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All entries are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 11. Even if your name isn't selected for a prize, you'll have a chance to show Dad how much he means to you. Look for your photo with Dad on Father's Day, Sunday, June 15.



One on one

State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, will hold office hours 1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. "Holding office hours is a terrific opportunity for people to share their interests and concerns with me directly," Patterson said.

Meetings will be scheduled throughout the 7th District, which includes Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, and communities south. Appointments are unnecessary.

A new member

Ralph Shufeldt, a former Canton Downtown Development Authority member and chairman, has been appointed to a three-year term on the Council for Community Excellence, which is a group formed to make community improvements. He will fill a vacancy left by Doug Smith, whose term expired Dec. 31, 2002.

Emagine a new theater and it will be

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Eighteen wall-to-wall screens, 3,800 seats, stadium seating, state-of-the-art projection equipment, a huge concession area and private meeting rooms.

In a way it's the movie theater of the future, and if all goes according to plan it could be in Canton's future as soon as May 2004.

That's the result of action Monday night by the township Planning Commission that could pave the way for Emagine Theaters to open a

Canton location at Lotz and Ford roads in the Home Depot/Gardner White/Don Pablo's/Guitar Center complex.

The project, which was approved late last year by the commission and the board of trustees, has been on hold since November, pending action by the city of Westland to approve a portion of a parking lot which would be located in that community.

At Monday's meeting, planning commissioners approved a request by Emagine to bank the 268 parking spaces in Westland until approval is

granted by the Westland City Council. That action will allow Emagine to move forward with the project, while continuing to negotiate with Westland over the parking situation.

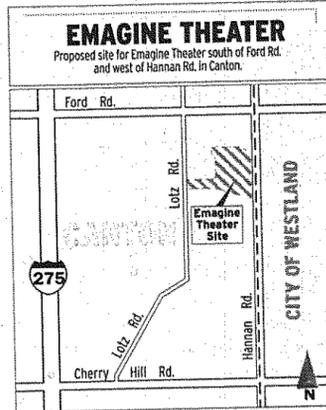
"I'm ecstatic," said Paul Glantz, Emagine president, after the commission's action. "I don't know that I've been as excited about this project in months. We're pleased to have been given the definitive go-ahead here."

Glantz and his partner, Carl Slemmer, chairman and CEO of Emagine, were prepared to go ahead with the project after

getting Canton board approval last year. But since the site straddles the boundary between Canton and Westland, it was delayed pending Westland's approval of their portion of the parking area.

That was complicated since a portion of the Westland site sits on an old contaminated landfill. And Westland officials were not particularly happy that the theater would be located in Canton, while only a portion of the parking area would be in Westland.

PLEASE SEE THEATER, A5



Big Boy is back - with some injuries

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

He's back, again, and a little bit the worse for wear. But he's back on his pedestal, minus his hamburger and with a bandaged head.

Canton's own Big Boy - the statue in front of the Ford Road restaurant - was kidnapped sometime Friday night.

Restaurant manager Helen Bingham said she noticed him missing when she came to work at 8 a.m. Saturday.

"I called the police," she said. "It was a new statue. It was made especially for us. We just put it up about two months ago."

Shortly after the statue was reported missing, according to Canton Police Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler, a 17-year-old youth admitted that he and three friends had taken the fiberglass statue.

The youth took a Canton detective to an isolated field in Salem Township where Big Boy was



JIM JAGOFFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Waitress Rebecca Plush adjust the bandage on 'Big Boy's' head. Big Boy had a boo boo on the back of his head and was also missing the hamburger on his plate.

PLEASE SEE BIG BOY, A5

School board gives Ryan high marks

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school board trustees have said, on a number of occasions, they like the way Superintendent Jim Ryan is running the school district.

So it was no surprise to anyone that Ryan scored well in an evaluation of his six months as the CEO of Plymouth-Canton Schools. In reality, Ryan has been running the district since last summer, when former superintendent Kathleen Booher resigned. Ryan was the interim superintendent until the board erased the interim tag in December.

"Jim has brought us light years forward in terms of academic excellence and community relations," said Elizabeth Givens, school board president. "A coach builds a team by encouragement, prodding and pushing. He does that well, and puts people in positions of authority to make decisions for which he is ultimately responsible."

Ryan, in a closed-door session Monday night, was graded in six areas by the Board of Education, who rated each category from a high of 5 (outstanding job) to a low of 1 (unsatisfactory).

Ryan received an average score of 3.83 for his job over the past six months.

Instructional services - Develop a strategy to measure and improve student achievement; document High School Renewal

PLEASE SEE BOARD, A4

Reporter steps up to firing line

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

So there I was, standing on the firing line, wearing ear protectors, safety goggles over my glasses and a bulletproof vest that said ATF on the back.

No, check that. The range instructor said it wasn't bullet-PROOF, it was bullet-RESISTANT. Sort of like those watches.

Some are waterproof, some are water-resistant. I've never been quite sure what the difference was, but these antics with semantics didn't make me feel any better.

The last time I fired a weapon - I think it was a .45-caliber handgun - was when I was in the Navy and that was ... well, never mind how many years ago. It was a bunch. I remember that thing had a kick to it and I'm not sure I ever

hit the target ... at least not MY target.

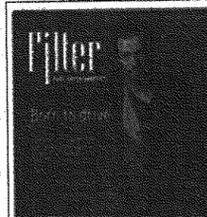
So here I was, suited up appropriately, holding a 9 mm ATF service weapon in my right hand, bracing it with my left the way the instructor told me and pointing it at a man-shaped target a few yards in front of me.

"You familiar with handguns?"

PLEASE SEE ATF, A4

Filter, other changes debut in today's paper

Starting today we've made some changes to your hometown *Observer Newspaper*. Our new entertainment publication - Filter - debuts today and O&E's popular Taste section has moved to Thursdays. Look inside your *Canton*



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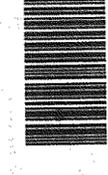
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A novelist in the making: Canton girl brings home top writing prize

BY KIM KOVELLE
STAFF WRITER

Living in an apartment, 7-year-old Amanda Sergeyev of Canton knows that stomping around her home disrupts nearby neighbors. One day, however, when a friend not accustomed to the close quarters started playing noisily, Amanda got an idea for a story that earned her first place in the first grade division of Detroit Public TV's Ninth Annual Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest.

"She stomped and my mom said, 'Stop stomping!'" said Amanda of her schoolmate Leisha, "and then I made that book up."

The Miller Elementary first-grader titled her five-page story "A Mad House," and it won against 128 first-grade entrants from the Detroit area (602 total children from the area participated). In honor of her achievement, she received prizes including books and a \$25 Borders gift certificate. Also, at an awards presentation held at WTVS Channel 56 in Detroit on May 22, Amanda was treated to a viewing of a computer-animated, sound effect-enhanced rendition of her book.

Three Canton honorable mentions from All Saints Catholic School were also acknowledged, including 7-year-old second-grader Michael Makarewicz for his story "If Only I Had a Puppy," 8-year-old third-graders Frankie Topalian, who wrote "Frances's Shoe Closet," and Rachel Bissonnette for her book "Do You Think Cats Live on Mars?"

"Actually, her book was the first entry that they received," said Tammy Sergeyev, Amanda's mother, who discovered the contest via the Internet. "We did it just for the fun of it."

Among the guidelines listed on the CMU TV web site for kindergartners and first-graders, eligible entries were required to have a minimum of 50 or maximum of 200 words, at least five "original, clear and colorful" illustrations, and be written and/or drawn on one side of each paper only.

At 129 words, Amanda's winning story explored the question of why her mother called their home a "mad house" through a special interactive feature.



LIZ OROZCO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Amanda Sergeyev, 7, holds the story she wrote, "A Mad House," which won first place in the Reading Rainbow's Young Writers and Illustrators contest.

"There were lift-up flaps on each page," explained the young author. Inspired by the method author Eric Hill in one of her favorite books, *Where's Spot?*, Amanda partially affixed pieces of foam to each page.

When lifted, the foam revealed the different characters that made the house "mad," including cloth elephants hidden by three stampeding friends and a talkative older brother covered by a green circle.

Amanda also used household items such as the borders from paper napkins, stickers and popstick sticks to dress up her tale, which she says took two days to complete. "She was very patient and just didn't abandon the project midway," said Tammy, who has encouraged her daughter and older son Daniel to keep daily personal scrapbook-journals. "She used her own creativity and imagination ... (and) knew what she wanted."

This wasn't the first time Amanda had entered and excelled in a writing contest.

In March, she won an honorable mention for another story book entitled "My Mom's New Job," which she had submitted to a contest held by Metro Parent Magazine.

"It showed her that you have to edit and think of ideas, and you don't always win on the first try," said Tammy.

Now, Amanda's successful book advances to a national competition where it will be judged by various children's book authors,

A Mad House

BY AMANDA SERGEYEV

My mother calls our house a "Mad House." I wonder why? Is it because when my friends come over to visit they stomp up and down the stairs like a herd of elephants?

Is it because when we sing on the Hello Kitty Karaoke machine the walls vibrate?

Is it because the phone keeps ringing? It is either phone solicitors or girls calling for my older brother.

Maybe my mom calls it a MAD HOUSE because there is always commotion. The dog keeps barking, the baby cries, the doorbell rings, and the new grandfather clock keeps bonging on the hour. Perhaps every house that has more than one child in it is a MAD HOUSE. In that case, every house on my block should be called a MAD HOUSE!

illustrators, publishers and educators. Grand Prize winners, which will be determined sometime in June, will receive a computer and printer, as noted by CMU TV.

Prior to that, she will appear on Channel 56 on Monday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. in an airing of the 2003 Reading Rainbow Awards.

In the meantime, Amanda is keeping busy. "I've been writing other books," Amanda said, including one called "Bats in the Class," based on a true story about a museum bat expert's visit to her class.

"Now I want to do another one that's called 'Knucklehead.' My brother's always stomping, so my grandpa calls him a knucklehead," she said, illustrating what he meant by tapping her own knuckles on her blonde, barretted head. She also aims to write about "changing clothes," an idea based on Amanda herself, according to Tammy.

Amanda hopes to enter the contest again next year, and her mother plans to support her and hopes that more children from Miller Elementary will enter as well.

"It starts in school and carries on when the parents help," said Tammy.

Reporter remembered for creativity

Observer & Eccentric staff writer Renee Marie (Cartier) Skoglund was "born to write" and won the respect of her colleagues and readers for her devotion to her craft.

Renee was born Nov. 3, 1945, in Detroit to Margaret and the late Louis Cartier. She died June 2 at her home in Canton surrounded by her family. Renee had battled a serious illness since last year and resigned from her position as reporter on May 30.

A funeral Mass was scheduled for today at St. Valentine Catholic Church on Beech Daly with the Rev. Thomas Belczak officiating and burial following at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

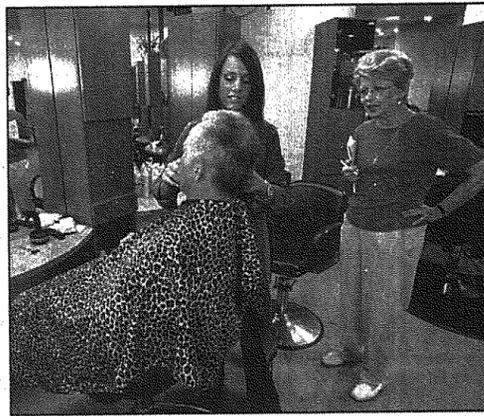
"Work at the *Observer* was never a job to Renee but a vocation. She looked forward to going to work right up to the end for as long as she could," said Renee's husband, Gary Skoglund.

A graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia, she received her associate's degree from Schoolcraft College and graduated from Wayne State University in 1989 with a degree in English and journalism.

As the *Observer & Eccentric* health writer and *Observer* community life reporter, Renee was recognized numerous times throughout her career with both Suburban Newspaper Association and Michigan Press Association awards for her articles in the categories of feature and column writing.

"Renee was born to write. She loved her job at the *O&E* and was passionate about her beats - covering health and community life. She connected with readers through her columns and was full of ideas because she always listened to what people were talking about," said Susan Rosiek, *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers executive editor.

"Renee loved the energy



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Renee Skoglund talks with Make Over My Man winner Bob Bickmeyer of Troy while Lydia Boji works on his new hair style. It was Renee's last assignment.

of the newsroom. She was creative, well-read, curious and enthusiastic about each and every story she wrote. She was a stickler for accuracy and grammar - even in the briefs and calendar items she composed or rewrote. She respected her readers and felt that anyone who submitted material to be printed deserved her undivided attention. Her colleagues at the *O&E* will miss her and so will her reader "friends" throughout our circulation area.

Married to Gary Skoglund for 32 years, she is survived by her three children, Michael (Kim) Skoglund, Sarah (Will) Klein, and Christian Skoglund; one grandchild, Luke Skoglund; mother, Margaret Cartier; and brother, Louis (Barb) Cartier.

"As the older brother I was the one destined to be the President of the United States or to be the lead horse and Renee played second fiddle," said Renee's brother, Lou Cartier of Nebraska.

"But she had a creative purpose that enabled her to travel the world, raise a family, go back to school and to graduate magna cum laude. Creativity was truly her gift and she had a

certain way of expressing it that appealed to everyone."

Renee became well known in the *Observer & Eccentric* readership area for the medical coverage she provided to readers as well as her clever and insightful columns about her family and friends.

"Renee's level of energy and creativity wouldn't permit her to report health by sitting behind her desk; she got out in the field and learned as much as she could," said Meredith Meyer, of media relations at Henry Ford Hospital.

"She had a genuine compassion for her subjects that made them comfortable in sharing their experiences with her."

"Renee was a dear friend of the Felician Sisters and St. Mary Mercy Hospital, covering many of our services and programs over the years. As the health reporter, she always had a keen interest in what was new in health care, progress and changes, and wrote about the hospital fairly and accurately," said Julie Sproul, media relations director for St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

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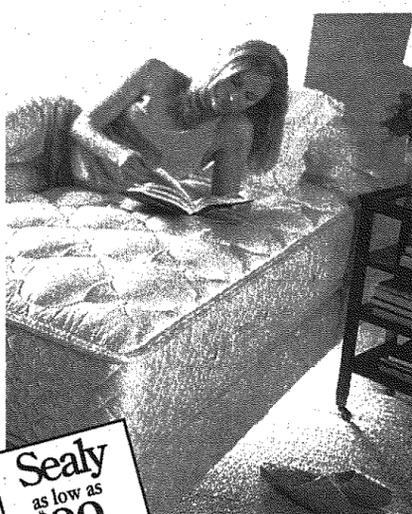
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District restores math, writing labs

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Once again, it was the case of the squeaky wheel gets the grease.

The old adage came true again Tuesday night when dozens of teachers, students and former students spoke loudly and clearly in favor of keeping math and writing labs at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

They eventually got their way as by the end of the night the labs were reinstated.

The situation was similar to one several weeks ago, in which proponents of the Reading Recovery program pleaded their case to the Board of Education, and eventually saved the \$150,000 needed to keep the program that helps at-risk elementary students.

For Superintendent Jim Ryan, it's back to the drawing board to slash \$200,000 in program and non-instructional line items to wipe out a \$5.6 million budget deficit for the 2003-04 school year.

"The math department at the high school is begging for your help," said Salem High School teacher Tom Cotner, who addressed the board with two dozen other math teachers. "It's the kids we serve who will suffer dearly if the situation stands."

"We cannot replace the good that math lab does with the cosmetic patchwork suggested by administration," said Cotner.

In math lab, teachers help students who are having problems with the various math courses at the high school level. In the writing labs, students tutor their peers in writing skills.

"It's done amazing things," said Stephanie Kivell of Plymouth, who first participated in writing lab as a student, and then as a mentor. "It would be a great disservice to our school district and school system (to cut the writing lab)."

Kivell, who next year will be attending Central Michigan University's Honors College, admitted math wasn't her best

subject throughout high school. "I would have been far worse than I am now (without math lab)," she said.

Brian Read, an English teacher at The Park for 12 years, said with the increasing class sizes, now isn't the time to cut the additional help for students.

"This is the time, more than ever, that we need some kind of resource to help these students," said Read, "because teachers cannot give that kind of one-on-one help (in the classroom)."

Senior Carly Kaloustian of Canton Township told the school board students collected 519 signatures in one day in support of the writing lab.

The Board of Education has been leaning toward saving the math and writing labs in some form or another the past several weeks.

"I still feel there are some other areas to look to cut," said Trustee Judy Mardigan. "I don't want to reduce writing and math labs. If it's a matter of someone in curriculum (administration) and someone who is one-on-one with students ..."

School board members left it up to Ryan to come up with a plan on keeping the labs. It didn't take him long. After the meeting Ryan decided to put the issue to rest by restoring the programs while attempting to find, somewhere, the money to hire back the equivalent of nearly four full-time teachers for the labs and other teacher advisory positions at the high school park.

"The board gave a clear message to the central administration to look at returning the math and writing labs in their present form," said Ryan. "We'll go and find another way to find other reductions that will equal another \$200,000."

Ryan appears to have found it difficult, at times, to make budget cuts in the face of those who complain to the school board, which then reinstates the recommended cuts, forcing the administration to dig deeper to balance the deficit budget.

Mini-ambulance to make a debut at Liberty Fest

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

It looks like a golf cart. It drives like a golf cart. It will help Canton firefighters help save lives.

The mini-ambulance, donated by Oakwood Hospital, will make its debut at this year's Liberty Fest. It has plenty of room for two firefighters, who are medically trained for emergencies, as well as room for a stretcher and equipment.

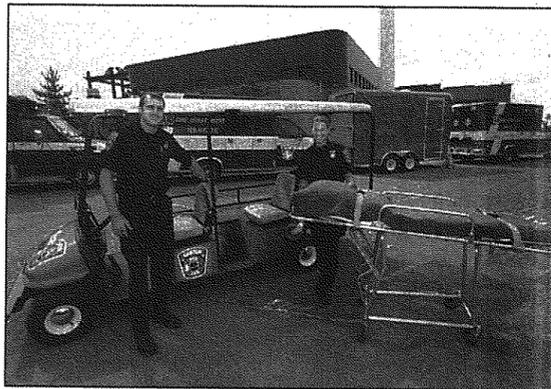
"It's specially built vehicle, based on an ambulance," said Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. "It allows us to carry one patient laying down on a stretcher."

The mini-ambulance has

room for a jump kit, an oversized First Aid kit that carries all the items a paramedic might need at the festival. An automatic defibrillator also can fit, as can a portable radio. "They can respond to anywhere in the festival," Rorabacher said.

Should a festival visitor have a health problem or accident, the mini-ambulance with paramedics will respond. From there, the paramedics can transfer the visitor to a fire department rescue squad. "We have identified five areas around the festival where a squad would go," Rorabacher said.

This year, the fire department will also provide an interactive display that allows kids to simulate a firefighter's job - putting out a house fire. "Some of the firefighters who are handy in woodworking made these little wooden models," Rorabacher said. Kids will



The mini-ambulance, donated by Oakwood Hospital, will make its debut at this year's Liberty Fest.

be given garden hoses to simulate putting out the fires - actually cut-outs that look like a house blaze.

Also on tap for festival visitors is a chance to watch firefighters tear up four new Ford cars, one an SUV, with the Jaws of Life extrication tool.

As in past years at the festival, fire trucks, rescue squads and heavy rescues will be on display. Kids again will get a chance to learn about fire

safety with tours through the Fire Safety House.

Sparky the fire safety dog will make his way through the crowds and kids can get a chance to meet real life firefighters. The fire department also will be open for a look into how firefighters live and work and the type of equipment that is used.

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Vehicle driven into apartment building off Joy Road

The maintenance manager at Stonebrooke Apartments off Joy Road reported to police that someone apparently drove a vehicle into one of the buildings at the complex on Tuesday, June 3. According to police reports a vehicle hit the building leaving a hole 8 feet long and 3 feet wide and causing extensive damage to property in the bedroom of one apartment. The resident was not home at the time of the incident.

Police talked to other residents of the complex but no one reported seeing or hearing anything. Investigators said based on the location of tire tracks the incident did not appear to be an accident. Damage to the building was estimated at \$20,000. The resident of the apartment was compiling a list of damages to her property.

SUSPECT SOUGHT

Canton Police are looking for a suspect in an incident that occurred at Lifetime Fitness Center on Haggerty Road in April. According to Canton

Police detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler a 15-year-old Canton youth was in the sauna at the center about 7:45 p.m. on April 13 when he left the area and entered a private shower stall.

A man who had also been in the sauna followed the youth into the shower stall, brushed up against him and grabbed his genitals. The victim punched the suspect and forced his way out of the stall.

The suspect then quickly got dressed and left the club. He was described as a white male, about 18-25 years old, 6 feet tall with a thin build and dark hair. Anyone with information is asked to call Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.

"Anyone who has information about this incident of similar offenses is invited to call us," Mutchler said.

GRAFFITI PAINTED

Security officers at Plymouth High School off Beck Road discovered graffiti spray-painted on an outer wall and two sidewalks at the school shortly before midnight Monday, June 2. Red paint had been used to spray obscenities on the wall and the sidewalks. The incident happened between 3 p.m. and 11:45 p.m.

THEFT FROM AUTO

A Westland resident told

Canton Police someone broke the passenger side window of his 2000 GMC Jimmy and stole several items while the vehicle was parked behind Chine Gold restaurant on Joy Road. The incident happened between 6 p.m. June 1 and 7:50 a.m. June 2. The victim, an employee of the restaurant, said he left the vehicle parked overnight because the battery had died. When he returned the next morning all four tires were missing, along with a radio/CD/TV combination, a VCR, speakers, an amplifier and about 150 CDs. Police have no suspects.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph Stuky Jr.

Services for Joseph Stuky, 75 of Ypsilanti, were held Sunday, May 25 at the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Mr. Stuky was born Oct. 10, 1927, in Los Angeles and died May 21 in Superior Township. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He loved to farm and enjoyed working with his hands, especially on his tractors. Mr. Stuky was preceded in death by two brothers, Samford and Frank Stuky.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Patricia K. (Hixson);

son, Jeffrey (Sheryl) Stuky of Westland; daughter, Susan (Thomas) Poulos of Howell; five grandchildren; and brother, Walter Sztatynski of Ypsilanti. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or Arbor Hospice. Arrangements made by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Melvin Douglas Everson

Services for Melvin Everson, 60, of Plymouth, were held May 29 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Drex Morton officiating. Mr. Everson was born Aug.

29, 1942, in Plymouth and died May 25 in Superior Township. He was the owner of Express Rentals in Plymouth. He was a life-long Plymouth resident. He loved to fish and hunt. He was a loving son, brother, and uncle. Survivors include mother, Clara Everson of Plymouth; brother, Larry Everson of Plymouth; and several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

BOARD

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process with quarterly updates. "We saw excellent examples of student success, and good progress on the Renewal process," said Givens. "There was no long-range plan for alternative education. We needed a more specific measure of student achievement, though we saw lots of documentation of student achievement." Score: 2.7.

■ **Employee Relations** — Human Resource restructuring; improve communication with internal employee groups. "His accessibility to employees is great," Givens said. "His leadership has enabled good performance by others. We continue his effort to improve the labor-management team." Score: 3.5.

■ **Finance** — Continue to provide timely, accurate budget reports. "His leadership allows for the finance department to perform," said Givens. "He gave good support to the budget advisory committee and the whole budget process, especially in view of what had to be done in terms of cutting. He led them to look seriously at issues, cuts and then come back to us with volumes of material." Score: 3.9.

■ **Facilities** — Present infrastructure review to plan for equitable buildings by June 2003; form a committee with school and community representation to develop a building/remodeling plan addressing housing needs of the dis-

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- 5 = Outstanding
- 4 = Exceeds Expectations
- 3 = Meets Expectations
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trict for the next ten years. "Jim has done an excellent job in building relationships with the community that affect facility decisions," said Givens. "The bond process is meticulous, though slow, but we'll get a good result out of it. It gave everyone an opportunity to be heard and put ideas into the pot." Score: 4.2.

■ **Communication/community relations** — Audit communication tools; overhaul the district's Web site. "The district has had a very positive increase in media coverage," said Givens. "We asked that the Web site be overhauled, and it was done before the year began. Jim's communication with employees is extraordinary." Score: 4.2.

■ **Develop/maintain a strong working relationship with the Board of Education.** "Jim works with honesty and integrity with the board; he builds trust," said Givens. "He encourages open dialogue, accepts suggestions, and worked on team building with the board. He takes ownership for all results, good or bad." Score: 4.5.

"I think the community as a whole feels better about the school district because of his leadership," said trustee Carol Saunders. "He helps other people become better; he's

helped a number of us on the board grow this year.

"We probably graded him harder on instruction because our expectations in that area are higher," she said. "You've got to really, really be almost perfect to get the highest grade in that area because that's where we expect everything."

Trustee Judy Mardigian said, "I have the highest regard for Jim. I look forward to his continued leadership."

Since Ryan was given the superintendent's position Dec. 10, Givens said there won't be a pay adjustment in his \$133,700 annual salary until at least a year has gone by.

Ryan said he's pleased with his evaluation, but the good marks are a result of many others who participate.

"So many people contribute to the success we have in this district," Ryan said, "and any of the positive marks I receive are a tribute to the many fine staff members and my central office team. I've received great support from the community, staff and Board of Education."

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ATF

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the instructor asked.

"Not really," I said. He sighed. On either side of me a half dozen other journalists were pointing weapons of various shapes and sizes at the same kind of target.

"Whenever you're ready," the instructor said.

I squeezed the trigger. BAM! The weapon jumped up a couple of inches. A little kick, but not as bad as those old .45s I had once fired.

I squeezed again. BAM! ... BAM! BAM! BAM! Until finally nothing happened. I had emptied the clip.

Oops! I mean the magazine. "Remember," the instructor had said earlier. "This is a MAGAZINE, not a CLIP. I hate it when people say clip."

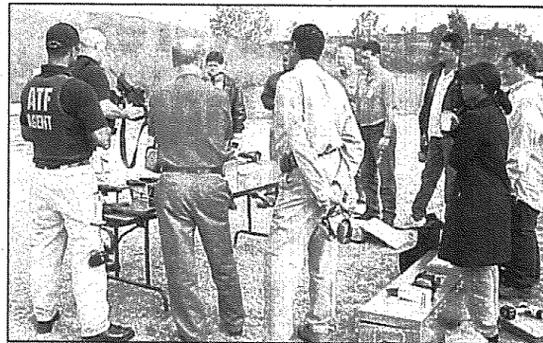
I don't know if I hit the target or not. There were so many holes in it when I stepped up, I couldn't tell if I added any new ones. And I didn't ask.

It was all part of Range Day, sponsored by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, designed to acquaint journalists, prosecutors and others to the kind of activities that ATF agents deal with on a daily basis. It was held at the Canton Police Department's gun range.

The first stop, for the journalists at least, was the firing range. There we were offered the chance to fire the ATF service weapons or some other vicious looking contraptions that had been confiscated off the street. They ranged from an AK-47 to a lethal looking piece on a tripod that looked like something out of a World War II movie.

It reminded me of a time in my Navy days when we had to do something called a NEGDEF drill. NEGDEF, I was told, stood for Negative Defense. It presumed that someone was attacking our small communication station in the Philippines and we — mostly clerks and radio operators — were moving out to the perimeter to defend it.

We got in line to receive our weapons — .45 pistols, maybe an M-1 or M-16. When I got to the head of the line, the weapons supply clerk shoved a black monstrosity mounted on a tripod into my hand.



ATF agents discuss weapons and proper range procedures during Range Day, sponsored in Canton by the Bureau, Tobacco and Firearms. The event was designed to acquaint journalists, prosecutors and others to the kind of activities that ATF agents deal with on a daily basis.

"What's that?" I asked. "It's a BAR," he said. "What," I asked, "is a BAR?" "It's a Browning Automatic Rifle."

"And what am I supposed to do with it?" "Shoot it," he said. "But I don't know how." "It don't matter," he said. "It's just a drill."

That's why I stayed away from the monster on the table and opted for something I could hold in one hand. Even if I didn't hit the target.

From there we moved on to a tracking dog demonstration at an abandoned house near the gun range. For me, Boomer the tracking dog was the star of the show.

A purebred German shepherd imported from Czechoslovakia, Boomer is the first K-9 to be purchased by a federal agency. And between Boomer and his handler, Special Agent Jeff Perryman, they put on quite a show.

Boomer responds to hand signals as well as voice commands. At the command to "heel" he parks himself at Perryman's left side and sits. If Perryman starts moving forward with his left foot, Boomer follows. But if he starts with his right foot, Boomer just sits there.

"It's a way of giving him silent commands in a dangerous situation," Perryman explained.

A cell phone, borrowed from a member of the group and tossed into the grass a dozen or so yards from where we stood, was found by Boomer within a minute or so. That's part of his evidence search training. And a "volunteer" journalist,

who was hidden in an upper room of the abandoned house, was located in about 10 seconds by a barking Boomer — part of his ability to locate humans in hiding.

Sometimes, though, Boomer managed to outfox his trainers. "When we were training him to follow a scent," Perryman said, "we'd have somebody walk through a field, plant a flag, turn and go in a different direction for a distance and plant another flag and so on."

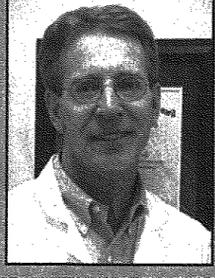
The flags were to allow the trainers to see where the trail went, so they could tell if the dog was following the scent correctly. The first few times Boomer followed the scent — and the trail — correctly.

"Then, one time," Perryman said, "he started out on the trail, looked up and saw the flag and just trotted up to the flag and stood there. He figured it out. He's so smart, we sometimes have to trick him to train him."

Greg Holley, special agent in charge of the ATF Detroit field division, arranged the informational session for prosecutors, reporters and members of the U.S. Attorney's office.

"We want to give you a different perspective of what our agents do every day," he said. "Our goal is to make the streets of Detroit and all of Michigan safer. Hopefully you'll have more understanding in reporting it after seeing what we do."

I was suitably impressed by what these guys do. And I'm perfectly willing to let them do it. Me, I'll stay away from the range and just sit here poking at my computer keyboard. It doesn't have any kick at all.



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THEATER

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But at Monday's meeting, Community Planner Jeff Goulet told commissioners that with reciprocal parking agreements with Home Depot, Gardner White and other businesses in the area, there was sufficient parking space available to accommodate proposed parking and traffic on the site even without the parking area in Westland.

"There is sufficient parking until Westland takes care of

their issues," Goulet said. "The proposal is to bank the 268 parking spaces until Westland takes care of their concerns."

And attorney Bryan Amann, representing Emagine, concurred.

"The township has reviewed its own parking standards, so we were able to go back to the drawing board," Amann said. "We feel very comfortable that we can make the site work this way and then we'll be able to add to the parking later as we come to that."

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin asked, given the circumstances, if the Westland

parking was even needed.

"As a practical issue," Amann said, "we would like to have that other parking field, at least the three acres (not on the contaminated portion). For one, it would help with consumer parking for the movie theater. For another, with greater uses developing on the site, we can't even predict that the usage that is there now will be there a year from now."

Commissioners had praise for the overall project.

"I think this is fine and I'm anxious to see you go forward," McLaughlin said. "I think Canton would be a good home

for the theater."

And commission Chairman Vic Gustafson also had compliments.

"You did a great job," he said, addressing both the project sponsors and the township's planning staff.

Glantz said that with Monday night's action Emagine can move forward with the project regardless of the pace of progress with Westland.

"We have every interest in continuing the process with our friends in Westland and reaching a conclusion that all parties find satisfactory," he

said. "I think the (Canton) community really wants this to happen."

The theater will be quite similar to another Emagine that opened in Novi last year, except for the exterior of the building.

"The facade will be different from Novi," Glantz said. "In our case it's critical to have a pleasant looking building. In candor I'm very much enamored with the intent of the planning commission to construct buildings that are ageless in nature. I'm sure the community will be pleased with the facility."

He said the theater will feature stadium seating, with each row elevated 14 inches above the seats in front.

"You'll literally walk up stairs in the auditoriums," he said.

"It's a benefit for kids and for people not so tall. There are no obstructed views. Everyone will be able to see the screens with improved sight lines."

The proposal now goes to the township board for final approval.

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FILTER

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Observer for Filter, a section dedicated to pure entertainment! We've filtered out everything else to deliver an expanded package of music, art, clubs, food, theater and family activities. You'll find everything from Arts & Entertainment plus more in Filter.

The first edition of Filter spotlights Cranbrook's newest photo exhibit of rock 'n' roll legend Bruce Springsteen in *Springsteen - Troubadour of the Highway*.

Don't miss the weekly feature "Are You Game?" which this week features Editor Greg Kowalski's advice on how to play the slot machines at Detroit casinos.

The *Hot Ticket*, a regular Filter feature, highlights the Ford Motor Co. centennial celebration. And if you're looking for something to do this weekend, turn to Get Out! a calendar of events from throughout the western Wayne, Oakland County and metro areas.

Make Filter a must read in your Thursday *Observer Newspaper*. And, take some time to tell us what you'd like to see in this new section. You can e-mail Editor Keely Kaleski at kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net or call her at (248) 901-2587.

Check out Filter and Taste in today's edition and look for Observer Life with its colorful new cover in Sunday's edition.

As always, we welcome your comments.

BIG BOY

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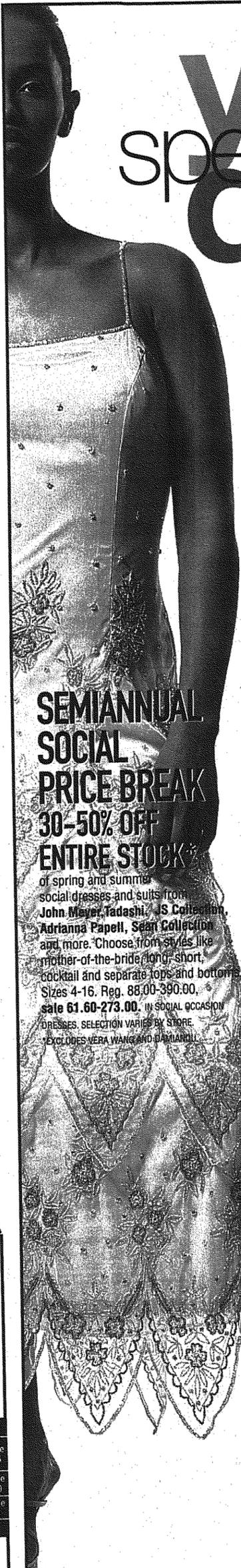
recovered. His hamburger was severe back and head injuries.

But he's back at the restaurant, minus the hamburger and with a giant bandage around his head.

Mutchler said the four youths, three from Canton and one from Plymouth, have been given a week to replace the statue, which cost about \$3,500. Big Boy officials said they will pursue criminal charges if the statue is not replaced.

"The kids just love him," Bingham said. "When the little kids came into the restaurant Saturday, they were saying 'Where's Big Boy? Where's Big Boy?'"

The restaurant, which first opened as a Big Boy about 20 years ago and then went through various reincarnations ranging from a wild game restaurant to an upscale Coney island, reopened last year as a Big Boy again.



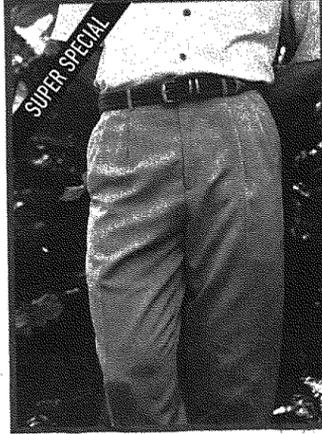
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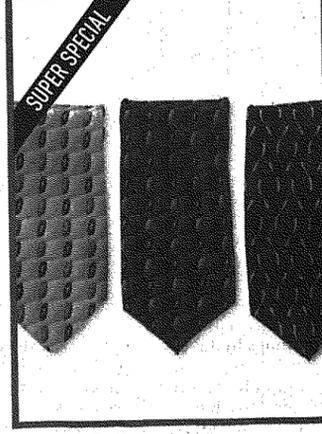
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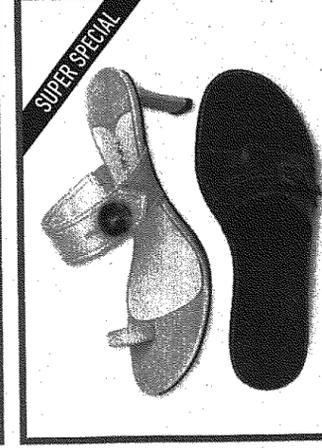
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 "It's Winter" - Linda Glaser (picture book)
 "Hibernation" - Carolyn Scrace (nonfiction)

OBITUARIES

Hallie Mae Fore

Services for Hallie Mae Fore, 75, of Westland, were held June 2 at the chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Jack Spitz of First Baptist Church of Westland officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Fore was born Feb. 13, 1928, in Marshall, N.C. and died May 30 at Dorvin Nursing Home. She worked as a homemaker.

Survivors include daughters, Diann (Paul) Thornton of Plymouth and Sandra (John) Bennett of Livonia; sons, David (Luz) Fore and Edwin (Gina) Fore; brothers, Herbert Leo Kent, Jr. and Thomas Kent; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

Sylvia M. Schell

Services for Sylvia Schell, 87, formerly of Plymouth, were held at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth with the Rev. Dean Klump of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth officiating. Mrs. Schell died May 8, 2003, in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Schell was preceded in death by her husband, James H. Schell.

Survivors include daughters, Sandra (John) Connor of Grand Rapids, Nancy (Dennis) Franklin of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., Susan (Michael) Cooper of Chesterville, Maine; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews also survive.

In lieu of flowers, memorial to Hospice of Holland Home, 2100 Raybrook SE, Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Clare E. Coleman

Services for Clare Coleman, 76, of Plymouth were held June 3 at Fred Wood Funeral Home in Livonia with the Rev. Joseph Mallia of St. Kenneth Catholic Church officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Cole was born Sept. 27, 1926, in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., and died June 1 in Livonia. Mrs. Coleman was employed as a school secretary for Detroit Board of Education for 12 years before retirement. She moved to Detroit in 1940 and to Plymouth in 1963.

Survivors include daughters, Carol Rowe and Joanne (John) McGahan; sons, John Coleman and Walter (Eileen) Coleman; grandchildren, Emily and Stephanie McGahan, Colleen, Jessica and Andrew Coleman, and Joseph McGlenn; three sisters; and two sisters-in-law.

Arrangements made by Fred Wood Funeral Home.

Mark S. Ramsey Jr.

Services for Mark Ramsey, 80, of Plymouth were held May 30 at Santeiu Chapel with the Rev. E. Neil Hunt of Meadowbrook Congregational Church officiating. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Mr. Ramsey was born Aug.

30, 1922, in Detroit and died May 20 in Plymouth. He had been employed in sales until retirement.

Survivors include beloved, Delores Koch; daughter, Marcia (Michael Leopold) Myers of Northville; daughter, Barbara Ramsey; son, Mark (Sally) Ramsey, III; grandchildren, Mark IV, Heather and Stephanie; and sister, Margaret Murphy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society.
 Arrangements made by John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home.

Mary M. "Peggy" Burkeen

Services for Peggy Burkeen, 61, of Litchfield, Mich., will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at the Litchfield Congregational Church with the Rev. Mike Murray officiating.

Mrs. Burkeen was born July 9, 1941, in Plymouth and died May 30 in Battle Creek.

Mrs. Burkeen was preceded in death by her husband, Karl Gainer in 1972.

Survivors include daughter, Kallie Gainer and Scott Petrie of Osseo; grandchildren, Jeremy and Devon Petrie; and brothers, Willard "Bill" (Nancy) Corwin of Coldwater and John (Mary) Corwin of Arcadia, Fla.

Arrangements made by George White Funeral Home.

Ruth S. Gray

Services for Ruth Gray, 84, of Flushing, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 31 at Mariners Church with the Rev. Richard W. Ingalls officiating.

Mrs. Gray was born June 27, 1918, in Chicago and died May 20 in Goodrich. She was a retired secretary from Detroit Diesel Corporation. She came to the Flushing community in 2001 from Ludington.

She lived in Redford Township for 53 years. She was a member of the Mariners Church in Detroit. She was active in the Redford school system. She enjoyed traveling, reading and walking (five miles a day). She was a community activist in Redford. She was a loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

Mrs. Gray was preceded in death by husband, Victor S. Gray, and daughter, Jane I. Gray.

Survivors include son, George R. (Peggy) Gray of Flushing; grandchildren, Richard M. (Heather) Gray of Mesa, Ariz., and Summer G. Medel of Lafayette, Ind.; sister, Isabelle M. Zipf of Plymouth; nieces and nephews, Nora L. Calianno of Hartland, Barbara J. Strobahn of Detroit and Richard O. Strobahn of Detroit; and several other nieces and nephews also survive.

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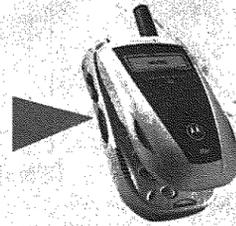
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OBITUARIES

Michael John Caffery
Services for Michael Caffery, 78, of Tennessee (formerly of Plymouth for 28 years), were held May 31 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church.
Mr. Caffery was born June 17, 1924, in Belleville and died in Tennessee. He served in the U.S. Army from 1944-1946. He was in real estate for more than 40 years and also assisted his mother with her handweaving business and her garden in Dearborn. He was a passionate Democrat and an amateur political critic. He was a charter member of the

Civitan organization in Plymouth. He enjoyed fishing, camping and gardening.
Mr. Caffery was preceded in death by son, Michael Caffery. Survivors include wife, Virginia (Ginny) of Tennessee; children, Mary Lawan Birknell (Barry) Zaremba of Brighton, Charlotte Ann (Mark) Serold of Dallas, Philip Andrew Caffery of Boulder, Colo., Michael Dale (Carol) Mullins of Marysville, Carolyn Marie (Robert) Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania, Cathy Sue (Jerry) Morgan of Midland, and Kim Eileen (Michael)

Cieslak of Livonia; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Patricia (Donald) Kennedy of St. Clair Shores; and also many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club, P.O. Box 5329, Plymouth, MI 48170. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.
Noel G. Litsenberger
Noel Litsenberger, 72, of Plymouth, died May 3, 2003, in Superior Township. He was born Oct. 21, 1930, in

Plymouth and lived there his whole life. He was a lineman and PBX operator for AT&T, retired. He served in the U.S. Air Force, receiving the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. He enjoyed golf and fishing. He was a member for 27 years of the Elks Club-Plymouth Lodge and belonged to a golf league.
Mr. Litsenberger was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Litsenberger.
Survivors include son, Mark Litsenberger of Cement; daughter, Jill Campbell of

Redford; grandsons, Bryan Campbell and Eric Campbell; and granddaughter, Laurie Campbell. Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home-Plymouth.
Caitlin Joy Ramsay
Private funeral services will be held at a later date for Caitlin Ramsay, two months, of Northville Township. Caitlin was born Feb. 28 in Commerce Township and died May 22 in Northville Township.
Survivors include parents, Jim (Debrah) Ramsay of Northville; grandparents,

William (Elizabeth) Ramsay of Plymouth and Bo (Joy) Westerkamp of Northville; and aunts, Amy (Aaron) Chestnut of Novi and Andrea (Brian) Krautler of Los Angeles, Calif.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Northville Community Foundation, c/o Mayberry Endowment Fund, 321 North Center Street, Suite 130, Northville, MI 48167. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Clerk testifies before state officials

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER



Canton Clerk Terry Bennett testifies with State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, in Lansing Tuesday morning in support of a bill that would allow anyone to obtain an absentee ballot for an election regardless of the reason.

Canton Clerk Terry Bennett testified in Lansing Tuesday morning in support of a bill that would allow anyone to obtain an absentee ballot for an election regardless of the reason.

The testimony took place before the House Local Government and Urban Policy Committee on HB 4057, introduced by State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton.

"Absentee voting should be a viable option for everyone," Bennett said. "By making the use of an absentee ballot less restrictive, we improve the entire process by involving more people."

Under current law absentee ballots can only be obtained under certain conditions, such as being out of town on election day, physical disability or age.

"This measure will give Michigan residents better access to the democratic process and help spur more interest in voting," said LaJoy, who invited Bennett to testify before the committee. "Many people are working far from home nowadays and have many responsibilities that make it difficult to get to the voting booth. We're living in a commuter with horse and buggy voting laws."

Bennett said there was a lot

of controversy about the use of unrestricted absentee ballots. "Quite frankly it's a moot point," she said.

"The real issue is not what you check in the box but on the continued process that ensures the integrity of the process. Check signatures all along the line. Make sure that the person who requested the application is a qualified voter and that the person who returned the application is a qualified voter."

Bennett said concern has been raised over whether the bill would raise the level of voter fraud.

"Is there fraud in the way a lot of people across the state

stretch the truth when they check that they expect to be out of the area on election day?" she asked.

She said there was also concern that the political parties might use it for fraudulent purposes.

"Parties use the absent voter lists all the time," she said.

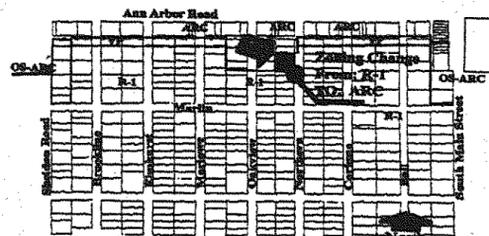
"Quite frankly, I don't care how much legislation you do, you cannot legislate whether Terry Bennett is an ethical person. Changing the requirement on an application does not change those issues."

