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Indulgences

Jaclyn A. Novak of Canton, a Sienna Heights University senior, will present her drawings and paintings in an exhibit titled, "Indulgences."

Her exhibit opens March 23 through March 28 in Klemm Gallery in Studio Angelico, Adrian.

In partial fulfillment of her bachelor of fine arts degree, Novak's work explores the ideas of the fun and pleasure of being a woman, the ability to be seductive, glamorous and evocative.

Her work is an expression of her personal surroundings, experiences and indulgences in her everyday life as a woman.

Novak, a 2000 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School, is the daughter of Robert and Lynnette Novak of Canton. She is scheduled to graduate from Siena Heights University in May.

Animals in Art

D&M Studios in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services is taking reservations for the 14th Annual Summer Art Camp.

For the first time, the preschool and student camps will be offered at the Cherry Hill Schoolhouse at Cherry Hill and Ridge roads.

Children will discover their creativity and potential using a variety of techniques and mediums, and learning the role animals play in art.

At the end of summer, an Open House Exhibition will showcase each student's work.

A 10 percent discount is offered if registration and tuition is received no later than May 31.

For more information, call D&M Studios at (734) 453-3710.

Curves

Curves for Women, with facilities in Canton and Plymouth, are collecting non-perishable foods during March to give to St. Mary's Food Bank in Wayne and a Dearborn program called Help is on the Way.

"Last year we collected over 8,000 pounds of food," said owner Kim Scartelli.

"It's such a neat experience. It is so rewarding."

You may drop non-perishable foods at the Canton facility, 44248 Cherry Hill, or in Plymouth at 44717 5 Mile.

Sheldon Place: Demolish or fix?

Is it a dangerous hulk that should be demolished? Or is it a building that can be repaired?

Township officials have been asking those questions for a long time and hope some answers may be forthcoming next week.

A dangerous building hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. June 23 to discuss Sheldon Place, the six-story former senior housing center at Ford and Sheldon that was evacuated in August 2001 after

leaks and cracks appeared in the then three-year-old, \$4.4 million building.

Now, three years later, the building is still empty and Public Safety Director John Santomauro said he's concerned about the safety of the building.

"The bottom line is we're not in the engineering business or construction business," he said. "From a public safety standpoint is the building safe to be standing the way it is? The idea of hav-

ing a hearing officer was to have an independent look to see if the building is structurally sound to sit there."

Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher has ordered his crews not to enter the building should there be a fire. He said he's afraid that water from fire hoses could cause floors to collapse.

A dangerous building hearing was held last year on the structure, which is owned by National

Church Residences Inc. of Ohio.

"The hearing officer rendered a decision which said basically fix the building and we'll revisit the site in a year," said Township Supervisor Tom Yack.

Meanwhile NCR has filed a lawsuit in Ohio to determine where liability lies for the building's structural problems.

"The hearing officer,

PLEASE SEE SHELTON, A5



A dangerous building hearing is scheduled for next week to discuss the potential fate of the abandoned Sheldon Place senior housing on Sheldon, just south of Ford Road.

