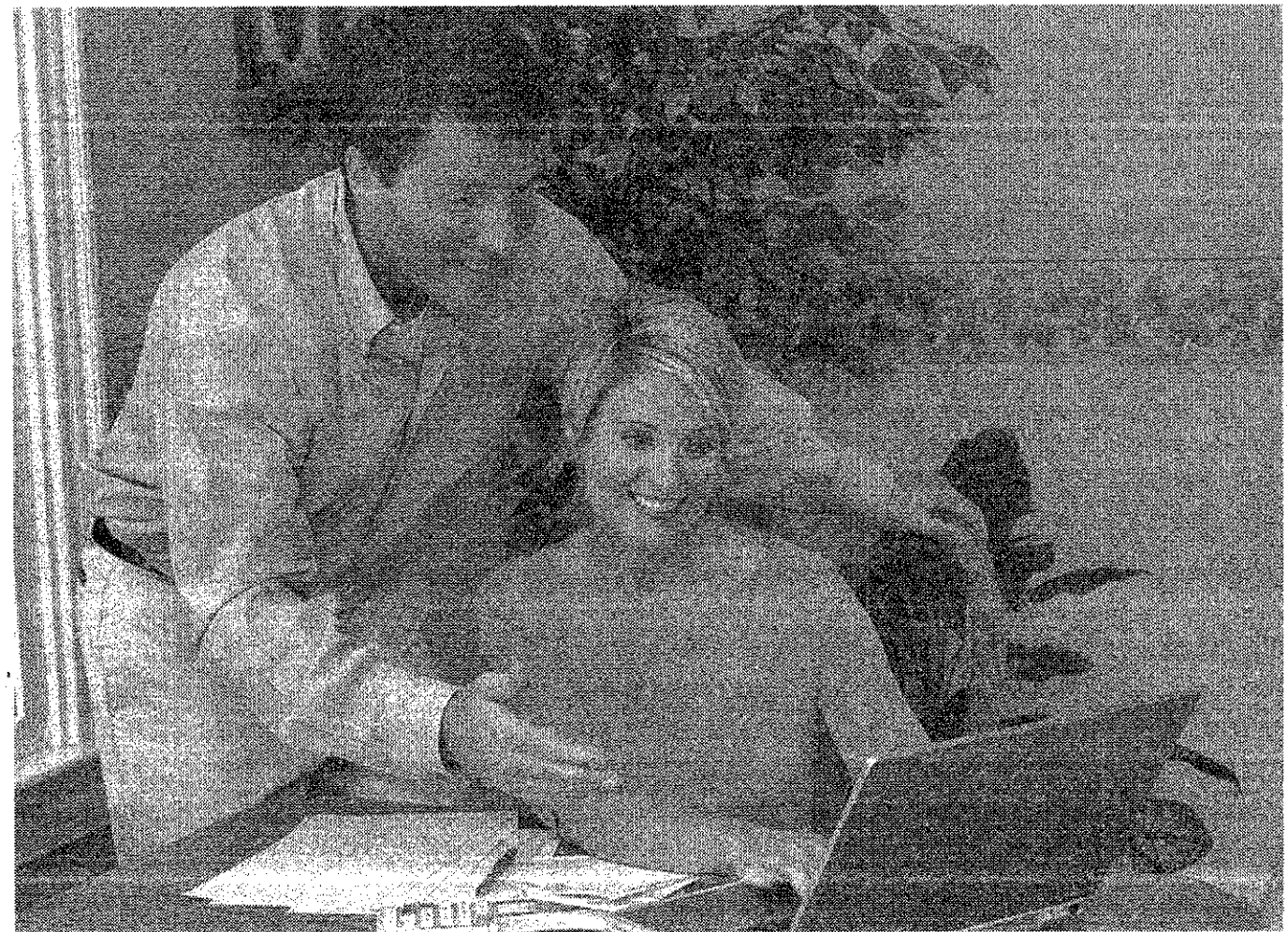
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FARMINGTON HILLS Gorgeous Ranch This Pottersy Barn influence has numerous updates, hardwood floors almost everywhere, lovely kitchen w/appls & bit-in wine cab, mstr bdrm w/stunning bath, fin attic & bsmt + 2 car att gar on approx. .36 acre lot...

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