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
ORDINANCE NO. 83.123

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP. THE TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Part 1. The Zoning Ordinance No. 83 of the Plymouth Charter Township, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning Map, by changing those areas indicated on the Amended Zoning Map No. 137 attached hereto, and made part of this Ordinance.



ORDINANCE NO. 83.123
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 137

Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R78-059-03-0174-000, R78-059-03-0175-000 and the north thirty (30) feet of R78-059-03-0176-000.

Part II. CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

Part III. EFFECTIVE DATE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to take effect on June 27, 2003.

Part IV. ADOPTION. The Ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth by authority of Act 184 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1949, as amended, at a meeting duly called and held on May 27, 2003 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. The Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Plymouth Township Department of Public Works Building, Community Development during regular business hours.

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE CITY AND RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City 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 One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items related to the City's water and sewer systems together with necessary and related appurtenances and attachments.

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed eight percent (8%) per annum on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series and shall be determined by the City Council.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the City lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable charter, 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 CITY IS FILED WITH THE CITY 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 CITY VOTING THEREON.

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

LINDA LANGMESSER, Clerk
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OUR VIEWS

Voters should hit the polls

According to Liz Adams, Plymouth-Canton Schools' elections clerk, absentee balloting for the 2003 school board election is running "on par" with last year.

If that means the overall voter turnout will be on par, we have just one reaction:

What a shame.

In case you weren't paying attention, only 4,117 of some 73,000 voters took part in the 2002 election. That's just under 6 percent.

Participation rates in the single digits don't provide a true barometer of how voters feel; in fact, those kinds of numbers whisper of a district that doesn't care. We've never known that to be the case. Election day is a chance to prove it.

Bed shift won't cure crisis

There's no doubt about the serious crisis in the Detroit health care system. But one proposal under consideration — allowing Detroit hospitals to build new beds at their facilities in the suburbs — is not the remedy.

The issue has caused an enormous stir in recent weeks. Hospitals serving the city of Detroit — Detroit Medical Center, Henry Ford Health System and St. John Health System — are losing money largely because most of their patients are either covered by low-reimbursement Medicaid or entirely uninsured. DMC recently precipitated the crisis by announcing \$300 million in losses over the past five years and threatening to lay off more than 1,000 staff and close units at Detroit Receiving and Hutzel hospitals.

The Detroit hospitals say in order to survive, they must improve their mix of patients, which is an elegant way of saying they want to move hospital beds to their suburban sites where patients have better-paying insurance plans.

Other hospitals, including systems like Beaumont and Trinity Health, as well as local independent hospitals such as Farmington's Botsford, are furiously lobbying against this idea. Allowing the Detroit outfits to move 300 hospital beds into their suburban markets would drain more than \$60 million from their annual revenue stream, they claim. Moreover, building 300 new beds represents an enormous capital investment, one that may not be needed in relatively well-served suburban communities.

All this comes to a head next week when the state's Certificate of Need Commission, whose job is to decide what hospital facilities will get built and where, is set to rule on an esoteric provision of Public Act 619, passed in a lame-duck session of the Legislature last year. That provision would allow three health care systems — DMC, Henry Ford and St. John — to transfer hospital beds to their suburban sites without the state's OK.

We have no doubt that the Detroit hospitals are facing a genuine crisis, and allowing Receiving or Hutzel to close plainly would be a disaster. But allowing a piecemeal fix to a critical need in the entire health care system makes little sense. State leaders should be looking for a more comprehensive solution, which is the purpose behind the Certificate of Need process in the first place.

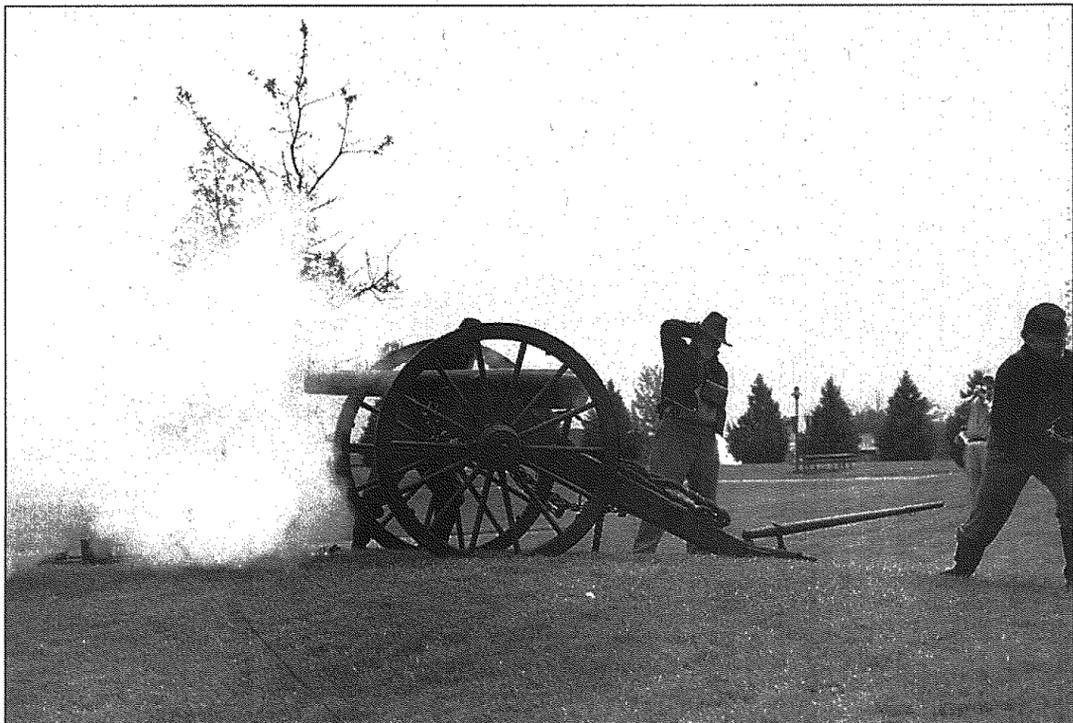
Other metropolitan areas around the country — Chicago and Denver, particularly — have faced similar health care problems in the past. Their solution has been to create a unified regional health care system that serves under-insured or uninsured patients in urban areas. In some cases, such systems are financed by a "tax" on hospitals throughout the state; in others, a regional levy on taxpayers has provided the funds.

One of the reasons Detroit hospitals want to be allowed to shift hospital beds to the suburbs just now is their calculation that neither the Legislature nor Gov. Granholm have the political will to consider a more comprehensive solution. They recognize the stopgap program under consideration is not a perfect solution, but they figure it's the only one that they can get through the political system.

This is silly. The only way to get lawmakers to take a wider view of health care is for the CON Commission to block the shift in beds, thereby forcing our political leaders to consider the future of health care in Michigan as a whole and over the long term.

The prospect of having more full-service hospitals operating in our suburban backyards may sound attractive. But it won't look so good if it penalizes existing hospitals, costs hundreds of millions of dollars in additional buildings and equipment and drives up health care expenses and health insurance premiums for us all.

Richard Aginian, president of HomeTown Communications Network Inc., parent company of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, is a trustee of William Beaumont Hospital. Susan Rosiek, executive editor of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, is a member of the board of trustees of St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jim Turza of Canton (hidden behind cannon), Gary Pritchard of Livonia and Robert Fite of Chelsea of the Artillery Battery B of Michigan Civil War Re-enactors, fire their weapon during an artillery demonstration in Heritage Park last week for almost 300 Discovery Middle School eighth-graders.

LETTERS

Anybody care?

I loved your letter to the editor in May 22 paper. It was great! Thank you for taking the time to write it. You hit on all the best points. Among my favorites is, "We did not come here because we were speculators, looking to benefit from increases in property prices." Sometimes it seems like money is all that matters.

I just got home from my walk thinking, "Nobody cares" and then I read your letter. Ya made my day. Thanks again. You've got quite a way with words.

Elaine M. Jeris
Canton

Governor, do your job

Gov. Granholm made a speech about making Michigan a place where people would be attracted to live rather than one that people leave by having hip and cool cities and towns.

I believe Granholm should do her job and the rest will take care of itself. I find it repulsive that she freely supports abortion on the one hand and on the other hand wants to invite unidentified outsiders in to take the place of the ghost children that will never walk in the sun.

Detroit has been abandoned and thugery in government is notable. Our governor wants to change Detroit into a hip and cool city. Or does she want to export the filth of that city to the rest of the state?

It is good that our attorney general will investigate Kwame Kilpatrick. Kwame needs to get investigated. Will he smack Kwame with a wad of absentee ballots?

Kilpatrick has convinced local businesses to give millions to build a park on the Detroit River. At this time, Belle Isle is falling into decay. Belle Isle has abandoned casinos, two marinas, one of which is abandoned and the other which is rotting to the waterline, the oldest aquarium in North America and a children's zoo, which was very popular before the hip-hop mayor closed it. He won't keep the children happy because it's too expensive to feed the goats.

This state is a magnet for garbage. Canada is larger than the United States, yet, they send their garbage here to be thrown on our land and to poison our water.

I am surprised that any young adults settle here to raise children.

Stop the garbage. Clean the water. Lower taxes. Lower the rate of abortion. We still wait for leadership and I don't feel we will get it from Granholm who kept her mouth shut for eight years while our state was ravaged by both the wealthy and the criminal.

Alfred L. Brock
Canton

Should be deported

It has been proposed that illegal aliens in some states be allowed to enroll at state colleges at a lesser tuition rate than United States' out-of-state citizens. The state of Georgia, which had 40,000 illegal aliens in 1990, now has about 240,000. Proponents representing the state, support the lower tuition rates for illegals to expand the labor force to better staff the businesses in the state.

The need for increasing alien workers is and has been for some time a bogus argument to increase immigration. The United States population of 280,000,000 with 5 percent unemployed puts the lie to the need for more workers from other countries.

Aliens not only should not be enrolled at lower tuition rates and not enrolled at any stated tuition rate. They should be deported, and deported now. It is the law that an illegal alien who has broken the law is a felon whose offense is punishable by fine, jail time or both. The illegal aliens should have been deported yesterday. None belong here — neither the tired body nor the most gifted on earth.

It is difficult to believe that government personnel are fighting very hard for legislation that not only supports the felonious presence of the border breakers, but tuition rates lower than our American citizens are required to ante up. First, find boats for all of the illegals, and then unseat those who can think so unclearly about our safety, our society, our continued presence and well-being.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Day of honor

Memorial Day is a day of honor, a day of remembering the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the armed forces of our great country, the United States of America.

Memorial Day is a day for remembering and thanking all veterans for their serving in the military. Memorial Day is a day for old and young veterans to march in parades. Memorial Day is a day for old soldiers to proudly carry the American flag and the flag of their veteran's organizations.

Memorial Day is a day that the Cub Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts can participate in the parade and learn the true meaning of this day. Memorial Day is the high school band playing *The Star Spangled Banner*. Memorial Day is the laying of the wreaths, the 21-gun salute, the playing of taps and the members of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Marine Corps League, standing at attention and saluting their fallen comrades.

It is also a day for national, state and local officials to attend the memorial services that honor our war dead.

Memorial Day is not a day for politicians to walk in the parade having his aides carry a banner with his name. It is not a day of hand-shaking and political hand-outs, it is not a day of knocking on windows of cars that were stopped and politicking while the parade was in progress.

This was total disrespect for the meaning of this day. Prior to the starting of the parade this individual was informed that their activities were not permitted at Memorial Day parades and ceremonies. This is a DAY of HONOR and RESPECT for our FALLEN COMRADES.

Joe Burman
American Legion Post 112
Plymouth

Get out and vote

I am urging the voters of the Plymouth-Canton school district to get out the vote for the school election June 9. This is simply too important to leave the outcome in the hands of just whomever appears at the polls.

A few things I strongly suggest:

1. I urge you to get out and vote.
2. Press your friends, family and neighbors to vote.
3. Vote for Mark Slavens, the best choice.
4. Helpers "who care" to help kids vote for them.
5. If you are going to be away on election day, vote absentee before you go. Call the school board office, 416-2700, for information on absentee balloting.

I remind all those who live in Plymouth-Canton that the value of their homes depends greatly on the quality of their schools and school programs.

E.J. McClendon
past member and president
Plymouth-Canton school board

Seat belt use important

I am writing this letter today about automobile safety and feel very strongly about it as I have known lots of people killed not wearing their seat belt and kids not in child seats getting hurt when they're not in the seat.

I feel the state government should make the law tougher and make the fine for no belt high and maybe make points on the license, if caught without belts, like a traffic violation. Also, why don't they make checkpoints like other states to check if people are wearing belts and in child seats? New York does; it's 90 percent compliant. Michigan should as well. It would make a difference.

Another thing I feel is, if that is not enough, why don't the automakers make the new cars come with a device so if the person is not seated on the seat of the car with their seat belt on, the car would not start until all persons seated are buckled up, front and back seats? I used to have a '73-74 Chevy that had that feature, they should bring it back. Everyone would be safer.

Kenneth Krause
Troy

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QUOTABLE

"My No. 1 choice is to be a musician. I love every kind of music. But my heart is in country."

— Ricky Smith of Canton, country singer, 2003 Salem graduate

Common sense needed about tax cut windfall

So Michigan is going to get a \$655 million windfall from the feds, part of the big tax cut bill signed by President Bush last week. Even before the ink on the president's signature was dry, however, folks in Lansing were squabbling over how to spend the one-time windfall. What a surprise.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm wants to earmark about half for Medicaid benefits for low-income Michiganders and reserve some more as a cushion for the state School Aid Fund. But Senate



Phil Power

Majority Leader Ken Sikkema announced — "announced," not "proposed" — that \$338 million would be used to fully fund the Michigan Merit Award program.

Something like half of the graduating high school seniors in Michigan score well enough on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test to win the \$2,500 merit scholarship to college. Over the program's first three years, nearly 150,000 students have applied

for the awards — a large and politically significant constituency.

Those with long memories (or those who recently had kids in high school) will remember how the Merit Award program got started. Essentially, it was a bribe ginned up by former Gov. John Engler to encourage high school seniors to take the MEAP. Engler was facing a growing boycott against the MEAP. Parents and kids alike complained that students were being tested 'til they dropped — regular school exams and college entrance tests such as the SAT and ACT. For them, the MEAP was the straw that broke the camel's back.

Teachers joined in, complaining they were expected to take extra time in class to teach to the test. And the percentage of students taking the MEAP — especially in college-bound districts like Birmingham, Farmington and East Lansing — plummeted. For those who felt the MEAP was a vital device in reforming the schools because it assessed what kids were actually learning out of the high school curriculum, collapse of the test would have been a disaster. Hence, universal approval for the Michigan Merit Award — especially when times were flush.

But evidence began piling up that much of the scholarship money was going to kids whose families really didn't need it. Stories circulated about parents taking the merit money and using it to buy cars for their kids when they headed off for college. And some people began complaining that public money was being used to subsidize kids who were going to go to college anyway — "an entitlement program for the upper middle

class' was the charge.

Maybe so, but there was a lot of grumbling when Gov. Granholm proposed a budget that radically cut back the scholarships from \$2,500 to \$500, citing Michigan's budget woes and arguing that the poor and elderly were being hard hit by tough times. And Sen. Sikkema, sensing a natural constituency out there, started saying that restoring full funding for the scholarships was the GOP's biggest legislative priority.

There are three things to be said about all this.

First, using a one-time windfall from the feds to fund a continuing program such as the Merit Awards makes no sense at all. The scholarships have been funded up to now from Michigan's share of the tobacco settlement money, a cash distribution that should last for many years. The current funding practice properly matches a long-term state obligation with a long-term source of funding. It should not be changed.

Second, if the MEAP test is in fact as good an indicator of pupil performance in school as everybody says, it's ridiculous for state universities and employers not to ask about MEAP results on their admission applications and job interview sheets.

Third, if the state budget is as tight as Gov. Granholm says and if maintaining the Merit Award scholarships is as important to the Republicans in the Legislature as Sen. Sikkema avers, the obvious thing to do is work out a way to means-test the program. Kids from wealthy families might get a token \$500 scholarship, plus the recognition that goes with receiving a Michigan Merit Award. Kids from poorer families might get the whole \$2,500 ride, which just might be the difference between going to college and getting a job.

Overall, a means-tested program would cost the state a lot less than the full \$2,500 award, and continuing the program helps sustain MEAP participation and rewards kids who do well in school. A convenient aspect of this proposal is that kids applying to college are already filling out family income statements to qualify them for scholarships or student loans, so there's no extra paperwork to do.

I realize this suggestion has the fatal (in Lansing, at least) drawback of being a common sense way to get the job done. But, who knows? Maybe our political leaders will have come back from their big bash on Mackinac Island with their heads cleared enough to see that common sense sometimes works.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.

A graceful, witty writer lived her life to the fullest

Renee Skoglund was a writer. She had an easy, graceful style that belied the meticulous care she took to fashion just the right words in just the right way.

When you read Renee's stories it was like hearing it from a friend — an intense, intelligent, witty friend. Her feature stories were rich with detail that illuminated the real person she was trying to profile. Her news stories were factually rich but never lacking in the human element at their base.



Hugh Gallagher

Renee's writing was a mirror of Renee herself. Renee died Monday, far too young at 57 and much too vital to be taken. Yet, she had battled cancer for a long time, quietly, bravely, determined not to be a drag on the wonderful party of life that she embraced with everything she had.

For the last couple years, Renee and I have been a team of sorts. She was the *Observer's* Community Life and Health writer and those sections are one of my editing responsibilities. Renee made it easy, she was a never ending source of ideas. She was interested in everything, cared about everything, could handle the most serious topic with proper solemnity and slide into the silliest stories with a comic's glee.

She took the writer's dictum "write about what you know" and turned out hilarious and loving columns about her family. She told of sausage making with her mother and aunts, who wore underpants as hairnets. She wrote of funny cats and being a grandmother. She wrote of her Polish roots. And everything she wrote had that special, conversational voice, so unique, so Renee.

But she also ventured far from what she knew. Renee was also a reporter, a vacuum of facts and figures, an intrepid pursuer of information, a skeptic with an open mind. Once all the facts were in, she found the human story that made the facts mean something. Renee could talk anyone out of their story and make it special.

Our relationship was not always smooth. Renee did not fit into the office routine easily. Newsrooms are not too different than other offices. We have our cubicles, we have our

She didn't want anyone but a few close, discreet people to know how serious it was. She didn't want or need anyone's pity. She wanted their laughs, their stories, their life to keep her alive as long as possible.

rules. Renee didn't like any of that and found any number of ways to rebel against it.

She made the office a warmer place with her baked goods, her chocolate addiction, her contest ideas, her abandon. Her mind was so fertile with ideas that time and place couldn't contain everything she wanted to do.

And now, this is the part she would hate. It needs to be said, and she'd probably agree in the end, but she'd still hate it.

Renee was one of the strongest people I've ever known. She knew how serious her situation was, she understood that this time the cancer would not go away. But she carried on, through backaches and weak legs, she carried on. She wanted to keep writing. She wanted to keep meeting interesting people and turning their lives into instant literature. She wanted to continue being part of a newsroom, part of the action, the life of the party.

She didn't want anyone but a few close, discreet people to know how serious it was. She didn't want or need anyone's pity. She wanted their laughs, their stories, their life to keep her alive as long as possible.

This has been a cruel year for the *Observer Newspapers*. Earlier this year, our Canton editor, Tedd Schneider, died of cancer. He and Renee were buddies, they shared a love of writing, a love of newspapering and a disdain for being fussed over. They each tried to stay on the job as long as they possibly could. They each gave every bit of their energy to the job they loved.

Right about now, Renee would say, "Stop, did you hear the joke about ..."

For that and so much more, we'll miss her.

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Volunteers will clean, learn about Rouge

KIM KOVELLE
STAFF WRITER

This Saturday, volunteers throughout the area will join in an annual effort to celebrate and restore the Rouge River and its watershed.

Now in its 17th year under Friends of the Rouge, the Rouge Rescue/River Day 2003 will occur at tentatively 24 sites throughout the area, including 11 in Wayne County. In efforts that usually last for several hours, various groups and individuals will help to clean up areas along the river.

"This year we're really trying to focus on a variety of more diversified activities ... as opposed to just moving logjams" said Carolyn Foster-McCaughy, Friends of the Rouge managing director. In addition to traditional trash pick-ups, this year's goals include removal of invasive plant species, planting projects, nature walks and storm drain detailing projects.

Also, now for the second year, sites are encouraged to focus on selective woody debris management as opposed to removing all jams from the river, which has been done in the past. Research has found that these materials in the river form a "natural habitat," according to Foster-McCaughy, and its removal disrupts ecological balance.

"That's just a natural procedure that the river takes," added Foster-McCaughy. "It (the removal) doesn't always have to be done."

GOOD TO LEAVE THINGS

For instance, in Westland, in conjunction with Holiday Nature Preserve, the focus will be not only trash removal but also placing wood chips around trees and shrubs and pulling out "junk weeds" at a retention pond and other areas near Central City Parkway, according to site leader Bob Patterson.

"They discovered that instead of pulling everything out of the river, it's good to leave some (things) in the river," Patterson said. He noted that throughout the past 14 years of his and the city's involvement, chainsaws and backhoes were used to clear the river, but this caused the water to flow too quickly.

"It was eroding the sides of the bank," said Patterson, a community development specialist for the City of Westland. "We will be cleaning out some debris but we're trying to leave some ... of the natural stuff."

Currently, there are more than 150 volunteers signed up for the event in the city including church and college groups, and Patterson expects the total to exceed 200. Trash bags, gloves and refreshments will be provided, along with a limited amount of sunscreen and mosquito repellent.

"We very much encourage people to use old clothes, long pants, long sleeves, and shoes to prevent punctures," added Patterson, noting the importance of protection against river elements and possible West Nile Virus.

In Canton Township, along the Morton Taylor Road right-of-way crossing at the lower Rouge, activities will also include the placement of storm drain decals, bird-house building for children and guided nature walks.

During previous years, the ground near storm drains were labeled with white, stenciled paint which read, "Dump no waste, Drains to Rouge River." Now, decals are taking their place, since they are plastic and last longer.

NATURE WALKS

Site leader and assistant township engineer Bob Belair noted that the nature walks occur every half hour and last about 30-45 minutes.

"We just lead them down a path we have cleared," said Belair, who has been involved with the project for several years. He explained that pre-cut bird houses with single-shingle roofs will be available to those ages 12 and under to assemble, and they may they take their creations home.

"We try to do a different area around the township every year," Belair said. The real goal is to make the residents around the area aware of the natural resources around. And over in Farmington Hills, trash clean up, woody debris management, native-planting and invasive plant removal will occur at two sites. The area of focus in Site No. 1 will be the new Farmington Hills golf course at Halsted and 11 Mile Rd. "We're going to plant

native wetland plants around a pond at the golf course," said Tracy Slintak, the site's coordinator and environmental coordinator for the city. "We're asking everybody to register...they'll let us know where they want to participate."

Although clean up and planting begins early, activities will last until 4 p.m. Included will be a volunteer lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., river ecology tour at 1 p.m. and a talk about native river mollusks by a Detroit Zoological Institute speaker at 2 p.m. In addition, a native plant sale will occur as early as 1 p.m. and last until 4 p.m.

"It's kind of hands-off gardening," said Slintak. "Once they're established they take care of themselves. They're very well-adapted to our conditions."

Hence, there is plenty to do in addition to removing logjams. "You don't have to get dirty to participate," Slintak added. "We also want people to learn more about their resource."

Site No. 2, at Oakland County Community College-Orchard Ridge Campus, will focus on storm drain stenciling and site clean up.

All volunteers are encouraged to wear protective clothing, and limited-availability special t-shirts will be distributed.

"I think the most important part is to get the citizens out to the river so that they see the resource that it is and that it really pays off to take care of it," said Foster-McCaughy. She is hoping for close to 1600 participants this year.

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Rouge activities

Canton Township, Morton Taylor Road right-of-way crossing at the lower Rouge
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Contact: Bob Belair @ (734) 394-5154 or Erika_Hidalgo@canton-mi.org

Plymouth, meet at 1160 Sheridan
Time: 8 a.m. to noon
Contact: Scott Cabauatan @ (734) 453-7737

Redford, Lola Valley Park at Puritan, just east of Beech Daly
Time: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Contact: Ronald Caryl @ (313) 387-2665

Dearborn Heights, Parkland Park; North side of Ann Arbor Rd. east of outer drive
Time: 8:30 registration; 9 a.m. to noon
Contact: Noel Mullett @ (734) 326-4486

Wayne, Michigan Ave. north on Josephine (between Howe & Simms), park about 1/4 mile up Josephine
Time: 8 a.m. to noon/1 p.m.
Contact: Kurt Kuban @ (734) 641-9267

Farmington Hills, Site No. 1, Heritage Park
Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Contact: Tracy Slintak @ (248) 553-8580

Wayne County Parks Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, Nankin Mills (on Hines Drive just East of Ann Arbor Trail); educational program limited to 35 people
Time: 2-4 p.m.
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Site No. 2 Oakland County Community College-Orchard Ridge Campus, west end of campus behind building H; Across Lot 6 from tennis court
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Westland, Old Service Merchandise site on Central City Parkway and Nankin Blvd.
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Livonia, Beverly Park 30601 Pickford west of Purlington
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Other activities include child ID/fingerprinting, face painting, bike safety and helmet distribution, life-size Operations Game, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) demos, a Teddy Bear Clinic, clowns, a moonwalk, children's games, golf swing analysis, Detroit Tigers mascot Paws, food and refreshments, and a drawing for

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■ 2 and 3 p.m. - Performance by the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps

■ Community rescue teams from Livonia Fire & Rescue; Livonia Police Department & K-9 Unit; MedFlight Helicopter; Concord Ambulance; Huron Valley Ambulance; the Troy Fire Safety House, and the Wayne County Sheriff motorcycles will be on hand.

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Pro Am champs

Choosing the right partner can be a significant advantage.

Jeff Roth, a Plymouth Salem High School graduate who is now the golf pro at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield, and also one of the state's top pros, teamed with Josh Mondry, who is among the elite amateurs in the state, to win the Michigan PGA Pro Am Tournament with ease at Boyne Highlands.

Roth and Mondry combined to shoot a 20-under par 124 for a nine-stroke victory in the two-day tournament, which ended Tuesday. Among the five teams tied for second at 11-under par was pro Dave Kendall of Miles of Golf and amateur Steve Polanski, a Livonia Stevenson grad and current redshirt junior at Texas Christian.

Roth and Mondry got off to a great start, shooting a 13-under par 59 in Monday's opening round to open up a six-stroke lead over three teams at seven-under par 65. Kendall and Polanski were a stroke out of second with a six-under par 66, tied with seven other teams.

On Tuesday, Roth and Mondry shot a seven-under par 65 to clinch first place. Kendall and Polanski had a four-under 67 to move into second.

New record

Salem's Allison Vraniak has made her freshman season on the girls track team a special one.

Vraniak established a new school record in the pole vault, clearing 9 feet, 6 inches at the Lady Braves Invitational May 23 in Ypsilanti.

That leap was a foot better than Vraniak's previous best.

Vraniak finished fourth in the pole vault at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet and was fifth at the state Division I regional.

Football camp

There are two Canton football camps available this month.

For those in grades six through nine, there will be the Canton Football Skills Camp, from 4-7 p.m. June 9-12 at the Canton High School football practice field. Cost is \$35.

For grades 10-12, there will be the Canton Wing-T Camp, from 4-7 p.m. June 18-20 at the Canton HS football practice field. Cost is \$30.

For both camps, participants need to wear a T-shirt, shorts and cleats.

For more information please contact Richard Mui at (248) 661-2524.

Soccer tryouts

The Plymouth Lightning under-12 girls select soccer team is having tryouts from 2:30 p.m. on June 15 and 6-7:30 p.m. June 17 and June 19 at Tanger Elementary School, on Five Mile west of Haggerty.

Please register 15-30 minutes prior to tryout time, dress appropriately and bring a ball and water/sports drink.



Renee Ross tossed a one-hitter in Monday's state district opener against Novi, leading Canton to a 4-1 win (see story inside).

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State district champions!

Canton's solid all-around

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes you just have to force the issue and make things happen.

When Canton met South Lyon for the Division 1 district softball championship Monday at South Lyon, there was one key play that turned the tide. The Chiefs, trailing 1-0, had loaded the bases with one out in the third inning and Renee Ross at the plate. Ross hit a short fly toward right field, the ball falling just beyond Lions second baseman Kristin Smith's reach.

Sarina Gorney scored the game-tying run, with Caitlin McNicholas racing around third with what would be the go-ahead score. The throw home by right fielder Amy Vibber skipped past catcher Kasey Harmon, allowing McNicholas to score.

South Lyon pitcher Lindsay Noren retrieved the ball and tossed it back to Harmon as Heather Richardson, running for Jonelle Brown, headed home. The throw was off, Harmon missed the tag — and Canton had scored three runs on a pop up to second.

The Chiefs added three more runs, thanks in part to another Lions error, in the sixth to claim their first district title since 1998 by a 6-1 score.

Canton, now 25-10, advances to the state regional Saturday hosted by Temperance Bedford. The Chiefs meet Ann Arbor Pioneer (26-14) at noon. South Lyon finishes its season at 24-12.

"We played the percentages by bringing our defense in with the bases loaded," Lions coach Jeff Gale said, "and she hit a seeing-eye single over our second baseman."

"What can you say? They're very aggressive on the basepaths. Canton hit the ball well today. You've got to give them credit."

Although the score perhaps didn't reflect it, this was more of a pitcher's duel. Two of the three runs Canton scored in the third were unearned, and so were all three in the sixth. The Chiefs did get eight hits and were helped by three walks issued by Noren.

Molly Conlon, Canton's sophomore pitcher, got stronger as the game went on. South Lyon got its only run in the first inning, a single by Janelle Osborn with an error on the throw putting her on second. A bunt single by Harmon

PLEASE SEE CHAMPS, B3

PCA works overtime, gains title

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

It was a long day for Plymouth Christian Academy's softball team Monday — but it proved to be well worth it.

In the Division 4 state district tournament hosted by Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, the Eagles were twice within one out of elimination, but they hung on to edge Huron Valley Lutheran 6-5 in 13 innings.

That, however, was just the district semifinal. In the final, PCA faced rival Canton Agape Christian, and that game, too, went extra innings. After the Eagles scored twice in the bottom of the ninth, Agape mounted a rally in the bottom half of the inning to close the gap to within

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a run with two runners still aboard.

But Amanda Saagman struck out the final Wolverine batter to preserve the 6-5 win, giving PCA its third district title in the last five seasons.

"The girls kept coming back," PCA coach Dan Hammar said. "I give them all the credit. This (district), any one of the teams could have won it."

The two wins gave PCA a 10-8 overall record. The Eagles advance to the Division 4 regional hosted by Taylor Light & Life at Taylor's Heritage Park; they will face Southfield Christian at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Agape bows out at 8-7. In the final, PCA found itself down 3-2 after four innings, but a walk to Saagman and a run-scoring double by Sarah Shumaker tied it at 3-3, and that's how it stayed until the ninth.

Saagman, who pitched all 22 innings in the two games, had the key hit in the ninth for

PLEASE SEE PCA, B2

Salem's offense stalls in district semis

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

What kept Salem's baseball team from advancing in the Division 1 state tournament could have been the extra bases Novi took, with eight steals in Monday's district semifinal. Or it might have been the Wildcats' timely hitting — two two-run home runs and a two-out, run-scoring single.

Those problems attributed to the Rocks' downfall. But what certainly crushed any hopes they had of beating Novi was their hitting, or lack thereof.

DISTRICT BASEBALL

Novi junior Mike Hart limited Salem to just two hits in guiding the Wildcats to an 8-3 victory at South Lyon.

Salem concluded its season at 16-13-2. Novi faced Northville, and lost, in the district final, ending its season at 24-8.

"We're done," Salem coach Dale Rumberger said. "The two home runs really hurt us — that's four runs. Take that away and we're right in the game."

But we only had two hits. Two singles — that's unlike us. We averaged nine hits a game. When we did hit it, it was right at someone. But that's baseball."

If listed in order, the Rocks' strengths this season were hitting first with pitching right behind. Defense had been a problem, but Salem had improved in that area in the past few weeks.

Getting key hits when the situation called for it was something Novi did particularly well — a good reason why

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B2

Perry's 2 goals give Chiefs a win

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Since Don Smith has been coaching soccer at Canton, his teams can be counted on to:

A. Outwork (or at least try to) their opponent;

B. Apply pressure on the ball, wherever it is;

C. Have a lot of players play.

Of course, the correct answer is all of the above. Soccer purists may not appreciate his tactical senses, but Smith's formula has led to three state championships for the Chiefs, and Wednesday night's 2-0 win over Novi in a Division I regional semifinal at Dearborn HS has them gunning for a fourth.

The victory puts Canton into the regional final against Ann Arbor Pioneer, which defeated Livonia Stevenson in an overtime shootout in Wednesday's first semifinal, at 1 p.m. Saturday at Dearborn. Pioneer is now



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Rachel Perry (left) forced a turnover on a play similar to this, and that led to her second goal in Canton's regional win over Novi.

14-2-3; Canton is 15-3-2.

Novi bows out at 15-3-2.

Rachel Perry scored a goal in each half to pace Canton on a rain-drenched surface that left both teams slipping and sliding. Her first goal came after a throw-in from Erica Ahrens deep in the Wildcats' defensive zone. Perry settled the ball,

turned and nailed a hard shot past keeper Kellie Pheiffer to make it 1-0 with 2:57 left in the half.

Her second goal was classic Canton. Perry pressured the ball, forcing a turnover near the midfield line. Gaining possession, she carried the ball in and, with the keeper com-

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SALEM

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the Wildcats won 24 games this season.

It started early, in the second inning to be precise, when catcher Josh Buck parked a 2-0 pitch from Salem starter Nic England to give Novi a 2-0 lead. It was Buck's first home run of the season.

"We told our guys that if you get ahead in the count, look for a fastball," Novi coach Rick Green said. "Put the barrel of the bat on the ball."

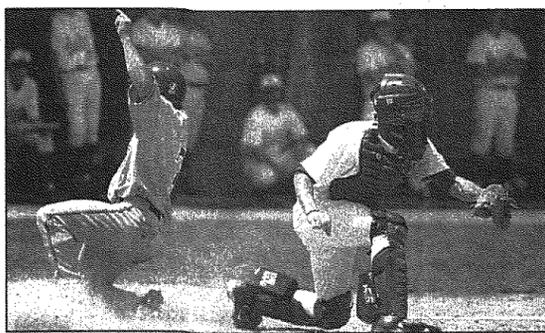
"When Josh passed me at third base, I told him he picked a good time to hit his first of the season."

Salem tied the game in the bottom of the second without the benefit of a hit, using walks — Hart issued six of them in the game — to get a couple of runs. But the Wildcats put three runs on the board in the third to take the lead for good, although Salem kept it close, getting a run-scoring single from Steve Cox in the bottom of the third to make it 5-3.

That's the way it stayed for two innings. In the sixth, Novi added to its cushion when Darren Guffey was hit by Salem's Dave Pawlukiewicz, who had relieved England in the fourth and struck out the side. With one out, Guffey was sacrificed to second and Matt Nickels singled him home, making it 6-3.

"I think that was the turning point in the game, Nickels' two-out single," Green said.

If that didn't hurt Salem's comeback hopes, what happened in the seventh inning



LIZ OROZCO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Novi's Adam Brandau slides in safely behind Salem catcher Drew Parling with a run that helped the Wildcats get an early lead, which they never surrendered.

certainly did.

A leadoff walk to Chris Scott was followed by a flyout; then Doug Benton cracked Pawlukiewicz's first pitch over the left-field fence, making it 8-3.

In four innings of relief, Pawlukiewicz surrendered two hits, one walk and one hit batsman, striking out five — which translated into three runs for Novi, all of them earned.

That ended the 2003 season for Salem, but not for long. The summer league season begins in about a week and several Rocks will partake, their aim to continue to make additional improvements — like they showed throughout this season — and make a longer run in next year's state tournament.

Lutheran Westland 18, PCA 1: In a Division IV district final hosted by Plymouth HS, Lutheran Westland pounded Plymouth Christian Academy in a four-inning mercy Monday.

Clay Welton lasted just 2½ innings, surrendering 10 runs on 10 hits before departing. The Eagles' only run scored on

a sacrifice bunt by Bob Lorian.

Rob Sinclair got the pitching win for the Warriors, allowing just two hits.

Matt Nollar and Dave Daniels each hit home runs for Lutheran Westland, Nollar's a three-run blast in the fourth. PCA finished its season with a 10-8 record. Lutheran Westland, now 14-8, advances to the Taylor Light & Life regional, meeting Southfield Christian in the semifinals.

In Monday's district semifinal, PCA rattled Westland Huron Valley Lutheran for 15 hits in a 7-3 triumph.

Andrew Shumaker got the win for the Eagles, allowing two earned runs on six hits with no walks and nine strikeouts. Dan Block took the loss for Huron Valley.

Dave Bahbah had four hits, including a double and a triple, to lead PCA's offense. Grant Garber added three hits with one RBI, Nate Bixler had two hits and two RBI, and both Welton and Shumaker had two hits and an RBI, one of Welton's hits a double.

PCA

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PCA. The rally started with a single by Liza Terkoski and, after a pop out, Saagman slugged a run-scoring triple to make it 4-3. Saagman scored on a passed ball to make it 5-3.

Agape battled back in the bottom of the ninth, Tarah Armbruster walking and, after a strikeout, reaching second on a passed ball. Amanda Tashnick singled to score Armbruster to make it 5-4, and when Rachel Estrada walked, the game-tying run was at second and the winning run was on first.

An exhausted Saagman pulled through, however, striking out the last batter to secure the win. Saagman struck out 10 and walked 12 in the game; she was also 2-for-2 at the plate with a triple, three walks and a run batted in. Shumaker had two hits and three RBI and Liza Terkoski had two hits and scored two runs.

Tashnick had two hits and Raquel Baldwin singled in two runs to pace Agape.

"I figured going in Agape had the advantage," Hammar said. "This being against our biggest rival. We didn't get to play against each other in the regular season because of rain-outs."

The win over Huron Valley Lutheran was even more dramatic. After the Eagles had combined singles by Saagman and Shumaker with two walks and two passed balls to produce two runs in the fourth, the Hawks rallied with five walks and two singles for four runs in the fifth.

Trailing 4-2 entering the bottom of the seventh, PCA got a one-out single by Terkoski, a walk to Megan Fick and a

passed ball to make it 4-3. A pop out brought Shumaker to the plate with the tying run at second and two down. Shumaker came through, however, singling to score Fick and tie it at 4-4.

In the 11th, a walk and three singles gave Huron Valley a 5-4 lead, and again PCA found itself on the brink — especially after starting the bottom half of the inning with two strikeouts. But Saagman singled, stole second and third base, then scored on Shumaker's single to re-tie it at 5-5.

In the 13th, a one-out walk to Fick and a stolen base put the game-winning run at second.

After a walk to Saagman, Shumaker was called out on an interference play, bringing Lindsay Pew to the plate with two on and two out. Her double ended the game and put PCA into the final.

Shumaker led the offense with four hits and an RBI, with Fick getting two hits including a double, and Saagman and Pew each getting two hits and two RBI. Saagman struck out 18 and walked 10 in the game, giving her 28 strikeouts in the 22 innings pitched, facing 105 batters and throwing more than 400 pitches. Amy Henry took the loss.

In its first game of the day, Agape edged Lutheran Westland 8-7.

Estrada singled in the game-winning run in the seventh inning for the Wolverines; she had two hits in the game, as did Lisa Ther and Amanda Hough. Hough also had two RBI.

Henry was the winning pitcher; the loss went to Gwen Kemp. The Warriors finished at 4-15. What lies ahead won't be easy for PCA. The three teams in their region have a combined 70-15 record.

"We're the underdogs this weekend," said Hammar. Admitting how difficult the district tournament had been — the Eagles arrived at 11 a.m. and didn't finish until 6 p.m. — Hammar did say, "I would take a repeat if the results were the same."

Ladywood ousted

Detroit Renaissance played spoiler in Saturday's Division 2 district girls softball final at Livonia Ladywood.

The Phoenix, getting a four-hitter from pitcher Samantha Hooks, beat the host Blazers in the championship final 6-1.

"They wanted the game more than us, they played hard," Ladywood coach Bob Lulek said of Renaissance.

Hooks struck out eight and walked one.

Ladywood, meanwhile, used three pitchers including starter Cory Sandrowicz, Liz Malek and Alicia Taylor.

In 2.2 innings, Sandrowicz allowed three runs on four hits. She struck out two and walked two.

Liz Malek, who shut out Dearborn Heights Annapolis in the district semifinal, 1-0, came on for the next 2.1 innings before giving way to Alicia Taylor.

Ladywood (12-19) scored its only run in the first inning on a triple by Jess Blaesser followed by freshman shortstop Jill Schulz's RBI single.

Renaissance got three in the third, one in the fourth and two in the fifth. Malek, who struck out four, walked only one and allowed three hits, outdueled Annapolis hurler Andrea Vangoss in the opener. Vangoss struck out 11, walked two and gave up four hits.

Stephanie Day, who had two hits, tripled home Blaesser with the game-winning run in the first inning.

Michigan Rams defeat the Bulls, 3-0

Jeff Niemiec pitched six innings of shutout baseball Saturday as the Michigan Rams blanked the Bulls, 3-0, in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game played at Ford Field.

Niemiec, a right-hander from the University of Michigan, allowed four singles,

walked two and struck out eight. The Livonia native played high school baseball at Redford Catholic Central High.

The Rams (4-1) were led offensively by Bryan Marulli, who went 2-for-3 with an RBI and two stolen bases. Pete Pinto and Chris Trott (Salem HS) added RBI, while Brandon

Volas and Oliver Wolcott (Canton HS) each went 1-for-3 with one run apiece.

Central Michigan University's Mark Lundquist finished in relief, striking out three and allowing one hit in the seventh.

Starter Ryan Falconer took the loss for the Bulls (3-1).

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Ross' 1-hitter carries Chiefs to victory

BY C.J. RISAK
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DISTRICT SEMIFINAL

Perfection — always a goal, even if it is nearly unattainable. In Monday's Division I state softball district semifinal at South Lyon, Canton's Renee Ross came close — and the result was a 4-1 victory over Novi that gave the Chiefs a berth in Monday's final against South Lyon (which Canton won, 6-1).

Ross tossed a one-hitter, walking three and striking out 10 to earn the victory.

"She's getting back in form," said Canton coach Jim Arnold, referring to some oral surgery Ross endured at mid-season. "How can you argue with 10 strikeouts and a one-hitter?"

Certainly the Wildcats didn't offer much of an argument. Their only hit came in the sixth inning and led to their only run. A one-out walk to Shannon Shradler was followed by Kim Zarczynski's double to left-center field, putting runners at second and third.

An attempted sacrifice bunt by Sarah Thelen left the bases loaded with one out when Canton catcher Jonelle Brown's throw to third failed to get the

runner. A flyout to right field still left the bases loaded, but a wild pitch brought in a run, making it 4-1. However, Andrea Jirasek's hard shot down the right-field line was snared by first baseman Molly Conlon to preserve the lead.

The Chiefs got all the runs they would need in the third when, with two out, Rachel Wade and Caitlin McNicholas singled. Brown followed with a two-run double in the left-center field gap, scoring both runners.

Canton doubled its lead in the fifth, with Gorney singling and going to second on an error to start the inning. An infield hit by Wade put runners at first and third (Wade then stole second) and McNicholas' sacrifice fly delivered one run. After a flyout, Ross helped her own cause by singling in a run.

The Chiefs had eight hits, Brown getting two of them with two RBI and Wade collecting two hits. The loss went to Kendall Hobart; she gave up three earned runs.

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CHIEFS

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ing out to meet her, slipped a shot past her to give the Chiefs a two-goal lead with 11:15 left.

"Keep applying pressure and force mistakes in back," Perry replied when asked to describe her second goal. "That's how we can win these games."

That and continue to play the same type of defense. The Chiefs have allowed one goal — on a penalty kick — in four state tournament matches, with Briana Wolcott in goal for all three shutouts.

Other defenders who have

excelled throughout the playoffs are Andrea Johnson, Katie Esper, Molly Priebe, Kelsy Zemanski, Alyssa Lindow and Danielle Shepard. Of the six, only Shepard is a senior.

The physical play in the match certainly benefited Canton. "Our kids rise to that kind of thing," he said. "They play tougher."

And they never quit applying pressure on the ball. "It's the only way to play, as far as I'm concerned," Smith said. "Don't sit back."

One of the Wildcats' best chances came in the very first minute of the match. A hard shot was stopped by Wolcott. After that, the play stayed in

the Novi end most of the first half and a large part of the second. "It was hard to gain possession of the ball and keep possession of the ball," Novi coach Brian O'Leary said of the wet conditions. "And that's more our style of game."

"That was also one of the most physical games I've seen."