From Alabama to Michigan

New pastor brings
contemporary worship
to Grace Lutheran

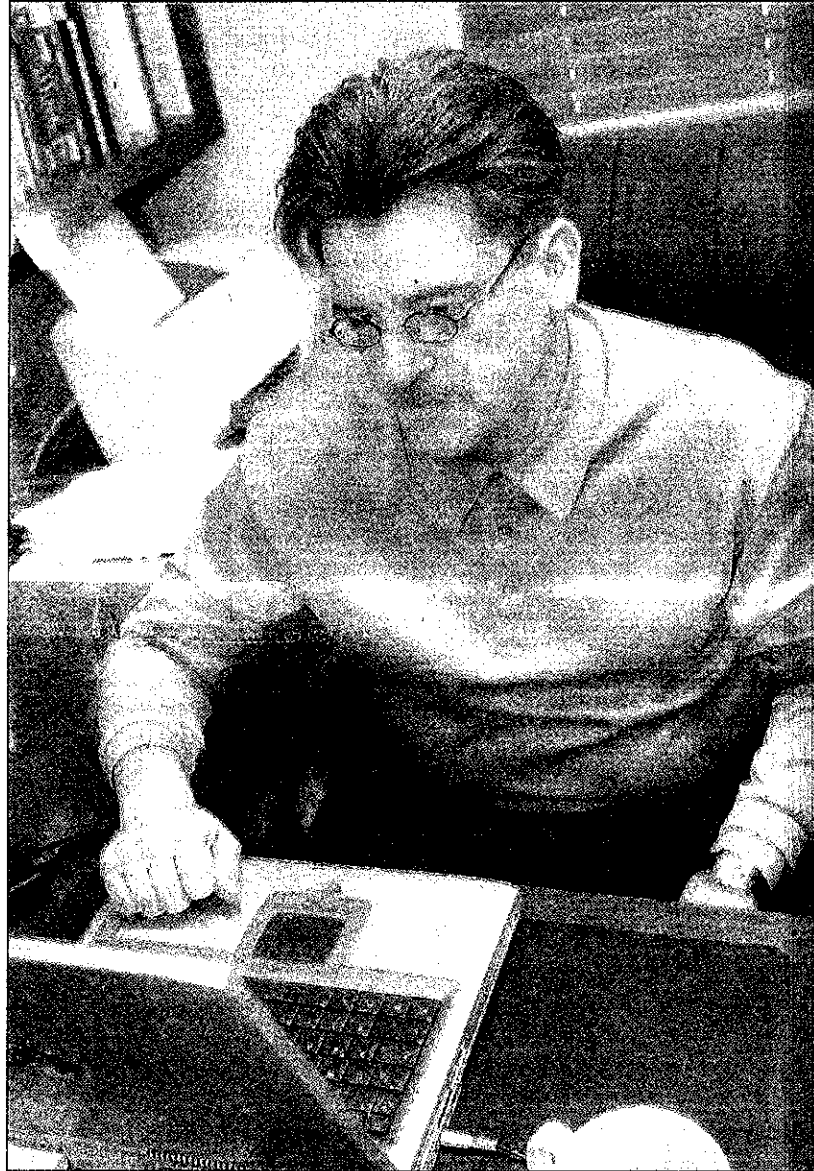
BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

In a nutshell, Kirk Miller felt suffocated. Growing up in Dallas, he attended his family's Lutheran church. "It was about authority, conformity and perfection," said the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church on Warren in Canton.

"I could identify more with the sinners than the saints," Miller said.

That didn't totally daunt him. He graduated from college with a political science degree. He wanted to be an attorney. But he got a job at an ad agency.

"I went out into the world," he said. "It taught me how to communicate in an effective way. I began to realize God was giving me powerful tools to communicate. It fired



PLEASE SEE PASTOR, A7

Pastor Kirk Miller of the Grace Lutheran Church works in his office.

Ford Road needs your opinion to make it better

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Like the weather, congested Ford Road is often the target of many complaints. Unlike the weather, something can be done to improve the township's major retail corridor.

"If anyone complains about anything in Canton, it's Ford Road," said Kathleen Salla, Canton Downtown Development Authority coordinator.

Residents and businesses can help make Ford Road better. News, Page A7.

From 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 25, residents, business owners - anyone who may be interested - will have a chance to offer their

complaints, their insights and their desires for Ford Road, also known as M-153, from Lotz to Napier. The stretch includes Canton's Downtown Development District.

The workshop will be at Dodson Elementary School, 205 N. Beck Road in Canton. It is the second in what is expected to be a series of opportunities for public discussion about Ford, which is under the jurisdiction of the Michigan Department of Transportation. The first workshop drew minimal attendance. Salla is hoping for many more this time.

The state agency is looking at the thoroughfare through a study conducted by consultants, the Corradino Group. The goal of the study is to provide information and solutions that can alleviate congestion on Ford and that can eventually be incorporated into the township's master plan to be used as redevelopment occurs.

"We have this opportunity to be heard by MDOT," Salla said. "The township can't do anything on its own about Ford. This is an opportunity to be heard by people who can do something."

For more information, contact Salla at (734) 394-5185 or Todd Zlincik with the Canton Public Works Division at (734) 397-1011, ext. 102.

One in and one out in June school board race

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The longest-serving member on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education has decided not to seek reelection, while a second incumbent will aim for another four-year term in the June 14 school board election.

Elizabeth Givens of Canton, who is completing her eighth year on the board, said she will not run again.

With her children long graduated from Plymouth-Canton Schools, Givens said it's time to move on after serving as a PTO pres-

ident in 1981; the president of the school council from 1991-95; and on the Board of Education since 1996, including two years as president.

"I got involved because my kids were involved in the school," said Givens. "I love education. It's one area of community service that I could make a stronger contribution than many other areas."

Among her accomplishments, Givens lists spearheading the labor-management team; being part of the high school renewal plan; and establishing the superintendent's evaluation to include major goals.

Judy Mardigian of Plymouth Township, first appointed to the board in 1998, said she doesn't feel her work on the board is completed.

"We've done a lot in the areas of student achievement and focusing on class size, and as we move ahead we need experience more than ever," said Mardigian, who is the current board president. "I've been instrumental in getting the inequities of Proposal A on the state agenda; I've worked hard in overseeing the last two bond construction programs which brought three schools on time and under budget; and

I've tried to open communication between the board and the community."

Thus far, Mardigian is the only person to pick up a petition to run for the school board. Deadline for filing is April 12 at 4 p.m.

Candidates must have 40 valid petition signatures from people registered to vote in the district. In lieu of petition signatures, candidates can pay a \$100 nonrefundable filing fee.

The last day to register to vote in the school board election is Monday, May 17.

Questions concerning the election can be directed to Elizabeth Adams at (734) 416-3095.

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Darcy, one of two Bishon Frisees to visit Plymouth Christian Academy, gets a cookie from 6-year-old Jacqueline McGraw.

Gone to the dogs

Handler carves out a career with champions

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Nancy DeWitt's kindergarten class at Plymouth Christian Academy is learning the letter "D," and what better way to teach it than with dogs.

On Tuesday, Lorrie Carlton of Plymouth Township – who has shown 83 champion dogs in 30 years – brought two of her Bishon Frise AKC champions, Darcy and Butn, to demonstrate what it takes to train care for dogs.

As one might expect, Darcy and Butn received a lot of attention and plenty of treats from their hosts.

"I learned that you have to feed them and take care of them," said Kaitlyn Eby, 5, of Canton, "and let them outside and love them."

Even after playing with the well-behaved and lovable pets, 5-year-old Erin Szew of South Lyon still wasn't convinced a dog was a good fit for her family.

"If I got one, then me and my brother would have to take care of it and give it baths everyday," she said. "And, my cats would be scared of it."

Carlton, who has been showing dogs since she was 11 years old – when her parents owned Belle Creek Kennel in Livonia – said she loves watching her dogs interact with young children.

"It was wonderful bringing them into a group of 5-year-olds, not having been raised with children, and having them interact and just say 'love me,'" said Carlton.

After selling the kennel in 1989 and opening Renrock Farms Veterinary Services in Salem Township with her husband, Larry Letsche, Carlton still gets around to various dog shows and is known throughout the country as one of the best.

"I have the No. 1 Bishon Frise female in the country right now," she said. "At the Westminster show in New York, I won Best of Opposite Sex. And, two years ago, I was the Best In Show winner at the Detroit Kennel Club show."

In fact, Carlton will have six dogs in this weekend's two-day Detroit Kennel Club show at Cobo Center.

"It's very rewarding to take a dog and train it to do various things, and then have someone judge it to be the best," said Carlton.

"Bishons can be a little tough at times. They require a lot of consistency, like children. But, as long as you do the things in the beginning the right way, the outcome is a well-behaved companion dog."

Darcy has already produced champions, and Butn is a certified therapy dog.

"She can go into hospitals, nursing homes and hospices and be held by anybody," said Carlton.



Bishon trainer Lorrie Carlton gets a kiss from her dog Darcy during an appearance at Plymouth Christian Academy Tuesday.

"They provide therapy for healing, as well as psychological benefits. To see the people light up when they see the dogs is very rewarding."

Carlton owns four horses, four goats and a dozen cats to go along with her 30 Bishons, so it's no wonder she has to sell some of her dogs. But, they don't just go to anyone.

"Anybody who buys a dog from me has to be interviewed," she said.

"I want to make sure the buyers know about the breed, and know what kind of dog they're getting."

"I want a dog that will fit your lifestyle, otherwise it's a total mismatch," said Carlton.