The Chiefs had several other chances, Ahrens plowing through two defenders to take a hard shot from point-blank range that went right into the Novi keeper early in the first half. And with just over seven minutes elapsed, a ball lifted into the box slipped through Pheiffer's hands; the ball was punched out but the rebound

'Keep applying pressure and force mistakes in back. That's how we can win.'

Rachel Perry
Canton forward

was knocked into the net, only to be disallowed on a hand-ball call.

But the Chiefs hung in there, leading one to believe a fourth quality could be added to the aforementioned list: perseverance.

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Bucks remain unbeaten with 1-0 win over Stars

It's true, the Mid-Michigan Bucks are having problems finding the net. But they aren't having any trouble finding the win column.

The Bucks remained unbeaten through six matches with a 1-0 triumph over the Columbus (OH) Stars Saturday at Berkeley's Hurley Field. The win boosted the Bucks' record

in the Premier Development League, and in the Great Lakes Division, to 5-0-1. Columbus is headed in the other direction, falling to 0-5-0.

The game's only goal came courtesy of Paul Snape (from Oakland University) with one minute remaining in the first half. Snape slotted a low shot past Stars' keeper Craig Salvati,

converting a play started by Stephan David, who got the ball to Mychal Turpin for the feed to Snape.

Defense was the rest of the story for Mid-Michigan. Peter Dzubay was in goal for the Bucks, collecting his second-

consecutive shutout, but the defense surrendered just four Columbus shots. The Bucks had 10.

Next up: St. Louis, members of the Heartland Division, will visit Berkeley's Hurley Field for a 7:30 p.m. match Saturday.

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put runners at first and third — a steal by Harmon moved them to second and third — with none out. After a pop up, Tara McCormick grounded out, scoring the run.

The Lions got a hit in each of the next three innings, but after Erin McMahon's single with one out in the fourth (she was caught stealing), Conlon retired the next 10 batters in a row to finish the game.

Conlon gave up one run on five hits with no walks and five strikeouts.

The Chiefs' three-run third inning included singles by Sarina Gorney and McNicholas and a walk to Brown.

The sixth-inning rally started

with an error that put Conlon on first (Michelle Roelofs ran for her). With one out, Lisa Spankle singled; with two out, Gorney doubled, scoring one run and putting baserunners at second and third for Rachel Wade. Wade's base hit scored them both, and Canton had a 6-1 advantage.

"They've got a heckuva pitcher," Canton coach Jim Arnold said, then quickly added a slight measure of displeasure with his team's offense. "I'm never satisfied with it. I always want us to hit the ball more."

After a bit of reflection, Arnold added, "Well, we do have a team batting average over .300. You can't ask for more than that."

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Solid performances all-around; Chiefs' Redd scores at state

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Some looked great, others weren't as good as they had been. Of the three local track teams that sent qualifiers to the state finals Saturday at Houseman Field in Grand Rapids, only one scored: Canton's Christina Redd, already recognized as one of the top scholar-athletes in the state, finished seventh in the 100-meter dash. Redd was clocked at 13.02 in the preliminaries; she improved that to 12.9 in the final. The cold, windy weather certainly played a role in the per-

formances. Redd, for example, has gone a half-second faster than her finals' time previously this year. Other Canton girls that were state qualifiers were Sarah McCormack in the 1,600, J.Q. Williams in the pole vault, Isabela Paszkowska in the high jump and the 800 relay team of Mary Maloney, Jessica Levely, Sarah Stobbe and Redd. McCormack was off her previous best time of 5:18.9, clocked at state at 5:23.0. Williams vaulted 8-feet, 6-inches (her season-best is 9-0) and Paszkowska leapt 5-1, her best this season. The 800 relay team also turned in its best performance

TRACK
of the season, clocking 1:47.6. John Venning, the Canton coach, was more than pleased with his team's performance. Although some may have had high hopes for better finishes, Venning knew what they were up against. "These are phenomenal athletes at the state meet," he said he told his team. "You can try your hardest, push toward your best performance, and compared to the other performances, your finish will seem average. "I tell them to know that you are one of the best. Enjoy it and

have fun. Just go out and do your best. It's an honor to be there." Canton coach Bob Richardson had similar feelings, particularly after his three relay qualifiers nearly matched or bettered their season-best times — and still didn't finish in the top eight. The Chiefs' 800 team of Andy Rossow, Brandon Reeves, Jesse Williams and Devin Thomas was clocked at 1:31.0, bettering its season-best of 1:31.1. The 400 relay of Dan Driscoll, Reeves, Thomas and Corey Walser was timed at 44.0, just off its best of 43.8, and the 1,600 team of Rossow,

Shane Azizi, Williams and Brian Soash came in at 3:28.2; its best was 3:28.0. Soash, who's best was 51.1 in the 400, went 51.4 at state, while Walser went 11.2 in the 100 prelims and 11.42 in the semifinals. In the 200, Thomas — who went 21.9 in winning the event at the Western Lakes Activities Association Finals — was timed at 23.06. Brad Waidmann best at state in the high jump was 5-11 (he's gone 6-3), while Driscoll cleared 12-1 in the pole vault (12-6 is his best). Steve Kilijanczyk, who became ill Friday night and was not in the best of shape, went 16.11 in the 110 hurdles, well short of his

best time of 14.7. Salem's Justin Hajduk, who qualified in both the 1,600 and 3,200, was another who had an up-and-down day. Infected wisdom teeth had kept him from training the week prior to the state meet and hampered his performance. In the 1,600, Hajduk placed ninth in 4:24.5 (his best is 4:22.8). "He got boxed in and was never able to break out," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. His performance in the 3,200 was worse — 9:47.18 seconds off his season's best. Still, as Richardson and Venning both pointed out, the experience of just being there was well worth it.

BEST BOYS TRACK TIMES

Shot put	Paul Stradtner (Garden City) 161-5	Doug Persondek (Garden City) 20-3	Dave King (Franklin) 6-2	Erik George (Churchill) 10.9	Kevin Patra (Redford Union) 4:32.8	
Hady Rahman (Stevenson) 55-3	Nick Barrett (Redford CC) 154-5	Darren Hughley (Garden City) 20-15	Josh Silvernail (Clarenceville) 6-1	Allen Lenz (John Glenn) 11.0	Jim Leddy (Salem) 4:33.1	
Paul Stradtner (Garden City) 51-6	Chuck Cannon (Churchill) 150-6	Dan Driscoll (Canton) 19-11	Brian Graham (Franklin) 6-0	Eddie Brown (Thurston) 11.0	Brian Doot (Redford CC) 4:34.2	
Pat Clark (Redford CC) 47-3	Hady Rahman (Stevenson) 148-6	Zack Zrull (Redford CC) 19-10.5	Darre' Johnson (Wayne) 6-0	Darrian Miller (Wayne) 11.1	Aaron Lanning (Canton) 4:34.9	
Jon Smart (Redford CC) 47-2	Marcus Gowdy (Thurston) 145-10	Matt Smitherman (John Glenn) 19-10	Curtis Crowl (Garden City) 6-0	Andy Lynett (Franklin) 11.1	Matt Gillespie (Stevenson) 4:36.1	
John Mulroy (Redford CC) 46-10.5	Jason Leduc (Redford Union) 139-11	Andy Rossow (Canton) 19-10	Andy Rossow (Canton) 5-10	Matt Smitherman (John Glenn) 11.1	Kevin Mason (Redford CC) 4:36.4	
Herbert Reedus (John Glenn) 46-9	Mike Ghannam (Churchill) 139-6	Doug Haller (Luth. Westland) 19-9	Joel Wolfram (Luth. Westland) 5-10	200-meter dash		
Jason Leduc (Redford Union) 46-8	Brad Waidmann (Canton) 139-0	Brian Rumao (Salem) 19-8	Pole Vault		Justin Thomas (Canton) 21.9	
Dan Haller (Luth. Westland) 46-6	Ryan Danescu (Redford CC) 136-4	High Jump		T.J. Dillard (Wayne) 22.2	Justin Hajduk (Salem) 9:29.3	
Anthony Morelli (Churchill) 45-3	Pat Clark (Redford CC) 134-6	Joe Mielke (Franklin) 6-4	Dan Driscoll (Canton) 12-6	Allen Lenz (John Glenn) 22.3	Matt Gillespie (Stevenson) 9:40.4	
Bryan Frawley (Canton) 44-	Long Jump		Mike Bebow (Franklin) 12-0	Deris Rolle (Redford Union) 22.5	Kevin Kane (Churchill) 9:45.9	
11.25	Allen Lenz (John Glenn) 21-0	Matt Graham (Franklin) 6-4	Curtis Crowl (Garden City) 12-0	Andy Rossow (Canton) 22.6	Brian Doot (Redford CC) 9:48.2	
Discus	John Mitchell (Stevenson) 20-3	Brad Waidmann (Canton) 6-3	Dan Baseley (Luth. Westland) 12-0	Erik George (Churchill) 22.8	Max Working (Redford CC) 9:49.9	
		Glenn Garratt (Clarenceville) 6-2	Ryan Santa (Churchill) 11-6	Eddie Brown (Thurston) 22.8	Aaron Lanning (Canton) 9:53.3	
			Michael Zahara (Churchill) 11-6	Rob Mills (Franklin) 23.0	Dan Horgan (Redford CC) 9:54.9	
			Rich Hensel (Canton) 11-3	Darrian Miller (Wayne) 23.0	David Lucas (Redford CC) 9:55.2	
			Jason Wurtzbacher (Salem) 11-3	Ben Moldenhauer (Luth. West.) 23.1	Bardy Bearden (Salem) 10:08.1	
			Matt Kappler (Salem) 11-3	Francisco Beltran (Churchill) 23.1	Trevor Step (Redford CC) 10:15.2	
			Chip Fisher (Salem) 11-3	400-meter dash		
			110-meter hurdles		Brian Soash (Canton) 51.1	
			Bill Makela (Redford CC) 14.7	Ben Moldenhauer (Luth. Westland) 51.6	Anthony Smelley (Redford Union) 52.0	
			Steve Kilijanczyk (Canton) 14.7	Anthony Smelley (Redford Union) 52.3	Brett Gerken (Stevenson) 52.3	
			Ross Farquhar (Churchill) 15.2	Josh Silvernail (Clarenceville) 52.4	Kevin Patra (Redford Union) 44.7	
			Curtis Crowl (Garden City) 15.3	Jesse Williams (Canton) 52.7	John Glenn (Churchill) 44.7	
			Chris Thomason (Salem) 15.3	Steve Shull (Salem) 52.9	Redford Union 45.0	
			Brad Waidmann (Canton) 15.4	James Gale (Churchill) 53.1	800 relay	
			Nick Karr (Churchill) 15.5	Steve Mason (Redford CC) 53.1	Canton 1:30.0	
			T.J. Winowiecki (Salem) 15.9	Shane Azizi (Canton) 53.5	Wayne 1:31.9	
			Enrique Garcia (John Glenn) 16.3	Collin Hall (Stevenson) 53.5	John Glenn 1:33.9	
			Rodney Preston (Canton) 16.4	1,600 relay		
			300-meter hurdles		Franklin 1:33.9	
			Bill Makela (Redford CC) 39.2	Keith Hearn (Stevenson) 1:55.7	Canton 3:27.8	
			Steve Kilijanczyk (Canton) 41.4	Justin Brevicek (Churchill) 2:01.4	Stevenson 3:15.1	
			Jon Zerebiny (John Glenn) 41.8	James Gale (Churchill) 2:01.8	Churchill 3:35.0	
			T.J. Winowiecki (Salem) 41.9	Joe Crist (Salem) 2:03.7	Redford CC 3:35.9	
			Dan Dinardi (Stevenson) 42.2	Doug Novack (Stevenson) 2:03.9	Lutheran Westland 3:36.9	
			Aaron Anselment (Stevenson) 42.7	Kevin Patra (Redford Union) 2:04.0	3,200 relay	
			Brian Soash (Canton) 43.0	Nick Zink (Luth. Westland) 2:04.2	Churchill 8:07.0	
			Brad Zygmuntowicz (Redford CC) 43.1	Sam Anderson (Redford Union) 2:05.0	Stevenson 8:08.0	
			Curtis Crowl (Garden City) 43.2	Derek Mireles (Churchill) 2:05.1	Salem 8:18.1	
			100-meter dash		Redford Union 8:26.0	
			Devin Thomas (Canton) 10.4	Aaron Lanning (Canton) 2:06.6	Redford CC 8:27.7	
			T.J. Dillard (Wayne) 10.5	Rich Russell (Garden City) 2:06.6		
			Corey Walser (Canton) 10.7	1,600-meter run		
			Deris Rolle (Redford Union) 10.9	David Lucas (Redford CC) 4:22.6	Justin Hajduk (Salem) 4:22.8	
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BEST GIRLS TRACK TIMES

FINAL OBSERVER		100-meter hurdles	
BEST GIRLS TRACK TIMES			
Shot put			
Nia Henderson (Churchill)	40-7.75	Kaitlin Armstrong (Stevenson)	16.0
Jessica Johnson (Canton)	37-6	Lindsay Conklin (Churchill)	16.1
Lauren Kmet (Franklin)	35-10	Jenelle Miller (Stevenson)	16.3
Jennifer Early (Salem)	33-3	Alisha June (Garden City)	16.7
Jenna Hudy (Franklin)	32-5.5	J.Q. Williams (Canton)	16.9
Stephanie Waskiewicz (Churchill)	31-7	Dominique Gray (Wayne)	17.1
Christin Jury (Ladywood)	31-6	Lindsay Kariniemi (Canton)	17.1
Rachel Cooper (Garden City)	31-5.5	Amanda Tatro (Franklin)	17.3
Angela Lightie (Churchill)	30-6	Andrea Lang (Salem)	17.4
Martha Rojek (PCA)	29-6	Dan Eldred (Salem)	17.4
Discus			
Nia Henderson (Churchill)	124-7	Kaitlin Armstrong (Stevenson)	47.8
Lauren Kmet (Franklin)	115-5.5	Rebecca Fedrigo (Churchill)	49.3
Jennifer Early (Salem)	109-10	Lindsay Conklin (Churchill)	49.3
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson)	106-4	Andrea Lang (Salem)	49.7
Anna Wilson (Salem)	103-8	Alisha June (Garden City)	50.6
Rachel Cooper (Garden City)	100-8	Lindsay Kariniemi (Canton)	50.8
Christin Jury (Ladywood)	100-7	Diane Burek (Stevenson)	50.9
Jessica Jaskot (Churchill)	99-11	Mingnon Esters (Wayne)	51.4
Alicia Krueger (Luth. Westland)	98-1	Katie Cezal (Canton)	51.5
Amy Bodnar (Stevenson)	95-8	Kate Caille (Canton)	51.6
Long jump			
Mary Maloney (Canton)	16-9.5	Christina Redd (Canton)	12.5
Jennifer Anderson (Wayne)	16-5	Alyse White (Churchill)	12.5
Elizabeth Easter (John Glenn)	16-4.25	To'nia White (John Glenn)	12.6
Alex Dooley (Thurston)	16-4	Pamela Bryant (Franklin)	12.7
Andrea Nyberg (Canton)	15-11.75	Mary Maloney (Canton)	12.7
Brittany Howard (John Glenn)	15-5.25	Jocelyn Flowers (Thurston)	12.8
Jenny Timm (Luth. Westland)	15-4.5	Kathy Carey (Ladywood)	12.8
Natalie Wasio (Thurston)	15-4	Linda Montgomery (Stevenson)	12.8
Kathy Carey (Ladywood)	15-2.5	Alex Dooley (Thurston)	12.8
Dominique Powells (Redford Union)	15-0.5	Lache' Wilkins (Churchill)	12.8
High jump			
Khelli Wade (Wayne)	5-3	Linda Montgomery (Stevenson)	25.6
Megga Supplee (Franklin)	5-2	To'nia White (John Glenn)	25.6
Megan Kmet (Franklin)	5-1	Tiffany James (Wayne)	26.1
Ashley McCall (Franklin)	5-0	Christina Redd (Canton)	26.3
Bethany Bartlett (Salem)	5-0	Alyse White (Churchill)	26.4
Connella Simmons (Wayne)	5-0	Lache' Wilkins (Churchill)	26.5
Izabela Paszkowska (Canton)	5-0	Kristy Sobran (Stevenson)	26.7
Cindy Rotramel (Canton)	5-0	Jocelyn Flowers (Thurston)	26.7
Katie Cezal (Canton)	5-0	Alex Dooley (Thurston)	26.7
Alisha June (Garden City)	5-0	Andrea Nyberg (Canton)	27.2
Pole vault			
Kara Karalis (Churchill)	9-3	Linda Montgomery (Stevenson)	58.9
J.O. Williams (Canton)	9-0	Alyse White (Churchill)	59.6
Jennifer Perkins (Stevenson)	8-9	Michelle Phillips (Churchill)	1:01.3
Amanda Bowmer (Franklin)	8-7	Sarah Westrick (Churchill)	1:01.6
Cassie Burnett (Garden City)	8-6	Chantal Moore (John Glenn)	1:01.8
Allison Vranjak (Salem)	8-6	Lache' Wilkins (Churchill)	1:02.2
Ashley Aquinto (Salem)	8-6	Michelle Vranjak (Salem)	1:01.28
Jackie Demers (Churchill)	8-3	Natalie Wasio (Thurston)	1:03.3
Kaitlyn Dugan (Churchill)	8-0	Sarah Stobbe (Canton)	1:03.8
Remy Brim (Churchill)	8-0	Amanda Sculthorpe (Stevenson)	1:03.8
Jenny Davis (Garden City)	8-0	Michelle Phillips (Churchill)	2:19.7
		Kelly Gibbons (Stevenson)	2:23.6

Sarah Westrick (Churchill)	2:24.2	Stevenson	5:10
Maura Mulcahy (Ladywood)	2:24.9	John Glenn	5:13
Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson)	2:25.5	Canton	5:20
Ashley Frederick (Redford Union)	2:27.2	Wayne	5:22
Laura Friedman (Salem)	2:27.9	Garden City	5:26
Rachel Wodyka (Churchill)	2:29.7		
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson)	2:29.8		
Sarah McCormack (Canton)	2:30.6		
1,600-meter run			
Michelle Phillips (Churchill)	5:17.7		
Sarah McCormack (Canton)	5:18.9		
Nicole Schmidt (Churchill)	5:20.7		
Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson)	5:21.0		
Meghan Wafer (Thurston)	5:21.9		
Lauren Kane (Salem)	5:23.4		
Sarah Westrick (Churchill)	5:23.6		
Kelly Gibbons (Stevenson)	5:24.4		
Kylen Cieslak (Churchill)	5:27.2		
	5:30.4		
3,200-meter run			
Heather Sirko (Stevenson)	11:24.0		
Sarah Westrick (Churchill)	11:35.0		
Kylen Cieslak (Churchill)	11:56.0		
Nicole Schmidt (Churchill)	11:57.9		
Lauren Kane (Salem)	12:01.2		
Nicole Renaud (Churchill)	12:06.1		
Kristyn Green (Stevenson)	12:09.1		
Kirstian Tyler (Franklin)	12:19.0		
Sara Pilon (Stevenson)	12:26.0		
Rachel Wodyka (Churchill)	12:27.3		
400 relay			
Stevenson	1:46.5		
John Glenn	1:48.1		
Canton	1:48.4		
Wayne	1:49.1		
Garden City	1:50.1		
800 relay			
Stevenson	4:04.6		
John Glenn	4:10.1		
Canton	4:13.6		
Wayne	4:17.7		
Garden City	4:24.0		
1,600 relay			
Churchill	9:35.1		
Stevenson	9:46.8		
Salem	10:00.5		
Thurston	10:35.0		
Churchill	10:43.0		
3,200 relay			
Churchill	19:35.1		
Stevenson	19:46.8		
Canton	20:00.5		
Salem	20:35.0		
Redford Union	20:43.0		

THE WEEK AHEAD

REGIONAL BASEBALL PAIRINGS
(First game begins at 10 a.m.)

DIVISION I
ALLEN PARK (Host)
Saturday, June 6: Farmington Hills Harrison (19-9) vs. Det. Cody (14-5); Garden City (17-8) vs. Lincoln Park (15-14).
Championship Final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the quarterfinals Tuesday, June 10 at Madison Hts. Bishop Foley vs. Grosse Pte. South regional champion.)

DIVISION IV
TAYLOR LIGHT AND LIFE (Host)
Saturday, May 31: Allen Park Cabrini (23-9) vs. Allen Park Inter City Baptist (14-9); Lutheran Westland (14-8) vs. Southfield Christian.
Championship Final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the quarterfinals Tuesday, June 10 at Fraser vs. Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian regional champion.)

REGIONAL SOFTBALL PAIRINGS
(First game begins at 10 a.m.)

DIVISION I
Allen Park (Host)
Saturday, June 6: Allen Park (26-9) vs. Garden City (27-6); Det. Redford (14-4) vs. Farmington Hills Mercy (26-2).
Championship Final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the quarterfinals Tuesday, June 10 at Madison Hts. Bishop Foley vs. Grosse Pte. South regional champion.)

TEMPERANCE BEDFORD (Host)
Saturday, June 6: Monroe (22-10) vs. Taylor Kennedy (32-7); Canton (25-10) vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer (26-14).
Championship Final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the quarterfinals Tuesday, June 10 at Charlotte vs. Jackson regional champion.)

DIVISION IV
TAYLOR LIGHT AND LIFE (Host)
Saturday, May 31: Southfield Christian (20-4) vs. Plymouth Christian (10-8); Allen Park Inter City Baptist (22-6) vs. Allen Park Cabrini (28-5).
Championship Final: 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the quarterfinals Tuesday, June 10 at Fraser vs. Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian regional champion.)

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Ladywood 8th at state finals

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The weather tried to put a damper on Livonia Ladywood's girls golf tournament at Forest Akers (West Course) in East Lansing.

But the Blazers, sixth a year ago, made a credible showing, winding up eighth out of 15 schools with a two-day total of 757. Ladywood's four-player total on Friday was 379 followed by a 378.

Swartz Creek shot 340-355-695 to come away with the team title. East Grand Rapids was only three strokes off the pace with 348-350-698.

Rounding out the top six included Coldwater, 358-380-738; East Lansing, 381-361-742; Chelsea, 358-385-743; Caledonia, 372-384-756; and Flushing, 376-380-756.

"It was a good tournament with the exception of the weather, though the course held up well with only a few holes that had standing water," Ladywood coach Kellianna Nagy said. "We did have to play pick, place and clean in the fairways because it rained all

night before we started and it never stopped until about the 16th or 17th hole."

Heather Scholten of Grand Rapids Christian was medalist with a 77-85-162. Lindsey Davis of Dexter was runner-up with a 164. Rachel Thomas led Ladywood with an eight-place individual finish (82-86-168).

Other scorers for the Blazers included Lauren Dickerson, 98-96-194; Leah Andersen, 96-101-197; and Erica Jamrog, 103-95-198. Kristen Cebulski shot a 129 on Friday, while sophomore Megan Waxer also shot a 129 on Saturday.

"Rachel was slightly above her average, but good given the conditions," Nagy said. "Lauren played steady both days and we will be looking for her to improve over the summer and carry the team next year."

"Leah had back problems the second day and fought through the pain to finish. Erica struggled the first day on the first

few holes, then settled down and played very well the rest of the tournament."

"I put Meghan in to gain experience as she will be one of our key players next year."

Saturday's conditions proved to be typical of this spring. "I admire all of the young ladies that played Saturday," Nagy said. "It was brutal, but kind of ended the season the way the weather has been for the whole season... soggy, cold and windy. It was by far the worst spring I've seen in four years."

Ladywood enjoyed a banner year, winning the Catholic League tournament after finishing runner-up to 11-time champion Farmington Hills Mercy during the regular season. The Blazers qualified for the state tourney with a third at the regional. They also took second in the Pinckney Best Ball and finished in the top five at the Brighton Invitational.

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1986	Ford	T-Bird	1FABP46F6GH184787
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept proposals up to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, June 26th, 2003 for the following:

DESIGN AND BUILD SERVICES FOR AN ACCESS CONTROL/CARD SWIPE SECURITY SYSTEM

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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WESTERN FOR PROPOSALS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS
FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE (CIPP) LINERS

Western Townships Utilities Authority is seeking proposals for rehabilitation of 1,085 lineal feet of 18 inch diameter sanitary sewer pipe located in Northville Township. Proposals are being requested for the installation of cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liners at all three locations requiring repairs.

Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by Friday, June 13, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. A public opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.

Publish: June 5, 2003

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION
OF THE ELECTORS OF
VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW,
STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the School District will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.

NOTICE is given that at the annual election to be held on Monday, June 9, 2003, there shall be an election of two (2) members to the Board of Education of the District for full terms of 4 years, ending June 30, 2007. The following persons have been nominated to fill the two 4-year term vacancies:

Robert P. Coutts Martha W. Toth

NOTICE is further given that any person intending to run as a write-in candidate at the Annual election must file a Declaration of Intent to be a write-in candidate with the filing official in the School District on or before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2003. The Declaration of Intent may be obtained from and filed with the office of the Superintendent, 555 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville, Michigan. The Board of Election Inspectors shall not count a write-in vote for any person unless that person has filed the Declaration of Intent.

All school electors registered with the City or Township Clerk of the City or Township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

The Polls of Election will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and close at 8 o'clock p.m.

The Places of Voting will be:

Precinct 1 Belleville High School (Auditorium Lobby)
501 W. Columbia Avenue, Belleville, MI 48111

Precinct 2 North Middle School
47097 McBride, Belleville, MI 48111

Precinct 3 Rawsonville Elementary School
3110 Grove Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Precinct 4 Elwell Elementary School
17601 Elwell Road, Belleville, MI 48111

Precinct 5 Haggerty Elementary School
13770 Haggerty Road, Belleville, MI 48111

Precinct 6 Tyler Elementary
42200 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111

All school electors registered with the City or Township clerk of the City or Township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of Van Buren Public Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw.

RALPH A. NODWELL, Secretary
Board of Education
Van Buren Public Schools

Publish: June 5, 2003

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE
LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND
DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
(MICHIGAN AVENUE, SOUTH TO
APPROXIMATELY 1,660 LINEAL FEET)
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT 2003-2
BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lotz Road from Michigan Avenue, South approximately 1,660 lineal feet:

SIDWELL #
71-142-01-0078-000 71-141-99-0027-711
71-142-01-0076-000 71-141-99-0027-708
71-142-01-0073-000 71-141-99-0027-705
71-142-01-0063-000 71-141-99-0027-706
71-142-01-0065-000
71-142-01-0100-000

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Act of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the Lotz Road Paving and Drainage Improvements as described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this Board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is confirmed.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 10th day of June, 2003 at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN, 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, THE 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2003.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Township Clerk

Publish: June 1 & 5, 2003

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
JUNE 12, 2003

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Chestnut Room at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag
Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- Ronald Marolla of Marolla Construction, Inc., 11025 Cranston, Livonia, MI 48150 representing Dr. Jeffrey Hagan of D.O.C. Eyeword of Canton, 43271 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187. Property located at 43271 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187, south side of Ford Road between Morton Taylor and Lilley Road. Requesting a variance to Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.14, subsection 1A, relative to location of dumpster. Parcel #050-01-0001-000 (Planning)
- Crescent Academy International, 40440 Palmer Road, Canton, MI 48188 representing Surendra K. Bagga (Facilitator) of Articulate Concepts Inc., 286 Dieppe Street, Windsor, Ontario, Canada N8S 3T9. Property located at 40440 Palmer Road, Canton, MI 48188, north side of Palmer Road between Haggerty and Lotz Road. Requesting a variance to Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00, Section 26.02. R-2 schedule of regulations. Parcel #095-99-0010-705 (Planning)
- Michael K. Darling of Run Time Computer Corporation, 42040 Koppernick, Suite 405, Canton, MI 48187 representing Michael K. Darling of Run Time Computer Corporation, 42040 Koppernick, Suite 405, Canton, MI 48187. Property located on east side of Lilley Road between Joy and Warren. The ordinance being appealed is Sign Ordinance 120 Section 9, 9.1, wall sign location. Parcel #008-99-0001-709 (Building) (TABLED FROM MAY 8, 2003 MEETING)
- Raymond and Sharyn MacDonald, 814 Princess Drive, Canton, MI 48188 is requesting a variance for property between Lilley Road and Cherry Hill. The ordinance being appealed is Article 26 Section 26.01, setback requirements in order to construct a room addition. Parcel #090-01-0230-000 (Building)
- Vy Tran, 45398 Indian Creek, Canton, MI 48187; requesting a variance to Fence Ordinance 103 Section 1,6 and Section 8, D2, allow a fence to be located in back yard. Property located at same address, east side of Canton Center between Warren and Ford Road. Parcel #038-04-0052-000 (Building)
- Kenneth & Kim Boike, 44619 Hanford, Canton, MI 48187 are requesting a variance for property at the same address to Fence Ordinance 103 Section 8, D2, allow a fence to be located in back yard. Parcel #038-01-0464-000 (Building)

(Approval of May 8, 2003 Minutes)
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Sunday: 8am-6pm
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15350 Hall Rd.
(586) 416-2534
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Sunday: 8am-6pm
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Accents

Design mishaps

According to top interior designers, most homeowners don't realize that they need



to plan ahead when designing their kitchens.

Common design mistakes include choosing the wrong lighting, not accounting for clearance when selecting handles and hardware, breaking up continuous counterspace and boring color choices.

The deep blue laminate on the counters in the above kitchen is Mesa Twilight, which is part of Wilsonart's MesaGranite Collection. Designers like laminate because it's an easy way to incorporate color into the kitchen. For more information on Wilsonart products, call (800) 433-3222 or visit the Wilsonart Web site at www.wilsonart.com

Disease discussed

Are you wondering about emerald ash borer disease and whether a favorite tree is infected? What can you do to prevent the disease?

English Gardens officials will discuss the disease at a free seminar Saturday, June 7 at all five store locations, including stores at 4901 Coolidge in Troy, 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield and 22650 Ford Road in Dearborn Heights.

Signs of infestation include "dying back" of entire limbs, crown of tree does not grow leaves, bark on trunk shows signs of cracking, visible D-shaped exit holes appear on the trunk and vertical splits may occur in the bark. Those who suspect a problem with this Asian beetle can bring in an affected area to any English Gardens store for a free diagnosis.

Pudding for dogs

What do kids and canines have in common? They both love ice cream.

OurPet's now has introduced Dog-E-Licious IcePudding, a healthy, canine-friendly alternative to ice cream. Made from all natural non-dairy ingredients, Dog-E-Licious IcePudding is available in two varieties: Vanilla and mint.

The food contains real vanilla flavoring from whole beans and mint flavor from mint leaves. It contains added minerals, vitamins and prebiotics that help dogs maintain a healthy diet.

OurPet's Dog-E-Licious IcePudding treats are packaged in a convenient 3.5-ounce portion. One package contains four of these portions. Retail prices are \$4.99-\$6.99. For more information, call OurPet's at (800) 565-2695 or visit www.our-pets.com

A floral journey

Kathryn Randall, described as an "avid, hands-on gardener," will discuss geraniums at the next meeting of the National Association of Career Women-West Suburban Chapter at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth.

Randall began collecting and swapping cuttings after attending a geranium show while she lived in Australia. Cost is \$18 for members, \$22 for non-members. Contact Brenda Durling at (734) 462-4670 for reservations.



Peg Gall and Dick Saunders, retired teachers who live in Livonia, spent four months remodeling the kitchen of their home in Burton Hollow.

JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Shining brightly

Couple combines talents to tackle remodeling

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Peg Gall and Dick Saunders, retired teachers who live in Livonia, now enjoy a brighter, open, more functional kitchen in their Burton Hollow home.

Not only that, but the couple beams with the satisfaction of doing most of the work themselves at a cost that didn't break the bank.

"It's a world of difference," Saunders said. "It opens the room up, makes it so much

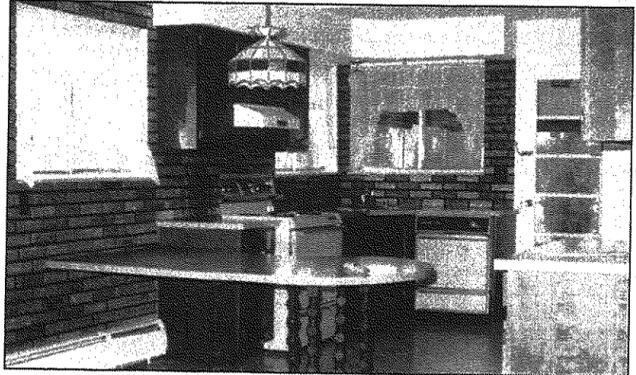
nicer. It's easier to move around and much more efficient."

"I love it," Gall added. "My favorite thing is the floating island. I've moved it around to several different places."

SPLITTING UP PROJECTS

The husband-and-wife team divvied up the work to areas of their individual liking and expertise.

Gall painted brick walls, touched-up/stained cabinets, snapped together



Gall and Saunders moved into their home in 1983, and figured "it was time" to remodel the home, Saunders said.

interlocking laminate floor panels and replaced shelving in the pantry.

Saunders moved plumbing, crafted cabinetry and laid the cork sub floor.

Both worked together installing light fixtures and encouraging the other throughout the remodeling.

The only work hired out was installation of countertops (New Concepts Kitchen & Bath, Livonia), cast iron sink and faucet, (The Great Indoors, Novi), plus electrical upgrades (\$2,000) that benefited the entire house.

It took about four months and some \$7,500 to spruce up the 10-by-16 foot kitchen.

The tri-level home of 2,300 square feet was built in 1961. The couple moved in shortly after their marriage in 1983. Nothing

specifically triggered the renovation.

"It was time to start re-doing the house," Saunders said.

"We knew we needed to replace the dishwasher - it was more than 20 years old," Gall said. "Of course, one thing leads to another. And if you're going to do it, do it."

Gall used three coats of paint - gray, mud and white - to lighten interior brick walls from their original orange. "You can't use a roller," she said. "Once I switched to a brush, it worked fine."

CABINET RENOVATIONS

Plastic and a cork subfloor were placed over the original concrete floor before a Uniclic brand

PLEASE SEE KITCHEN, C7

Backyard habitats welcome wildlife

BY JOAN BORAM
CORRESPONDENT

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program.

Almost 25,000 NWF-certified habitats, ranging in size from a few acres to a condo balcony, provide hospitality for local wildlife seeking food and shelter.

Barbara and Tom Hoffmeyer of Bloomfield Hills had always been interested in gardening and

wildlife, so in 2002 they applied for and received certification from NWF recognizing their two-acre property as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat.

"Our subdivision used to be a dairy farm," Barbara said.

"There are rows of osage orange trees that acted as a barrier for the cows, and now provide shelter and nesting sites for birds.

"There are also very many pine trees, so our soil in some places tends to be more acidic than is common in our area."

PLENTY OF PERENNIALS

Barbara estimates there are 2,300 perennials on the property, which include hostas, honeysuckle and clematis vines, buddleias, rudbeckia, daisies and "hundreds of daffodils."

There's also a huge raspberry patch.

Thanks to decomposing pine needles, the Hoffmeyers' hydrangeas are a beautiful blue, the result of acidic soil.

There's a tradeoff, however-

PLEASE SEE BACKYARD, C7



PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

With plenty of plants, feeders, and tranquility, the National Wildlife Federation has designated the Hoffmeyers' garden of Bloomfield Hills a Natural Backyard Habitat.

MARKET PLACE

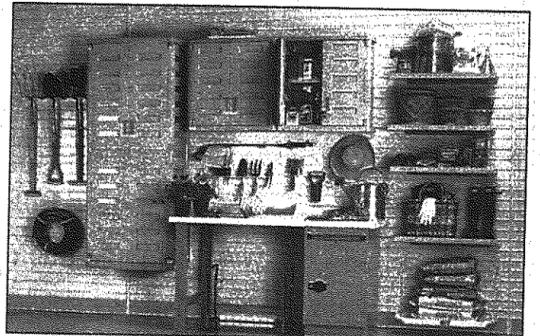
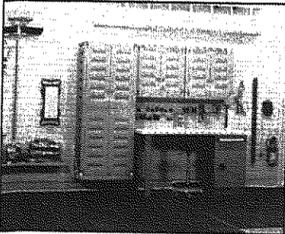
Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it!

Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Give a garage

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Keep those treasured family photographs organized and neat

I enjoy taking pictures, but they need to be organized. Some of my photos are in albums but most are scattered in boxes. I can't remember dates or who some of the people in the pictures are. Please help.

Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig
Lights, Action, Camera! You capture photo memories with the click of a camera: vacations, Christmas, birthdays, graduations, weddings, babies and more. You have invested money in film and development and now you

need to preserve these memories so you can continue to enjoy them in the future.

It is important to display your memories in an efficient, enjoyable way instead of sorting through boxes or envelopes trying to recall dates and events. I have a successful method to preserve, label and create photo memories in a timely manner by scrapbooking.

First, schedule a time to put your photos in albums. The amount of pictures you have will determine the amount of time you spend. I work on my photos at least twice a month. I allow several hours at a time because I work with a lot of supplies and it takes time to set up my work area. I consider working on my albums to be

both a work project and a fun hobby.

Secondly, choose photo albums that are safe and will not damage your photos over time. You have spent money on film and developing; protect your initial investment by creating a safe, enjoyable home for your photo memories.

Be a wise shopper, educating yourself so you can choose the right product. Make sure the product you use is acid-free, lignin-free and buffered. Standard photo albums contain clear plastic page covers made of PVC (polyvinyl chloride), and cardboard or paper containing acids. Over time, the polyvinyl chloride interacts with the acids, emitting chlorine gas that causes fading and discoloration to your irreplace-

able photographs. Buffered pages are treated to protect your photos from acid. Another component of most paper, lignin, causes the pages on which your photos are mounted to yellow. I have seen all too many pictures ruined by the magnetic and pocket page albums.

Choose a scrapbook album that is designed for labeling directly on the page beside your photo. You will be able to label your page with important information.

Make sure you label with the three basics; person, place, and date. Under some circumstances you may choose to do photo journaling, recapturing special moments. When you go on vacation, keep a daily journal of what you do. This will

provide valuable information to include with your pictures after they are developed and you are ready to display them in an album. The combination of pictures and quotes from the journal will allow you to relive the events each time you view the album.

Finally, decorate your pages with photo-safe colored paper and stickers. Cutting pictures into different shapes makes the pages more interesting. Cropping pictures will make you look like a better photographer. You will be able to center your subject, remove unwanted objects from your photo.

My albums look like storybooks when they are completed. Each page is my very own masterpiece. I regularly get

together with friends to work on albums because it is a great time to socialize and share ideas. I know the cute little moments I freeze in time, attach to a scrapbook page, and label will be cherished memories for future generations.

If you need help applying these techniques or locating safe products, I would be glad to help you if you write me at the address below.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "Create photo memories in photo safe scrapbooks!"

Send your questions and success stories: Diana Koenig, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester, MO 63011 or e-mail: dianakoening@hotmail.com or www.domesticplanner.com.

HOME AND GARDEN CALENDAR

Metropolitan Rose Society
The Metropolitan Rose Society will meet 7:15 p.m. Friday, June 6, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500 Marais, east of Crooks and north of 13 Mile. George Hartley will speak on How to Win the Award of Queen of the Rose Show. Admission is free. The public may attend. Call (248) 689-9529 for information.

Troy Garden Club
Sasha Kodet, a naturalist at Seven Ponds Nature Center, will give a slide presentation on the monarch butterfly as well as other Michigan butterflies for the Troy Garden Club. The presentation will take place noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at Big Beaver United Methodist Church, 3753 John R, just south of Wattles in Troy. Kodet will talk about how to attract these winged jewels to our Michigan gardens. Refreshments will be served at noon. Visitors are welcome; guest donation \$3. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call Barb at (248) 952-5938.

Native shrubs
Naturescaping with Native Shrubs, a site tour of recently planted native

shrubs with emphasis on plant selection and characteristics, will take place 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 7, at Riverside Park in Beverly Hills (on Riverside Drive, just east of Evergreen, between 13 and 14 Mile). The event is free. Register with the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, (248) 288-5150.

Nature walk
Families are invited to the Rouge River Nature Walk and Ecosystem Diversity Demonstration, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 7, in Southfield. The event will be at Valley Wood Trail South, on the southeast corner of Civic Center Drive and Telegraph. It will be conducted by award-winning science teacher Renee Moore. Register with the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, (248) 288-5150.

Home decor
Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, presents home decor classes for a range of sewing experience levels. The schedule includes Simple Curtain (fee is \$60), Thursdays, June 5-19. Registration and payment are required in advance. Space is limited. For information, call (248) 541-0010 or visit www.habermanfabrics.com.

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If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

Front load washers: Are they better?

A reader recently asked me whether manufacturers will soon make only front load washing machines and drop the top load models. He also asked whether the front loaders are more efficient than the top load washers.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

There are times when I wish I could be like my cousin in northern Canada. I can go fishing in a boat with him and the only thing he says in five hours is "Yep." Well, I say "Yep" to all of the above and as soon as I say more, I'm in trouble. So here goes.

The front loaders were created under a mandate issued by the U.S. Department of Energy in order to conserve water in this country. At the same time, these front loaders will use less energy to wash and spin clothes fairly dry. They will wash the same size loads or larger than top loaders and use less detergent.

In just a few years all washers will be front loaders and do things you wouldn't believe. You will have so many options on washing your clothes, you may have to enroll in an

evening computer class to learn how to use it.

During this past year I have met many people who are quite happy with their new front loader. In essence, we had better be happy with them because that's all we are going to get.

The rest of this column is devoted to the many service technicians across this country who feel as I do.

Front load washers are not new. They were out 40 years ago. They also are a real pain to repair.

That pain came out of the consumers' pocketbook whenever we had to fix one. The extra labor to fix one is tied in with the extra price that homeowners are going to spend for a new washer.

These prices are outrageous and dealers are smiling along with the manufacturers. This mandate imposed on us rather quickly was decided by people who had a self-serving purpose for their good deeds, but I don't agree with their methods and neither do my peers. I believe there are other ways to save on water consumption in this country without creating a bigger expense for consumers.

Take a look at all the sprinkler systems you see working during a rain and other things more obvious. I wonder how many front loaders produced and sold during the past few years have needed service. I think the number is rather high, which makes me doubt the quality and long life of

these expensive machines. The normal lifespan of a washer has dropped a lot in recent years and will these set an even lower trend of machine longevity.

I am not anxious to have consumers tell me their tale of woe 10 years from now. A washer is a washer. Why do we have to make it more complex than that? We yearn for the old ways and sometimes come back to them.

This could very well be the case in the years ahead. We will have to wait and see.

Which brand do I prefer? There are some I like and others I wouldn't give you two cents for. A better answer is to educate you on how to be a smart shopper. Ask the repair companies who fix these front load washers because they are the men and women who have to face the consumer.

They know what quality is and isn't and who makes the best product. They know who charges the most for parts and which machine is easier to repair.

The front load washer is liked by many but not by this individual. I am not always correct in my assumptions and for the sake of every American, this time I hope I'm wrong. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon is host of Ask The Handyman on Infinity Radio AM 1270 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays and Sundays. You can hear his tips on WWJ 950 on weekdays. You can call him on his show at (248) 356-1270.

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CLARIFICATION

An article on new garden plants that ran in the Thursday, May 22, edition of the At Home section should have identified one of three new varieties of dogwood trees available at Steinkopf Nursery, 20815 Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills as *Cornus Florida* "Cherokee Brave," and not *Cornus Florida*. The article also should have identified the *Acer* (Maple) "Shantung" tree, also available at Steinkopf.

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Think big about miniature roses

If you live in a condo or apartment where you can't garden outdoors, and you love roses, miniature roses will grow quite successfully in containers and can add a spark of color in your home and on the patio.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Roses need similar care as those grown in landscapes. There are special fertilizers on the market, but they'll do fine if they are fertilized once a month with just a balanced fertilizer applied at half strength.

Watering is critical for these beauties. If the plants sit in water, they're going to die. The same is true if the soil dries out.

The simplest thing is to check the planting medium daily and water as necessary. Let the water run out the drain hole, and avoid getting the foliage wet. Depending on where the plants live in the house or patio will have a bearing on when to water.

A southern exposure is excellent because the plants get sun all day long. But remember: The long hours in the sun dry out the medium. If you can provide light and air circulation in a sunny window four or more consecutive hours per day, or under cool lights for 16, they'll thrive.

Provide humidity by placing pots on saucers over wet pebbles. Check them daily so that they don't dry out. Stick your finger or a wooden dowel in the pot to see if water is necessary. It will also feel lighter in weight if water is needed.

To keep the roses standing upright, turn the pots occasionally so they will get the same amount of light.

Choose a pretty container, one that blends with the home decor. I like to see the containers in the same color, but the choice is yours. Plastic and



MARTY FIGLEY

Miniature roses have great appeal to condo and apartment dwellers.

poly containers hold water while terra cotta allows moisture to evaporate. Use a quality potting soil that drains well.

There are many miniature roses on the market now. Any good nursery should have a nice selection from which to choose.

INSECTS, PRUNING

Miniature roses have the same problems with insects and diseases that landscape roses have, although insects shouldn't be much of a problem if the plant is kept indoors. Check them and bathe the little things often. Follow the label instructions carefully.

Pruning these roses is necessary to keep them "showing." Because most of them are grown from cuttings (which means they grow on their own roots), they must be cut back quite severely each spring.