Carlton said knowing that her dogs are going to a good home makes it easier to sell them.

"Those that I sell I know have it made," she said. "They'll be spoiled rotten."

Carlton has three simple tips for those thinking about getting a purebred.

"Go to a good breeder; one who is breeding to better the breed," she said.

"Second is training. There are some good books and classes so the dog will learn how to respond."

Carlton said the third is common sense. "Praise the dog for things he does well, and the things you don't want the dog to do, chastise them appropriately."

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March is National Nutrition Month, and the library has several new resources to help you with your diet and fitness routine. Visit our special multimedia collections on "Eating Well" and "Fitness & Exercise" (www.cantonpl.org/specialc) for a wealth of up-to-date books, videos, websites and other information to help you slim down and stay fit. Or check out one of the library's new Pilates & Yoga DVDs, including popular titles like Crunch: Fat Burning Pilates, Pilates for Beginners and Yoga Buns: 30 Minutes to a Toned, Firm and Tightened Lower Body.

Physical Therapy UPDATE

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ACHING TO GET STARTED?

As baby boomers move toward their golden years, they are increasingly experiencing aches and pains that may be warning signs of impending arthritis. Many are unaware of their potential conditions, however. According to a recent survey by the Arthritis Foundation, 67% of respondents were at risk for arthritis, but 52% were not aware of it. What is more, 53% were showing some symptoms of arthritis, yet many were not aware of their significance. Osteoarthritis, or wear-and-tear arthritis, starts to develop in people in their late 40s. At this point, people should start thinking about building their bones and strengthening their muscles. If osteoarthritis does become a problem, it can be helped with physical therapy and pool exercises.

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School boards still have central role

BY GREG KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

It started with farmers and shopkeepers.

Early in the 19th century it was recognized that education was important to the mostly rural communities across the nation. But with no formal educational system in place, citizens banded together to establish their own schools.

They pooled resources, hired teachers and even built buildings.

And they oversaw the operations.

Such was the beginning of the public school system in America, which actually originated in Marshall, Mich.

Marshall residents the Rev. John D. Pierce and attorney Issac E. Cray innovated the public school system, which was later adopted by the state and served as the model for the nation.

It was the people like Pierce and Cray who oversaw the schools and formed the first school boards.

That was then. This is now. Proposal A and programs like the federal No Child Left Behind have wrested much of the control of school districts away from the school boards.

So are they even relevant anymore?

"More than ever," said Tony Derezinski, director of government relations for the Michigan Association of School Boards, a nonprofit associations of school boards around the state.

"They are far from obsolete," Derezinski said. In fact, "the movement is toward more community-oriented schools."

That translates into people having more direct input to their schools through the school boards.

LOCAL ROLE

Even though the boards have lost some power now that the state has assumed more control over funding through Proposal A, the school boards still have to administer the funds.

"There are still a lot of categorical funds, particularly for infrastructure," Derezinski said.

Indeed, the emphasis of many school districts in recent years has shifted to infrastructure — one of the areas that districts still can turn to for local support through bonds.

Bloomfield Hills schools is proposing a \$135 million bond to combine its two high schools on one campus. Last year, the Birmingham schools got voters to approve two of three bond proposals amounting to \$134 million to renovate its facilities.

And Walled Lake voters approved a \$69 million bond in 2000 to construct WL Northern High School.

But as district residents continue to support their local schools, the pressure mounts for the schools to cut costs and economize.

Even at the expense of their own existence.

"There have been instances of consolidations of districts," Derezinski said, such as in the Traverse City area. "In fact there is a mechanism in the school code where districts get a bonus for combining with other districts."

CREATIVE APPROACHES

There are 555 school districts in Michigan. Some, like Bear Lake just south of Traverse City, have only a few hundred students. To maximize resources, Bear Lake formed a consortium with neighboring Kaleva Norman Dickson District, creating an educational cooperative encompassing about 1,300 students and with an overall budget of \$12 million.

Each district remains independent with its own school board, but there is only one superintendent.

"It's not a consolidation," said Supt. Greg Webster, who maintains two separate offices in buildings in both districts.

The two schools boards came together a few years ago to form the cooperative, officially known as the Manistee County School Cooperative. It provides business services for the district to maximize efficiency. An office staff of six handles the business affairs for the districts as well as two academics.

"It's worked very, very well," Webster said, even though he now has to answer to two bosses. "We can do all business services relatively easily."

The school boards remain central to the process. But to make the system work, they have to cooperate and have done so. "They are in tune to the fact that they have done something creative," Webster said.

That has relieved some of the financial pressure. The districts still could be on better financial footing, "but we're not in trouble," Webster said.

Institute helps new board members understand complexities of position

The first year of service can be a shock to newly elected school board members, according to those who serve. More than 150 school board trustees, public school administrators and elected officials met March 10 to discuss the unique demands of public service. More than 60 percent of districts in the tri-county area were represented at the meeting.

The gathering was hosted by the newly formed Institute for Local Governments, formed by the University of Michigan-Dearborn, which will begin offering programs this summer for new school board members, in order to bring them up to speed on such issues as finance, school law, policy setting and the nature of public service.

"Most board members come to the board with that passion for education and then discover it's a business," said Kathleen Booher, executive director of the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education, and former superintendent of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "There are a lot of rules they have to learn about what you can do and what you can't do."

Booher, along with such education and policy experts as Justin King, executive director of the Michigan Association of School Boards, attorney Amanda Van Dusen of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, and Earl Ryan, president of the Citizens Research Council, discussed the disparities between what newly elected trustees believe about service, and the often harsh realities they face once elected.

More than 90 percent of their time is spent discussing finance issues, leaving little time for focusing on education, according to Van Dusen.

"That can be surprising," she said.



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The Institute for Local Government's meeting at the University of Michigan Dearborn drew a large turnout.

Service on the school board requires some training, according to Kathleen Adler-Hadden, Redford Union school board trustee, who was elected two years ago.

"Like most jobs you have to have training for it before you go. You can't just go be a brain surgeon one day, not that this is brain surgery, but it's still complicated," she said.

A crash-course in public service would have been helpful during her first year, she added.

Having them close to home would have been even more helpful. The MASH offers courses now, but they're located in cities throughout the state, such as Traverse City and Frankenmuth, Adler-Hadden said.

Because there are members from all over the state, often the unique issues of metropolitan area schools are not addressed.

"We had a class on safety, and preparing for hostage situations and that sort of thing. Much of the information was geared toward communities that may not have their own police force, and have to rely on state police or the sheriff's

department," she said. "We already had a plan in place for years, so that information wasn't really helpful to me."

The Redford Union school board will have two terms expiring this year, Adler-Hadden said.

Barbara White, 16-year trustee on Garden City Schools' Board of Education, said even though it's not a bad idea to educate new board members, some board members already help bring along their new colleagues.

"They made some assumption that board members weren't doing their job. I think Garden City does a super job of helping and teaching their new members," White said.

White was also uncomfortable with the idea of requiring new trustees to attend meetings — the first being just two weeks after election. "I don't know if other board members have the right to tack that on as a condition to service," White said.

Garden City will have two vacant seats on the board of education this year. White has announced she will not run for re-election.

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Roundup aims to 'lasso' class of 2017

Do you know a member of the class of 2017? If you have or know a student who will be in kindergarten next year, then you do. All 17 elementary schools in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools will host a Kindergarten Roundup for parents and children at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 30.

Parents will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet the principal and kindergarten teachers, discuss the curriculum and review registration materials.

Incoming kindergarten students will get the chance to visit the kindergarten rooms, make a craft and meet the teachers. They also will receive a school T-shirt and a backpack full of school supplies. Some schools also will offer bus tours to give kindergartners an idea of what their bus ride will be like.

Parents unable to make the roundup during the day can register their child 6-7 p.m. that evening at their school.

For more information or to see which school your child will attend, please call (734) 419-2096.

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Robert G. Chapman, 81, died March 10.

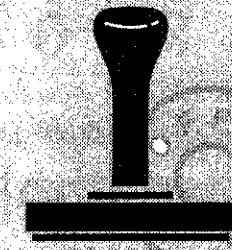
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Billy Ray Hammac, 62, of Howell, died March 4.

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Albert F. Remington, 87, died March 12.

Raymond Rowe, 74, died March 11.

Ruth Limauro, 78, formerly of Birmingham, died March 10.