Here's what to do: Remove the last of the long growths; cut out all dead wood. A miniature rose can die if it is pruned too much, unlike landscape roses. Don't go below the foliage line when you prune them.

These plants like to have a vacation outdoors in the summer and will need to be watched carefully for any problems. As autumn and cold nights approach, bring them indoors.

If you want longer bloom, keep them outdoors longer into fall, bring them inside daily in early evening and put them out again in the morning.

Roses in pots need a dormant period, as do large roses. Set the pots in the ground to grade level, then dig them up at spring pruning time, pot and all, and begin the cycle again.

Alternatively you can store the bush in a garage if it's not heated above 40° Fahrenheit. An enclosed porch that doesn't freeze is also fine. Occasional watering is necessary to keep soil from drying out.

Thanks to the book *Secrets of the Miniature Rose*, Elizabeth Abler, and the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association for their input.

BONSAI SHOW

The Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan will have its yearly show Saturday and Sunday, June 14 and 15, at the Washington Square Building at Washington and Fourth in Royal Oak.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. June 14 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 15. Admission is \$3, free for under age 12.

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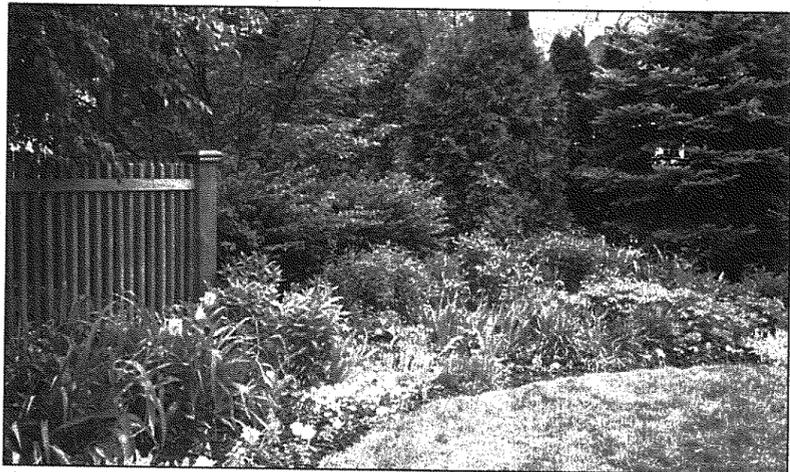
This is an excellent way to spend a few hours over the weekend and enjoy the many forms of this ancient art. Members of the club who will demonstrate are experts in their craft and will be happy to answer your questions.

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GOOD GARDEN WORD

Thorn: a sharp, woody outgrowth of a stem. Thorns are bigger and tougher than spines or prickles.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



MARTY FIGLEY

A garden walk is a fine way to see many ideas for your garden.

Community House presents 'In the Garden With Style'

BY MARTY FIGLEY
CORRESPONDENT

The Birmingham Community House presents a two-day garden event, June 13-14, where visitors can view four newly installed "pocket" gardens.

The extravaganza begins 6-8 p.m., Friday, June 13, when participants will gather at the Community House, 380 South Bates St., in Birmingham, to see the gardens. Professional garden designers will be present to explain their designs.

In addition, flower arrangements will be created as guests watch the beauty unfold. The talented local floral arrangers will enhance the arrangements with unique containers.

Live music will accompany the scene as guests enjoy a cash bar, and hors d'oeuvres. \$40 per person.

Saturday, June 14, is a full day of activities. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 16 vendors will offer unusual garden plants

and trees and many other garden related items, including twig furniture in Parking lot 7, just across from The Community House. Free admission; no reservations needed.

At 11 a.m., Catherine Whiteside, national spokesperson for Smith & Hawken, writer and author specializing in garden style, history of plants, and garden travel, will present "Orchid Delirium." Whiteside will share the history of humans and orchids and explain how to grow these plants.

In addition she will list the nine easiest and most beautiful orchid types for carefree cultivation. A continental breakfast will be served, with the garden tour included will cost \$19.

At noon to 4 p.m., the residential garden tour featuring eight outstanding gardens in Birmingham, Beverly Hills and Bloomfield Hills will be open for viewing. These gardens will feature interesting designs that are adaptable to

town gardens and backyard spaces. Maps will be available at the Community House. A lecture is included with the tour; the cost is \$19.

Note: Attend preview party, lecture and garden tour for the combined special price of \$50. Reservations are required for all these.

The Community House is an independent not-for-profit organization established in Birmingham in 1923, and welcomes all people.

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If you look through a photography book or at a collection of old photographs, you'll find some of the most interesting pictures are invariably of streetlife.

This is largely because it is this aspect of our lives that most readily reflects the fashions, trends and lifestyles of a particular period.

Store fronts have an identity of their own. Advertising signs, lamp-

posts, even mailboxes are important features of the street and can be effective elements of a photographic composition.

A street is dynamic. Cars, buses and bicycles are all subjects with strong pictorial potential. And, of course, there are the people.

People walking down the street, people engaging in animated conversation, people standing on the corner - all wonderful opportunities for streetlife photography.

There is an almost irresistible appeal in people pictures and a subject preoccupied is easy prey to a photographer with a keen eye and a quick response.

A street market can be a treasure house of streetlife pictures. Market people are extroverts by nature and often have faces and mannerisms which can make great photos.

One of the problems that often occurs in streetlife photography is confusing and busy backgrounds.

Try to avoid this by choosing a camera position that isolates your subject from the sur-



MONTE NAGLER

The possibilities for streetlife photography are endless. This is a shot Monte Nagler took in Cambodia. This interesting woman is a caretaker for the Buddha.

roundings. Use a telephoto lens to frame your picture tightly and by using a wide aperture, distractions in the background will be kept out of focus.

To minimize problems with contrast, photograph subjects that are out of direct sunlight. Better still, an overcast day provides the best lighting for streetlife people pictures. Bright colors are more saturated and lighting on faces is more flattering.

Use a fast film in the 400ASA range either color or black and white depending on your preference.

The faster films will enable you to hand hold exposures under most circumstances.

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Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave a message for him at (734) 953-2047.

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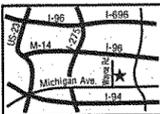
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Homeowners can take steps against West Nile virus

Many news reports and newspaper stories have focused on the West Nile virus in the past year. Though some stories may be "hyped" a bit, it is something to take seriously. Many communities are looking at methods to control mosquito population, which spreads the virus, but we as homeowners can help. At recent informational meeting of Plymouth



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

Township homeowner association leaders led by Supervisor Steve Mann, we heard from Jim Anulewicz, director of the township's Division of Public Services, about West Nile virus. West Nile was first discovered in the US in 1999 and in Michigan in 2002. Though it primarily infects birds, it also infects horses and humans. It is transmitted by mosquito bites. The breakdown of West Nile cases in Michigan really caught my attention. Of the 616 reported, confirmed cases, 186 were in Wayne, 208 in Oakland and 109 in Macomb counties. That's about 82 percent of all cases in Michigan

right here in our backyard. Anulewicz said most experts agree that the best way is to avoid contracting West Nile is to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. That can involve limiting outdoor activities from dusk to dawn between April and October and to avoid wooded areas where mosquitoes rest during the day. Since these suggestions aren't always practical, the next best thing is protection. You should wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants and socks and use insect repellents containing DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide). The more DEET in the product, the better. Anulewicz also discussed control of mosquitoes. This is

where being a good homeowner comes in. Mosquitoes need a meal of blood and stagnant water to breed. It's important to remove as many sources of this water as possible. Survey your property for anything that can collect water, and do away with them. These would include upside down trash can lids, neglected bird baths, pool and boat covers, clogged rain gutters, or even an overturned jar lid. Mosquito populations appreciably decline when breeding grounds are removed. Where it is impractical to remove water, such as ponds, a product called Dunks was suggested. Dunks are small, donut

shaped tablets that are placed in ponds. They kill the mosquito to larvae, yet are safe for plants and animals. These are available at home improvement stores and many nurseries. Since it is known that birds are carriers of the virus, it's important to dispose of dead birds properly. Wear latex gloves or scoop them up with a plastic bag. Double bag the dead bird and dispose of it in your normal trash. Report the location of the dead bird, particularly if it is a blackbird or blue jay, to your municipality. Before becoming too alarmed, keep in mind that about 80 percent of all people exposed to West Nile through a mosquito bite will have no

symptoms of illness and, in fact, develop immunity to future infection. Further, the 616 people with confirmed or probable cases of WNV in Michigan, of which 51 have been fatal, is about .00006 percent of the state population. But why take chances when prevention and control is so easy? Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150.

GARDEN WALKS AND TOURS

Franklin
Garden and plant lovers can enjoy the 2003 Franklin Garden Walk 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 18. Organizers have scheduled some of the area's finest gardens as this year marks the club's 50th anniversary. Three estate gardens, each over five acres, will be included in the walk this year. Garden Walk tickets are \$8 presale and \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets can be purchased at the Apple Tree Room Boutique in Franklin or can be ordered by mail by sending a check payable to W.N.F. & G.A. Franklin Branch, P.O. Box 250194, Franklin, MI 48025-0194. The club also will host a buffet salad lunch at the Franklin Community Church at two seatings 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Lunch tickets are \$8 and limited seating of 200. If ordering by mail, please specify lunch seating. On the day of the walk tickets will be sold at the Franklin Village Gazebo located on the west side of Franklin Road between 13 and 14 Mile Roads (next to the Franklin Community Church). There will be a Gazebo Boutique featuring baked goods, decorative garden items and art of various great vendors. For any information, call the Garden Walk hotline at (248) 851-2668.

of the event. For an additional \$15, lunch will be available at the Paint Creek Cider Mill in Goodison 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at the museum, on Van Hoosen Road off Tienken, 1 mile east of Rochester Road. They also may be bought by telephone with a credit card, or by check made payable to the City of Rochester Hills and mailed to 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills 48306. The featured gardens were chosen to inspire and delight visitors with what grows in the back yards of residential areas. For more information, contact the museum by calling (248) 656-4663 or e-mail rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org, or visit its Web site at www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm.

Lathrup Village
The Lathrup Village Home & Garden Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 21. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 the day of the tour. Seniors are offered a discounted entry price of \$8. Ticket vouchers are available at the Lathrup Village City Offices, 27400 Southfield Road, three blocks north of I-696, between 11 and 12 Mile. This year's tour is the eighth event co-sponsored by the Lathrup Village Historical Society and the Village Gardeners. It is an opportunity to view the interiors of five of Lathrup's most interesting homes and visit four beautiful private gardens on a self-guided tour. The newly expanded Children's

Garden and historic Community Congregational Church will also be part of the tour. Proceeds support beautification projects throughout Lathrup Village. A Garden Boutique will offer plants, garden statuary, unusual garden accessories and original art from local artists. It will be at the gazebo in the park adjacent to the Municipal Building on Southfield Road. The Young Astronauts will operate a Garden Cafe, selling refreshments as a fund-raiser. Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority volunteers will staff display tables during the day with information on tree and flower selection, composting, garden maintenance and lawn care. Master gardener volunteers will be in each of the gardens and in the boutique to answer questions and assist guests. Call Pat Gore at (248) 559-0488 or Richard Reeves at (248) 569-5610 for tickets or tour information.

Beverly Hills
The Village Women's Club of Beverly Hills is sponsoring a Village Garden Tour 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday, June 22. Enjoy a relaxing stroll through six large and small gardens within the Village. The tour features three expansive gardens, a professional garden designer's artwork and studio, an efficient small scale condominium garden, and a picket-fenced garden within the noted neo-traditional community, Westwood Common. Take time out for a two-for-one burger at Brady's Pub or a two-for-one dessert at The Beverly Hills Grill as these establishments have once again agreed to support the work of the Women's Club. Coupons for both restaurants are included in the booklet and cost of the ticket. Pick up ticket, map and booklet on tour day at Beverly Park. The park is located west off Southfield Rd, between 13 and 14 Mile on Beverly Road. Tickets are \$10 presale, and \$12 on tour day. Presale tickets may be purchased at the Beverly Hills village offices, 18500 West Thirteen Mile Road or mail check (payable to VWCBH) to 31130 Downing Place, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. All proceeds go to community projects. The Southeastern Oakland

County Resource Recovery Authority volunteers will staff tables at Beverly Park with information on composting and environmentally sound gardening practices. For more information call 248-258-2766.

homes throughout Livonia will be open for viewing. All proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead. Call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855 for information.

Livonia
The 14th annual Garden Walk presented by the Friends for the Development of Greenmead (Livonia's Historical Village) will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 the day of the event. They may be bought from committee members, or at any of the three Livonia public libraries, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, Greenmead, and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. The Civic Center Library and Livonia City Hall are at Five Mile and Farmington Road. Greenmead is at Eight Mile and Newburgh. Seven lovely gardens and yards of

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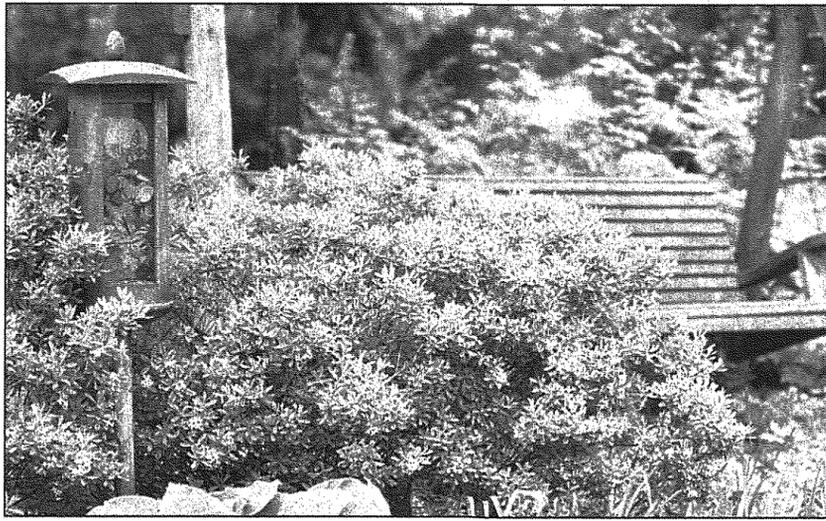
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If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. N.I.V. James 2:8



With the butterfly house filled with nectar, viewers can sit on the garden swing and watch the butterflies feed and fly around the garden.

BACKYARD

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er: Because of falling pine needles, water features such as fountains are difficult to maintain.

"We do have one fountain. It's a lot of work to clean it, but the birds and squirrels love it," Barbara said. "We have a great diversity of wildlife. In addition to birds, rabbits, skunks, raccoons and possums, we've seen deer and a coyote, and we have a family of red foxes."

WHAT YOU NEED

The first step in planning any backyard wildlife habitat project is to identify the habitat elements that already exist. Look at your yard from the wildlife's point of view. All wildlife requires four basic elements to survive:

■ **Food** — Supply food through native vegetation in order to meet the year-round needs of many species. Locally native shrubs, trees and other plants produce food such as acorns, nuts, berries and other seeds. For birds, feeders can supplement natural food sources.

■ **Water** — Most species need water for drinking and bathing. A constant, reliable source of water can be supplied in a birdbath, a small pond or



Ferns stand tall around a pedestal angel, giving cover for chipmunks, red squirrels, and rabbits scouring the garden floor for food.

even a shallow dish.

■ **Cover** — Wildlife needs cover for protection against the elements and predators. Native plants that provide food can also provide cover, as can densely branched shrubs, hollow logs, brush piles, stone walls, evergreens and meadow grasses.

■ **Places to raise young** — Safe places for reproduction and nurturing young animals are critical to make a habitat complete. Mature trees, dense plantings of shrubbery and a pond or water garden all provide safe areas for various forms of wildlife. Providing host plants for caterpillars will ensure the presence of butterflies in your garden.

To learn more about

establishing a wildlife habitat in your back yard, or to apply for certification of your yard as a wildlife habitat, go to www.nwf.org/backyard-wildlifehabitat.

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Joan Boram is a freelance writer

KITCHEN

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laminated floor was snapped into place in 16-by-16 inch sections.

"We had to go to Windsor to get it," Gall said. "I think it's available locally, but I didn't know about this particular tile."

Saunders, meanwhile, built a cabinet to match what was already in the kitchen, moved a cabinet, added sliding drawers to several of the cabinets and cut off a couple of inches from middle cabinets over the sink to install a microwave there.

He also renovated a breakfast bar counter and built a second narrow cabinet to store knick-knacks.

A modern Grohe brand faucet — a style found to be popular in their European travels — was connected to a new cast iron sink.

Gall first tried whitewashing the cabinets — "it looked crappy," she said — before staining to their original darker color to better contrast with the white bricks.

The couple chose New Concept to provide countertops because it was local and offered a discount coupon in advertising. A recommendation by the folks there to slightly revise the original color choice on the counters turned



Gall and Saunders divvied up the work on the kitchen remodeling according to their likes and expertise. Gall painted walls and stained cabinets, while Saunders crafted cabinetry and moved plumbing.

out to be right on the mark, Gall said.

The countertops cost about \$1,600, the floor \$1,500, a new Kenmore dishwasher \$700, a new General Electric microwave, \$550, the faucet \$500, the sink \$265 and light fixtures \$250.

The appliances came from Sears.

The floating island was purchased on sale for about \$100 at Meijer.

Paint, wood, shelving and other supplies accounted for the rest of the expenses.

Saunders' stints as an industrial sculptor for General Motors and an art teacher for the Plymouth/Canton schools

and Gall's work as a special education teacher in Plymouth/Canton helped shape their ability to get the job done.

You can't be afraid to try things, give it a go, she said. "I've always enjoyed interior painting. I think I have a good eye."

"She's the designer, I'm the guy who does the practical application," Saunders added. "I think you have to respect the other individual and their choices. We know from experience we're going to come out fairly close."

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— Randy Scott —

Parents and students call Randy Scott patient, understanding and a dedicated band teacher. The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers call Randy Scott the Teacher of the Month for May.

Scott, who teaches music/band, at Birney Middle School in the Southfield School District, was nominated by student Kathryn A. McClendon and Tonya Dennis, M.D., who described herself as a "very satisfied parent."

"Mr. Scott works very hard every day," wrote Kathryn. "He goes a full day without a break (seven full classes and also after school). He is a GREAT teacher. When I first started band I thought it would be hard as ever but after a few weeks I was playing very well and that's all because of Mr. Scott," explained Kathryn.

Scott is also lauded for his "positive teaching abilities with youth at Birney."

"He helps them to respect themselves both as a person and a band participant. In turn, they highly respect him," wrote Dennis.

"He sets an example of a teacher who is compassionate, understanding and patient."

Scott's nominators noted that he uses genuine praise of his band students to encourage and reward. "He lets his students know upfront what's required and seldom, if at all, does he deviate from it. He sets an excellent example at the school where he teaches and everywhere he goes and plays his instrument," wrote Dennis.

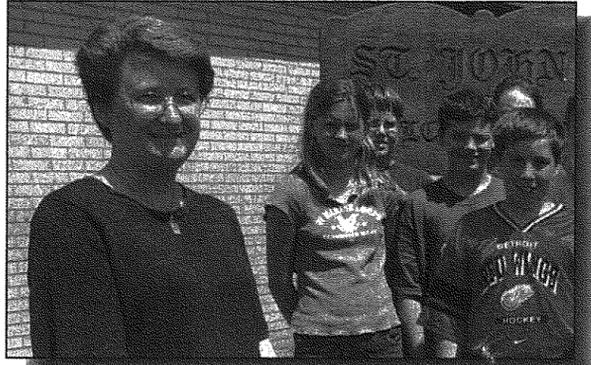
"He has so much class" and passes it on to his student. They love him as their teacher. My son does," wrote Dennis.

Congratulations to Randy Scott, the Observer & Eccentric Teacher of the Month of May.

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— Tracey Bunde —

Samantha Barber, a student at St. John's Lutheran School in Westland wrote that her teacher, Tracey Bunde, is unique, active and very special. "She definitely deserves this nomination," wrote Samantha, a sixth grader at the Westland school.

Congratulations to Tracey Bunde, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Teacher of the Month for May.

Samantha likes the activity in class and wrote that it's part of what makes Tracey Bunde unique.

"She is unique because she is active," Samantha wrote. "What I mean is that she does activities and labs that get us involved with what we're learning. For example, when we studied Egypt we did Egyptian hieroglyphics and in science we mix chemicals (safe ones)," explained Samantha in her nominating letter.

"She is a great teacher and if I had a choice, I would most definitely stay in her classroom. She teaches all classes except gym. She teaches tone chimes and would teach choice if we need her to. She organizes school plays, orders school shirts and helps the new teacher. She teaches us keyboard and seventh and eighth grade music."

"She is really fun. Every morning she writes a trivia question on the back chalkboard. Most of the time it is one we have to look up. So now, we learn one more thing a day (in a fun way)!"

Tracey, the mother of three children ages 11, 9 and 7, is in her fourth year of teaching at St. John's in Westland. "I love teaching and the children are great," said Tracey.

Tracey's husband also teaches school - at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Livonia.

Thank you to Tracey Bunde, the Observer & Eccentric Feature Teacher for May, and another fine teacher that takes the time to make learning an adventure for her students.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS
MAY 27, 2003**

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 27, 2003, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomaro, Director Conklin

Also Present: Karen Fox, John Spencer, Chief Rorabacher.

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Regular Board Minutes of May 13, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills - Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by May 27, 2003 to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund	101	\$ 692,187.85	
Fire Fund	206	63,463.01	
Police Fund	207	201,464.54	
Summit Operating	208	67,981.41	Expenditure
Cable TV Fund	230	2,521.98	Recap for
Improvement	246	59,209.28	May 27, 2003
E-911 Utility	241	1,349.16	
Auto Forfeiture(wva)	267	1,077.94	
Federal Grants Fund	274	207.70	
Auto Theft Grant	289	13,121.31	
Downtown Dev Authority	294	5,457.97	
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	648,594.00	
Capital Proj-Road Pav	403	13,801.00	
Golf Fund	584	50,660.70	
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1,017,580.20	
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,591.00	
Post Employ. Benefits	736	20,667.97	
E Palmer Paving Debt	863	337.50	
Beck Rd Paving Debt	864	312.50	
S Haggerty Rd Paving	865	175.00	
Total - All Funds		2,866,762.02	

CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. Request Approval for Fireworks Display at the Liberty Fest on June 21, 2003. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the signing of a permit for Wolverine Fireworks Display, Inc. to possess, transport and display fireworks at the Liberty Fest on June 21, 2003.

Item 2. Consider Scheduling The Public Hearing of Necessity And Adoption of Resolution Number 2 For The Lotz Road Paving And Drainage Special Assessment District 2003-2 From Michigan Avenue, South Approximately 1,660 Lineal Feet. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to adopt Resolution #2 Lotz Road Paving & Drainage Special Assessment District (SAD) (Michigan Avenue, South Approximately 1,660 Lineal Feet) 2003-2. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES -
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**

**Resolution 2 - Lotz Road Paving and
Drainage Special Assessment District (SAD)
(Michigan Avenue, South Approximately 1,660 Lineal feet)
Special Assessment District 2003-2**

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Chestnut Room at 46000 Summit Parkway in said Township on May 27th, 2003 at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

PRESENT: Members Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Yack, Shefferly. **ABSENT:** Members None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Bennett and supported by Member Burdziak.

WHEREAS, this Township Board pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan 1954, as amended, at the request of the Canton property owners to be served by the improvements deems it tentatively desirable to undertake public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements along Lotz Road from Michigan Avenue, south approximately 1,660 lineal feet in the special assessment district tentatively designated and described in Exhibit A (attached) hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared by the Township Engineer revised plans showing the improvement, estimate of cost and location thereof; and

WHEREAS, the same has been received by the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed further with the improvements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The plans showing the improvement and location thereof and the estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination.

2. The Township Board tentatively declares its intention to make the following public improvement:

Paving and drainage improvements along Lotz Road from Michigan Avenue, south approximately 1,660 lineal feet consisting of a 9-inch reinforced concrete pavement with curb and gutter on the east side and open drainage on the west.

3. There is hereby tentatively designated a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvements is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land more particularly described in the notice set forth in paragraph 6 of this resolution.

4. The Township Board shall meet at the Township Hall on Tuesday, June 7, 2003, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place the Township Board shall hear objections to the petition for the improvement and to the special assessment district therefor.

5. The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of the hearing, and shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all owners of or persons with interest in property in the special assessment district as shown on the current assessment rolls of the Township at least ten (10) full days before the date of the hearing.

6. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE LOTZ ROAD PAVING
AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
(MICHIGAN AVENUE, SOUTH APPROXIMATELY
1,660 LINEAL FEET)
LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT 2003-2
BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON -
CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**TO THE OWNERS OF ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF PROPERTY
ABUTTING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: Lotz Road
from Michigan Avenue, South approximately 1,660 lineal feet):**

SIDWELL#
71-142-01-0078-000 71-142-01-0063-000 71-141-99-0027-711
71-142-01-0076-000 71-142-01-0065-000 71-141-99-0027-708
71-142-01-0073-000 71-142-01-0100-000 71-141-99-0027-705
71-141-99-0027-706

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, this Board has initiated proceedings relating to the construction of water main to benefit the areas described in herein, and to accomplish this improvement and secure funds therefore by creating said premises into a special assessment district against which there shall be levied special assessments; and

WHEREAS, this board having tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Canton Township, Michigan, for public examination.

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing where the roll is published.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 10th Day of June, 2003, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof.

ACT 188, PUBLIC ACTS OF MICHIGAN 1954, AS AMENDED, PROVIDES THAT SAID PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS SHALL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PETITION IF THE RECORD OWNERS OF LAND CONSTITUTING MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL LAND AREA IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FILE THEIR WRITTEN OBJECTIONS THERETO WITH THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON Tuesday, THE 10th DAY OF June, 2003.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Township Clerk

Item 3. Consider Appointment to The Council For Community Excellence. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the Township Supervisor's appointment of Ralph Shufeldt to the Council for Community Excellence for a three-year term effective immediately, running through December 1, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Consider Re-configuration of Lots in Vintage Valley Subdivision. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the lot re-configuration for lots 154, 155 and 156 in Vintage Valley Subdivision as shown on the survey dated 4/17/03. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Budget Amendment - General Fund 2002 Residential Tree Planting Contract. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to reappropriate budget funds for the 2002 Residential 50/50 Three Planting program:

Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance 101-000-699-0000 \$39,157 Increase Appropriations: Residential Tree Planting-Planning Div. 101-853-824-1000 \$39,157 This budget amendment increases the Planning Division budget from \$1,168,719 to \$1,207,876 and the General Fund budget from \$23,882,291 to \$23,921,448. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. 2002 Audit Presentation. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the 2002 financial reports for the Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. Consider Site Plan Approval For Integrated Health Associates Office Building. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Robert Szantmer, to approve the site plan for the proposed Integrated Health Associates Office Building, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. Request to Award Bid Packages For The Performing Arts Center. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to award the bids for the Performing Arts Center as follows: Chair Lift: Detroit Elevator Company \$44,833 - Pit Lift: Independent Theatrical Installations \$137,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. Request to Purchase Chairs For Fellows Creek Golf Course. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to award the bid for (275) MTS stack chairs for Fellows Creek Golf Course to Sysco Food Service of Detroit for \$57.69 per chair, \$120.61 for one hand cart, \$12.70 per yard for extra material, \$353.43 freight, for a total cost not to exceed \$16,351.49 and to make the following budget adjustments:

I further move to transfer \$16,351.49 from the Community Improvement Fund to the Golf Course Enterprise Fund and approve the following budget amendments for this transfer: Community Improvement Fund: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #246-000-699-0000 \$16,352 - Increase Appropriations: Transfer to Golf Course Fund #246-959-965-5840 \$16,352 - This budget amendment increases the Community Improvement Fund budget from \$2,671,921 to \$2,688,273. Golf Course Enterprise Fund: Increase Revenues: Contribution from Community Impr Fund #584-000-676-2460 \$16,352 - Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment-Fellows Creek #584-697-977-0000 \$16,352 This budget amendment increases the Fellows Creek Golf Course Division budget from \$204,471 to \$220,823, and increases the Golf Course Enterprise Fund budget from \$2,460,805 to \$2,477,157. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Request to Award Bid for Additional Irrigation at Pheasant Run Golf Course. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award the bid to Northwood Contracting Inc. to install irrigation at Pheasant Run Golf Club at a cost not to exceed \$19,500, with funds coming from the bond account # 469-900-971-2110. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. First Reading of Repeal of Ordinance 143 (A) Telecommunications Ordinance. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce, table and publish for first reading Repeal of Ordinance No. 143 (A) Telecommunications Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE -
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REPEAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ORDINANCE NO. 143(A)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 143; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF THE ORDINANCE. That the Telecommunications Ordinance, Ordinance No. 143, be and is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. REPEAL. All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal(s) herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

Item 7. First Reading of Ordinance 157, Telecommunications Ordinance. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to introduce, table and publish for the first reading, the new Telecommunications Ordinance No. 157. Motion carried unanimously.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE -
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
SUMMARY OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ORDINANCE NO. 157**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION OF THE USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR A PERMIT AND PERMIT TERMS AND FEES; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMS OF USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY BY A PERMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS FEES; PROVIDING FOR LIABILITY AND INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL REPORTS OF FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE TOWNSHIP FROM THE METROPOLITAN EXTENSION RIGHT OF WAY AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR A RESERVATION OF RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:
TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

SECTION 1: INTENT AND PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS; PERMITS; USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY; FEES; LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE; MISCELLANEOUS; RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

ARTICLE I: INTENT AND PURPOSE

Section 1 Intent and Purpose. The purposes of this ordinance are to regulate access to and ongoing use of public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers in compliance with the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act (Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 2002) ("Act") and other applicable law.

Section 2 Compliance. The Township declares that its policy and

intent is to comply with the Act.

Section 3 Conflict. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed in such a manner as to conflict with the Act or other applicable law.

ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS

Section 4 Terms Defined. The section provides definitions for key terms used in this ordinance.

ARTICLE III: PERMITS

Section 5 Permit Required.

(a) *Permit Required.* A telecommunications provider using or seeking to use public rights-of-way in the Township must apply for and obtain a permit.

(b) *Application.* The permit application shall be on a form approved by the MPSC.

(c) *Confidential Information.* The applicant must designate any information it deems confidential and exempt from the Freedom of Information Act.

(d) *Application Fee.* The application fee is \$500.00.

(e) *Additional Information.* The Township may request an applicant to submit such additional information.

(f) *Misleading Statements.* Untrue or misleading statements in an application are a violation of this Ordinance.

(g) *Previously Issued Permits.* Valid and unexpired telecommunications permits satisfy the permit requirements of this ordinance.

(h) *Existing Providers.* A telecommunications provider with facilities located in a public right-of-way in the Township that has not previously obtained a permit shall submit an application for a permit.

Section 6 Issuance of Permit.

(a) *Approval or denial.* The Township Board shall approve or deny an application for a permit within forty-five (45) days. The Township shall not unreasonably deny an application for a permit.

(b) *Form of Permit.* The permit shall be in the form approved by the Public Service Commission.

(c) *Conditions.* The Township Board may impose conditions on the issuance of a permit.

(d) *Bond Requirement.* The Township Board may require that a bond be posted by the telecommunications provider as a condition of the permit.

(e) *Overlapping.* A Permittee shall not allow a third party to overlap with the Township's prior written consent.

(f) *NonExclusive/Additional Permits.* A Permit shall be nonexclusive.

(g) *Permittee Contacts.* The Permit must include the names, addresses, telephone numbers and the like for engineering and construction related information for Permittee and its telecommunications facilities.

Section 7 Assignment. A Permittee may assign or transfer its rights under a permit, subject to certain conditions. **Section 8 Revocation.** The Township reserves the right to revoke a Permit under certain conditions.

ARTICLE IV: USE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Section 9 Reservation of Police Powers. This ordinance shall not limit the Township's right to review and approve a telecommunication provider's access to and ongoing use of a public right-of-way or limit the Township's authority to ensure and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Section 10 Construction/Engineering Permit. A telecommunications provider shall not commence construction without first obtaining a construction or engineering permit.

Section 11 Conduit or Utility Poles. Obtaining a permit does not give a telecommunications provider a right to use conduit or utility poles.

Section 12 Route Maps. A telecommunications provider shall submit route maps showing the location of the telecommunications facilities.

Section 13 As-Built Records. A Permittee shall give the Township access to all "as-built" maps, records, plans and specifications.

Section 14 Restoration of Property. A telecommunications provider shall promptly repair all damage done to the street surface and all installations on, over, below, or within the public right-of-way.

Section 15 No Burden on Public Rights-of-Way. A Permittee shall not unduly burden or interfere with the present or future use of any of the Public Rights-of-Way within the Township.

Section 16 Marking. A Permittee shall mark any installations of its Telecommunications Facilities.

Section 17 Tree Trimming. A Permittee may trim trees upon and overhanging the Public Rights-of-Way so as to prevent the branches of such trees from coming into contact with its Telecommunications Facilities.

Section 18 Pavement Cut Coordination. A Permittee shall coordinate all construction work in the Public Rights-of-Way with the Township's program for sidewalk and/or street construction, rebuilding, resurfacing and repair.

Section 19 Compliance with Laws. A Permittee shall comply with all laws, statutes, Ordinances, rules and regulations regarding the installation, construction, ownership and use of its Telecommunications Facilities.

Section 20 Street Vacation. The Permittee shall remove its facilities at its sole cost and expense when ordered to do so by the Township or a court of competent jurisdiction as part of the vacation of a street.

Section 21 Relocation. If the Township requests a Permittee to relocate, the Permittee shall relocate at its sole cost and expense.

Section 22 Public Emergency. The Township shall have the right to sever, disrupt, dig-up or otherwise destroy facilities of a Permittee if such action is deemed necessary because of a public emergency.

Section 23 Miss Dig. A Permittee shall subscribe to and be a member of "MISS DIG".

Section 24 Underground Relocation. If a Permittee has its facilities on poles of a public utility company and the public utility relocates its facilities underground, the Permittee shall relocate its facilities underground in the same location at no cost to the Township or its residents.

Section 25 Identification. All personnel of a Permittee and its contractors or subcontractors who have as part of their normal duties contact with the general public shall wear on their clothing a clearly visible identification card bearing their name and photograph.

Section 26 Removal of Telecommunications Facilities
(a) *Underground Facilities.* After the expiration or revocations the permit, a Permittee or its successors or assigns shall remove all underground portions of the Telecommunications Facilities at the Permittee's sole cost and expense.

(b) *Above Ground Facilities.* A Permittee shall remove all above ground elements of its Telecommunications Facilities at the Permittee's sole cost and expense.

(c) *Schedule.* The schedule and timing of the removal shall be subject to approval by the Township Supervisor.

ARTICLE V: TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDER FEES

Section 27 Establishment of Payment of Maintenance Fee. A telecommunications provider shall pay an annual maintenance fee to the Authority.

Section 28 Modification of Existing Fees. The Township has resolved to modify any fees charged to telecommunications providers to an amount not exceeding the amounts of fees and charges required under the Act.

Section 29 Savings Clause. If Section 8 of the Act is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, the modification of fees under Section 11 above shall be void from the date the modification was made.

Section 29 Savings Clause. If Section 8 of the Act is found to be invalid or unconstitutional, the modification of fees under Section 11 above shall be void from the date the modification was made.

Section 30 Use of Funds. All amounts received by the Township from the Authority shall be used by the Township solely for rights-of-way related purposes.

**ARTICLE VI: LIABILITY, INDEMNIFICATION
AND INSURANCE**

Section 31 Township Not Liable. The Township shall not be liable for any claims arising out of Permittee's installation and operation of Permittee's Telecommunications System.

Section 32 Indemnification. A Permittee shall indemnify the Township from all claims arising out of the acts or omissions of the Permittee.

Section 33 Notice, Cooperation. The Township will cooperate with the Permittee in every reasonable way to facilitate the defense of such claim.

Section 34 Settlement. The Township will not settle any claim subject to indemnification under this Article without the advance written consent of the Permittee.

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Community Messenger runs Thursdays and features faith-based announcements on a space available basis. Please submit announcements by noon on the Friday prior to publication. Write: Beliefs & Values, Observer & Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. Or, fax: (248) 644-1314

Holy Name Parish

Monsignor John Zenz of Holy Name Parish will host the June Theology on Tap series at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at Dick O'Dow's Irish Pub, 160 W. Maple Road in downtown Birmingham. On June 10, the topic is What Might Change? Our Church Going Forward. All are welcome. (248) 646-2244

Franklin Community

The Franklin Community Co-Op Preschool, established in 1950, has openings in the 2's, 3's and 4's programs for the 2003/4 school year. The Co-Op provides a terrific opportunity to participate in your child's first school experience. Call Marguerite Lampertius at (248) 626-6606, Ext. 26. The FCCP is in the heart of historic Franklin and is affiliated with the Franklin Community Church.

St. Anastasia

St. Anastasia Catholic Church presents Theology on Tap with the Rev. Ken Kauchek from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays in June at Marinelli's Restaurant, 18 and Rochester roads in Troy. On June 11, the topic is Why Be Jewish? Why Be Muslim? Why Be Christian? Interact with a panel including a priest, rabbi and Muslim. Suggested reading for the series is The Book of Revelation. (248) 689-8380.

North Hills

North Hills Church, 3150 N. Adams Road, Troy, is accepting registration for its summer camp program for children ages 3-5 years old. The sessions run June 16 to Aug. 15, consisting of

theme weeks such as "Garden Patch," "Magic Kingdom," and "Rumble in the Jungle." (248) 645-1811.

Temple Beth El

At 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, the Beth Elders, the senior arm of Temple Beth El, will present Cantor David Montefiore in *From Phantom To The Opera*. Music will include *Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Miserables*, and *The Student Prince*. The catered luncheon program is members \$10; guests \$12. Temple Beth El is located at 7400 Telegraph Road in Bloomfield Hills. (248) 352-5882 or (248) 354-9569.

B'nai Moshe

At 6 p.m. Friday, June 13, a relaxed, casual-dress Kabbalat Shabbat service featuring musical instruments and contemporary as well as traditional Shabbat melodies will be held at Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield. Free, drop-in, all welcome, light snacks. Future dates in this Shabbat Odyssey summer series: July 11 and Aug. 22. Each will be followed by a congregational supper (prepaid reservations required). (248) 788-0600 or e-mail cbminfo@bnaimoshe.org

A bus tour of old Jewish Detroit will be 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 22, featuring veteran tour guide Adele Staller. It will include a visit to the former B'nai Moshe building and the Pole Town cemetery. Deluxe bus coach. Reservations deadline is June 8. Cost: \$18 for members of B'nai Moshe, \$22 for others. Open to the community - all welcome. Call Marc Betman, (248) 788-0600 or e-mail cbminfo@bnaimoshe.org

St. Anastasia

Sunday Theology with the Rev. Ken Kauchek is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Sunday. Open to all. St. Anastasia

Catholic Church is at 4571 John R., Troy, Call (248) 689-8380.

A separated and divorce support group meets at the church at 7 p.m. Thursdays, June 12, 19 and 26. Facilitated by a therapist. No reservations; open to all.

Troy Seventh-day Adventist

Mark Sullivan leads a reading of the book *The Great Controversy* at 5 p.m. each Saturday at Troy Seventh-day Adventist, 2775 Crooks, Troy. It is open to the public.

Small fellowship and study groups, "Food and Friends," meet two to four times a month in people's homes. Inquire at the church, (248) 643-6766

Bethany South Oakland

Bethany South Oakland, providing support for the separated and divorced, holds a fun activity or a motivating talk at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at St. Columban Parish, 1775 Melton, Birmingham.

For more information, call Chris Morris at (248) 542-6117. On the Web: bethanyofsoutheasternmichigan.org.

Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church, 37635 Dequindre, Troy, holds the following evening support groups: PTSD/Trauma Support Group for women over 18 Thursdays, Alcoholics For Christ Fridays; Depression Support Group Thursdays; DivorceCare Support Group Mondays; and Grief Support Group Thursdays. Call (248) 689-4713, Ext. 217, or e-mail: click@faithtroy.org

First Presbyterian of Birmingham

A Sunday School class for children with special needs is 9:30 a.m. Sundays. All children 5 and older may attend. The church is at 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. www.fpcbirmingham.org.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran

Cross Walk at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 5631 N. Adams, Bloomfield Hills, is at 6 p.m. Wednesdays, offering an evening of enrichment and fellowship. The evening starts with dinner, and a

choice of three Bible studies at 6:55 p.m.: Basic Christianity; See Through the Scriptures; and Boundaries. (248) 646-5041.

Our Savior Church for the Deaf

OSLCD offers a regular Sunday service at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham.

Institute of Divine Metaphysical Research

IDMR holds free lectures 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 21030 Indian St. in the John Grace Community Center off West Eight Mile in Southfield. IDMR is a non-profit, non-denominational religious and scientific research organization, dedicated to "proving the existence of Yahweh, our Creator, as he really is and actually exists." It was founded in 1931 by Henry Clifford Kinley, who had a divine vision and revelation. There are 160 branches worldwide. (248) 355-9464 Visit the Web site at www.idmr.net

Community Congregational

An on-going Bible study class is 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in the parlor at Community Congregational Church, 27800 Southfield Road in Lathrup Village. An adult Sunday School class meets at 9 a.m. in the parlor. A 7 p.m. Thursday prayer meeting is followed by a 7:30 p.m. Bible study meeting. (248) 557-0044.

Church of our Savior

A Mom-to-Mom activity and support group for mothers of young children (babies, toddlers, preschoolers), meets 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Church of Our Savior, 6655 Middlebelt Road, West Bloomfield, just south of Maple. Call (248) 594-9871, or drop in.

Abiding Presence Lutheran

The Abiding Presence Lutheran Church Preschool, 1550 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills, offers morning and

afternoon classes for 3 and 4 year olds. (248) 651-6550

A 5 p.m. Sunday evening service of contemporary praise and prayer is led by a congregation praise team and features songs, hymns and anthems in contemporary style. The lay-led faith-sharing and proclamation of the word includes a focused time of intercessory and personal prayer. Fellowship dessert follows.

Bible study

A non-denominational Bible study is 8-9 p.m. Thursdays at the Birmingham YMCA, 400 E. Lincoln. It is led by Jack Brinkman, a chaplain at the Wayne and Oakland County jails. (248) 642-1880.

Cong. B'nai Moshe

Cong. B'nai Moshe, 6800 Drake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-0600, hosts:

"Torah Portion of the Week" - Every Shabbat morning, 10-10:45 a.m. The study group explores themes of the weekly Torah reading while Shabbat services are held in the main sanctuary. Study materials provided. Free, drop-in. Shabbat attire. Shabbat Morning Activities for Children - Every Shabbat morning; Tot Shabbat, Shabbat Shelanu, and Junior Congregation. Free, drop-in activities for various age groups. Open to all interested families in the community regardless of synagogue affiliation. (248) 788-3600 or e-mail cbmedu@bnaimoshe.org

STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on June 16, 2003, Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER ROAD, CANTON, MI 48187 at 12:30 P.M.

D-119 Kirk Surface - Household
F-205 Christopher Crawford - Household

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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
(734) 394-5260

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Section 35 Insurance. A Permittee shall obtain insurance as set forth in this section.

Section 36 Additional Insured. The Township shall be named as an additional insured on all policies.

Section 37 Qualified Insurers. All insurance shall be issued by insurance carriers licensed to do business in the state of Michigan and shall be rated A+ or better by A.M. Best Company.

Section 38 Deductibles. If the insurance policies required by this Article are written with retainages or deductibles in excess of \$50,000, they shall be approved by the Township Supervisor in advance in writing.

Section 39 Contractors. A Permittee's contractors and subcontractors working in the Public Right-of-Way shall carry insurance which complies with all terms of this Article.

Section 40 Insurance Primary. A Permittee's insurance coverage shall be primary insurance with respect to the Township.

ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 41 Annual Report. The Township shall file an annual report with the Authority on the use and disposition of funds annually distributed by the Authority.

Section 42 Cable Television Operators. The Township shall not hold a cable television operator in default for its failure to satisfy a franchise fee for cable modem services provided through broadband internet transport access services.

Section 43 Existing Rights. This ordinance shall not affect any existing rights that a telecommunications has under a permit issued by the Township.

Section 44 Authorized Township Officials. The Ordinance Inspectors are authorized to issue municipal civil infraction citations for violations under this ordinance

Section 45 Municipal Civil Infraction. A person who violates any provision of this ordinance or the terms or conditions of a permit is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, and shall be subject to payment of a civil fine of not less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000). Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased fines.

ARTICLE VII: RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

Section 46 Reservation of Rights. The issuance of a Permit or Permits under this Ordinance and the access to and use of the Public Rights-of-Way by a Telecommunications Provider shall not constitute a waiver of reserved rights.

SECTION 2 SEVERABILITY

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

SECTION 3. REPEAL.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Item 8. First Reading of Repeal of Ordinance No. 60 Tree Planting and Preservation. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to introduce, table and publish for first reading of Repeal of Ordinance No. 60 - Tree Planting and Preservation. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO 60

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 60; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 60.

The Charter Township of Canton Ordinance No. 60 which was adopted effective June 10, 1975 and was entitled Tree Planting and Preservation be and is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the

remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. PUBLICATION.

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

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Item 9. First Reading - Amendment to Ordinance 30 - Water & Sewer Rates, Industrial Waste Control and Industrial Surcharge Rates. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to introduce, table and publish the amendment to the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30(S), for first reading. The proposed changes increase retail water rates from \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.26 per 1,000 gallons (13.0% increase) and increase the retail sewage disposal rate from \$3.06 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.15 per 1,000 gallons (2.9% increase) effective July 1, 2003, and increase the City of Detroit Water & Sewerage Department Industrial Waste Control (IWC) service charge pass through for all commercial and industrial sewer users effective for billings after August 1, 2003 (July 2003 sanitary sewage usage). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWER SYSTEM ORDINANCE NO. 30, SECTION 20, ENTITLED "RATES"; PROVIDING FOR NEW WATER CONSUMPTION RATES AT SUBSECTION 20(1)(A) THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT RATE AT SUBSECTION 20(2)(A) THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES AT SUBSECTION 20(2)(G) THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES AT SUBSECTION 20(2)(H) THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SUB-SECTION 20.

Ordinance No. 30-S is hereby adopted to amend Section 20 of the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30. Section 20 thereof is amended to read as follows:

112.200 Section 20 RATES, FEES, CHARGES

1. WATER

A. Consumption Rate - \$2.26 ~~\$2.00~~ per 1,000 gallons

B. Water Capital Charge
- Minimum Capital Charge - \$1,000.00
- Per Unit Capital Charge - \$1,000.00

C. Water Construction Charges
- Minimum Water Construction Charge - \$50.00
- Per REU Construction Charge - \$50.00

D. Water Front Footage Charge - \$15.00 per foot of property service by the water line.

E. Water Connection - Township Taps:
1 inch tap \$ 950.00
2 inch tap \$ 2,500.00 (plus \$12.00 per lineal (for 1 foot to 15 foot) foot over 15 foot)

Over 2 inch line will be installed at a cost approved by the Township Board.

F. Water Connection - Applicant Taps
2 inch taps \$ 1,350.00
3 inch taps \$ 1,700.00
4 inch taps \$ 2,500.00
6 inch taps \$ 3,925.00
2 inch tap for irrigation system \$ 604.00

G. There shall be installed on all fire line systems a detector check and a ¼ inch by-pass meter. The ¼ inch by-pass meter shall be purchased from and inspected by the Township and installed by the Owner. The charge for the ¼ inch by-pass and Township inspection shall be \$175.00.

2. SEWER

A. Sewage Treatment Rate - \$3.15 ~~\$3.06~~ per 1,000 gallons of the water used or per 1,000 gallons of metered sewage flow.

B. Minimum sewage disposal bill if connected to the Township water system, per reading cycle - \$15.75.

Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to Township water system, per quarterly reading cycle - \$30.00 per REU.

Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to Township water system - per bimonthly reading cycle - \$20.00 per REU.

C. Sewer Capital Charge

- Minimum - \$3,500.00
- Per REU Capital Charge - \$3,500.00

D. Sewer Front Footage Charge - \$20.00 per front foot of property serviced by the sewer line

E. Connection Charge - \$500.00

F. Inspection fee - \$50.00

G. Industrial Waste Charge (IWC) rates:

Meter Size inches	Rates \$/month	
¾	5.96	5.01
1	8.95	7.51
1 ¼	14.91	12.52
1 ½	32.80	27.54
2	47.70	40.66
3	86.46	72.02
4	119.25	100.00
6	178.88	150.24
8	298.14	250.40
10	417.39	350.56
12	477.02	400.64
14	596.27	500.80
16	715.52	600.96
18	834.78	701.12
20	954.03	801.27
24	1,073.29	901.43
30	1,192.54	1,001.59
36	1,311.80	1,101.75
48	1,431.05	1,201.91

112.20 H. Industrial Surcharge Rates. The following Industrial Surcharges will be charged when billed to the Township by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department:

1. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) in excess of 275 mg/l 0.209 ~~0.254~~
2. Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in excess of 350 mg/l 0.292 ~~0.348~~
3. Phosphorus (P) in excess of 12 mg/l 3.296 ~~3.948~~
4. Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) in excess of 100 mg/l 0.068 ~~0.084~~

(Ordinance No. 30 amendment effective November 17, 1993; Ordinance 1, 1994; February 1, 1996, June 5, 1997; August 1, 1997; August 20, 1998; August 1, 1999; January 1, 2000; May 1, 2001, July 1, 2001, May 1, 2002; August 1, 2002; June 19, 2003)

SECTION 2. SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE.

This Section provides that the balance of Ordinance No. 30, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.

This Section provides that if any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 4. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE.

This Section provides that this Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto.

SECTION 5. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS.

This Section provides that portions of Ordinance No. 30 are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Section provides that this Ordinance becomes effective July 1, 2003 after publication of the second reading.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Item 10. Request to Purchase Five New Warning Sirens and Computerized Monitoring System. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the purchase of five warning sirens and one computerized monitoring system from West Shores Services, Inc., Allendale, MI for a cost of \$67,890. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. MERS Retirement Agreement. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Release and Settlement Agreement with Aaron Machnik for early retirement. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Canton Municipal Building Supervision Agreement. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement to retain the services of Aaron Machnik for one year to assist in the completion of the Municipal Building. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, Supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

THOMAS J. YACK,

Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT,

Side dish

Grilling tips

Want something different on the grill this summer? Think fresh fish and seafood for cooking on the grill.
Red Lobster Executive



Chef Keith Keogh offers suggestions for cooking seafood, including this grilled lobster: When you're ready to cook, make sure the grill is hot. A lukewarm grill may cause the fish to stick. Also, put the fish on the grill with the bone or uneven side down first (if you put the flat side down first, the fish may crack when you turn it.)

You can marinate fish for two hours before cooking it, but Keogh also suggests using a light coat of olive oil, salt and pepper or oil with favorite herbs. For added flavors, try ground celery seed, crushed capers, garlic, marjoram and thyme.

Beer and cheese

If you're looking for something new to liven up your summer entertaining, the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board recommends pairing



Wisconsin cheeses with beer (with the beer consumed, of course, in moderation).

With more than 350 varieties and types of Wisconsin cheese to choose from, there's a cheese for any palate when it comes to mixing and matching cheeses with flavorful beer, said Dana Tanyeri, director-national product communications at WMMB. Beer's slightly bitter flavor and its effervescence counter the richness of aged cheeses and cleanse the palate.

WMMB suggests that lighter-flavored beers go with lighter-flavored cheeses, such as Muenster or Provolone. Strongly flavored beers need assertive cheeses, such as aged Wisconsin Gruyere or surface-ripened Brick.

For more pairing tips, recipes and information on Wisconsin cheese, visit the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board's Web site, www.wisdairy.com/cheeseinfo

Grill contest

Enter the Reynolds BBQ University Sweepstakes and you could win a trip for two to learn grilling from PBS Television host, Steve Raichlen, at his September 2003 session.

The prize package includes round-trip airfare, morning demonstration classes, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily; and luxurious accommodations - all at the beautiful Greenbrier resort. The Greenbrier is an award-winning resort nestled on 6,500 acres in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

To enter, visit reynoldskitchen.com; click on the Sweepstakes, Contests and Promotions link in Special Features and then select the Reynolds "BBQ University" Sweepstakes page. The sweepstakes ends July 15, 2003.



Marlene O'Brien sorts corn at the Plymouth farmer's market. Marlene and her husband Dave run a produce stand, which is a longtime fixture at the market, located in The Gathering, across from Kellogg Park. On this cold and blustery late Saturday morning customers had just about cleaned out their stock.

PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Small town market

Farmers sell pride in produce, sweets, flowers

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Eating fresh produce is healthier for the body and talking to the people who grew it does something for the soul, too.

That's the lure for the markets, featuring locally-grown produce, flowers, baked goods and even crafts that sprout up in our neighborhoods in spring and keep us nourished

Enhance your farmer's market finds with recipes inside.
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weather, growing conditions and tips on how to prepare the vegetables than exchanging their goods for money.

For a few hours once a week, many of our hometowns take on the charm of bygone days when townsfolk sold their crops. Farmers visit the communities of Rochester, Livonia, Plymouth and Farmington to sell their goods throughout the summer and early fall.

ROCHESTER

Our pace is slower as we walk between the tables of tomatoes, apples, fresh corn, homemade preserves and baked goods. The indifference we have for the food we buy in



Virginia Fehlig checks out the corn at the Plymouth farmer's market.

grocery stores suddenly becomes fascinating. The shopping chore becomes an outing.

Especially if you're lucky enough to run into growers like Richard (Cousin Don) Hobson, who has been selling his produce, fresh eggs and other farm goods at the Rochester Farmer's Market all four years the market has operated.

"Now we're getting to know people by name," he said. "There's a real connection with people."

Growers like Hobson come to the Rochester Farmer's Market with lush flowers to be planted in the ground, hanging baskets and shrubs in early spring and whatever is in season as the summer and fall

'We're beyond organics. We want you to check out the farm and what's growing around.'

Richard Hobson
Rochester Farmer's Market vendor

PLEASE SEE MARKET, D2

New Shafer Vineyards releases highlight 'place' phenomenon

Ed Sbragia, the 25-year veteran winemaker at Beringer Vineyards in Napa Valley, recently told us there is very little difference in the way wine is made from one winery to another. The important element is where the grapes are grown; the place and the vineyard dirt determine the ultimate character of the wine that ends up in your glass.

Great stretches of land for growing wine abound in California's Napa Valley. Howell Mountain, the Rutherford Bench, Carneros, Diamond Mountain and Mount Veeder are now globally recognized as special areas to grow grapes.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Each of these places or appellations offers a distinctive character to wine.

Vineyard owners and workers who toil these lands hope that you recognize this in the wines.

PLACE DISTINCTIONS

We were reminded of the "place" phenomenon when we

recently tasted three new releases from Shafer Vineyards. John and Doug Shafer, father and son, farm 200 vineyard acres in Carneros, Oak Knoll, St. Helena and adjacent to the winery in the Stags Leap District.

These are sources for Shafer chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon, sangiovese, merlot and syrah. On the label, the Shafers always state where the grapes are grown. It's important to them and they hope to you, too.

Shafer 2001 Chardonnay (\$37) is grown on a single-vineyard site, Red Shoulder Ranch, located in the cool Carneros District, at the southern end of

Napa Valley. The name honors the red-shouldered hawks that play an important role in Shafer's natural farming practices. Grapes for this wine come from five clones of chardonnay that are fermented using yeasts that are native to the vineyard. To retain the wine's bright acidity, essential to pairing it well with food, it does not undergo malolactic fermentation.

"This is our first release from the 2001 vintage," Shafer's winemaker Elias Fernandez said, "and it's simply a peek behind the curtain for the show to come."

The 2000 Firebreak (\$33) is a spicy blend of sangiovese with

a touch of cabernet sauvignon. Many California wineries have lost the battle trying to make great wine from sangiovese. The vine grows like a weed, the bunches and berries are often large and the juice is frequently undercolored with high acidity. The Shafers planted sangiovese in the Stags Leap District on a rocky knoll that showcases the concept of place. Sangiovese grows well there and the proof is in the wine. It's outstanding.

The Shafers severely prune the vigorous sangiovese vines and remove excess fruit, so that what remains ripens to achieve

PLEASE SEE WINE, D5

Enhance produce purchased from farmer's market

Remember, good things come in very small packages. So as the markets begin to fill with all the wonderful produce of summer, don't overlook the crop of fresh herbs.

Herbs can dramatically enhance the flavor of dishes, disguising their low-fat or replacing high-fat content. Boost the excitement quotient of a low-fat but boring casserole with some chives or cilantro.

Replace the rich cheese sauce on your steamed broccoli spears with a squeeze of lemon juice and a sprinkling of fresh basil and sweet marjoram.

Keep in mind that herbs can pack a punch.

When using them, be sure you don't overpower foods with the stronger flavors of assertive herbs like oregano, rosemary, tarragon, cilantro and thyme.

Milder herbs like basil, dill, chervil, chives, sweet marjoram, lemon grass and mint can be used in larger quantities.

If you added too much of an herb, add a little parsley, which can tone down the flavor of other herbs.

Use fresh herbs as soon as possible after picking or purchasing. Most can be stored for a few days in a glass jar with a little water.

Be sure to strip off the bottom leaves so only the tips of

the stems are immersed in water. Rinse herbs in cool water before using and dry thoroughly before chopping.

The flavor of fresh herbs can be lost if cooked for more than 10 or 15 minutes, so add them to hot foods a few minutes before serving. With cold foods, however, fresh herb flavors develop more slowly, so add those at the beginning of your preparations.

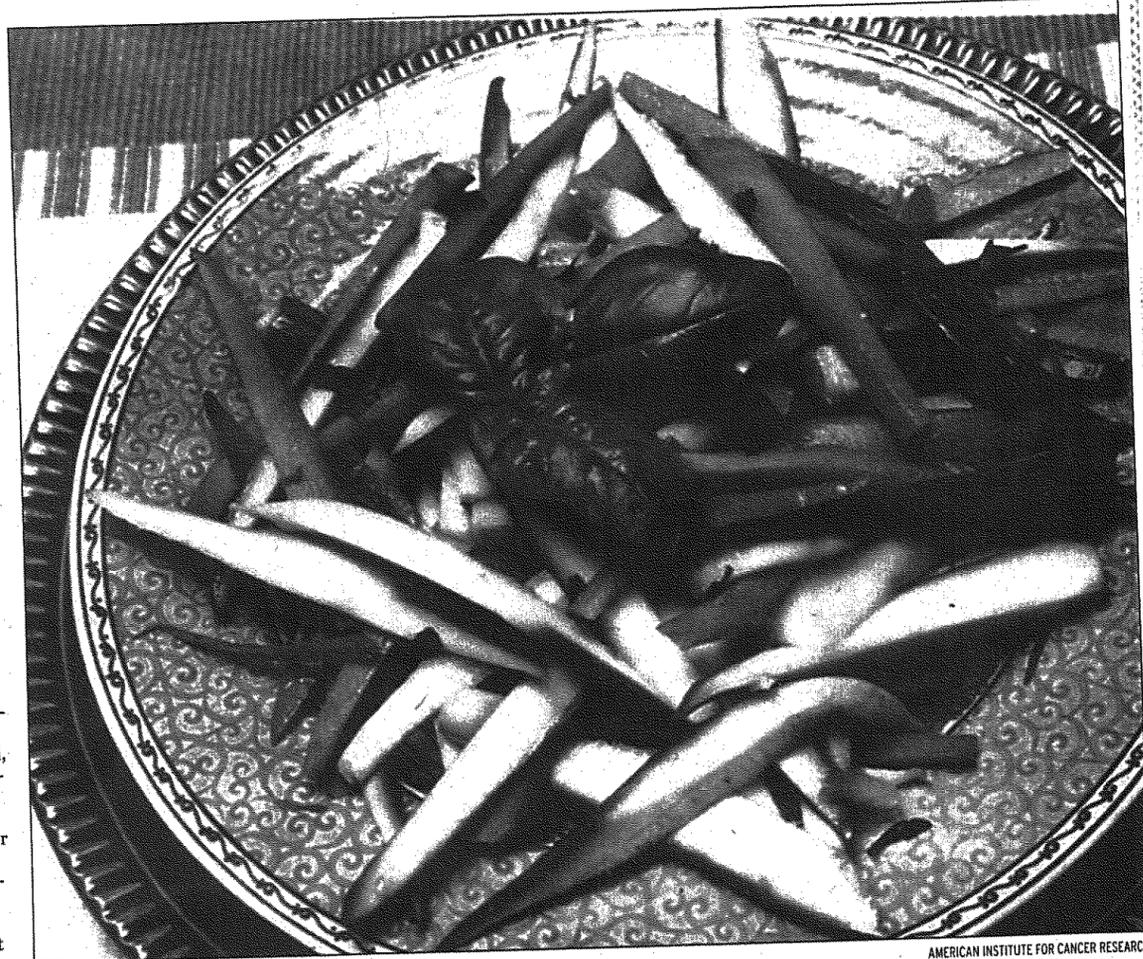
There are some pairings of herbs and vegetables that are particularly good: green beans with basil, dill, rosemary, or savory; broccoli with lemon basil, marjoram, or thyme; carrots with chervil, dill, mint, or tarragon; corn with chives, dill, or rosemary; spinach with garlic chives, lemon balm, marjoram, or tarragon; tomatoes with basil, cilantro, oregano, or dill.

Experiment to find the combinations that most appeal to your palate.

This quick dish features just a touch of sweet basil to accent the simple flavors of carrots and zucchini.

CARROTS, ZUCCHINI AND BASIL

3 small zucchini
3 small carrots
2 scallions
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
Water or fat-free, reduced-sodium broth
1 clove garlic, minced
Salt and freshly ground black



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Don't overlook fresh herbs this summer at the farmer's market. Pick up carrots, zucchini, scallions, chives and basil for this summer treat.

pepper, to taste
Dash of lemon juice, or to taste
1-2 teaspoon fresh basil leaves, chopped (or 1/2 tsp. dried), to taste
1 tablespoon chives, chopped
Cut the zucchini and carrots into very thin slices (the size of wooden matchsticks).

Cut the scallions into thin slices, including a little of the green.

In a medium-sized skillet, heat the oil. Add the carrots and begin to sauté, stirring frequently.

When they begin to soften, add the zucchini and scallions. (Add a tablespoon or two of

water or broth, if needed).

Since the heat should be rather high, do not add the garlic until the vegetables are almost done, or it may brown.

Season with salt and pepper and add lemon juice to taste when the vegetables are crisp-tender.

Sprinkle with basil and chives

and serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 41 calories, 2 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 5 g. carbohydrate, less than 1 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 21 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

PRODUCE

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West Chicago, the vendors draw about 200 people every week.

The barn was built in 1888 and is a state and national historic building. It burned down in 1918 and was rebuilt one year later. The house was built in 1885.

In its 13th year, the Farmer's Market at the Wilson Barn offers the usual produce and plants, but also provides a variety of handmade crafts, baked goods and even popcorn. A few spaces are still available at the market for a \$10 donation each Saturday. For more information, call Debra Edbauer at (734) 525-8718 or Gloria Laiklam at (313) 563-7948.

Livonia added a second farmer's market at Greenmead, which is also an historic farm. The 95-acre site features an 1841 Greek Revival farmhouse and its outbuildings.

This year for the first time, tours will be given during the farmer's market at Greenmead giving shoppers a chance to

'When I bring something different, they find it interesting. I think every one of our vendors do something a little different to make the market interesting.'

Glenn Cappella
Farmington Farmer's Market vendor

buy fresh goods, have lunch and see farm life the way it was nearly two centuries ago. Tours include walks through the Hill House, the barn and farm hand's house.

Visitors will also notice a chicken coop, carriage house, greenhouse, a caretaker's cottage and corn crib showing the entire way of life on a farm years ago.

"It's a small country market on a beautiful farm site," explained Linda Wiacek, Livonia recreation supervisor based at Greenmead.

"It's a laid-back way to do things."

FARMINGTON

Glenn Cappella grew up watching his parents farm and took the profession as his own. He sells the fruits of his labor at the Downtown Farmington Farmer's Market.

Talking from a cell phone on top of his tractor one recent day in late May, Cappella talks about taking pride in offering his customers things they might not have seen before, like New England blue Hubbard squash or sorrel, a sour leaf herb.

"When I bring something different, they find it interesting," he said. "I think every one of our vendors do something a little different to make the market interesting."

But, he also has the popular tomatoes and corn that most people know and want. In fact, on the wet evening that he took time out to talk about growing and selling, Cappella said, he was preparing the land so he could plant tomatoes the next day.

There was a tone of excitement in his voice. On his farm in St. Clair

Township, Cappella said he "grows everything and anything" including peppers, corn, watermelons, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, carrots, beans and onions.

"People come to the market in May when the flowers are in and they're looking for produce," Cappella said. "But, it doesn't work that way."

"It's been an interesting 10 years and I'm looking forward to the next 10 years," Cappella added.

Master gardeners are also available to answer gardening questions at the Farmington Farmer's Market.

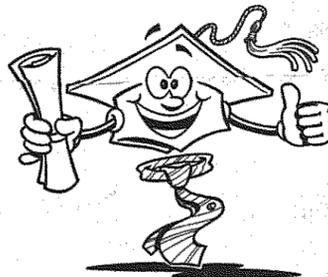
"The questions change depending on the season," explained Marycarole Haering, a master gardener.

Gardening questions are answered by master gardeners from the Michigan State University extension office.

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Diane Gale Andreassi is a freelance writer who lives in Livonia

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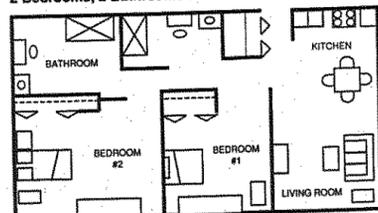
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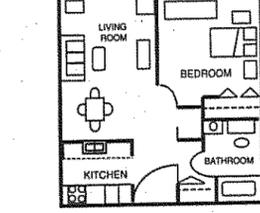
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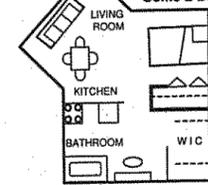
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Eastern European
Henry Ford Community College's Hospitality Studies Program will host an Eastern European luncheon buffet 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Thursday, June 5 at the college's new Fifty-One O One Restaurant inside the newly renovated Student & Culinary Arts Center (SCAC) on HFCC's main campus, located at 5101 Evergreen Road in Dearborn. The buffet will feature pierogies, dilled potatoes, goulash, stuffed cabbage and other favorites

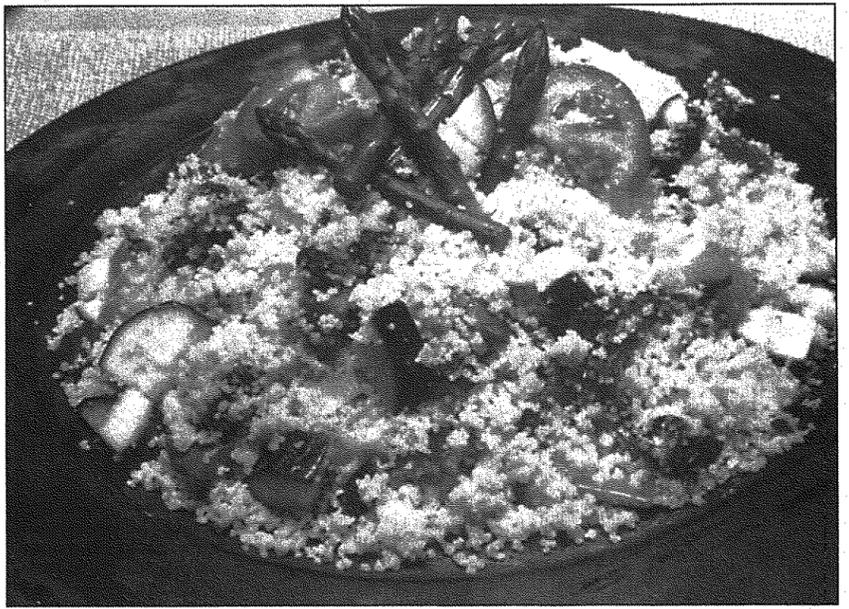
from such countries as Poland, Austria, Romania and Russia. The price is \$8.50 per person and proceeds will benefit HFCC Hospitality Studies Program students. HFCC also will host other international buffets on subsequent Thursdays featuring more exotic cuisine from around the world, including Mediterranean and Middle Eastern on Thursday, June 12, and the Far East on Thursday, June 19. Lunch prices for these buffets range from \$8.50 to \$11. To purchase buffet tickets or for more information, call Jeff Click at (313) 845-9651.

Weight Watchers
Chef Tim Cirka will conduct cooking demonstrations throughout the month of June for Weight Watchers, including the following dates and locations: 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday, June 21, at the Weight Watchers Building, 28555 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills; 6 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, Weight Watchers Center, Hamlin Square Shopping Center, 1906 South Rochester Road (by Staples) in Rochester; and 7 p.m., Thursday,

June 26, at the Weight Watchers Center, Northwoods Shopping Center, 30935 North Woodward, Birmingham. The demonstrations are free and the public is invited. Call 1-(888) 3-FLORINE for information.

Cooking classes
Valerie Wilson, "Macro Val," offers healthy cooking classes. Picnic Foods 2003 will be taught 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 11. Fee is \$25. The class will be taught at 30516 Krauter, Apt. 3C in Garden City. Class includes recipes, step-by-step instruction, personal hands-on experience and a meal. Space is limited. Classes must be pre-paid. Call (734) 261-2856 or visit www.macroval.com for information.

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



This couscous salad is packed with tomatoes, peppers and asparagus.

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Pack couscous salad with vegetables

A salad based on whole grains can be a perfect meal-in-a-bowl: satisfying, full of flavor, and good for your health. And even if you don't have whole grains handy, it's still possible to make a healthy, great-tasting one-pot-meal - just don't skimp on the veggies.

Cancer experts say a meal can be both tasty and cancer protective when it consists of two-thirds (or more) plant-based foods such as vegetables, fruits, beans and whole grains, and one-third (or less) animal protein. That's because plant foods offer a rich supply of vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals - anti-cancer substances found only in plant foods - that have been shown to protect our cells from damage by cancer-causing agents.

Whole grains like barley, quinoa, bulghur and brown rice come with their own unique rosters of antioxidants and phytochemicals that, scientists believe, work in many different ways to fight cancer.

These whole grains, as the name suggests, consist of the entire grain kernel. They have not been refined - a process that removes many protective substances and significantly reduces the amount of dietary fiber they contain. That's an important distinction, because foods that contain dietary fiber seem to be particularly helpful in reducing the risk of colon cancer.

The recipe below contains couscous, which is a refined grain. Couscous has become very popular because of its light texture and delicate taste, but it doesn't pack nearly the nutritional punch of a whole grain like brown rice or bulghur. That's why we've loaded this salad up with vegetables

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that contain a variety of phytochemicals and other healthful qualities.

Asparagus, for example, offers plenty of dietary fiber, folate and a rich supply of phytochemicals called saponins, which may help protect against heart disease as well as cancer.

A single tomato contains hundreds of phytochemicals that perform many different functions that have been linked to cancer prevention.

Tomatoes are especially rich in a phytochemical called lycopene, which has been associated with lower risk for prostate and breast cancer.

This salad works well for lunch or as a light dinner. (NOTE: Although it remains difficult to find, whole grain couscous is slowly becoming available at some health food and specialty stores, and is worth looking for. It combines whole grain nutrition with a lighter, more delicate texture.)

COUSCOUS SALAD

- 1 package (10-12 ounces) couscous
- 2-3 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth, depending on amount of couscous
- 1 medium zucchini, diced
- 1/2 red bell pepper, seeded and diced

- 1/2 yellow bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 3 tablespoons basil-flavored olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 8 fresh asparagus spears, peeled and blanched, for garnish
- 2 ripe tomatoes, sliced, for garnish

Prepare couscous according to package instructions, using broth in place of water. Let cool.

Meanwhile, heat oil in a pan or skillet over medium heat until hot. Add zucchini, peppers and dried tomatoes and sauté until lightly browned, about 4 minutes.

Turn cooled couscous into large bowl.

Mix in sautéed vegetables. Toss with herbed olive oil and salt and pepper to taste.

Place mixed salad on a serving plate.

Garnish with sliced tomatoes and asparagus spears. Makes 7 cups (without garnish)

Nutritional information per serving: 249 calories, 8 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 37 g. carbohydrate, 7 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 331 mg. sodium.

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This strawberry shrub uses fruit juices and is topped off with refreshing, ice cold club soda.

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This colonial drink still refreshes

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

On a visit to Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia, over a Memorial Day weekend, I was as enchanted by the food and drink as by the clanging blacksmith demonstrations, and the sense of tasting another time.

I was twelve years old, so dining by flickering candlelight, using a three-pronged fork and a bulbous, pistol-handled knife with its long, curving blade was more challenging than romantic.

The Virginia weather was hot and humid. Our hotel was air-conditioned, but at the Williamsburg restoration, it was authentically oppressive, indoors and out. The sticky weather made me particularly curious about what people

drank before the days of refrigeration in order to cool off, and how farm-hands and hard-working indentured servants quenched what must have been an endless thirst. Even the Governor's lady hardly led a life of cool comfort compared to today, and must have needed something bracingly restorative.

People back then placed whatever they wanted cooled in cold cellars and running streams. Needless to say, soda and ice were out of the question.

Even fruit juices were a rarity, though lemonade was popular.

It was often honey-sweetened, as sugar was a luxury.

On the other hand, people did partake of concoctions with enchanting names like "syllabub" and "shrub." With

syllabub, a creamy blend, the main point was spooning up the airy froth on top. For a long time, this foam was thought to be the result of shooting milk directly from a cow's udder into a pitcher containing a sweet blend of cider and spices, but modern experiments disproved that theory. The secret, it turns out, was simply whipping it up by hand.

Shrubs rely on the bracing tartness of vinegar.

Old cookery books indicate they were made by crushing fresh raspberries or other fruit in vinegar, leaving the mixture overnight, straining it and sweetening it to taste.

Eventually, recipes including milk appeared.

Today, I make shrub using fruit juices, topping off the glass with refreshing, ice cold club soda.

STRAWBERRY SHRUB

- 1 1/2 pints fresh strawberries, hulled and sliced
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat (2 percent) milk
- 2 cups chilled club soda
- 4 mint sprigs, for garnish

Place berries, sugar and orange juice in blender. Whirl until berries are pureed. Add milk, and blend until smooth.

Divide puree among 4 chilled glasses. Top off each glass with 1/2 cup soda.

Garnish with mint. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

Nutritional information per serving: 117 calories, 1 gram total fat (less than 1 gram saturated fat), 26 grams carbohydrate, 2 grams protein, less than 1 gram dietary fiber, 42 milligrams sodium.

WINE PICKS

When it comes to easier-drinking flavor-packed red wines, nothing beats Syrah or its twin Shiraz, Petite Sirah (not related to the twins) and Zinfandel.

SYRAH: 2001 Anapamu Paso Robles (\$22).

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ZINFANDEL: 1999 Dry Creek Vineyard Reserve (\$30) and 2001 Rancho Zabaco Sonoma Heritage Vines (\$18).

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.

WINE

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concentrated color and flavor. These efforts are rewarded in this Firebreak that, in addition to spicy notes, highlights cranberry fruit with black pepper nuances. Fernandez explained the contribution of three Napa Valley vineyards to the overall harmony of the 2000 Shafer Cabernet Sauvignon (\$48). "Cabernet from Stags Leap district offers softness and a rich core of fruit," Fernandez said. "St. Helena brings bright acidity and dustiness, while the fruit south of Oak Knoll contributes big, chalky tannins. The result is layers of herbs, cedar, blackberry and cherry, spread over a juicy core of fruit."

Doug Shafer added, "If our Napa Valley Cabernet is at all successful, much of it comes down to our solid, longstanding relationships with the growers who produce the fruit we source." Typically, wineries pay for grapes by the ton, but to maintain quality without regard for quantity, Shafer frequently pays growers by the acre for fruit grown on special

sites. Yes, the place does matter.

■ If you have a special mother-daughter cooking relation, extending to pairing wine with food, then you'll especially appreciate the new cookbook *Annie and Margrit, Recipes and Stories from the Robert Mondavi Kitchen*, \$35, Ten Speed Press.

Margrit is married to the legendary Robert Mondavi. Annie Roberts is Margrit's daughter and the first executive winery chef in the Napa Valley. Her cuisine is served at the winery's invitation-only Vineyard Room, where her mother began entertaining winery guests years ago.

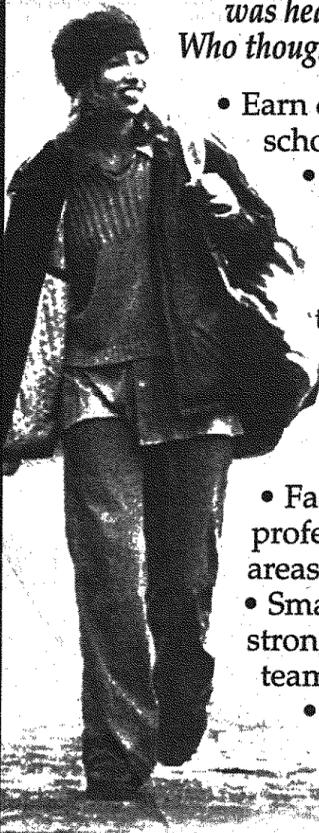
With the perfect wine pairing in mind, Annie's food follows the concept great chefs preach: keep it simple and flavorful. Even if you don't cook with your mom, this is a fabulous cookbook.

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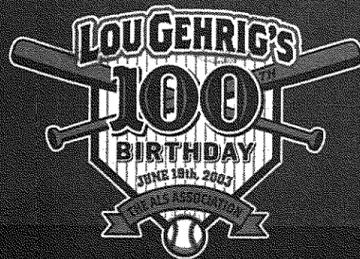
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Whether made with traditional ingredients, or in nuevo latino style, mojo marinade is pungent, tart and refreshing, especially at a summer barbeque.

Make Mojo your marinade - and more

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

The Cuban sauce called mojo criollo, which is primarily served with yuca and other root vegetables, is simple, citrus-based and loaded with garlic. I find this lively Hispanic blend also crosses over, serving easily as both a great marinade, and as an accompaniment to seafood, chicken, and lean pork.

Mojo (mo-ho) is a traditional combination of garlic, fat, and the intensely sour juice of Seville oranges, naranja agria in Spanish. While these bumpy skinned oranges are available in the ethnic produce section of many supermarkets and at Hispanic markets, they are not essential for a good mojo. A combination of freshly squeezed lime and orange juices nicely produces the same clean, sharp flavor.

Miami chefs, including Norman Van Aken, Alan Susser, and Steven Raichlen, often embellish mojo's trio of ingredients by adding sizzling habañero chiles, aromatic cumin, and herbs. As cooks with an interest in healthier fare, they use oil rather than the hot lard favored in Cuba.

Whether made with traditional ingredients, or in nuevo latino style, mojo is pungent, tart and refreshing, especially

at a summer barbeque. To make it serve double duty, my favorite, mojo rojo, starts with citrus and seasonings. After pouring off a portion to use for marinating, I then add red bell pepper, paprika, and fresh bread. Together, they further intensify the mojo's flavor while also adding body that thickens it into a sauce.

You may skip the bread, if you like, and still enjoy the thinner mojo as a sauce with grilled shrimp, salmon, and even burgers. However, it is essential to discard the portion used for marinating, as raw food can contaminate it with bacteria. (Boiling a marinade after it has been used can kill this bacteria, but it changes the flavor of this mojo.)

Marinating animal foods before grilling helps to reduce the formation of carcinogenic nitrosamines.

When you want to change from sweet barbecue sauce and other familiar choices, mojo is an enticing, quick alternative to use before and after cooking.

MOJO ROJO MARINADE FOR GRILLING

- 6 garlic cloves
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro leaves
- 1 cup fresh orange juice
- 1/2 cup fresh lime juice, (about 4 limes)
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive

- oil
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 medium red bell peppers, seeded and diced
- 1 cup cubed Italian bread, including crust
- 1 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne

Place garlic, cilantro, orange juice, lime juice, oil, cumin, oregano, salt, and black pepper in blender and whirl to puree. Pour off half, about 1 cup, to use as a marinade for salmon, firm white fish such as snapper, bass, or cod, salmon, or shrimp.

To the rest of the marinade in the blender, add the bell pepper, bread cubes, paprika, and cayenne.

Whirl until mixture is a loose, very finely chopped sauce. Use like salsa, to accompany the grilled seafood. Also, makes a good dressing for a crisp salad of romaine lettuce, cucumber and tomato, and dip with celery sticks. Makes 2 1/2 cups.

Nutritional information per 2 tablespoons serving: 28 calories, 1 g. total fat (less than 1 gram saturated fat), 4 g. carbohydrate, less than 1 gram protein, less than 1 gram dietary fiber, 184 milligrams sodium.

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

Quick fixings are sometimes best

It's the beginning of the make-it-ahead season. The end of school, graduations and weddings don't leave the home cook time for elaborate, last-minute dishes. Quick, easy meals are a harbinger of summer.

Hot weather calls for can-opening, slicing, mixing and assembling rather than braising, sautéing, stewing and roasting. And if a meal's worth of flavor and substance can be packed into a one-dish meal, so much the better - especially if it's nutritious.

One secret to a successful one-dish meal is variety. Ingredients of many colors, flavors and textures taste good, look good, and are chockful of phytochemicals, those disease-fighting natural substances found in plant-based foods like vegetables and fruits. The vegetables typically used in a salad - leafy greens, tomatoes, bell peppers - each offer different phytochemicals, each with their own health benefits.

Just one serving of dark leafy greens, for example, contains more than 100 different phytochemicals.

Dark, leafy greens like romaine lettuce and spinach contain lutein and zeaxanthin, powerful antioxidants linked to reduced risk of age-related macular degeneration and lung cancer. Bell peppers are a good source of phytochemicals called phenols, especially coumarins and terpenes, which help fend off cancer. Tomatoes are rich in lycopene (even more so when cooked), considered the most powerful antioxidant in the carotenoid family and believed to reduce the risk of prostate cancer and possibly breast cancer.

Many one-dish salad ingredients are in your refrigerator or cupboards. See what you have, put them together and have a refreshing, filling, healthful one-dish meal. This Mexican-style chicken salad is just one colorful example.



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MEXICAN CHICKEN SALAD

- 3 cups cooked, cubed chicken breast
- 1 can (15 ounces) corn, drained (1 3/4 cups)
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 1/2 cup peeled jicama, diced small
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2-3 tablespoons fresh lime juice, or to taste
- 3/4 cup thick salsa
- 3 drops, or to taste, red pepper sauce (optional)
- 2-4 tablespoons water
- 1/4 cup low-fat shredded cheddar cheese for garnish (optional)
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro or flat-parsley leaves, for garnish (optional)

In a large bowl, place chicken, corn, beans, bell peppers and jicama.

Gently toss until well mixed and set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together olive oil and lime juice.

Mix in salsa. Add red pepper sauce if desired.

Add enough water to thin consistency so dressing can be thinly drizzled over salad.

Transfer to serving pitcher.

Drizzle dressing over chicken mixture, tossing to coat salad ingredients evenly.

Cover and chill 1 to 3 hours so flavors can meld. Bring to room temperature and check seasoning before serving.

Add salt and pepper to taste, if desired.

Drain off any excess dressing. Place in serving bowl.

Sprinkle top of salad with cheese (if using) and cilantro. Serve with baked tortilla chips, if desired.

Makes about 10 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 238 calories, 13 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 16 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 413 mg. sodium.

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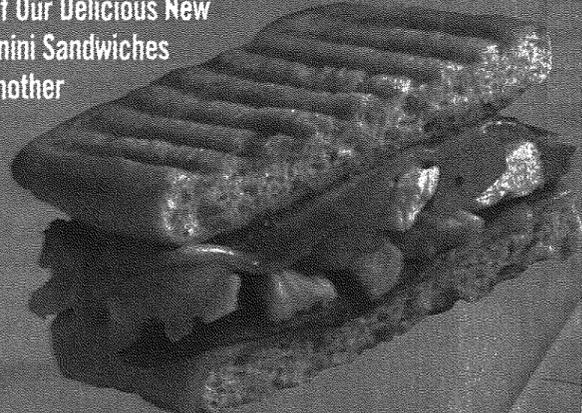
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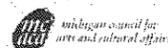
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Take a ride

Ford Motor Co.'s centennial event looks at the car that started it all

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Have you taken a ride in a Ford Model T lately?

You can at The Road Is Ours, Ford Motor Company's centennial celebration on the grounds of the Henry Ford II World Center in Dearborn, June 12-16.

One of many planned activities is a half-mile journey in a Ford Model T.

"We're set up to do thousands a day," said John Nens, executive producer of The Road Is Ours.

Enhancing the Model T ride is a visual journey through the history of Ford Motor Company and culture as impacted by automobiles.

"Everybody has heard about a Model T. They've heard their parents or grandparents talk about them," said Bill Barth, consultant for The Road Is Ours and former president of Model T Ford Club International. "To ride in one is a completely different experience. It tips around when you get in, and it bounces along as you go. It's a little bit like being on a roller coaster for the first time."

For a more intimate look at the vehicle, visitors can participate in a 30-minute assembly of a Model T roadster inside the event's 100th Anniversary Experience tent.

"This will be an eye-opening experience," said Nens. "The Model T wasn't as simple as people thought it was. It was not an uncomplicated machine."

Many other car models and brands will be showcased, as well. Brands include Aston Martin, Jaguar, Land Rover, Lincoln, Mercury, Volvo, Mazda and Ford Racing. Classic cars number more than 3,000, among them 100 Ford Motor Company icons, one from every year.

Other activities for automobile aficionados include a charity drive on Ford's Dearborn Proving Ground, a racing night with NASCAR Winston Cup drivers and appearances by racing legends like Sir Jackie Stewart, off-road driving and a cafe where visitors can make compact discs of their favorite driving songs.

If you're not in love with cars, there are a variety of other diversions, from rock wall climbing to massage inside an oxygen bar.

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'The Italian Job' is bubble gum entertainment

THE ITALIAN JOB
** (out of four)

This is a heist flick, and like so many heist flicks, the lead characters have no discernible lives outside of "the job." They do not really exist. They are simply people who steal stuff, and they only exist for the two hours it takes to watch *The Italian Job*. Then whoosh - they dis-

appear like the thinly fabricated fantasies that they so obviously are. But then again, this is a heist flick - do we need realistic characters? Most heist flicks, after all, feature a rag-tag band of eccentric geniuses who eccentrically amuse us with their genius eccentricities. Often, the thieves are so amusing (not to mention genius and eccentric)

that audiences forgive them for being flimsy cardboard cut-outs. *The Italian Job* is no exception. Charlie (Mark Wahlberg) is the leader of a gang of gold thieves and has a perfect record - until he's double-crossed by Steve (Edward Norton), who swipes the loot and attacks Charlie's fatherly Fagan, John (Donald Sutherland). Charlie joins forces with John's safe-cracking daughter Stella (Charlize Theron) and nerdy computer hacker Lyle (Seth Green), then hatches a plot to snag the gold - and revenge.

After the disastrous one-two punch of *Planet of the Apes* and *The Truth About Charlie*, you would think Wahlberg would have had his fill of remakes. If you didn't know - and you probably didn't - *The Italian Job* is a remake of a 1969 Michael Caine/Benny Hill crime caper of the same title. I have not seen the original but, from what I am led to believe by both fans and detractors, it captures an undeniable sense of time and place (the UK the 1960s) and is undeniably well acted.

In the new version, the only actor who doesn't phone in his performance is Sutherland - and, if you've seen the preview, you know he's not exactly going to make it to the end credits. Consequently, we are quickly stranded in the film alongside a posse of over-paid actors, each more bored than the last.

Watching Wahlberg and Theron "act" is like watching a professional juggler juggle three balls - they're paying attention, but just barely. That explains why the characters have names like Skinny Pete, Handsome Rob, Left Ear and Wrench - something has to catch our attention, and it certainly isn't going to be the dialogue. There are a few "sensitive" scenes, mostly between Wahlberg and Theron, but their chemistry is so utterly non-existent that their sudden kiss surprised me. And not in a good way. The movie progresses swiftly and globe-trots gleefully - one moment, the thieves are speeding through Venice; the next, they're high atop a snowy peak. There's no reason or explanation for it, but it's fun in an anything-goes James Bond kind of way. The heists are unbelievable, but fun. For example, the plan hinges on the certainty that one of the thieves can seduce a stranger into bed. Sound a little risky? Try this: the plan also hinges around convincing Norton that Theron is a cable TV installer. You heard me right - Charlize Theron, cable TV installer.

But these sins are forgivable; let me repeat: this is a heist flick, and ludicrous plot points are par for the course. And aside from about a dozen computer hacking scenes (when are filmmakers going to understand that typing on a computer is not exciting?), *The Italian Job* is adequately entertaining - it contains inventive thefts, above-average car chases, and an agile camera that seems to understand the film better than any of the actors. In other words, *The Italian Job* is bub-

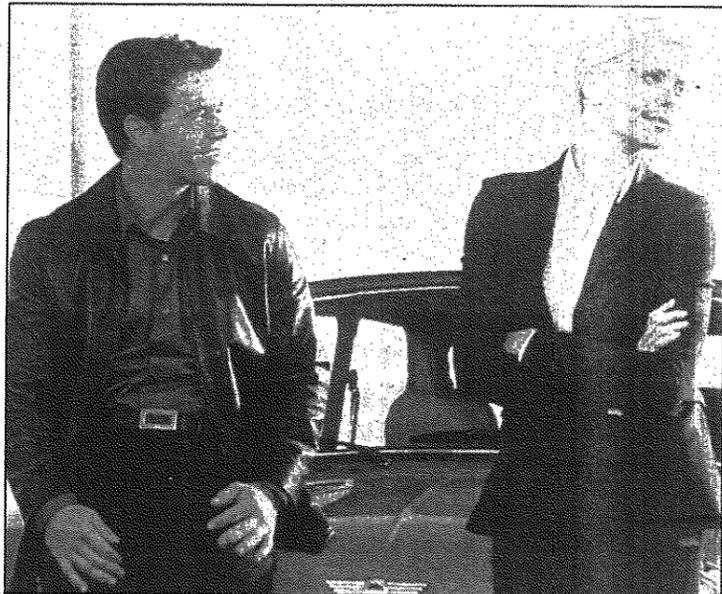


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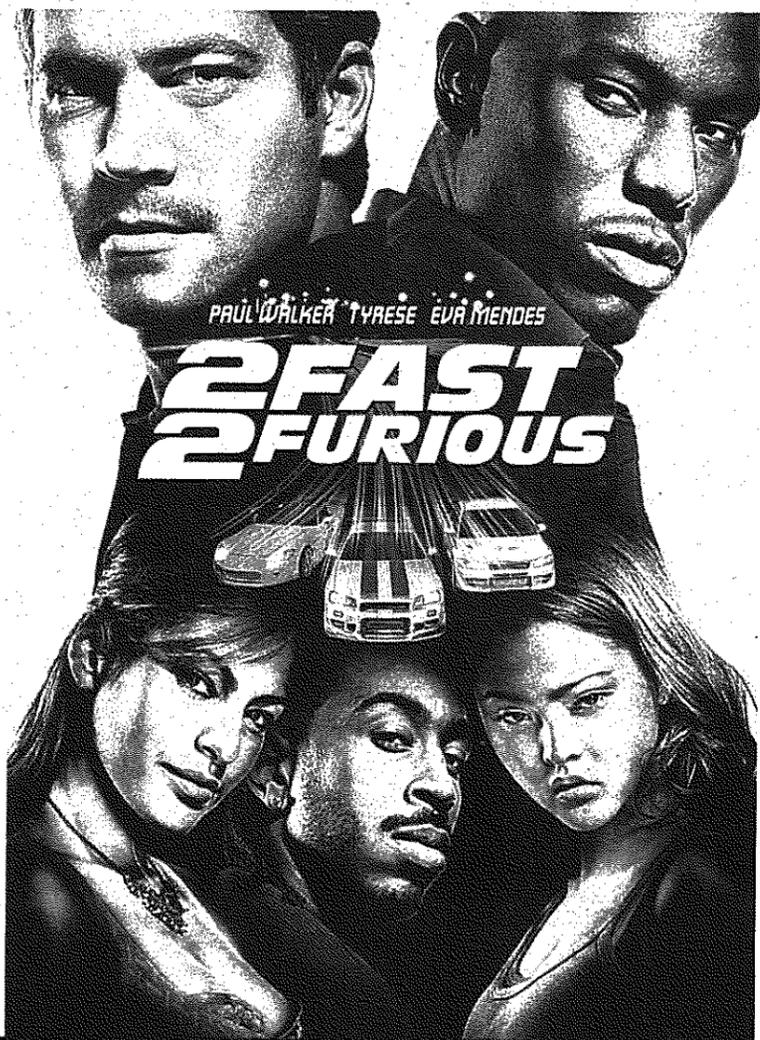


Mark Wahlberg (left) and Charlize Theron star in 'The Italian Job.'

ble gum entertainment best served by being loud, shiny and colorful. And until the actors open their mouths, that's exactly what it is.

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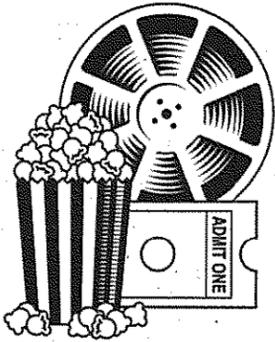
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Family Fun

More to see, do at the new Greenfield Village

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The 21st century fades as Christian Overland steps into Greenfield Village. Nine months of construction and \$60 million later Henry Ford's dream is coming back to life and its director can't wait to show it off. Designed by Grissim Metz Andriese Associates, Inc. of Northville in conjunction with JGA, Inc. of Southfield, the 81-acre village features seven new theme districts that tell the story of American history in the 17th to 19th centuries.

Visitors stroll through working farms and artisan shops, down Main Street with its horse drawn carriages, and past the railroad junction recreating daily living in rural and small town America. The journey continues in districts where visitors learn about inventor Thomas Edison and automotive pioneer Henry Ford then take a ride in a Model T. Throughout the village plantings of indigenous trees add to the feeling visitors have stepped into America's past.

"These are extremely fantastic times. We've installed 300 lamps from the late 1800s to the turn of the century allowing for more evening activities," said Overland. "We've planted more than 1,000 trees, saved and transplanted others. We haven't seen this activity since it opened in 1929.

"John Grissim researched Jens Jensen's original design to find out what was the original intent of Henry Ford and the landscaper. We've restored the Gate House and added the Josephine F. Ford Plaza with architecture inspired by the Neo-Georgian style popular in Henry Ford's time. There's a new fountain. Gone is the grass and Victorian garden. There's no more asphalt only brick walkways and concrete. It's all designed to get people in the village and once you're here uses an intuitive way of finding your way around. Vistas provide a visual clue. It was designed to step off of a concrete road and into an era."

Nine buildings were moved in order to create an open design for the 83 structures contained in the National Historic Landmark. Among the highlights of the outdoor living history attraction is the Liberty Craftworks District with a mill pond. There visitors can watch glass blowers, potters, tinsmiths, and weavers at work.

"You can get real close to the Percheron herd now because of the way it's designed," said Overland. "We've built a Civil War era bridge that is a reproduction of the Burnside Bridge. There are more historic landscapes. It's the place to study and learn about American crafts. We've built a new glass shop and in the old we're putting a glass gallery to open

GREENFIELD VILLAGE

What: The 90-acre village reopens after nine months of construction. Seven new theme districts focus on 300 years of American life

When: Tuesday, June 10. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

Where: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, call (313) 982-6100, www.thehenryford.org

Admission: \$18, \$17 ages 62 and up, \$12 ages 5-12, under age 5 free

in 2004 to showcase our American glass collection."

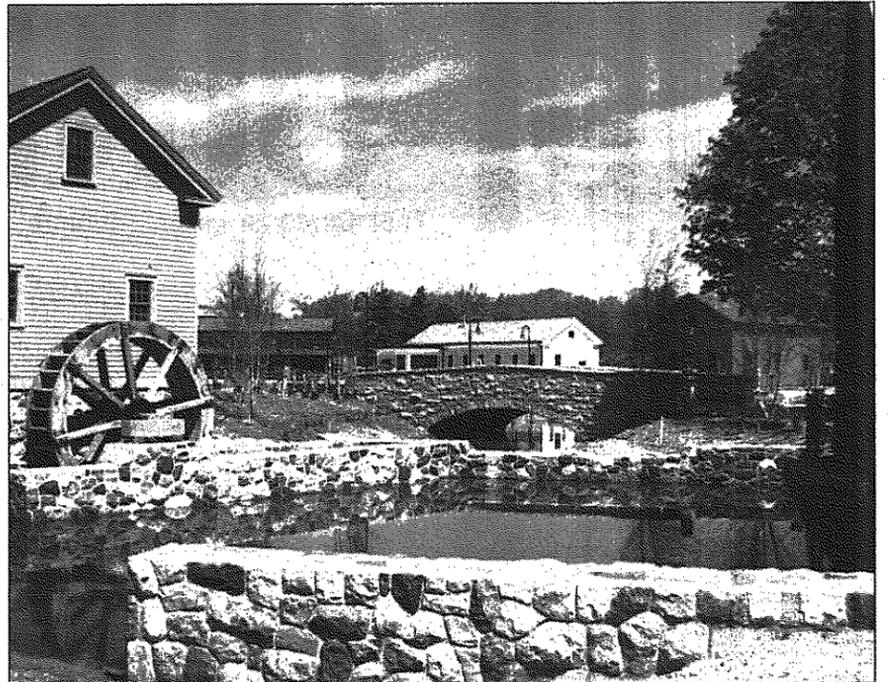
For the next 100 years is a phrase Overland uses often. In addition to building a reproduction of 1860s officers' quarters to house a pavilion for family and corporate functions, contractors replaced the entire underground infrastructure. The master plan was designed for generations of visitors to experience all aspects of American history.

"We're reopening the saw mill that you've not been able to get into the last 20 years," said Overland. "We moved the Silk Mill as your entering the Railroad Junction so you could see the Roundhouse. Everywhere you look there's something. On weekends we offer activities like historic re-enactments or our Motor Muster featuring vintage vehicles June 14-15. This summer our Hometown Celebration is focusing on a baseball theme with theatrical presentation of its history narrated by Ernie Harwell. And in August there'll be a tournament which ties in with history. In 1867 Detroit held the first national baseball tournament in America.

"History comes alive here. We have Main Street for parades and plays on the street, a horse drawn lunch stand from 1919 selling food, and a new restaurant - Mrs. Fisher's Southern Cooking. She was one of the first African Americans to publish a cookbook."

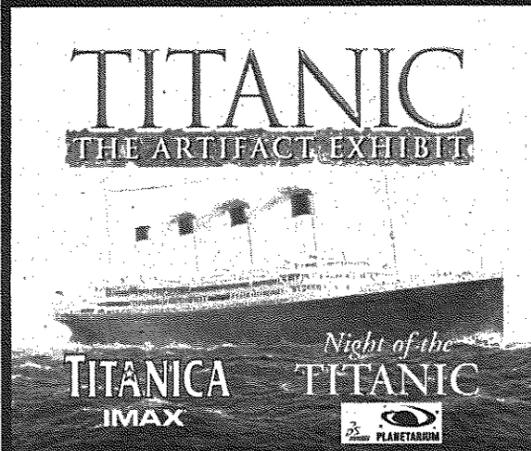
Museum member Larry Gilbert likes working on a site that recreates American history. In mid-May his Merriman Construction crew was wrapping up ground work for a street trough to water horses pulling carriages through the village. Gilbert was one of 550 contractors who worked on the restoration project which included building ramps and lifting grades to provide easy access for visitors with disabilities.

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A mill pond near the Loranger Gristmill creates a focal point in the Liberty Craftworks District. Here visitors learn about early manufacturing in pottery and glass shops then try their hands at making crafts.

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Cabaret

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The Oakland Theatre Guild

Annie runs Thursday-Saturday, to June 7, Starlight Theater in Summit Place Mall. \$15, (248) 335-1788 for times and ticket info.

CABARET

Julie Wilson

7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, June 7, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth, Ann Arbor. \$30, \$20 and \$15, (734) 769-2999, www.kerrytown.com

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

9:45 p.m. Friday, June 13 (with fireworks), Ford World Headquarters, Dearborn. \$24.95. (866) 410-0637

CLUBS/BARS

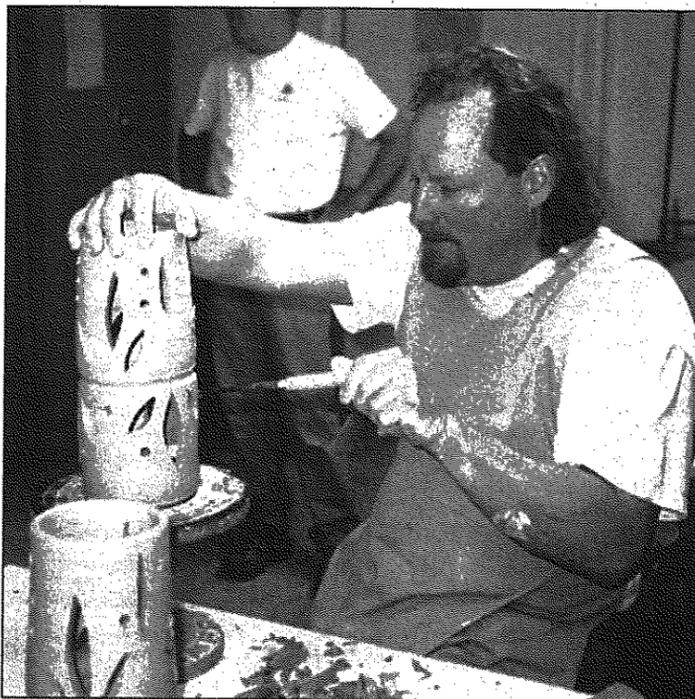
Crazy Moe's Cafe 2 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac. It would be hard to get bored in this bar. Start the night in the kitchen that serves burgers and Mexican food; then burn off those calories on the main level's high energy dance floor. Later, cool down on the lower level where the relaxed, dimly lit room awaits those who like sultry, mellow jazz. (248) 262-6870.

Club Yesterday's

17017 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield. Elegant no-jeans-allowed lounge in the Ramada Inn. It's the area's only bar that has food, a dress code, comfortable outdoor seating, and a DJ. It's also non-smoking and very friendly. (248) 557-9444.

Luna Lounge

1815 N. Main, Royal Oak. Formerly the Groove Room this longtime popular dance club still attracts crowds of all ages looking to dance in an unpretentious, but hip alternative atmosphere. Tuesdays is video appreciation night, Wednesdays is electro-industrial, Fridays is retro-alternative and Saturdays is alternative dance. (248) 589-3344



The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center holds its annual Student Pottery Sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, June 6, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, north of 14 Mile, Birmingham. An Open House 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 7, features demonstrations in ceramics, painting, drawing, sculpture and printmaking. Call (248) 644-0866 for more information. Pictured is ceramics director Paul Young.

336 Main

336 S. Main, Plymouth. A light-hearted piano cocktail lounge featuring sing-alongs seven days a week - jazz, blues, classic pop and rock. Musicians are invited to sit in on Monday Night Jam Night with Wally Gibson. Dress code, no jeans. The bar includes 70 different kinds of martinis and 40 brands of single malt and blended scotches. (734) 454-6500.

Aut bar

315 Braun Court, Ann Arbor. A popular contemporary-style bar and cafe geared toward the gay community but is also proudly "straight" friendly. This welcoming establishment features a full alcohol bar plus an espresso bar, library, billiards and patio in historic Kerrytown. Sunday brunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (734) 994-3677.

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29 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. The beautiful

folks gather here where the dress code is enforced on Friday and Saturday evenings. The main floor is popular dance music. DJs on the lower level are more experimental. Reservations are accepted, because lines are often long, via email: door@tonicdetroit.com. (248) 334-7411.

OPERA

Michigan Opera Theatre

Presents *Dead Man Walking*, Jake Heggie's opera based on the nonfiction book by Sister Helen Prejean 8 p.m. Saturday, June 7; Friday-Saturday, June 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 8 and 15; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway. \$18-\$105. (313) 237-7464 or visit the Web site at www.MichiganOpera.org

Detroit Concert Choir

With former opera singer Dina Soresi winter perform highlights from favorite Italian operas during the concert

'Benvenuti Italia & Opera Intrigue' 4 p.m. Sunday, June 8, Italian Cultural Center, 28111 Imperial, east of Hoover, 2 blocks south of 12 Mile Road, Warren. \$15, \$12 seniors and students. (313) 882-0118

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Improv Comedy Jamm Night! Open mic and Improv Comedy troupe, Beer Money, 8 p.m. Wednesday; Claudia Sherman with Jason Douglas, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 6-7, \$11 general admission at the door, \$9 advance purchase, (734) 996-9080 or www.aacomedy.com

Genitti's

Bob Posch 7 p.m. Friday, June 20, 108 E. Main, Northville. For reservations for dinner and show, call (248) 349-0522.

Chaplin's Comedy Club

Leo Dufour and Walt Willey Thursday-Saturday, June 5-7, Mike Green Friday-Saturday, June 13-14, Jim Hamm Thursday-Saturday, June 26-28, Jef Brannan Thursday-Saturday, July 10-12, at the club, 34244 Groesbeck, Clinton Township. 8:30 p.m. Thursday, \$7, 9 p.m. Friday, \$12, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Saturday, \$12. For reservations call (586) 792-1902

Century Theatre

Comedy works brings game-style and sketch improvisation to the stage 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, to June 28, 333 Madison, Detroit. \$12.50. (313) 963-9800

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Kevin Pollak, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 5, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 6-7, \$20 Thursday, \$25 Friday-Saturday, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com

JAZZ/BLUES

Matt Michaels Trio

With vocalist Judie Cochill 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, with trumpeter Bob Mojica Wednesday, June 18, with vocalist Barbara Ware Wednesday, June 25, Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren, Garden City. \$5 with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner. Reservations recommended. (734) 762-7756

David Cook Jazz Trio

9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, June 7, Baker's Keyboard Lounge, 20510 Livernois, Detroit. For reservations or information, call (313) 345-6300

Jon Nam Trio

8 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, 11, and 18, Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 971-8300

Hidden Agenda

9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday through Saturday, June 21, Fox & Hound, 39560 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. No cover. (248) 644-4800

Rosie O'Grady's

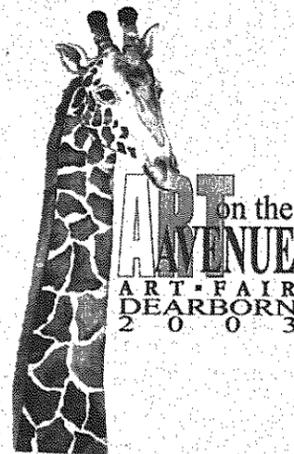
Tim Flaherty, Marvin Conrad and George Bennett, Tuesday Night Open Blues/Jazz Jam, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday, Rosie O'Grady's, 175 W. Troy Street, Ferndale. (248) 591-9163

Vince James Trio

Compari's, 8-11 p.m. Wednesdays, 350 S. Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100

Chuck Moss

And the Dixieland Paint Creek Jazz Band 2-5 p.m. Saturday, June 28, and Aug. 23,



Art on the Avenue, presented by the Dearborn Community Arts Council, takes place on the streets of Dearborn's west downtown business district 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 7, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 8. Brooklyn, Mich. artist Jana Conger designed this shirt which features a watercolor rendition of a giraffe. It's available for purchase at the event, or call (313) 943-3095. Sizes small, medium, large and extra large are \$15; size 2XL is \$20. Those who purchase a shirt will receive a free ticket in a special drawing for Conger's original artwork of the Art on the Avenue shirt design. For more information, visit www.dccarts.org

at Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph, Southfield. \$8 cover. (248) 476-2674

POPULAR MUSIC

The Mega 80's 8 p.m. Saturday, June 7, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10. (248) 645-6666. **Jonathon Richman** 8 p.m. Sunday, June 8, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. \$10. (248) 645-6666.

Beck

With Dashboard Confessional and Black Keys 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, Meadow Brook Music Festival, campus of Oakland University, Rochester. \$35 pavilion, \$35 lawn. (248) 645-6666.

GALLERY RECEPTIONS

Project Photographic Gallery

The gallery celebrates its first anniversary with a show by College for Creative Studies' and Oakland Community College students June 6 to July 26, opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 6, 309 Main, suite 250 on upper level, access from alley, downtown Rochester. (248) 652-0528.

Sybaris Gallery

'Your Turn - Collecting Wood Art' and 'Material Interest - Wood Jewelry,' June 7 to July 12 at Sybaris Gallery, 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Opening reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 7. Lecture and woodturning demonstrations noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, or by

appointment. Call (248) 544-3388 for information.

Detroit Now

Collaboration between the Detroit Artists Market, Detroit Contemporary, Meadow Brook Art Gallery and Paint Creek Center for the Arts. June 6-29. Opening receptions 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 6, Meadow Brook Art Gallery, 209 Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005; 6-11 p.m. Friday, June 6, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110; 6-9 p.m. Saturday, June 7, Detroit Artists Market, 4719 Woodward Ave. (810) 832-8543, 6-11 p.m. Saturday, June 7, Detroit Contemporary, 5141 Rosa Parks Blvd., (313) 898-4ART

ART SHOWS

Student sale

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Arts and Crafts Festival

The Livonia Arts Commission presents its 27th annual Arts & Crafts Festival 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 7-8, at Greenmead Historical Village, 20502 Newburgh at 8 Mile Road, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 466-2540. This year 130 artists will exhibit their works. Live entertainment by Persuaders and The Phenomenals.

Art on the Avenue

On the streets of Dearborn's west downtown business district 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, June 7, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 8. www.dcacarts.org

PROFESSIONAL DANCE

Ann Arbor Dance Works

Innovative work 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 12-13, University of Michigan Dance Building, Betty Pease Studio Theatre, 1310 N. University Court, Ann Arbor. \$10, \$6 seniors and students. (734) 647-2287



These are the final days for 'Magnificenza! The Medici, Michelangelo and The Art of Late Renaissance Florence' at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave. The exhibition is the first to explore one of Italy's most influential ruling families - the Medici grand dukes who ruled Tuscany from 1537-1631, and ends Sunday, June 8. Included are 180 paintings, sculpture, drawings, and decorative arts from 77 museums and private collections from around the world. Timed tickets are \$12, \$6 ages 6-17. Available by calling (866) 334-2784 or online at www.dia.org. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday, and until 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Pictured is Agnolo Bronzino's painting of poet Laura Battiferra.

SOCIAL DANCING

Contra Dancing

1:30-4:30 p.m. first Sunday of each month, Lovett Hall Ballroom next door to Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. \$8. (313) 982-6100, Ext. 2262

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Moon-Dusters

Ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and

Latin, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile Road, \$5. (248) 968-5197.

Rhythm 'N' Shoes

Weekly ballroom/ Latin dance party with disc jockey, 9-11 p.m. Thursday, 2172 Franklin Road, north of Square Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Bloomfield Hills, \$7, \$6 members. (248) 334-0299

A-1 Dance Parties

8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, Top 40s, Oldies, Line Dances, requests, Italian Cultural Center, Warren. \$6. (313) 521-6564

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

Ann Arbor Hands On Museum

Celebrating 20 years of discovery, museum offers more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science. 220 E. Ann. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$7, \$5 children, students and seniors. (734) 995-KIDS or www.laahom.org

Cranbrook Art Museum

Tours of permanent collection and current exhibitions of art, architecture and design. Bruce Springsteen: Troubadour for the Highway June 7-Aug. 31, Cranbrook and the British Arts & Crafts Movement continues to Sept. 28, Graduate Summer Exhibition May 31-Sept. 28, at the museum, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3361

Cranbrook Institute of Science

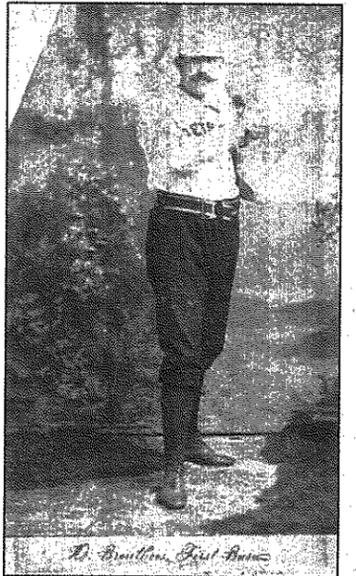
T. rex on Trial, an exhibition featuring a crime scene complete with life-like robotic dinosaurs and hands-on detective activities continues through Monday, Sept. 1. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, until 10 p.m. Friday, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free with museum admission \$7, \$5 ages 2-12. Children under age 12 free on Community Day Saturday, May 31. Call (877) 462-7262 or visit the Web site at www.cranbrook.edu. Dinosaur Days 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 12 and Aug. 9. Dig up fossils and make casts of a dinosaur bone while learning about paleontology from Cranbrook paleontologist Mark Uhen. Free with museum admission.

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center

Live animal display-hands on activities for kids, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland, east of Hines Drive. Free (734) 261-1990

Detroit Institute of Arts

Magnificenza! The Medici, Michelangelo and The Art of Late Renaissance Florence continues to June 8, exhibition is first to explore one of Italy's most influential ruling families - the Medici grand dukes who ruled Tuscany from 1537-1631. Includes 180 paintings, sculpture, drawings, and decorative arts from 77 museums and private collections from around the world. Timed tickets are \$12, \$6 ages 6-17. Available by calling (866) 334-2784. The DIA continues its Friday night programming, at the museum, 5200 Woodward Ave. With admission \$4, \$1 children, no charge for Founders Society members. Call (313) 833-8499 for exhibition information, (313) 833-7900 for general information or visit the Web site at www.dia.org



Remember historic moments by visiting a Detroit Tigers exhibit June 7 to Oct. 11, at Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills. 'For the Glory of the Game: Detroit Tiger Baseball' features photographs, uniforms, tickets, and equipment from the four World Series Championships in 1935, 1945, 1968, and 1984. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday through Aug. 31, 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday year round, call (248) 656-4663 for more information. Pictured is an 1886 photo of Hall-of-Fame Detroit Wolverines first baseman Dan Brouters.

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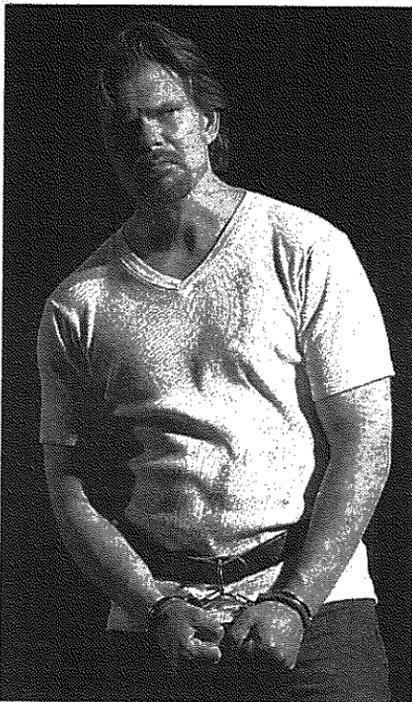
New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit, Images of Lincoln, acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz, at the museum, 155 S. Main. \$3, \$1 students ages 5-17, \$7 a family. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. (734) 455-8940.



Ticklepenny Corner (pictured) and special guest Happy Now Happy perform a concert 8 p.m. Friday, June 6, at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$10, \$7 theater members. Call (734) 464-6302. Ticklepenny Corner is a distinctive blend of Americana with equal parts folk, roots and rock. They'll perform songs from a soon to be released CD. Happy Now Happy is rock with influences of Americana and folk.

On Stage

'Dead Man Walking' follows murderer on journey of redemption



John Packard returns to the role of Joseph De Rocher in the Michigan Opera Theatre production 'Dead Man Walking.'

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

No matter which side of the death penalty you're on Sister Helen Prejean thinks the opera *Dead Man Walking* will tug at your heartstrings. Opening Saturday, June 7, at the Detroit Opera House, the music and libretto are based on the nun's true story about condemned murderer Joseph De Rocher and his journey down the long road to redemption.

Sister Prejean began counseling death row inmates at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in 1981. Since then she's accompanied five men to their deaths and wrote, *Dead Man Walking: An Eye Witness Account of the Death Penalty in the U.S.* The book was later made into a film written and directed by Tim Robbins. In 2000 the San Francisco Opera Company performed the world premiere of the opera by composer Jake Heggie with libretto by Tony Award-winning playwright Terrence McNally. John Packard returns to the role of Joseph De Rocher in the Michigan Opera Theatre production which is co-produced with Opera Pacific, Austin Lyric Opera, and the New York City, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Baltimore operas.

'DEAD MAN WALKING'

What: Michigan Opera Theatre presents Jake Heggie's opera based on the nonfiction book by Sister Helen Prejean. Libretto by Terrence McNally

When: 8 p.m. Saturday, June 7, and Friday-Saturday, June 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 8 and 15; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway

Tickets: \$18-\$105, call (313) 237-7464 or www.MichiganOpera.org

Although Heggie kept her posted as to his progress on writing the opera, Sister Prejean was not directly involved with its creation. She did make two requests of Heggie however - not to write any atonal music, and to keep redemption at the center of story.

Whether Sister Prejean agrees or dis-

agrees with the Catholic Church on upholding the death penalty until only recently is immaterial.

"Seeing the opera brought me back to original experiences - the mother before the pardon board, the victim's families and how they deal with the death of their children, and the state saying this is going to heal you," said Sister Prejean who's now counseling her sixth inmate on death row. Her second book, *The Machinery of Death* about two possibly innocent men on death row, is scheduled for release in fall.

Colin Gibbings and Jon Wright have already begun reflecting on where they stand on the death penalty. Their roles as the killer's brothers put them painfully in the middle of the dilemma. It's not something they confront daily as sophomores in the Creative and Performing Arts program at Churchill High School in Livonia.

"It's ironic and hypocritical to say you're going to kill someone because they killed someone," said Gibbings.

"Personally I don't think the death penalty is right," added Wright. "The opera's an emotional piece where stakes are high. It's such a great message."

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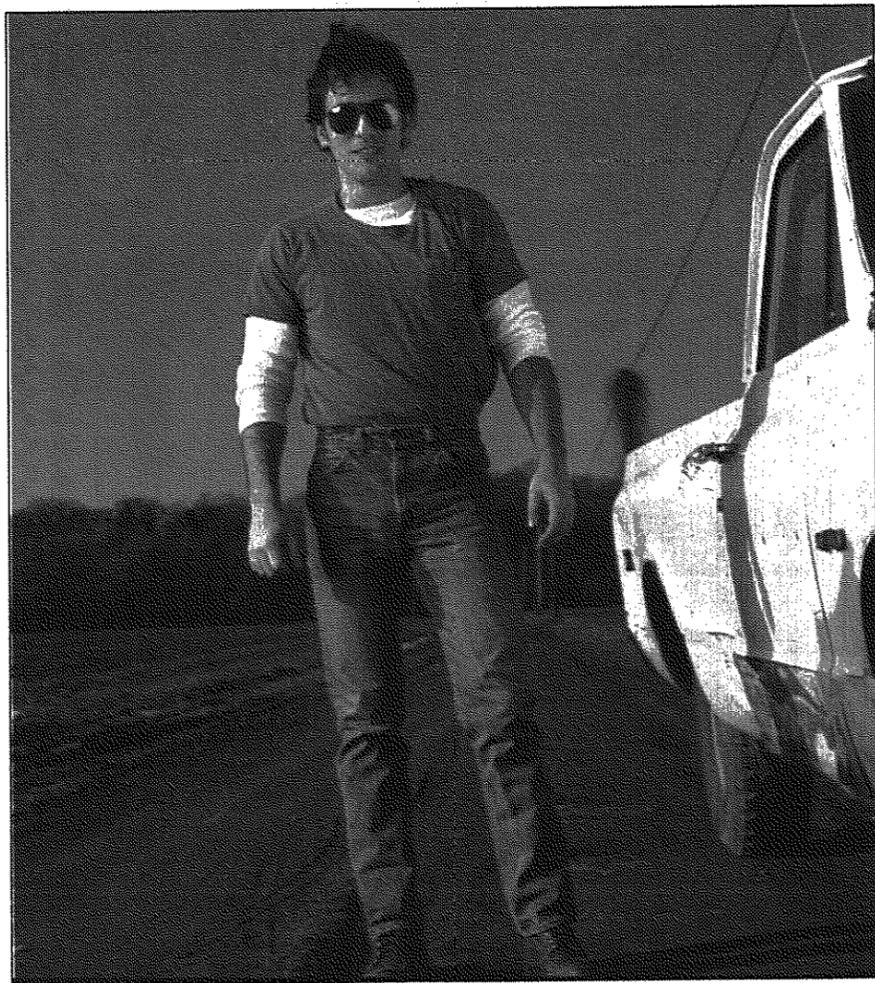


PHOTO BY ANNIE LEIBOVITZ

The Boss looks ready to ride in Annie Leibovitz's 1981 photograph of the artist standing by a truck in a dirt road. The photograph, 'Bruce Springsteen, Uniondale, New York,' appears in the exhibit's introduction.

Born to drive

Cranbrook exhibit journeys through Springsteen's visions of car and road

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Rock 'n' roll has a thing for cars, highways and being on the road.

Countless song lyrics refer to the dirt and concrete paths on which we travel, the machines we use to make the journey and the emotions we feel on the way.

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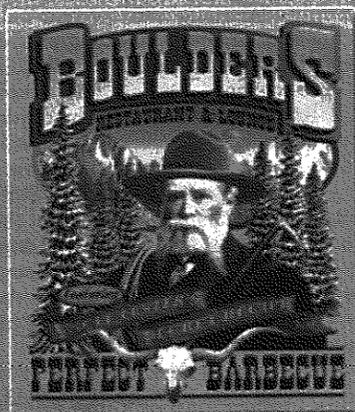
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Table Hopping

Father's Day has special meaning for restaurateurs

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

In celebration of Father's Day, peek behind the scenes of a few restaurants, where the proprietor or chef has a son or daughter in business with him.

"Having my daughter Alana work at Five Lakes Grill with me," said Executive Chef/Proprietor Brian Polcyn, "offers me the opportunity to spend more time with her in a real life work situation. It's special. In the past, Alana has busied tables. It taught her that the restaurant business is teamwork."

Now 19, Alana Polcyn has completed her freshman year at Western Michigan University with the aim of earning a degree in fashion merchandising. Her summer job at Five Lakes Grill is "barback." Translation: She supports the bartender, doing the necessary chores to maintain good service. She's also training to be part of the waitstaff.

"Working at Five Lakes's Grill is awesome," Alana said. "I love the atmosphere here and I get to see my father more. Five Lakes operates as a family-run restaurant with lots of family spirit. That's how our home is too."

At Assaggi in Ferndale, George Gize has watched his 27-year-old son Joseph, whose first career thought was vehicle design, advance from disliking kitchen work to enrolling in Schoolcraft College's culinary arts program.

"Working at Assaggi, I've become attracted to dessert making," Joseph said. "After I earn a culinary degree, I'd like to open a pastry bar next door."

George came to the restaurant business by accident. "The longer I'm in it, the more I realize how creative it is," he noted. "A dish represents a chef's personality and I look forward to my son's creative abilities being challenged."

KNOWING THE FEELING

Mark Larco of Larco's in Troy knows the pride factor. His son Peter, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., is Larco's Executive Chef. "I have a strong feeling of security because I know if Peter's doing the job, it's being done well with love, feeling and pride," he said.

Peter maintained that he "enjoys being responsible for high food quality. It's easy for me to work with my parents as a team attempting to continually innovate. They see that the education they gave me is paying off."

Similarly, John Del Signore, owner of Laurel Manor in Livonia, noted that his son Luciano, owner of Bacco in Southfield, "is the master chef of the family. He grew up cooking and graduated from Schoolcraft College with a culinary degree. Once I saw that he was unhappy in the banquet kitchen at Laurel Manor, I put Fonte d'Amore (in Livonia) in his care."

Luciano built a reputation there for foods from his family roots in Italy's Abruzzo region. Last year, Luciano and his wife Monica opened



STEVE CAMERON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Luciano Del Signore and his father, John in their dining room of Bacco. John says his son "is master chef of the family."

Bacco, placing emphasis on the many regional cuisines of Italy.

At age 71, John continues to work at Laurel Manor. Luciano added, "I've always been proud of what my father did since he came to the U.S. in 1958 from the town of Fonte d'Amore in Abruzzi. My father owns a home there and I visit often with my family to advance my vision of Italian regional foods."

NOT AT THE START

"Actually," said 28-year-old Casey Kruse, "my father (Bill Kruse, owner of Kruse & Muer) counseled me not to go into the restaurant business. One summer I worked in a brokerage firm and spent half the day looking at the clock."

Armed now with a degree in Hospitality Business from Michigan State University, Casey is the General Manager of the Kruse & Muer location in the Village of Rochester Hills. "I didn't start at the top," Casey said. "After I graduated, I was a line cook in the Grand Blanc location, where I worked while attending MSU."

Adrian Lark, daughter of Jim Lark, owner of The Lark in West Bloomfield, marked her father as a "perfectionist." For 10 years after Adrian graduated from the Hotel and Restaurant Management School at Cornell University, she managed other properties, including a position as Director of Operations at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham and Catering Director at

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Five Lakes Grill - 424 N. Main, Milford (248) 684-7455. Dinner Monday-Saturday.

Fonte d'Amore - 32030 Plymouth Road, Livonia (734) 422-0770. Lunch and dinner Monday-Friday. Saturday dinner.

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Larco's Italian Chophouse - 645 Big Beaver, Troy (248) 680-0066. Monday-Friday lunch and dinner. Saturday dinner, 4-9 p.m. Sunday

The Lark - 6430 Farmington Road, W. Bloomfield (248) 661-4466. Dinner 6-9 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday Dinner Friday and Saturday with set seatings at 6 and 9 p.m.

Laurel Manor (special events center) - 39000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia (734) 462-0770. Events for 40 to 1,400 people.

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Eleanor Heald is a nationally-published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864#.

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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

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Table Hopping

Father's Day brunch has jazzy following

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Tom Saunders' two daughters and son won't be taking him out to dinner for Father's Day this year but that's OK with the veteran cornetist. He'll be doing the next best thing - playing Dixieland and swing with his Detroit All Stars at the Father's Day Jazz Brunch Sunday, June 15, in the new VisTaTech Center at

Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

"People bring their fathers, whole families come," said Midge Ellis, the Livonia jazz lover coordinating the brunch to benefit the free Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 20, at Schoolcraft College. "We have new people listening to jazz. It's the camaraderie of enjoying jazz together and most of the people who come to it are jazz fans."

Once brunch is over dads can sit back and enjoy the music of Tom Saunders and

the Detroit All Stars' Jim Wyse, clarinet and saxophone, Al Winters, trombone, Paul Keller, bass, Bob Pinterich, drums, and Bill Meyer, piano.

Saunders is just returning from performing at the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee in front of 200,000 people Memorial Day weekend. He has performed at jazz festivals all over the world.

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Suddenly, the amusement park takes on a whole new meaning. For perhaps the first time, parents are screaming really loudly "not at you" but with you as the roller coaster twists and turns and leaves you begging for more.

Sure, there are several traveling outdoor carnivals and indoor amusement parks that offer roller coaster rides, but to experience the fastest, longest, highest, scariest ones, you'll have to travel a bit.

MICHIGAN'S ADVENTURE

Michigan is home to only one amusement park with several roller coasters, but Michigan's Adventure in Muskegon includes some of the best.

Shivering Timbers, built in 1998, has three drops that give lots of "airtime," and it holds the record as one of the longest wooden coasters at 5,384 feet according to the Web site ultimaterollercoaster.com, which lists coasters by length, speed, height, drop and angle of descent. So at 65 mph, you can travel more than a mile and experience 10-story drops. Eat lunch after.

Michigan's Adventure is also home to the Wolverine Wildcat, another wooden coaster that reaches 55 mph, but has less dramatic drops. The Corkscrew, Mad Mouse, Zach's Zoomer and the Big Dipper, a junior coaster that reaches 15 mph, round out the scream machines offered at the Western Michigan getaway. Admission to Michigan's Adventure also includes free admission to the Wild Water Adventure, so pack your swimsuit.

CEDAR POINT

A trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio is akin to a rite of passage for children who grow up in Michigan and Ohio. And it holds much respect nationwide for its amusement rides, particularly the roller coasters.

One of the tallest, fastest, longest and largest drop wooden coaster is the Mean Streak, the 1991 addition that looms over the 364-acre peninsula.

Cedar Point is home to 16 coasters, all with their own personality and history. Next year, the Blue Streak, a wooden coaster and the park's oldest, will celebrate its 40th year.

And new for 2003 is the Top Thrill Dragster, which, at 420 feet, is the tallest



Six Flags is home to 10 roller coasters including Mind Eraser (front), Superman Ultimate Escape (left to right), X-Flight, and Mr. Hyde's Nasty Fall.

coaster in the world. It features a hydraulic launch that shoots the train from 0 to 120 mph in four seconds. Queasy yet?

PARAMOUNT KINGS ISLAND

Paramount Kings Island is also a 364-acre theme and water park between Dayton and Cincinnati. With a 15-acre water park, and 40 thrill rides, including 13 roller coasters, it encourages you to "check your fears at the door and get ready for the rides of your life."

The Beast, which has touted itself as the longest coaster at 7,400 feet, is not to be missed at this adventure park. It features a roll through the wilderness, dark tunnels and a twin double helix, the wooden coaster's signature.

Built in 2000, Son of Beast reaches 78 mph, making it the fastest coaster in the world. With other coasters that sport names like Face/Off, Vortex, Top Gun, Flight of Fear and the Racer, you know that these are not for the weak of heart. Or stomach.

SIX FLAGS WORLDS OF ADVENTURE

The four-hour ride to Aurora, Ohio, outside Cleveland will be well worth it if

your thrill seeker is a Batman fanatic. In addition to park shows that feature a Batman theme, Six Flags Worlds of Adventure is also home to the Batman Knight Flight, a steel coaster that reaches 65 mph with one of the tallest vertical loops.

Other scream machines include the Villain, a wooden coaster that reaches 60 mph and features 12 successive drops, and Raging Wolf Bobs, a freeform wooden coaster.

The X-Flight, built in 2001, has seats that recline to a lying down position until you reach the top of the hill. Then, the train inverts and positions riders in a flying position for a harrowing trip.

For those seeking more nostalgia than thrill, Six Flags is also home to the Big Dipper, a wooden coaster built in 1926, and rebuilt in 1980.

To date, Six Flags is home to 10 roller coasters, and offers many more rides and events for thrill seekers and for those who prefer to keep their feet, and lunch, firmly planted.

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SCREAM MACHINES

The best way to find out about roller coasters and other rides, hours of operation, cost and any special exhibits or offers is the visit the amusement park's Web site.

■ Michigan's Adventure, Muskegon, Michigan - www.miadventure.com

■ Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio - www.cedarpoint.com

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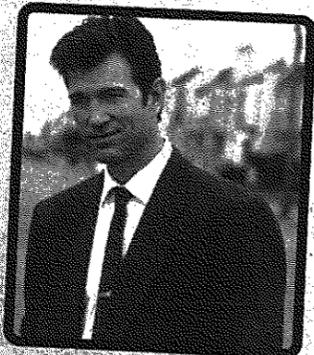
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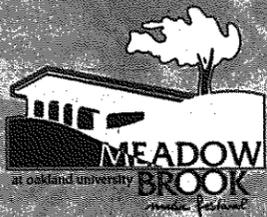
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Art

Meet Royo's women at Art Leaders Gallery.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Women in long flowing dresses gaze down from oil canvases as if lost in thought. Bonnie Mansour refers to them as Royo's women. Their un-portrait like stance is a trademark of the Spanish artist visiting Art Leaders Gallery in West Bloomfield on Thursday, June 12.

Mansour says there is a story behind each of the faces, ones she's only too willing to share with visitors through June 30. She began preparing months ago for the one man exhibit of Royo's paintings, drawings, bronzes, and limited edition serigraphs.

She's even come up with a way to help others while spotlighting the art she loves. For \$10, anyone can purchase a raffle ticket to win a limited edition serigraph *Mirame (Look at Me)* valued at \$6,500. Proceeds go to the Make a Wish Foundation.

"Royo's main focus is the beauty of women," said Mansour who co-owns the gallery. "For me it's the color, movement, energy that paintings have. His use of light and shadows. I feel it's timeless. I look at Impressionist painters, at Renoir and Monet. They're timeless."

Royo studied Renoir's paintings of women on visits to major museums in



This oil 'Recolecta Floral,' is typical of ones created by Royo. The Spanish artist frequently incorporates flowers into his paintings of beautiful women.

Europe. He studied Velasquez, Goya, Monet, and Sorolla as well. All of these influences come together in Royo's work. As does the light of his birthplace, Valencia, Spain. It was in Valencia that private tutors taught Royo to paint, draw and sculpt from an early age.

A prominent doctor, Royo's father noted his son's talent at age nine and enrolled him in the San Carlos Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Valencia when

he was 14. Royo continued to study privately with the academy's chairman of art Adolfo Ferrer Amblat after turning 18.

As a young man during the mid 1960s and early 1970s Royo explored different aspects of the arts. He worked as a theater set designer and graphic illustrator. But it was his paintings that landed a commission to create portraits of King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia.

By age 25 Royo felt the need to take his

ROYO

What: A one man exhibition of the Spanish artist's oil paintings and mixed media drawings

When: Continues to Monday, June 30. Gala reception for the artist 6-9 p.m. Thursday, June 12.

Where: Art Leaders Gallery, 33030 Northwestern Highway at 14 Mile Road, West Bloomfield. Call (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com

art in a new direction. He began capturing the light and color of Valencia and the Mediterranean Sea on canvas.

Flowers appear in nearly every painting. Royo no doubt is inspired by the bougainvillea in his hillside garden. "I love the light dancing on the faces," said Mansour who began representing Royo in 1996. "He works from live models. There's a lot of energy, a lot of life."

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Music

Horn players jam Dixie style on new CD

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Marcus Belgrave and Charlie Gabriel pass the phone back and forth as if they were jamming on their horns. One picks up where the other left off telling the story.

It's this kind of energy that electrifies their new CD recorded live during a performance at the Capitol Theatre in Windsor November 2002. *Marcus & Charlie - Detroit's New Orleans Connection* jams Dixie style, revisiting such favorite standards as *When You're Smiling, I Can't Give You Anything But Love, and Bourbon Street Blues*. The all star lineup includes Belgrave on trumpet and vocals; Gabriel, clarinet, tenor sax and vocals; Keith DeWitt, trombone; Bill Meyer; piano, Paul Keller, bass; Pete Siers, drums, and Hugh Leal, acoustic guitar and producer.

They'll perform the tunes at a release party/cabaret concert Sunday, June 8, at the University of Windsor. The CD follows Belgrave's 2001 *Tribute to Louis Armstrong*.

"Hugh Leal has an uncanny way of knowing what people like," said Belgrave. "We had been working on the Louis Armstrong project when a couple of guys couldn't make it for the concert at the Capitol. We put songs together and it worked like magic."

Gabriel said the electricity between the two is most likely because they've been playing together since 1967 when Belgrave was staff trumpeter at Motown Records and teaching in Detroit's Total Action Against Poverty program. He'd just come off the road with Ray Charles.

Gabriel was recording with artists like Mary Wells before there was a Motown. Born in 1932, he grew up in New Orleans playing with Kid Howard and T. Boy Rena's Eureka Jazz Band. By the 1950s he'd moved to Detroit and performed with his father and uncle as the Gabriel Brothers Traditional New Orleans Jazz Band. Charlie went on to make a name for himself with the J.C. Heard combo, Aretha Franklin, and Nancy Wilson. "Marcus is like my brother, not just blood but spiritual," said Gabriel. "We enjoy each other on the bandstand and off the bandstand. That has a lot to do with your music. It's who you are."

"With Charlie there's a chemistry," added Belgrave. "We had the same type of upbringing musically."

The CD *Marcus & Charlie - Detroit's New Orleans Connection* is \$15 and available by calling (313) 640-8552, or sending a check to P.O. Box 36426, Grosse Pointe, MI, 48236.

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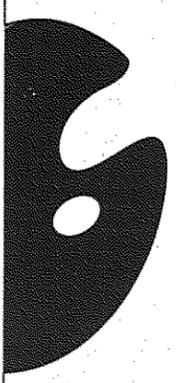
MARCUS BELGRAVE & CHARLIE GABRIEL

What: A CD Release Party and Cabaret Concert to introduce the jazz artists' new CD *Marcus & Charlie: Detroit's New Orleans Connection*

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8

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EXHIBIT

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"Springsteen uses these images as metaphors for larger ideas about our culture. Cars and highways are on the surface, but the ideas go beyond them," said Colleen Sheehy, curator of *Troubadour of the Highway* and director of education at the Frederick R. Weisman Museum of Art, University of Minnesota, where the exhibit was organized.

To tap Springsteen's song imagery, Sheehy gathered more than 70 photographs — most taken for publicity purposes and many never seen before by the public.

Nine photographers are represented, including such well-known artists as Annie Leibovitz and Frank Stefanko. A section of the exhibit is devoted to photographs taken by Pamela Springsteen, a professional photographer and Bruce Springsteen's sister.

"The thing about Springsteen is that there is a great correspondence between his music and his imagery. You can't listen to his music and not be aware of his images of road and car," Sheehy said, explaining her rationale for the exhibit. "I knew that there were related images in his visual (publicity) repertoire. And it just struck me so powerfully that here is an artist that stands with any great novelist of the 20th century."

To build on the exhibit, Sheehy looked to other media. Continuously playing music videos, including two of live performances, Springsteen artifacts and listening booths not only give visitors the opportunity to become more familiar with the Boss, but also immerse themselves in an atmosphere of sound and image.

"All of the elements are working together," Sheehy said. "The show is more of an environment that you walk into instead of a photography exhibit."

The interplay of elements fits well with the mission at Cranbrook Art Museum, where *Troubadour of the Highway* makes its first stop on a national tour.

"Music and sound has been important material in contemporary art in the last few decades," said Gregory Wittkopp, Cranbrook Art Museum director.

Although the museum sees contemporary art in a very broad sense, *Troubadour of the Highway* allows the venue to expand its territory into contemporary music and culture, Wittkopp said, adding, "I find those possibilities very exciting."

In addition to the exhibit, Cranbrook has scheduled a concert of Springsteen music by Stewart Franke and a lecture by legendary music journalist and Springsteen biographer Dave Marsh.

Marsh, who grew up in Waterford and Pontiac, co-founded the Motor City's own *Creem* music magazine.

Springsteen's road is "a spiritual highway," Marsh said. And, as an artist, Springsteen's concern about the use of images and photos is greater than any other he knows, Marsh said.

"The neat thing about Springsteen is

SPRINGSTEEN EXHIBIT

What: Springsteen - Troubadour of the Highway, an exhibit of photographs, music videos and artifacts that explores Bruce Springsteen's use of cars and the road in his music.

When: Members' Night opening 6 p.m. Friday, June 6. Exhibit runs Saturday, June 7, to Sunday, Aug. 31. Regular museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every fourth Friday of the month.

Where: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: General admission, \$6, students, teens and seniors, \$4, members, free, children age 12 and under, free with adult admission, membership starts at \$45 and is available at the door on June 6, call (877) 462-7262 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

RELATED EVENTS AT CRANBROOK

■ Exhibit lecture by curator Colleen Sheehy, director of education at Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota, where 'Springsteen - Troubadour of the Highway' was organized, 6 p.m. Friday, June 6, during Members' Night opening.

■ Glory Days concert of Bruce Springsteen music and songs that inspired the rock 'n' roll legend by Stewart Franke, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, June 7, outdoors, weather permitting.

■ Film series, two screenings each of two films about celebrity photographers, both shown on Sunday, June 8, and Sunday, June 29, deSalle Auditorium, 1 p.m. film is 'Annie Leibovitz: Celebrity Photographer,' 3 p.m. film is 'Horst P. Horst: 60 Years and Still in Vogue.'

he's not somebody who went to art school," he said. "He's a guy who happens to do what he does in a very artful way."

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GODZILLA

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the rights for American distribution. But to buttress the bad dubbing and give it local appeal, actor Raymond (soon to be Perry Mason) Burr was hired for some scenes as an American reporter witnessing the carnage to be spliced into the flick.

It worked. The rechristened *Godzilla* set off on the road to lizard superstardom. In the years that followed, The Big G battled an amazing assortment of foes, from a giant spider (*Son of Godzilla*), to a robot copy of himself (*Godzilla vs. Mechagodzilla*) to King Kong. (*Godzilla vs. ... well*). And on the even

more unusual side, let's not forget the giant flower (*Godzilla vs. Biollante*) and a pile of flying goo (*Godzilla vs. the Smog Monster*).

Through the years *Godzilla* has changed in many ways. Although it takes a practiced *Godzillaologist* to recognize the subtle physical changes that have occurred, most significant is that *Godzilla* has evolved from a raging beast to a Japanese folk hero, of sorts. But throughout it all he has remained true to his core - literally. While production values and the quality of special effects have increased tremendously, *Godzilla* remains what he has always been - a guy in a rubber suit.

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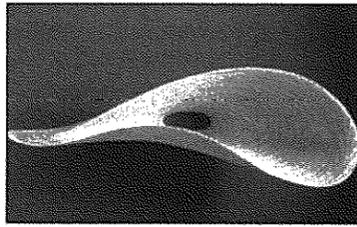
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Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda, we present our top picks for the week, "Filtered" just for you.



Art "White Oh!" by Nancy Sansom Reynolds is among the works by nationally and internationally known wood artists and jewelers featured in "Your Turn - Collecting Wood Art" and "Material Interest - Wood Jewelry," June 7 to July 12 at Sybaris Gallery, 202 E. Third St., Royal Oak. Opening reception 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 7. Lecture and woodturning demonstrations noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, or by appointment. Call (248) 544-3388 for information. - Keely Kaleski

Album Radiohead fans can rejoice. Two years after "Amnesiac", Radiohead will release their sixth album "Hail to the Thief" (Capitol/EMI Records) on Tuesday, June 10. The album has the notoriously weird Thom Yorke and the band forgoing a bit of their electronic experiments in favor of some good old "OK Computer" rock and roll. Available at local record stores or at Tower Records, 202 North Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham. - Stephanie Tardy

Film

An endearing comedy about an Indian girl in London who must choose between her love of playing soccer and her family's traditions, "Bend It Like Beckham" (rated PG-13, a Fox Searchlight Pictures release) continues at the State Theater in Ann Arbor, call (734) 761-8667. - Nicole Stafford



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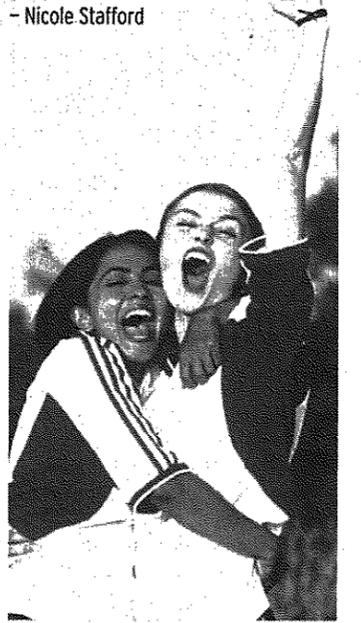


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Concert Maybe they should call it the depression tour. Beck, still on tour promoting 2002's low-key lonely confessional "Sea Change," will appear with the leading boys of low-key lonely confessional music Dashboard Confessional and the White Stripes-like Black Keys on Tuesday, June 10 at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Tickets \$35 pavilion, \$35 lawn. To order, call (248)645-6666. - Stephanie Tardy



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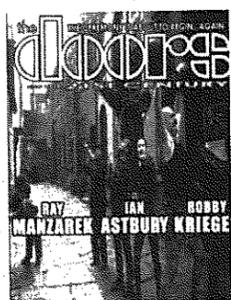
Hamtramck's hip, catch a glimpse of what you're missing in "Hamtramck: Soul of a City," written by Greg Kowalski, editor of the Birmingham Eccentric and chairman of the Historical Commission. Published by Arcadia Publishing, the book, part of the Images of America Series, is \$19.99 and available at local bookstores, or www.arcadiapublishing.com. - Keely Kaleski

Local music Alt-country garage rock band (yes, that's possible) A Thousand Times Yes will release their new full-length CD, "Michigan," on Friday, June 13 during a performance at the Lager House in Detroit. Local bands Adam's Castle (power pop) Thunderbirds are Now! (post-punk) and The Trembling (fun poppy punk) also are on the bill. Doors open at 9 p.m. Cover is \$5, 21 and up. Catch A Thousand Time Yes while you can. The band only has a few more Detroit dates scheduled in June before touring out west this summer. On the Web at http://www.athousandtimeyes.com. - Stephanie Tardy

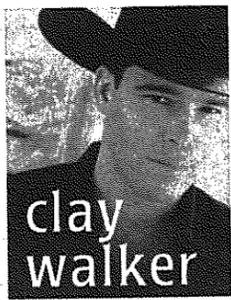
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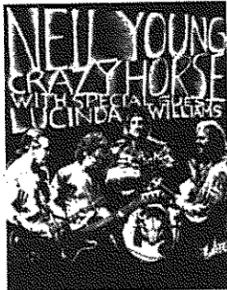
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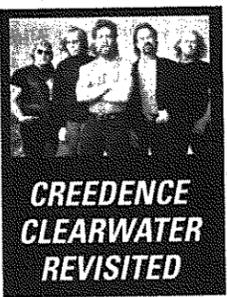
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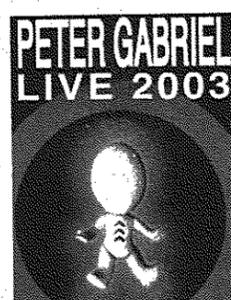
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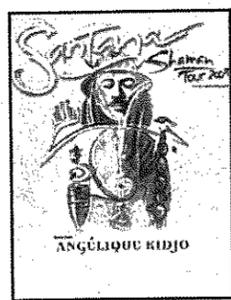
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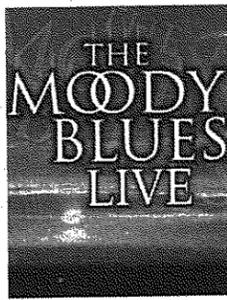
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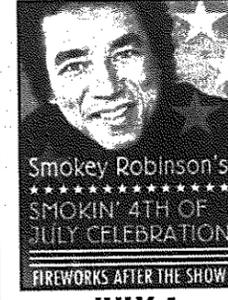
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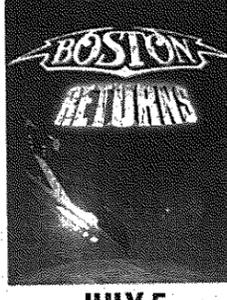
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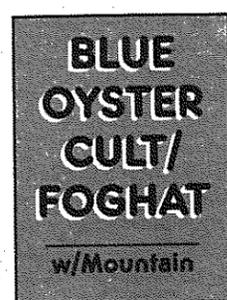
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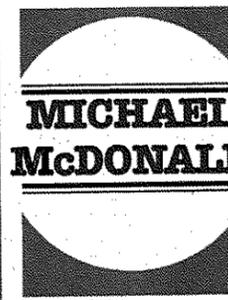
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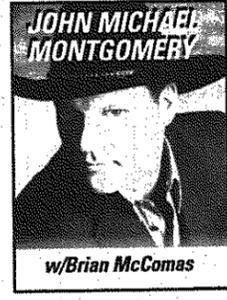
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The music's true blue at George and Harry's

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

George and Harry's Blues Cafe offers a fresh, uptown take on what a blues club should be.

And with more than 100 business-casual patrons nearly packing the place at 9:30 p.m. on a Wednesday, one suspects they're on to something.

Art deco decor helps create a sort of 1930s gangland theme, complete with dark wood, plush booths and potted ferns.

"It's definitely not your typical blues bar," said Constance, sharing a drink with Phillip Cleeren, in business-casual dress, from Atlanta.

The two thirty-somethings - she with her light beer and he his glass of cabernet - typified the clientele gathered to hear touring Cajun-blues guitarist Tab Benoit belt out Otis Redding's *These Arms of Mine*.

As Benoit filled vocal breaks with pealing notes from his blonde F-hole Telecaster, waitstaff in ties and dark pants uncorked wine and carried oversized leatherette menus through the spacious club on Michigan Avenue in the heart of West Dearborn's business district.



Mudpuppy plays at George & Harry's Blues Cafe Friday-Saturday, June 6-7.

Hard-core aficionados who know top blues clubs like Chicago's Kingston Mines or B.L.U.E.S., may expect clouds of smoke, crowded tables and that megaraucous roadhouse atmosphere, when contemplating the concept of a serious blues club.

But while George and Harry's aims to please the blues faithful, the approach is to offer up a range of top touring and local blues talent in a more comfortable setting, along with a varied dinner menu.

"Harry wanted to step up the blues bar concept he had down at Sisko's in Taylor and meld it with a casually upscale dining room," explained manager Jim Pawlicki. The owners are George Dimopollus, owner of several Senate Coney Island restaurants, and Harry Sisko, longtime owner of Sisko's blues club.

Dimopollus handles the restaurant end while Sisko books the bands. "He's developed quite a rapport with a number of national artists," Pawlicki said. "Let's face

it - blues was the roots of rock and roll; Elvis Presley played blues. Look at the great English groups; Eric Clapton, the Rolling Stones."

Local bands perform on Wednesdays and Thursdays and national acts on the weekends.

The menu includes a wide range of appetizers, soups and sandwiches. Entrees are in the \$15.95-\$24.95 range. They include baby-back ribs, bayou jambalaya, and steaks, chops, seafood and pasta.

Then there's the John Lee Hooker burger with ham and American and Swiss cheese on a Kaiser bun, or the Muddy Waters burger with grilled onions, bacon bits and black olives. Both are \$5.95 in the lunch versions.

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This week: Thursday, June 5: Voodoo Brothers; Friday-Saturday, June 6-7: Mudpuppy. Upcoming national acts this summer include Little Charlie and the Nightcats, Koko Montoya, and Sean Costello.

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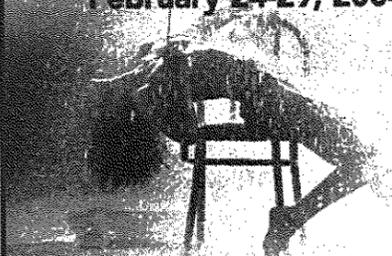
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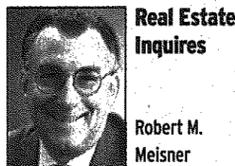
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Real Estate Inquires
Robert M. Meisner

Defect, new closing requirements

Several years ago after we sold our home, the purchaser sent us a letter claiming we lied on our disclosure statement and he expected us to pay several thousand dollars for waterproofing the basement. We never lied, as we never had any water in the basement. The buyer had the home professionally inspected and never made any claim to us as seeing any evidence of the water on the drywall or carpeting. Legally, how could that be our responsibility? Chances are it will not be your responsibility since, among other things, the purchaser had the place professionally inspected and, presumably, the defect would have been patent. However, if you are correct in your statement that you had no knowledge of any water, you cannot be held responsible for a misrepresentation unless the water was readily apparent and you failed to see it. I would consult with an attorney who should write your former purchaser a letter indicating what your legal position is.

I am a real estate attorney and am wondering whether there is any additional new requirements regarding closings in light of recent terrorist activities. Do you have any comments?

Real estate attorneys who handle closings are required to check buyers' and sellers' names against the government's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked persons list, under a little known executive order. The order states that transactions involving individuals or groups named on the list are forbidden and assets from any such transactions may be frozen by the Treasury Department. An attorney can call the Office of Foreign Assets Control at (800) 540-6322 or (202) 622-2490 if a match is discovered. The Treasury Department is working on drafting proposed regulations in conjunction with the October 2001 USA Patriot Act.

Robert M. Meisner can be reached at bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

UP & DOWN

Number of residential units permitted in the 7-county area of S.E. Michigan, including Oakland and Wayne counties.

Year	Units	Year	Units
1984	12,290	1994	21,020
1986	25,400	1996	23,330
1988	23,440	1998	25,870
1990	17,640	2000	21,600
1992	16,700	2002	21,740



Source: SEMCOG (SE Michigan Council of Governments)

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Much of the time, Realtors have positive experiences with their clients. Beverly Way, associate broker with RE/MAX Crossroads, recalls some of her more interesting clients during a conversation in her Canton office.

Thanks for the memories

Realtors recall interactions with clients

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

The Realtor-client relationship can be a beautiful thing — especially if clients are so happy with the experience that they refer family, friends and colleagues back to the agent.

Then there are those clients that Realtors remember less fondly.

But buyers and sellers are remembered — one way or another.

Beverly Way, associate broker with RE/MAX Crossroads in Canton, still can picture the man who asked her to sell his house very early in her 25-year career.

"He was selling through another agent. I went to show it. It was overpriced. Finally, he called me up and said he wanted to list with me. I asked why. He said I was the only female agent who showed it.

"I told him he would have to lower the price," Way continued. "He came down some, but not enough. Finally, he bought another house and had to sell. After nine months, it sold way below what it would have sold if he had priced it right in the first place.

"He brought me flowers at the closing and said to me, 'If anyone doesn't listen to you, have them call me.'"

A vindicated Way never put herself in that situation again.

"I learned to stick to my guns," she said. "If a seller doesn't want to listen to you, make sure they understand what the consequences are. If they still don't listen, move on. I don't work miracles."

FAMILY TIES

Dennis Terry, office manager of Century 21 Today, Farmington Hills, also is a 25-year veteran.

"Probably, my most memorable client is a family where



Then there are the less-than-ideal experiences: Beverly Way recalls a nightmarish story of a client who came close to stalking her.

the parents have bought four houses with me and their four children all have bought a house with me. I've sold them eight houses."

Terry attributes his harmonious relationship with the family to a common bond of sports, luck, hard work and, perhaps, that they share the same religious faith.

"We've never had a problem," he said. "Once someone gets comfortable, as long as everything works, why look somewhere else?"

Lesson learned. "Give good, quality service to start out, stay in touch on a regular basis and ask for referrals," Terry said.

In spite of the smooth relationship with his "champion" family, he said difficult sales actually result in more referrals.

"Either they must feel guilty for putting you through the mill or they figure if you can deal with them, you can deal with anybody," said Terry.

IMPACTING LIVES

It's nice to be appreciated, said Gerry Burke, associate broker and office manager for Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke in Birmingham.

Sellers he once represented made that point.

"The first buyer didn't end up going through with the deal. I found another buyer and we were able to salvage the

sale. It still closed within their time frame.

"They took me and my wife to the top of the Ren Cen for dinner," Burke said. "They were a newlywed couple and it was totally unexpected. It kind of caught me off-guard."

And touched the 20-year veteran, too.

"It shows how much people really do appreciate the service you give," Burke said. "Sometimes, that isn't real clear on a day-to-day basis. Sometimes, you forget how much impact you have on people's lives."

TRUST PERSONIFIED

Chris James, affiliated with Prudential Chamberlain Stiehl in Troy, first found a house for a client referred by a friend. Then she made friends with the client.

James entertained the young man in her home after he had unwittingly locked himself out of a house where he was staying — the owners had left — while awaiting closing and occupancy.

"He walked to my office 3 1/2 to four miles," James said. "We had been invited to a friend's house for lunch. I took him home, showed him where the refrigerator was, where the TV was and told him to make himself at home.

"When we got back, we couldn't get hold of his friends. We had dinner, lit a fire, played

a couple of games of backgammon. Finally, his friends called here."

She's occasionally warned about the dangers of getting too close to casual acquaintances, James said.

"I trust people and have not been let down yet," she said. "I felt I helped someone in need and hope that if I were ever in need, somebody would help me. He was very happy. We've developed a friendship."

Rejeanne Buckley's most memorable client was a family who kept in touch after an arduous five-hour closing years ago, subsequently moved, then asked for her help in finding a house when they transferred back here.

MAINTAINING CONTACT

That, too, was all about trust, said Buckley, affiliated with Real Estate One in Rochester. She was brand new to the business when their paths first crossed.

The trust built up early on and maintained over years, paying big dividends when the kids were older and the family had to pull up roots again.

"They had children in senior high school," she said. "It was very hard on everybody. There were tears from all members of the family, including their Realtor, me. Ultimately, everything worked out smoothly."

Buckley estimated that she keeps in touch with 80 percent of her clients, evenly divided between sellers and buyers.

"I really admire the trust and confidence people have in what I do," she said. "It really means something that they're willing to put their trust and biggest investment ... in my hands."

Buckley said she takes on the persona of a servant in the process.

"When you have that kind of attitude, it makes the whole thing different," she said. "It doesn't stress you out.

"About 90 percent of my business is repeat," Buckley said. "I find it gratifying that they feel they've made a personal friend, for the most part. I feel the same about them."

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Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Down payment makes great wedding gift

Half rental, party gifts, rehearsal dinner, honeymoon — thousands of dollars change hands during these festive matrimonial events, yet relatively few of these excited young couples move right into a place of their own.

Unlike the bride's father in the movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, you don't have to pay cash to buy a house as a wedding gift in order to have a profound impact in helping the newlyweds into their first home.

The major ingredients of most mortgage qualifications are income, debt, employment stability, credit history and scores, and down payment.

While you may not have much control over the first four factors, you can certainly play a contributory role with the down payment.

With loans like the FHA's 203b program, young buyers can get into a property with as little as 3 percent of their own money — and that entire amount may come as a gift. Qualified buyers in some counties in southeastern Michigan may be eligible for loan amounts up to \$209,000 under current FHA guidelines.

Borrowers may also use gifted monies to purchase homes with conventional mortgages. However, such lenders may want the borrowers to come to the table with 5 percent of their own funds first, then they will allow gifts on top of that amount.

The loophole: Get the gift in the borrowers' bank account for a full two months and it is usually no longer considered a gift.

If parents or grandparents own a home they want to sell to the kids, a gift of equity is a superb idea.

Your mortgage loan officer can usually structure these transactions so that the equity gift covers the entire down payment and all closing costs, presuming there is sufficient equity in the subject property.

American pioneers used to rally friends and family together to physically build homes for newlyweds. Today it is really much easier to "raise" a home.

Simply encourage a small group of family members to "chip in" some cash for a meaningful down payment on a home.

It's a wonderful gift idea for the newlyweds' long life together.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage specialist and newspaper columnist. You may reach him toll free at (866) 369-4516, or via www.HomeQuarters.BIZ. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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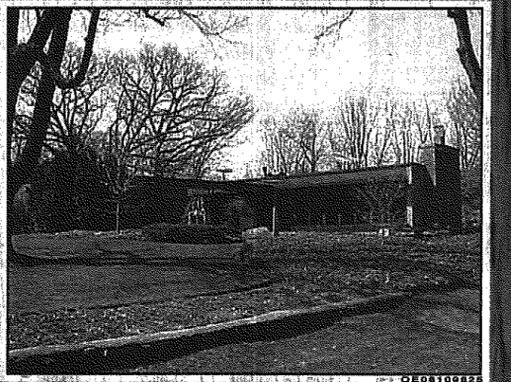
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3622 Aspen \$299,000	775 Arthur \$247,000	9959 Appleton \$95,000	1757 Arthur \$105,000
1142 Celina \$202,000	625 Auburn \$182,000	13489 Arnold \$149,000	34473 Avondale \$137,000
379 Cherry Orchard \$215,000	481 Sunset \$208,000	11360 Brady \$157,000	35636 Canyon \$177,000
1683 Christopher \$148,000		15200 Garfield \$76,000	31227 Geraldine \$140,000
2242 Cleveland Way \$272,000		19653 Garfield \$104,000	33036 Hiveley \$145,000
1675 Dunston \$283,000		9355 Kimland \$138,000	20208 Mackenzie \$166,000
42190 Glen Arbor \$240,000		12025 Nathaline \$134,000	5948 N Schuman \$132,000
8102 Hyannis \$645,000		19535 Olympia \$56,000	
46291 Larchmont \$345,000		9571 Salem \$143,000	
45092 Lothrop \$325,000		26305 Southwestern \$92,000	
549 McKinley \$393,000		27131 W 6 Mile \$150,000	
6295 N Beck \$150,000		26151 Westfield \$149,000	
46342 Polo \$270,000		9208 Winston \$125,000	
876 S Lotz \$307,000			
4548 Sherwood \$285,000			
48542 Warwick \$406,000			
41748 Wayside \$199,000			
49166 Wooster \$103,000			
49212 Wooster \$238,000			
2290 Wooster \$229,000			
Garden City	Livonia		
5731 Belton \$145,000	19154 Antago \$123,000		
125 Central \$163,000	9036 Beatrice \$105,000		
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Rosemary Firestone, affiliated with RE/MAX 100, and her financial services team offer a free class for home buyers 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at First Michigan Title, 38777 Six Mile Road, Suite 100, just west of I-275, Livonia. To register, call (734) 420-9600.

BUILDER'S LICENSE
Oakland Builders Institute and West Bloomfield Community Education sponsor a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 10-19, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road. Cost is \$180, plus \$20 for a textbook and sample questions. To register, call (248) 865-4488.

BUY HOME CLASS II
Diya Fahs of Shore Mortgage and Juliette Bauman of RE/MAX Classic teach a free class for home buyers 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, just

east of Farmington Road. To register, call (734) 779-9977 or (248) 514-3500 Ext. 4807.

SALES CLASS
The sales and marketing council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents a free seminar, "Goal Setting Secrets for Sales & Marketing Professionals," and an orientation for prospective new members 8-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the BIA offices, 30375 Northwestern, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

RACIAL INCLUSIVENESS
The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments sponsors a conference, "Fair Housing and Diversity," to explore how to make the metro area more racially inclusive 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at the Wayne State University Law School Auditorium. Cost is \$10 to cover lunch. To register, call (313) 577-3641.

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The Home Builders Association of Washtenaw County presents its 19th annual Showcase of Homes Saturday-Sunday, June 14-22. Twenty-seven custom-built homes are on the tour. Hours are noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesday; 5-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children age 3 to 16. For details, call (734) 996-0100 or visit the Web at www.washtenawshowcase.com

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MASONRY CERTIFICATION
The Masonry Institute of Michigan hosts a two-day masonry certification seminar 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-

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Real Estate One presents a free informational class on how to get into residential real estate sales noon to 1 p.m. Fridays at its Farmington Hills office, 32961 Middlebelt at 14 Mile Road. To register, call Sharon Spindler (Ext. 404) or Steve Leibhan (Ext. 405) at (248) 851-4100.

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PLYMOUTH CAPE COD CONDO - 44550 Pinetree Dr., Plymouth. First floor master suite, 2 bedroom & full bath up w/loft overlooking great room, oak kit w/granite counters, daylight window basement, hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen, powder room & hall, FFL, 2.5 car att garage, central vac, deck w/hot tub, private setting. \$349,900 (550PI)



DETACHED CONDO IN PLYMOUTH - 51391 Northview, Plymouth. Beautiful cape featuring 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Great room with gas fireplace, dining room, den, island kitchen w/hardwood floor, 1st floor master suite, full basement and attached garage. Over 2,400 sq. ft. \$369,900 (391NO)



PRICED TO SELL - 1772 Morrison, Canton. Affordable and spacious 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial. Large remodeled kitchen and family room with fireplace, new carpet, roof porch and more updates. Quick occupancy. \$224,900 (722MO)



SUPER 4 BEDROOM QUAD - 7219 Willow Creek Dr., Canton. All that is left to do is move into this super quad-level. Updated and freshly painted, kitchen, family room, baths and lav. New windows, doors, privacy fence, 16x16 deck and two 2-car garages. \$259,900 (219WI)



ALMOST NEW - 49041 Fifth Ave., Canton. Four bedroom, 2.5 bath Pulte St. James less than 1 year old. Hardwood floors, great room w/fireplace, formal dining and a side entry garage. Neutral decor, immaculately maintained & kitchen w/island. \$300,000 (041FI)



GREAT STARTER HOME - 15835 Norborne, Redford. Why rent - cute 2 bedroom ranch on double lot. Updated kitchen with oak cabinets, new windows, electrical, hot water heater. Fantastic finished basement and 1.5 car garage. \$112,900 (835NO)



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VINTAGE CAPE COD - 454 High St., Belleville. Beautiful panoramic view of Belleville Lake from your front porch. 1,300+ square footage, formal dining room, fireplace in large living room and a knotty pine rec room. \$199,900 (545HI)



ALL THE UPDATES - 1645 Walnut Ridge Circle, Canton. This beautiful Canton quad level has been completely updated. Roof, windows, furnace, air conditioning and kitchen w/oak cabinets. Two-tiered deck, large basement & fenced backyard. \$209,900 (645WA)



WELL MAINTAINED COLONIAL - 49072 Stanton St., Canton. New construction complete w/landscape. Home offers full brick 2-story entry, 9' ceilings, dual staircases & 3-car garage. Oak kit w/built-in apps & hrdwd flrs. Master suite w/glam bath, guest room w/its own bath. For LR/DR, FFL, priv den, court location, full bsmt. \$438,000 (072ST)



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ONE OF THE FINEST - Fabulous colonial completely updated in '96 on 2.5 wooded acres. Open floor plan. Kit w/cust hickory cabinets, year round sunroom w/serene views to woods. GR w/triple and custom built-in entertainment center. Formal dining room. Outstanding 750 sq. ft. out-building w/12' ft. door, cabs & wood stove. \$565,000 (895BR)



A FANTASY OF FEATURES - 22644 Beckenham Ct., Novi. Nearly-new 3,934 sq. ft., 4 BR, 3.5 ceramic tile BA, cul-de-sac. LR, den, sunroom, mstr ste w/luxury BA & sitting rm. Main level laund, chef's kit w/work island. Prof Indspcd w/patio, deck, sprktr & walk-out site. Novi schools. \$649,900 (644BE)



SPECTACULAR WATERFRONT - 12830 Lake Pointe Pass, Belleville. On 1.4 acres. Walkout ranch, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, trees, privacy and 3 boat hoists on Belleville Lake. Walkout lower level to inground pool. \$519,900 (830LA)



PLYMOUTH'S BEST! - 9084 Muirland, Plymouth. 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial on treed interior lot. Formal LR w/gas trpic, for DR. Lg kit w/med oak cabs, built-in oven/range & eating area. Master ste w/spa bath, jetted tub in main & master BAs, oak 6-panel doors/trim w/o, Corian, granite, neutral carpet. \$419,800 (084MU)



CHARACTER AND CHARM - 804 William, Plymouth. Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath colonial located just 2 blocks west of beautiful downtown Plymouth. Built in 1905 with carriage house/garage. Updates: newer windows, electric, plumbing & heating, hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces. Must see! \$399,900 (804WI)



COUNTRY LIVING - CITY CONVENIENCE - 8215 Marlowe, Belleville. Three bedroom ranch on 1.1 acres, 1.5 baths, large country kitchen. Updates include central air, new roof, boiler in '02. Close to I-275 and I-94. \$173,000 (215MA)



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OPEN FLOOR PLAN - 47176 North Pointe Dr., Canton. Wonderful open floor plan. Three bedroom, 2.5 bath home built in 1997. Nine foot ceilings, large open kitchen w/tons of storage. Entry level master suite w/fabulous master bath. Bring the family to this grand home. \$368,900 (176NO)



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STUNNING CAPE COD - 797 Sandalwood, Canton. Open floor plan in this 3 bedroom cape cod in Canton. Great room, master suite, dining room & kitchen with golf course view. Fireplace in great room w/vaulted ceilings. Master bath, 1st floor laundry. Absolutely fabulous home. \$379,900 (797SA)



CAPE COD - 29977 Six Mile, Livonia. Beautiful brick 3 bedroom cape cod built in 2001. Large lot, vaulted ceiling & fireplace in great room, 2.5 baths, 2 car attached garage. Master bedroom w/bath (Jacuzzi tub) and walk-in closet. \$284,900 (977SI)



FIRST FLOOR CONDO - 44417 Savery, Canton. Move-in condition with all the updates you look for! New remodeled kitchen & bath, neutral carpet, huge master bedroom with walk-in closet - lots of storage! Situated in the heart of Canton. \$108,500 (417SA)



ROSEDALE DELIGHT - 32227 Washington, Livonia. Fast occupancy on this beautiful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch on huge private lot! Updates such as roof (brand new), windows, nicely fenced basement w/office, 2.5 car garage - a true must see! \$179,500 (227WA)



COUNTRY CAPE COD - PLYMOUTH TWP. - 48640 N. Territorial, Plymouth. Meticulously updated - restored home on 2 acres close to downtown. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, new kit w/all apps, hrdwd floors, original wide woodwork, most wndws newer, electric, plus full bsmt. Two garages - 35x22 & 24x24. Great location. \$380,000 (640NO)



RANCH LOVERS DELIGHT - 1139 Knightsbridge, Canton. Located in Canton's desirable Embassy Square Sub. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch offers an open floor plan with great room and private master suite. Walk to elementary school and immediate occupancy. \$212,900 (139KN)



START HERE - 29425 Florence, Garden City. Start or retire here. Beautiful ranch, large master bedroom (could be converted back into 2 bedrooms for a 3 bedroom home), new oak kitchen, large living room, all appliances stay and a large lot. First showing will sell this beauty. \$112,900 (425FL)



THE VALUE IS IN THE LAND - 319 acres in Canton. City water & sewer already there. Two bedroom home needs work or can be torn down to build home of your choice. Home has 845 sq. ft., 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and 1 car garage. Call for more info. \$250,000 (714HE)



LOVELY UPDATED BUNGALOW - 9939 Seminole, Redford. 3 bedroom brick bungalow - South Redford Schools. This home is updated throughout. Newer kitchen w/built-in appliances, newer windows, newer front porch. Finished basement w/gas log fireplace. Fenced yard w/above-ground pool. Great neighborhood. \$144,000 (939SE)



OUT-OF-THE-WAY TREASURE 8939 Manton, Plymouth. Well maintained home offering updates such as: windows, baths, roof, and landscaping. Living room with doorwall to deck and 2 1/2 car garage. Call today! \$214,900 (939MA)



NICE CANTON CONDO - 2071 Vineway, Canton. Clean, updated townhouse condo. New carpet throughout, new paint, crown moldings & marble surround gas fireplace in living room, updated baths, & new flooring in kitchen. Big bedrooms. A nice, nice condo in move-in condition. \$144,900 (071VI)



NICE AREA! NICE PRICE! - 42273 Fairview, Canton. This wonderful 1975 built home offers 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, family room with fireplace, formal living room, kitchen/dining. Many nice features. A left for your surprise! \$199,000 (273FA)



SUPER CLEAN - 9848 Tecumseh, Redford. Bring your white gloves, home is ready for your inspection. 3 bedroom brick/vinyl ranch, 2 car gar, full bsmt w/appliances & decor is super. Entertaining guests is easy w/open floor plan. Rec room in bsmt makes great play area. The price is right to sell. \$136,500 (848TE)



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NEED 4 BEDROOMS? - 37297 Thinbark, Wayne. This four bedroom colonial is ready for the new family and close to park and elementary school. Kitchen has been updated, family room with fireplace, 1 1/2 baths, basement and 2 1/2 car garage. \$169,900 (297TH)



DESIRABLE LIVONIA SUB Very well maintained home. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, finished basement w/workshop. First floor laundry, ceramic floors in kitchen & foyer. Pella door & doorwall in family room leading to deck & beautiful backyard. Call today for more details. \$312,500 (540MA)



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Recent college grads really miss dorm days of luxury 30-year mortgages hit record low again

(AP) - Matt Prewett hates walking across his apartment complex to the tiny gym in Atlanta, Ga. Feeding quarters into the washing machine annoys him even more.

His first apartment just can't compare to where he used to live, an Emory University dorm.

Prewett's adjustment is similar to that of many new graduates of schools that have replaced the traditional dorms - cinderblock walls, metal bed frames, communal bathrooms - with luxury residence halls that feature full-size mattresses, high-speed Internet and free services that most young professionals won't be able to afford in their first few years out of college.

"I have to walk across the complex to the gym and it's not

as big. It's not the same as being able to go to a huge gym with any machine you want for free," he said.

"Before, I used to go downstairs, and the laundry was free. Now I pay \$1 per load. That's a huge pain. It's one of the bad parts of not living in Emory," Prewett added.

After major renovations, dorms at Emory's Clairmont residences have full kitchens with dishwashers, washers and dryers, built-in music practice rooms, computer labs and attached parking facilities. Also included - much-coveted, full-size beds and extended basic cable service.

The dorms look onto an outdoor basketball court, a heated Olympic-size swimming pool and a student center with a full

gym, the latest aerobic equipment and a cafe.

Other schools have similar residences, and graduates who have given up such luxuries in recent years have noticed that "life basically sucks," said Marian Salzman, who holds focus groups of young professionals for advertising agencies.

She said many new graduates can't believe they had more amenities in a dorm than they can afford now that they are working.

School officials say the amenities aren't meant to spoil students or to get them hooked on luxuries they won't be able to afford later. They are meant to enhance students' education, said Melissa Trifletti, associate director of Emory's residence life.

"If having nice amenities is helping students achieve academically, that to me is great part of this," Trifletti said. And the exquisite dorms increase a school's "ability to recruit the very best."

Amanda Johnson, a recent University of California-Santa Barbara graduate, misses her

spacious off-campus dorm with free furniture, access to the latest workout machines and a speedy Internet connection.

Now she's got basic cable and is trying to puzzle together mismatched furniture.

"The first thing that's missing is all your furniture. In a dorm you have it all," she said. "You're missing your couch and even your bed."

Johnson, a 22-year-old account coordinator from San Francisco, said she's also having a tough time adapting to snail-paced Internet access.

"Going back to a land line was tough," she said with a laugh.

Penn State graduate Michelle Alvarez suffers from workout withdrawals. While in school, she paid a \$15 fee per semester for access to a fully-equipped gym.

Since she graduated in May 2002, she pays \$75 for a gym membership for the same length of time.

"Penn State has such a big focus on athletics that we had state-of-the-art everything as far as gym equipment goes," she said.

(AP) - Rates on 30-year mortgages have dropped to a new low, the eighth time this year that has happened.

Average interest on a fixed-rate 30-year mortgage fell to 5.31 from 5.34 percent the week ending Friday, May 30.

That was the third week in a row this benchmark mortgage hit a record weekly low, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported in its nationwide survey.

Low mortgage rates propelled home sales to record levels last year. And this year is shaping up to be the second-best for sales of both existing homes and new ones, economists say. The housing market is one of the few bright spots of the lackluster economy.

"Low rates combined with the uptick in consumer confidence are strong indications that the housing market will continue to prosper into the summer months," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief

economist. For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates remained unchanged at 4.73 percent last week, the lowest since Freddie Mac began tracking them in 1991.

Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages, however, nudged up to 3.63 percent from 3.61 percent. Low mortgage rates also pushed mortgage refinancing to a record level last year, something that has played a key role in supporting consumer spending.

Mortgage rates reported by Freddie Mac don't include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried an average fee of 0.6 point last week.

A point is 1 percent of the loan amount. Points can be rolled into the mortgage or paid separately. A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.76 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.22 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 4.76 percent.



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CANTON. Hard to find 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with large 1st floor laundry. Beautiful hardwood floors including under most carpet. Hardwood added to foyer, kitchen, eating area & 1/2 bath. Large closets in bedrooms. Fireplace in family room. Many updates throughout home. \$239,900 (D86Rye)

CANTON. Traditional living at its best in this stately 4 bedroom new colonial on tranquil 1/2 acre court, 9' ceilings on 1st floor. Hearth room w/2 way fireplace to family room. Dual stairways w/entry to kitchen w/upgraded cabinets, granite counters & island. Crown moldings in living & dining room. Master features pan ceilings, 2 walk-in closets & sitting alcove. \$519,000 (L03 Oxd)

REDFORD. Great starter home with 3 bedrooms in nice area of Redford. Huge master suite is 23x18. Partially finished basement recently waterproofed. Newer furnace, windows, roof, carpet, kitchen and dining room floors. C/A in 2000, newer garage door & opener. Don't miss this one. \$122,900 (L22Gar)

CANTON. Captivating & tastefully decorated 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Curtis built condo is 1 year old. 1st floor laundry, C/A & most appliances stay. 2 car garage w/opener, full basement situated w/20 acres of nature preserve. Conveniently located for shopping, schools, x-way & etc. \$224,900 (L63Con)

REDFORD. This 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath bungalow offers so much charm. Sunny dining room w/built in china cabinet is just the beginning. Berber carpet, hardwood floors & master that measures 23x12 are just some of the things you'll love about this home. Hurry! Priced to sell! \$134,900 (L14Lue)

WESTLAND. Great investment on this completely remodeled ranch! New kitchen & bath cabinets, hardwood floors & carpet. Attached single car garage w/breezeway. A large 2 car detached garage, large 12x26 deck in rear of house. All appliances stay. Option of buying house & extra lot (65x166) together for \$141,900. \$115,000 (L40Fr)

REDFORD. Ready to move into this 1 1/2 story brick bungalow is located on a quiet tree lined country street. Offering a large lot, 2 car garage, full basement w/glass block windows, newer central air & windows, glass & screened Florida room, newer electrical, and hardwood floors. 1/2 bath in master bedroom. \$149,900 (L85Nor)

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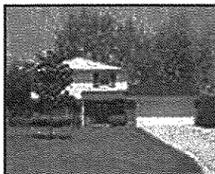
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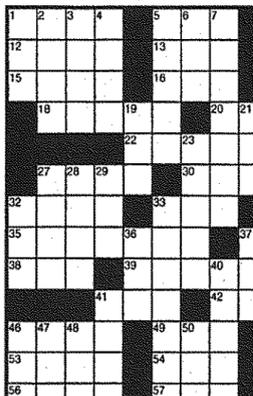
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 - 5 Church seat
 - 8 Reminds too often
 - 12 Combat
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 - 15 Name in elevators
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 - 17 Flashy sign
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 - 4 'You're something —!'
 - 5 Novel or essay
 - 6 Long time
 - 7 More clever
 - 8 Ricci of fashion
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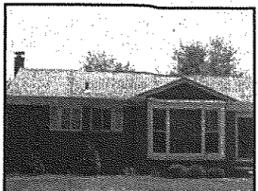
CANTON - Best buy in the sub. 3 year old Condo on premium lot that backs to trees w/a beautiful view. Light & tastefully decorated. Master BR has WIC, garden tub, sep. shower & double sinks. LR is cozy w/gas FP, grand wh mantle. Kitchen & dining area is perfect for entertaining. Nice landsc. \$172,900 (49GRO) 248-349-5600



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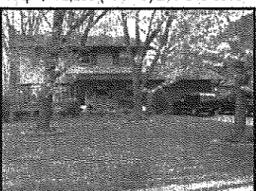
INKSTER - A great beginning. 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with finished basement, 2 car garage, hardwood floors under carpet, oak kitchen with dishwasher. \$114,900 (25JOH) 734-455-5600



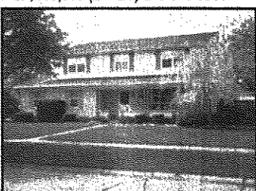
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GARDEN CITY - Great home for the price. Most major updates done in last 3 years include: roof, windows, siding, furnace & CA. Full partially finished basement. 2 1/2 car garage. \$134,999 (80CAM) 734-455-5600

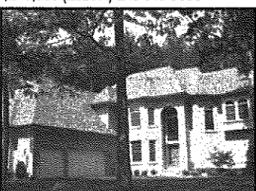


PLYMOUTH - Stunning design & character. 3 BR, 2 BA brick Ranch! Open floor plan w/cathedral ceiling. Refinished hardwood floors, newer kitchen w/ceramic pull up bar seating, Kraftmaid cabinets, appl included. Sunny dining area w/ceramic flr, casement windows w/view of parklike yd, att gar. \$217,500 (31LAK) 734-455-5600



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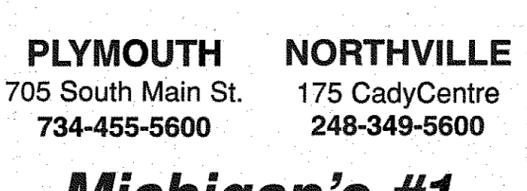
SOUTH REDFORD - What a great buy. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick Ranch with finished basement. Many updates. 2 1/2 car garage. Heated breezeway. One year home warranty included. \$168,789 (07SAR) 248-349-5600



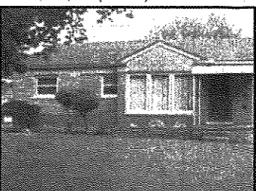
DEARBORN - Dearborn Bungalow. This home has received 2 city beautification awards. You'll love the updated kitchen w/aple cabinets & doorwall to porch. Steel door, vinyl windows, covered ceilings, & ceramic tile. Fin. bsmt, 2 car gar & home warranty. \$172,610 (11EDI) 734-455-5600



LINCOLN PARK - Great starter. 3 bedroom brick/aluminum Bungalow with wet plaster through out ceramic bath, garage and partially finished basement, plus covered patio. \$122,500 (79LIN) 734-455-5600



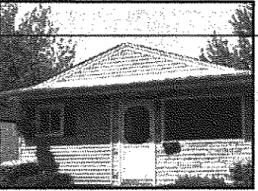
FLAT ROCK - Great opportunity. Large 3 bedrooms Ranch on good sized lot. Roof and CA '02, some windows and furnace '01, vinyl siding '00. Large foyer with bay window. Bath remodeled. Home still needs some work but the majors are done. \$96,500 (26SEN) 734-455-5600



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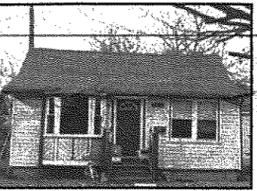
NORTHVILLE - Inviting 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA Victorian home was totally rebuilt from the ground up. Beautiful details. Quality materials. Feels like you are living in the past, but you have every modern amenity. All on a quiet street w/sidewalks only & short walk from the main street shops. \$479,000 (13ROU) 248-349-5600



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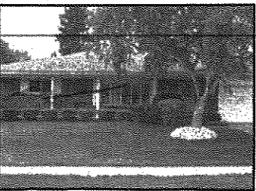
PLYMOUTH - Walk to downtown. Updated home with open and unique floor plan. Updates kitchen, bath, formal dining room, hardwood floors, great room with vaulted ceilings, vinyl windows and electrical service. Move in condition. Must see! \$204,900 (61MIL) 734-455-5600



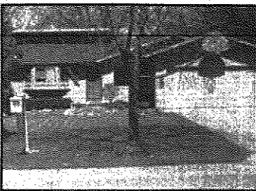
ANN ARBOR - Dixboro Village-Ann Arbor schools. Farm style for 21st century on approximately 1 acre. 3 bedroom home with many upgrades & additional square footage in studio/office suite over garage. Many extras. Must see to appreciate. \$449,900 (60CHU) 248-349-5600



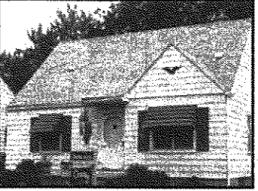
LIVONIA - Comfortable & convenient. Lovely, spacious 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick Ranch. Owners meticulously maintained & updated such as: Wallside windows & doorwall, Berber carpet, refinished hardwood floors, fridge, ext door, BAs, HWH & more. Super floor plan. Large DR area w/FP. \$239,900 (49SIX) 248-349-5600



COMMERCIAL PINES - 4 bedroom, 3 bath contemporary Ranch. Large great room with fireplace. Vaulted ceiling, season Florida room. Wooded lot overlooks pond. Outside lights & sprinklers. Multi-level deck with hot tub. Home warranty included. Lower level room with bath. \$249,900 (77SPR) 248-349-5600



WARREN - Perfect brick starter. This 3 bedroom 2 bath brick Ranch has 2 car garage w/newer garage door & electronic opener, newer furnace, HWH, dishwasher, kitchen & bathroom sink. 2 full baths, partially finished basement, copper plumbing, all hardwood flrs & cement patio in backyard. \$125,900 (62POP) 248-349-5600



DEARBORN - Charm & value. 3 bedroom Bungalow with all the major updates! Newer roofs, on garage and home! Newer furnace, C/A & landscaping. Circuit breaker. Pella windows, finished basement. Family room off kitchen. \$139,900 (35GRI) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Sharp brick Ranch! Great 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, family room with fireplace, deck, finished basement, CA, newer cement, windows, carpeting, hardwood floors, updated bath, some appliances stay, steel entry doors, glass block windows, home warranty included. Must see! \$139,900 (66NOR) 734-455-5600



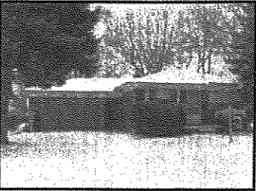
DEARBORN - Great starter home. 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick Ranch. Coved ceilings, hardwood floors in living room and bedrooms, + basement. Close to Oakwood Hospital and expressways. \$100,000 (20SOU) 734-455-5600



NOVI - Secluded paradise. Pristine condition on approx 1.25 acres. 2-story with 1st floor master suite, great room, loft, family room, library, finished basement, huge kitchen, 2 decks, hot tub, sprinklers and much, much more. Built in 1990. \$412,900 (50NIN) 248-349-5600



GREEN OAK - 4 bedroom. Colonial in a park-like setting with association pond, swimming, fishing, canoeing on approx 1/2 acre. Remodeled BA '03, tear-off roof '02, kitchen counter '00, dishwasher '00. Family room w/FP w/newer sliding door. Gas grill. South Lyon schools. \$235,900 (29PON) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Lexington Commons North! 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, family room with natural fireplace, hardwood kitchen, dining room, living room, FF&L, 2 car attached garage. Invisible fence, brick paver walk & patio. Fin. bsmt, super court location. Close to downtown. All kitchen appl stay. \$294,900 (81MOR) 248-349-5600



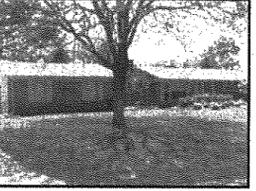
CANTON - Resort like living. Secluded pond like setting present this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Cape Cod with 2 car attached garage, basement, Hickory kitchen, loft overlooking great room with gas fireplace, custom deck overlooking delightful view of the pond. \$328,000 (83HOG) 734-455-5600



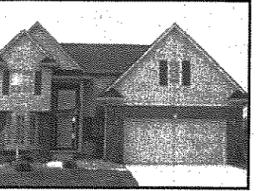
ALLEN PARK - Rare find! 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath colonial has oversized master suite with bath and hardwood floors, formal living room, dining room, family room with fireplace open to kitchen and basement, located on a cul-de-sac. Allen Park schools. \$245,000 (00NOR) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Clean 3 bedroom brick Ranch. Finished basement with full bath, 2 car attached garage, family room with fireplace, CA, sprinkler system, full brick exterior, hardwood floors and wood trim throughout. Must see! \$149,900 (33WIC) 734-455-5600



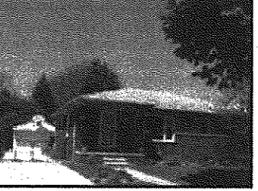
NOVI - Brick Ranch. Come fall in love with this fabulous home on approx 1.25 acres. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with Northville schools. Walk to downtown. Newer furnace, hardwood floors, carpet and stone tile in baths and kitchen. A dream home with huge garage. Northville schools. \$299,900 (31BYR) 248-349-5600



WIXOM - Spacious Colonial. This immaculate home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. Great room with vaulted ceilings, dining room and a master suite with cathedral ceilings. Neutral décor. Close to nature preserve & Walled Lake schools. Sub has approx 10 acres of woodland commons area. \$304,900 (76TRA) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE - Custom Northville home. Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with FR, DR, LR heated sunroom & full basement. Antique leaded glass wall. Walk to school & town. Gas fireplace, A/C, California closets, wet bar, 2x6 construction. All appliances and window treatments. \$399,900 (20HIG) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH - Quiet street in downtown Plymouth. Walk to Hines Park! Living room w/refinished hwdw flrs, cove ceiling, & picture window. Kitchen w/newer Terra Cotta cerm tile & eating area. Most windows, newer crown molding in BR. BA has newer cerm tile, vanity & lighting. Deck & gar. HPP. \$211,500 (45HOL) 734-455-5600



REDFORD - Beautiful and maintained. 3 bedroom Ranch, hwdw flrs, vinyl windows, plaster walls & coved ceilings, updates, include roof, furn, & CA, elec & carpet. Neutral colors, ceramic tile in kitchen, lg basement for added space. 2 car gar has 1 car door & South Redford schools. \$132,000 (73ORA) 734-455-5600



TAYLOR - Attention builders! Home sits on 4 total lots, possible splits available. Cozy home features CA, fireplace with insert, open kitchen, circle drive and covered patio. Just needs your finishing touches. All appliances stay. \$149,900 (31WIL) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH - Tucked away in Trailwood. Large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial has huge family room w/fireplace & skylights. Big open kitchen. Den w/wet bar. Master suite with WIC & bath. Full fin bsmt has recessed lights & speakers. Newer roof, A/C & landscaping. Brick paver & wood deck. \$359,900 (69DOR) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON - Welcome home. Move in and enjoy golf course living. First floor master. Oak kitchen with walk-in pantry. Finished basement. Spacious dining room. 2-story breakfast room. Beautifully fully landscaped. Cedar deck. Great views. \$469,900 (80SPY) 248-349-5600



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NORTHVILLE \$1,890,000
BOUNDLESS AMENITIES, EXQUISITE ESTATE! Located in SW Oakland county on private wooded 10 plus acres w/6000+ SF, 6 BR, 6 baths, 2-lavs, w/o LL w/au pair ste, exercise/spa room & indoor heated pool! (71HUN2)

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NORTHVILLE \$799,000
NORTHVILLE HILLS GOLF COURSE COMMUNITY! Absolutely gorgeous home w/ custom upgrades w/ Dual staircase, pillared GR, fabulous gourmet kitchen, nearly 4,200 SF of luxury! Quiet court location! (87MER2)

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NORTHVILLE \$679,500
CAPTIVATING QUEEN ANNE VICTORIAN! Inviting wrap around porch welcomes you to this 4 BR, 3 bth, 3-sty home! Hickory hwdw flrs, granite kit, 2-way nat FP, extra deep daylight bsmt, custom details! (03THA2)

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NOVI \$659,000
DISTINCTIVE ARCHITECTURE! Desirable area! Custom btl/mint condition! Designed for fam living/entertaining. 4000 SF+, 4 BR, 4 bths, 1st flr mstr, 3-car garage w/bonus rm. Perfection plus! (19PAD2)

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PLYMOUTH \$450,000
VALUE IN THE LAND! Over one acre! Best use is commercial or office. All utilities! Perfectly located! (95FIV6)

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PLYMOUTH \$319,900
CAPTIVATING COLONIAL! Enjoy warm summer nights in your glass/screened Florida rm or cool winter nights by the cozy FP. Newer hrdw flrs, huge gourmet kit, forml DR, 4 lg BR, 2.5 BA. (L42020)

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PLYMOUTH \$295,000
IMMACULATE CONDO IN SMALL COMPLEX! Close to downtown Plymouth, open floor plan w/fin'd LL. Bright kitchen with island. Main floor mstr w/WIC & spa tub. 3 BR & 2.5 baths. (14STO2)

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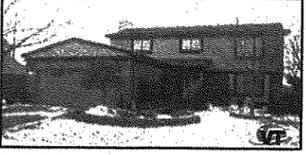
FARMINGTON HILLS \$285,900
UPDATES GALORE! Newer furnace, a/c, WH, copper plumb, elect, roof, kit, baths, just to name a few. Come check out the pride of ownership and professional craftsmanship. (G29011)

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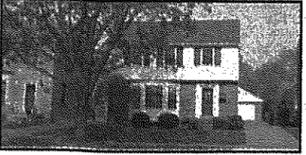
PLYMOUTH \$279,900
ALMOST AS PRISTINE AS NEW CONSTRUCTION! Roomy 3 story condo featuring a 1st flr office/den & lav, 2nd flr bath & 3rd floor bath. Nicely decorated in neutral shades. Lots of storage & an attached garage. (C703)

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CANTON \$259,900
IF FAMILY MATTERS, THIS HOME IS FOR YOU! Over 2162 square feet with 4 large bedrooms. Family room is 23x13 w/replace. Built in 1998! Great Canton location. (K1107)

PC070782 734-591-9200



DEARBORN \$241,500
MINT CONDITION 3 BR COLONIAL! Near Divine Child! LR w/nat FP, DR, FR, kit w/parquet flrs, fin rec rm w/slate flr, upds incl: win, tear down roof, carpet, furn & c/a. 2-car garage & patio. (12SIL2)

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CANTON \$239,900
PERFECT FOR ENTERTAINING! In this 3 bedroom ranch on 1.38 acres in Canton. Formal dining rm w/doorwall to beautiful lg deck & hot tub. Remodeled kit & bath w/oak cabinetry & more! (D270)

PC220592 734-326-2000



CANTON \$224,999
UPDATES GALORE! Located on a cul-de-sac, this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial has a fireplace & wet bar. Newer Pergo flrs, carpeting & windows. Master has WIC & access to bath. (23C1661)

734-455-7000



WESTLAND \$199,000
ALMOST AS PRISTINE AS NEW CONSTRUCTION! Roomy 3 story condo featuring a 1st flr office/den & lav, 2nd flr bath & 3rd floor bath. Nicely decorated in neutral shades. Lots of storage & an attached garage. (C703)

734-326-2000



CANTON \$196,900
BEAUTIFUL CONDO, NEUTRALLY DECORATED! Generous use of ceramic thru-out, soaring ceiling in GR w/FP, custom wndw treatments, lg mstr w/ath ceiling & WIC. 3 BR total, 2.5 BA. 1 yr warranty. (C44981)

734-591-9200



CANTON \$191,000
THIS IS A GEM! 2 bdrm, 2 full baths. End unit 1st floor ranch condo. Great view of commons from extended deck, formal dining room, finished basement, all appliances included. (23C7066)

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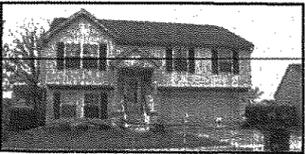
WESTLAND \$189,900
BEAUTIFUL BROWNSTONE CONDO! Comfortable living on all 3 floors, bay windows on 1st & 2nd floors, fireplace, hardwood floors, near shopping & restaurants. Must see to appreciate! (C677)

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LIVONIA \$189,900
NOT A DRIVEBY! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath ranch! Loaded with updates. All big updates are done. Home shows very well. Call to see! (W20020)

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YPSILANTI \$189,900
STUNNING 3 BEDROOM 2.5 BATH BI-LEVEL! This contemporary home sits on an extra large lot. Big windows, walk in closet, master bath, walk out lower level. 1775 Sq feet. Make this a must see! (H742)

PC220502 734-326-2000



WESTLAND \$189,900
1700 SQ FEET OF LIVING SPACE! A 20x15 great room, fin bsmt w/lav & dry bar. Nicely updated main bath. Steel entry drs, alarm sys, newer roof, Pella wnds, 24x24 gar w/elect and more! (R382)

PC220472 734-326-2000



CANTON \$189,900
THIS SPARKLING CLEAN CANTON COLO-NIAL! 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/many updates could be yours. Beautiful FR w/FP, fin bsmt, all new cement pto, newer furn & rf. Stove & fridge included. (A43651)

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DEARBORN \$186,900
HAD ENOUGH of wasting half your day commuting? Consider this 3 bdrm brick ranch home with a 2 car att gar in Oakwood Hospital area. Updates, fnshd bsmt & C of O completed. (23A18131)

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LIVONIA \$169,900
GREAT HOUSE GREAT PRICE! Updated 3 BR brick ranch on private oversized fenced lot. Finished basement, 2 car garage, move right in & more. (L13969)

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PLYMOUTH \$169,620
SWEET RETREAT! Tranquil 3 bdrm ranch. Wonderful kit w/tons of oak cbnts. Cathedral ceilings in liv rm & kit. Farm rm could be in-law or teen suite. Wide lot. Take a peek & see! (23P620)

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NORTHVILLE \$163,900
GREAT NORTHVILLE CONDO! Award winning Northville schools! 3 BR, formal DR, rec room, sunken LR w/FP. Enjoy 3 lakes, pool, clubhouse & tennis courts! (09 DAR2)

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VAN BUREN TWP \$154,900
PERFECT STARTER HOME! 3 bdrm, 1 bath, brick ranch w/new tear off roof, remodeled kitchen, oak cabinets & vinyl fl. Newer Wallside windows, newer carpet throughout. Screened in patio. (H963)

PC220312 734-326-2000



REDFORD \$146,500
BEAUTIFUL MANICURED BRK RANCH! In private area of Redford. Hardwood flrs under carpet, updated elec, copper plumb, rf, furn, air, natural FP in LR, finished bsmt, knotty pine, added FR. (D15016)

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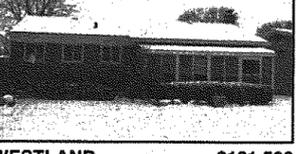
WESTLAND \$139,537
CUTE AS A BUTTON! Fabulous kitchen in this 3 bedroom doll house waiting for a new king & queen. Newer windows, A/C, roof. Garage with wood stove & work bench. (23L1537)

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REDFORD \$132,500
KNOCKOUT BUNGALOW IN SOUTH REDFORD! Lrg lot & updates galore. Beautifully decorated. Newer rf, siding, furn, a/c, front dr, most newer wndws, remodeled bath, updated kit, fin bsmt, & much more! (C13568)

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WESTLAND \$131,500
GREAT STARTER HOME! In a quiet neighborhood. 3 BR, fresh paint, brk ranch, lg 2+ car gar, partially fin bsmt, great front sunporch, new kit flrs, many updates. All red brk. (R723)

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DEARBORN \$129,900
BARGAIN OF THE BLOCK! 1186 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 bath bungalow. Part fin'd bsmt, garage. Upds incl: roof, windows, copper plumbing, c/a, security system, furnace & hwh. (50CHO2)

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REDFORD \$124,900
STYLISH & CHARMING HOME! has been artfully decorated with many updates including both baths, kit, vinyl siding, newer rf. You won't believe how cute this is inside & out. (S20091)

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REDFORD \$118,500
COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Tree lined street, solid brick ranch, 3 bedrooms, basement, family room, newer tear off roof, brick carport. (L20407)

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SOUTHFIELD \$109,900
SOUTHFIELD, WE INVITE YOU TO COMPARE! 3 BR, 1.5 bath brick ranch in great area at realistic price! Clean & freshly painted, neutral decor, CA, garage & home warranty. Immediate occupancy. (51WIL2)

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CANTON \$109,900
EXQUISITE CONDO! Welcome home! This 2 bedroom condo features updated barber carpet, extra large cabinets, newer appliances, crown molding, mirrored doors and more! (23F2033)

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TAYLOR \$99,900
PERFECT INCOME OPPORTUNITY! Great investment! Cute 3 BR ranch & one BR apartment above a 2-car garage! Nice quiet residential setting with a lg yard. Live in one & rent out the other! (62MAY2)

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INKSTER \$89,000
NICE RANCH ON CORNER LOT! Knotty pine finished basement, neat and clean, waiting to inspire someone's creativity. Ideal for first time buyer. Priced below market. (C341)

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WESTLAND \$79,900
DIAMOND AMONGST THE OTHER GEMS! This adorable condo has a professionally finished basement. Newer furnace & AC. Bathroom has been newly remodeled. Located on the curve of a private cul de sac. (S252)

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EASTPOINTE \$74,900
GREAT STARTER HOME IN EASTPOINTE! Cute 2 BR home with 1.5 car garage & fenced yard in nice family neighborhood. Coved ceilings in LR, eat-in kitchen & 1st floor laundry. (17CUS2)

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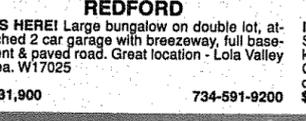
GROSSE ILE \$339,900
BEAUTIFUL HOME, pride of ownership shows. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, lots of updates, new hrdw flr in foyer, refin in LR, DR & BR, new kit w/maple cabs, newer wndws, updated BAs, fresh paint, inground pool, hot tub. B26028

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GARDEN CITY \$147,900
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR BRICK RANCH! 1.5 baths, fin'd rec rm w/artificial FP & wet bar. Nice kit w/doorwall to covered patio, c/a, 2-car garage & sprinklers. Updates incl: window & furnace. 55HAR2

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REDFORD \$131,900
IT'S HERE! Large bungalow on double lot, attached 2 car garage with breezeway, full basement & paved road. Great location - Lola Valley area. W17025

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SOUTH LYON \$127,000
IMMACULATE CONDO IN GREAT LOCATION! Spacious LR, 2 nice sized bdrms, mstr w/WIC, kit & DR. Neutral decor & move-in condition. Close to x-ways, walk to town. Pool in complex & one pet allowed. 25GRE2

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SOUTH LYON \$109,000
UNRETIREMENT RANCH, in adult co-op 55+. Terrific end unit w/extra windows. Private courtyard entry w/landscaping. Florida room & partially finished basement. Clean- move in ready. 23P25399

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single and honest 41 yrs old, I am looking for a honest and sincere man who is not into games. Ad#:423807

it's all good 37 yrs old, So, I am a fun, and fancy free kinda girl. I believe in hard work and freedom of expression. I like to have fun no matter where I go...

loving lady 56, cuddly and compassionate. Enjoys the outdoors, walking, camp fires, good wine, holding hands and more. Seeking a SWM, 51-61, who is honest, loving and passionate. Ad#:406107

up-front & honest SWF, 38, 57", with reddish brown hair and hazel eyes. Interests are hiking, art, cooking and much more. In search of an adventurous SM, under 45, with a good sense of humor. Ad#:426071

hello there, tell me about yourself 56 yrs old, SWF, 56, 5'5" full figured blue eyed blonde lady, non smoker, social drinker, enjoys music, dancing, movies, & U of M football. Ad#:423635

quiet, but fun SWF, 50, 5'3", with brown hair. Enjoys long walks, the outdoors, cooking, gardening, dining out and more. In search of a SWM, 45-60, who is fun-loving, honest and caring, with a good sense of humor. Ad#:420017

worth waiting for 21 yrs old, I'm a SWF who is Christian, likes to have fun and is looking for someone special. I like to go to the movies, listen to music, and hang out with my friends. I'm very honest, family oriented and sweet natured. Ad#:412294

the rest of my life SWF, 44, petite, 5'3", 119lbs., with gray eyes, bluish/brown hair. Enjoys friends/family, animals, entertaining, cooking and the simple things in life. In search of a SWM, 35-51, for a possible relationship. Ad#:417954

let's chat SWF, 40, full-figured, has 2 years of schooling. Enjoys a wide variety of interests. Seeking a SBM, 35-51, for a possible relationship. Ad#:417954

looking for love 22 yrs old, 22 year-old single mother looking for love or even just friendship. I moved down to this area with no friends and been so busy I haven't really met anyone special. I am not for sure what to put in these things so bare with me. I would like to meet a man who is stable and a relationship minded. Ad#:423897

looking... 30 yrs old, I'm a single white female with no kids. (I do have a cat.) I'm 5'9". In my spare time, I like to spend time with friends and family, cook, shop, read, Red Wings hockey, and theater. I'm a smoker. I'm looking for a single white male with no kids between 27-35, who is intelligent and funny, honest, tall, and thoughtful. Ad#:417164

loves to laugh SWF, 37, with light brown hair, hazel eyes, light complexion. Enjoys swimming, horseback riding, cooking and much more. Looking forward to meeting up with a SM, 58-65, who is fun to be with, exciting, affectionate and has similar interests. Ad#:424373

shy, but outgoing SWF, 42, petite, with blonde hair and blue eyes. Interests are the outdoors, working out, gardening, etc. Searching for an attractive, fit SWM, 35-47, who has similar interests, with good morals. Ad#:418148

young at heart SWF, 55, with blonde hair. Looking forward to meeting an affectionate and sweet SWM, 50-60, for dining, movies and card playing. Ad#:418707

ready? SWF, 41, 5'1", 110lbs., has 4 years of schooling and is a smoker and a social drinker. Enjoys a wide variety of interests. Seeking a SWM, 38-48, who is down-to-earth and is trustworthy. Ad#:423319

fun-loving... 49 yrs old, ...Looking for friendship, Harley Davidson's, pool tables, camping, dancing, playing cards, are just a few of my interests. I would like to ride with a friend this summer. If something else comes from the friendship then, that is even better. I am a non-smoker, social drinker, that would love to ride behind a nice, energetic, fun-loving male. Ad#:423414

looking for love SWF, 26, 5'2", with blonde hair. Enjoys long walks, movies, etc. Searching for an honest SWM, under 30, for friendship first. Ad#:424000

motivated woman 27 yrs old, DWF, 27, looking for a quality guy. Interests include my kids, playing cards, going for a walk and dancing. I like to go out but also just stay home and talk. I am caring and a good listener. I feel honest, open communication is the key to a good relationship. Ad#:355097

appreciates honesty Outgoing, sincere and friendly. SWF, 43, 5'1". Hobbies include short walks, quiet dinners and spending time with a sincere, caring and sharing, SM, 45-50. Ad#:423394

answer to my prayer! 49 yrs old, Hi! First of all I am a 49 year young Christian lady that has the love of the Lord in her heart! Looking for a real man that loves Jesus! I have been alone for 7 years, waiting on the Lord for my hearts desire. I am faithful in attending church, and serving the Lord in whatever way I can. Ad#:423316

easygoing & honest SWF, 41, 5'4", 125lbs., auburn hair, blue eyes, loyal, humorous and adventurous. Enjoys camping, hiking, biking, working out, theater, movies, the outdoors and more. Seeking a SM, 35-50, who is goal-oriented, secure, educated, humorous and enjoys life. Ad#:423310

here she is... SWF, 51, attractive, passionate, young looking, 5'6", red hair, blue eyes, humorous. Seeking a SWM, 44-60, who is handsome, financially stable and enjoys slow dancing. Ad#:423303

take a chance SWF, 48, 5'7", blue eyes, blonde hair, slim, beautiful, fun and pleasant. Enjoys fishing, camping, boating, hiking and more. Seeking a SWM, 48-55, who is tall, honest, outgoing, fun-loving and laid-back. Ad#:423295

good, fun times together SWF, 30, full-figured, with red hair. Enjoys movies, camping, rock concerts and just having a good time. In search of a SWM, 30-45, who is open-minded, funny and likes to enjoy life. Ad#:423052

fun-loving SWM, 48, 5'9", with blond hair and green eyes. Interests are movies, quiet times at the home, the casino, etc. In search of a SBM, over 18, who doesn't play games, for a serious relationship. Ad#:423003

life is too short SWF, 61, medium height, with blue eyes and blonde hair. Enjoys staying active and having fun. Looking for a NS, SWM, 58-66, who doesn't play head games. Ad#:420010

contact me a.s.a.p.! Attractive divorced white female, professional, college degree, petite, 5'1", weight proportionate, optimistic. Enjoys exercise, good conversation, movies, concerts, music, sports. Seeks professional divorced male, 45 to 55, no beard or mustache, sense of humor. Ad#:403954

fisherman needed: SWF, 57, 5'2", with blue eyes and brown hair. Enjoys going to the casino, flea markets, fishing, camping and anything else that has to do with the outdoors. Seeking a SWM, 48-64, who is honest, communicative and knows how to enjoy life. Ad#:422957

No Limits On Love!! It's all-new and it's here now! PERSONALS LIKE NOTHING YOU'VE EVER SEEN OR HEARD BEFORE!

putting my toe in the water 42 yrs old, Hi there! I am a 42 year old mother of 3 almost grown children. I love having fun with my family, and enjoying life. Watching movies, reading, playing on the computer, baseball and hockey, and limited gardening are some of the things I enjoy. Ad#:420304

searching for soul-mate Single white female, 55, non-smoker, social drinker, active, well groomed, healthy, sincere. Loves theater, playing golf, travel, flowers, Florida in the winter, outdoors. Seeks male, 56 to 65, who has lived a good life and is looking for a stable companion. Ad#:403974

searching for true love 32 yrs old, I am a 32 year-old high school teacher. I am looking for something real, not just a fling. I enjoy the outdoors, birdwatching, football, and reading. Ad#:420120

friendship first 46 yrs old, 46, Non-smoker, not much of a drinker but occasionally, like to work in the yard, take care of home. Also like to travel see different lighthouses. Like walks, dancing, movies, dinner in or out. Ad#:420038

non-smoker SWF, 29, 5'6", 240lbs., enjoys sports, dancing, comedy clubs and more. Looking for a SM, 20-40, NS, with no children. Ad#:420633

very honest & caring SWF, 41, 5'6", enjoys Harley's, fishing, boating, rock concerts and much more. Looking for a trustworthy, honest, cuddly SWM, 45-55, who is fun to be with. Ad#:420635

treat me like a lady SWF, 18, enjoys having fun. Looking for a sweet SBM, over 18, for dating, fun times and possible relationship. Ad#:420364

are you that guy? SWF, 47, 5'9", with brown eyes and a medium build. Interests are dining out, the beach and more. Searching for a SWM, 43-54, who is honest. Ad#:420205

searching for my special guy 32 yrs old, SWF 32 searching for that special guy (25-40) who is caring, sincere & honest; also must enjoy children (I'm a mother of one) I am easy-going, but a little shy, enjoy time with friends, movies, music, and quiet times at home. Ad#:419245

senior lady seeks honest senior man 69 yrs old, Am just an average person, down-to-earth, good sense of humor, lonely, hopefully there is a nice guy out there someplace. Ad#:385084

leading lady searches for mr. destiny 47 yrs old, Let's enjoy life's adventures as we get to know each other. Only those gentlemen interested in a serious, (do I dare say It-committed) relationship need to apply here. Don't be shy. Drop me a line. You won't be disappointed. Ad#:399101

just me 43 yrs old, Hello, I'm looking for someone honest...to share time with...who likes the outdoors, camping, fishing, hiking, and golf... Gardening, movies and dinner out. I love to do my art. Stained Glass. Ad#:412334

new to the area SWF, 29, full-figured, hazel eyes. Enjoys poetry, camping, the outdoors, music and more. Seeking a SBM, 25-35, for a friendship and maybe more. Ad#:406180

finally.... I am a SWF, 53, 5", who is fit and enjoys auto racing, bowling, bingo, casinos, sports, animals and looking for a SWM, 45-55. Ad#:417306

christian SWCF, 43, who enjoys camping, walking, biking, my children and experiencing new things. If you are a SWM, 36-50, and are interested, call me and we'll talk! Ad#:417121

looking for you SWF, 44, with long dark hair. Enjoys cooking, movies, concerts and much more. Searching for a SWM, 40-50, who has similar interests. Ad#:416970

more than what you think! 29 yrs old, Good Day, my name is Tracy. I'm 28, I have 2 kids (9 and 11). They are my life. I will do for them first before myself. Love the outdoors, any sports, reading, bowling, golf, walking, rollerblading, cards, movies, dance clubs. Ask and I will tell you more. Ad#:394148

older love is sweeter SWF, 63, 5'2", attractive and classy. Enjoys a wide variety of interests. Seeking a SWM, 58-70, who is tall, romantic, honest and secure. Ad#:403303

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3 years single, retired and looking 50 yrs old, Hi, my name is John. I like to shoot pool, bowl, hold someone who can care about others. Ad#:418049

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sleepless in swartz creek 50 yrs old, Hi I'm a just turned "50" year young person. D/single WM. Looking for a D/SWF between the ages of 44 and 51. At least someone who would like to date to see what happens or is marriage minded. I am honest, sincere, and down to earth. I don't drink or drug or play games, but I do smoke. Ad#:420768

nice guy looking for her 22 yrs old, Hello, I'm a 22 year-old male looking to meet someone fun, outgoing and who knows who she is. Ad#:427017

like what you hear? SNAM, 41, described as open, honest and sincere. Looking for a SF, over 18, who has similar qualities. Ad#:424189

looking 4 old fashion gal 55 yrs old, I have been on this planet for 55 yrs. I believe in a very simple life, long kisses and the beauty of a sunrise along with the sunset. The crashing of waves on the surf and the snow covered mts. I enjoy movies and computing. I avoid crowds of people at all costs. Ad#:426763

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stop, look & call! DWM, 49, medium build. Enjoys the outdoors, home cooking and more. Seeking a SWF, 45-52, who is seeking a long-term relationship. Serious replies only, no games please. Redford area. Ad#:411537

let's meet SWM, 32, 5'8", 145lbs., enjoys fishing, sports, movies, kids and much more. Seeking a SWF, 28-35, 140lbs. or less, who has similar interests. For friendship first, let's see what happens. Ad#:425719

be honest with me SWM, 44, 5'9", 160lbs., with curly hair. Interests are hunting, auto racing, sports and more. Looking for a SWF, over 18, who is honest and likes to have fun. Ad#:425550

summer time fun!!!! 40 yrs old, No games, don't want a player. I love Nascar, golf, the outdoors, hanging out. I do movie, cuddling. I live one day at a time, to it's max!!! Let's smile, be happy!!! Ad#:419625

tall, dark & handsome SWM, 34, 6'3", with brown eyes. In search of a SWF, under 50, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad#:421018

fun-loving SNAM, 25, 5'9", 135lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, humorous and outgoing. Enjoys sports, biking, skating and more. Seeking a SF, under 40, who is honest, attractive, easygoing, friendly and loving. Ad#:425455

special times Outgoing, SBM, 37, who enjoys sports, shooting pool, basketball and more. In search of a SF, over 18, to share time with. Ad#:425428

worth a try 29 yrs old, Looking for friendship or possibly more. Let's see what happens. I am a 911 Dispatcher and a volunteer Fire Fighter. I enjoy reading, music and hanging out with my friends and a cold-Bud Light. Ad#:423730

hopeless romantic in search of juliette 35 yrs old, Hi! I've never really been good at introductions. Don't really know what someone would be looking for in this little space. I'm a single dad looking for new friends. Not into head games. Just want to meet that special lady to have fun with and enjoy life. Ad#:424414

let me be a man SWM, 36, with dark brown hair and brown eyes. Interests are boating, playing pool, skiing and more. Looking for a SBF, 30-40, who is willing to communicate. Ad#:425356

only the serious, with a little fun 47 yrs old, Hello! I am a just turned 47 year old male who is single but am seriously looking for my mate. I enjoy movies, travel, reading and having fun with the right woman by my side. I think I have a pretty good sense of humor because every time I meet a woman she is laughing. Ad#:424328

tired of being alone SWM, 49, hard-working, 5'8", 175lbs. Seeking a SWF, 45-48, who is easygoing, intelligent and fit, for a long-term relationship in the Redford area only. Ad#:406041

hope to hear from you SWM, 56, with a dark complexion, enjoys travel, dining out, movies and much more. Searching for a SBF, 45-58, who has similar interests. Ad#:425343

nice guy looking for nice girl 23 yrs old, I'm Ryan. I like to play sports and hang out with friends. Ad#:423614

similar qualities SWM, 49, 5'10", 170lbs., enjoys motorcycles, horseback riding, skiing, romantic times with that special someone and more. Looking for a SNCF, 42-55, who is outgoing, friendly, kind and has a great sense of humor. Ad#:410814

imperial man 25 yrs old, I'm a very cool and laid back person, that is currently going to college to get a bachelor degree in finance. I'm a good listener and like to travel on the weekends. And I'm always willing to try new things. Ad#:424125

smart, savvy, interesting... 53 yrs old, Good looking, in shape with low miles, very successful local businessman looking for a very attractive, intelligent, woman of substance who is interested in pursuing a relationship filled with financial security, warmth, honesty, comfort and fun. If that sounds like you, let's meet! Ad#:420284

this is worth a look 51 yrs old, Above average, athletic and socially up to standards. Ad#:417205

Here's Bob. He's looking for an attractive woman 30-40 years old. Bob decides to call 1-877-487-2038 to respond to this ad. One of the best! Attractive SWF, 5'5", brown hair and eyes. I am very fun, outgoing and honest. Seeking SM. While on the phone, Bob discovers 10 other women that match his search. Including: 3 Chatting Online, 2 Chatting By Phone. Hey Bob! Press 2 to CHAT LIVE or leave a voice message for any of them right now! Lives Better Shared White male, dentist, 6', 173lbs., 54, very successful and attractive, seeks white female, 38 to 53, 5'4" plus, slim, non-smoker, very attractive and physically fit who loves fine dining, travel, cuddling and seeks a best friend. Ad#:403950. IS A NEW YEAR... Divorced, slim white male, 54, enjoys outdoors, gardening, working in the house, the water and much, much more. Searching for a slim white female, 48 to 56, family oriented for friendship and possible more. Ad#:403951. JUST LOOKING FOR A GOOD GUY 24 yrs old, Hi, I am a 24 year old man who is in search of a independent, honest, real woman. I am attending college and getting closer to my degree in business. I like to just about anything and I am real easy-going. If you'd like to know more please let me know. Ad#:424067. HONEST AND FUN TO BE AROUND 29 yrs old, SWM, looking for the right one. Athletic and humorous. Non smoker/ social drinker. Enjoys the outdoors and water activities. Ad#:424043. LET'S SMILE TOGETHER 24 yrs old, Just a few... like travel... concerts plays theater fine dining some sports... Looking for honesty and a warm heart. Ad#:423282. The Publisher assumes no liability for the content of, or replies to, any advertisement or response resulting from or caused by this publication or agent. Its employees and agents harmless from all costs, expenses, liabilities and damages resulting from or caused by this publication or recording placed by the advertiser or any reply to same. The advertiser and respondents agree that they are at least 18 years old. Advertiser voice greetings will be rejected if they contain last names, phone numbers, any addresses, e-mail addresses or explicit sexual language. You should screen your responses carefully. First meetings should be held in a public place. The use of cell phones or cellular phones is discouraged. Copyright UltiMate 05/27/03

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Moving Sales 7130

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Birmingham - Downsizing! Don't miss this one! Lots of everything/must go. High quality/low prices. Fri-Sun, 10-5. 1050 Pleasant, S. Maple/W. Southfield.

Bloomfield Adams Woods. 1290 Greenglen, off I-75 & Adams. Fine Teak furniture for 1/3 original cost (dining room table & chairs, wall unit, end table, etc.) Large sale, crystal table, June 7 & 8, Noon-4pm, or call 248-852-8444

Clarkston June 5-6-7th, 9-4, 7-5. 1751 Oldenbridge, M-15 & I-75. Everything must go.

Commerce Twp. - Furniture, area rugs, household items, outdoor items, many antiques, refrigerator, linens, kitchen items & much more. June 6-7, 9-5. 325 Forest Crest Dr., off of S. Commerce, just N. of Oakley Park Rd.

Dearborn Heights June 5-8, 9-5PM. Furniture, housewares, clothes, sporting goods, etc. Joy/Beech. 8621 Kinnmore.

Farmingtown Hills Fri/Sat, June 6 & 7th ONLY. 10-5PM. 25871 Arden Park Dr., off Inskter, S/11 Mile. Clothing, antiques, furniture, and whole household of stuff!

Livonia - Kimberley Oaks, 14301 Blackburn, S. of E. E. of Farmington. Fri. & Sat. 9am-4pm.

Livonia- 14442 Riverside, Sat & Sun 9am-4pm. Household: antiques, games, hockey skates, books, 1/2 & 3/4 violins-Take Ellen to Perth.

Moving Sale - Sofas, chairs, bedroom set, 35" Sony tractor, Sheldon tower, coffee tables. 239-850-6139

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Northville Moving/Retirement Sale. June 7-8, 8-2. Pennsylvania House dining set, household furniture, antiques, 4657 Red Oak Dr. 6 Mile/Beech. No Pre-Sales.

Novi Sat June 7, 9-5pm 24475 Old Orchard Condos, N/10 Mile, W/Haggerty. Contents of home, nice furniture, dining, living, bedroom. Pictures, lamps, rugs, accessories and more! Presale (248) 471-0125

Novi tremendous clearance of car & home electronics. (248) 761-7598

Plymouth Fri. & Sat., June 6 & 7, 8-3pm. 1056 Fellows Creek Dr., off Ann Arbor W/Ridge.

Plymouth June 7-8, Sat., 8-4, Sun, 10-2. Crestwood home, 1999 Sheldon tower, #168. Near Ann Arbor Rd. Bedroom set, leather sofa and chair, misc. collectibles, housewares, clothing and MORE! Cell 310-383-3858

Redford 24590 Orangelawn, near Fenton & W. Chippewa. Multi-family, June 5-7, 8am-6pm. VCR & tapes, sectional couch, futon & stand, kitchen & household misc.

Redford June 5 & 6, 9AM-4PM Retiring/moving sale. Lots of items like crazy, low prices! Don't forget to come! 11941 Eriof, between Inskter & Beech, N/11 Plymouth.

Refrigerator - Magic Chef, 18.5 cu. ft., \$300. Maytag washer/dryer, \$300. 2 brass/3 table lamps, \$50. entertainment center fits 28" tv. \$40. All in exc. cond. 248-628-0333

Rochester June 6th & 7th, 9-5. fridge, snow blower, furniture & many household items. 334 Abbeywood Dr. (248) 808-8932

Troy - Riverplace Sub., 4078 Ledgestone, June 7, 9am-1pm. Toys, Nintendo games, kitchen items, frames & more.

Walled Lake - 2054 Maplehurst. 14 & Welch area. Sat. June 7, 9am-4pm. Some furniture includes: entertainment center, computer stand w/hutch, upholstered easy chair, solid cherry dining table, chairs & pads. No clothing.

Waterford Almost everything must go! No personal checks. 4219 Lenette, Elizabeth Lake/S. Avery. Sat & Sun. 10-4pm.

West Bloomfield 4865 Fair Court Dr., Sat & Sun, 10-5pm. 1 block S/Walnut Lake Rd., off Farmington Rd. Furniture, tools, household items, etc.

West Bloomfield June 6-8, 9-6pm. 4955 Bloomfield, S/Maple, W/Inskter. Everything goes! Baseball cards, furniture, clothing and yard items.

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WESTLAND - June 7, 9am-2pm. 3602 Anita, 1 blk. S. of Joy Rd. between Merriman & Farmington.

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BY DALE BUSS

You know those guys who populate most truck commercials -- the ones who look like Marlboro men, or at least construction workers? That's not me. The last time I can recall driving a truck of any sort was a U-Haul moving truck, more than a decade ago. All that is by way of saying that I'm not part of the natural market, vocationally or lifestyle-wise, for a regular truck.

But I am part of the emerging market for the Chevrolet Avalanche, which is helping to define a new category of truck-SUV hybrids. I really like this vehicle. You don't have to be a truck aficionado to appreciate it; neither do you have to be a fan of conventional SUVs. The only requirement is that you have the normal, reasonably varied demands of a middle-class American lifestyle. You'll find that the 2003 Avalanche can suit many of those needs with its unique versatility, and that it's a pleasure to ride in as well.

The key to this vehicle's appeal is what GM calls a "midgate" that allows easy and relatively quick conversion of the Avalanche from a rugged pickup truck with an ample bed to an SUV that comfortably carries five or six passengers -- and retains a decent cargo payload as well.

Case in point: Memorial Day weekend. As it happened, our family's activities over those three days made it a perfect "Avalanche weekend." On Saturday morning, we were performing the annual rite of buying and planting flowers around the house, and the short-bed Avalanche made a perfect vehicle for transporting a couple dozen flats of flowers and miscellaneous other gardening stuff from the nursery several miles away. The hard bed lid that comes with the vehicle was perfect for sheltering young plants as we sped along the highway.



The 2003 Avalanche offers unique versatility

That evening, remaining in its SUV configuration, the Avalanche was a perfect conveyance to a wedding and reception an hour and a half away. With two couples in the vehicle, one pair ensconced comfortably in an ample rear-passenger area, the ride was very smooth -- perhaps not surprisingly so, since Avalanche is based on the much more comfort-oriented platform for the Chevy Suburban SUV rather than on Chevrolet's Silverado truck platform.

But by Monday, I needed to convert the Avalanche into an even heavier-duty work mode so that I could haul more than a dozen big bags of mulch, as well as more plants, from the nursery back home, and I wasn't sure the five-foot-three-inch regular bed would be big enough. So I started by removing the three hard lid panels and stowing them handily in the bag that's provided for that purpose, which is slung along one of the inner sides of the bed.

I was a bit iffy about the next part: changing the midgate. I was afraid it would take me awhile, so I got out the instruction manual for the vehicle. The directions were clear, but as I started to follow the process, it proved more instinctive than I'd imagined and went very quickly, not more than a couple of minutes even for a first-timer.

The midgate is a piece of high-strength plastic 53 inches wide and 25 inches high that acts as the rear wall of the vehicle's cabin and the front wall of the cargo bed. It is hinged on its bottom edge so it can open back and forth between the cabin and the bed. To extend the cab to its full length of eight feet or so, all I had to do was fold down the 60/40-split rear bench seat, then turn a latch, and the gate fell flat on top of those folded-down rear seats. Voila!: I knew I had plenty of room for my intended cargo. (I didn't bother doing this, but if you release two latches at the trailing edge of the headliner, the rear glass comes out, independent of the midgate, and even stores away in a recessed area of the midgate.)

There are plenty of other aspects of the 2003 Avalanche to appreciate. They include the fact that the 1500-model, four-wheel-drive version I drove has shed -- as an option -- the bulky plastic body cladding that comes on other versions of the vehicle but drew a lot of criticism in the last version.

But without the midgate feature, there is no Avalanche. Fortunately for everyone, it's a great idea -- and well-executed.

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