S
Junior Charles "Chuck" Schingek, 80, of Plymouth, died March 11.



For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's At Home section in *Passages* on page C7.

W
Edward Crawford Watkins, 84, of Birmingham, died Feb. 7.

Cops battle Lions in charity hoop match

Plymouth police officers will battle the Detroit Lions in a basketball game fund-raiser at Central Middle School.

Jennifer Dergis, president of the Plymouth Police Officers Association, said money raised at the game will be used to purchase equipment for the department, such as night vision goggles and equipment for the bicycle patrol.

The game is scheduled for

Thursday, May 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Central Middle School gym, 650 W. Church St. in Plymouth.

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The well-known Athena Award that used to be presented by the Canton Chamber of Commerce will this year be presented by the Canton Business and Professional Women's Association. The award will be presented

at noon, Wednesday, May 19 at Carraba's, Only 142 luncheon tickets are available.

The BPW is seeking nominations for the award, which may be given to a male or female business owner or professional. All nominations must be

received by March 26.

The BPW will use the proceeds for its scholarship fund.

For tickets, contact, Clarice Killian at (734) 394-2572, Jody LaBoda, (734) 981-2144 or Phyllis Werth at (734) 394-1025.

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- Contribute to the stability and improvement of the community

Please complete the following information about the person you wish to nominate:

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Please describe how this individual has supported other professional women: _____

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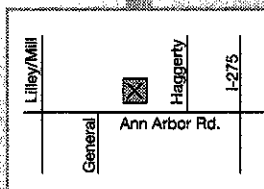
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NCR, maybe others are waiting for that court decision," Yack said.

COMEDY OF ERRORS

The history of the building, which was built by DeMaria Construction Company, reads like a dark comedy of errors. "You had a building that was bid that was quite different from the building that was built," Yack said. "The original building that was bid came in a couple of million dollars over budget. So NCR went back to skinny the building. In doing so some things happened along the way that affected the integrity of the building."

First the architect who had designed the building died and his son took over. Then, while original plans were to air condition the entire building, cost-cutting prompted a decision to put in "through the wall" units instead.

"But they never told the structural engineer," said Yack. "They really weakened the vertical area because the windows were there as well. If you look at the cracking of the building it follows those window units and windows."

Since the building was an all masonry building, support rods were supposed to have been run through the various courses of brick. But when the building was later X-rayed, according to Yack, the rods weren't found. It was later discovered that they had been put in the wrong places.

Also, he said, the flashings, which are supposed to direct water that comes through the exterior of the building to a stormwater sewer, were installed wrong. That led to water seeping between the walls which led to mold.

HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

So how did all this get past the township's building inspectors? That's what Yack wanted to know.

"I was not happy," he said. "I'm a lay person. How the heck did a building get built in Canton when we have a building department and it's got all these problems? The answer I've been told is that under the old building code, which has been changed, the responsibility for testing things like grout and mortar was required of the owner of the building."

"It was right in the building permit that they hire a compa-

ny. They did hire a company but the only part of the building that they actually looked at was the elevator shaft. Obviously they're weren't contracted to do any more."

Yack said he asked John Weyer, Canton's building official, why didn't the township know that the owners had not hired an inspection company.

"John said it wasn't a requirement of the code," Yack said. "Now it is."

Yack also said a township inspector did find the flashing problem and brought it to the attention of the building department.

"They got a detail from the

architect on correcting the flashing, but apparently it wasn't done properly," he said. "If we knew there was a problem with the flashing, why didn't we watch to make sure it was done right?"

About a year ago, NCR hired the firm of Simpson, Gumpertz and Heger Inc. to inspect the building.

Among other things, the report noted that the through wall heating/cooling units were not installed properly, control joints were improperly constructed and there was deficient mortar joint construction.

The report also stated that the masonry does not have the

necessary strength as required by code, vertical reinforcement was not installed properly or was missing, plank floor connections to the outside load-bearing walls were not installed properly and the grouting of concrete masonry units (CMUs) was not consistent to the specifications.

The report concluded:

"Because of the CMU wall design and construction deficiencies, the existing building is unsafe for general occupancy. The building should remain unoccupied until the CMU walls are repaired. The supplemental shoring should remain until the CMU walls are repaired."

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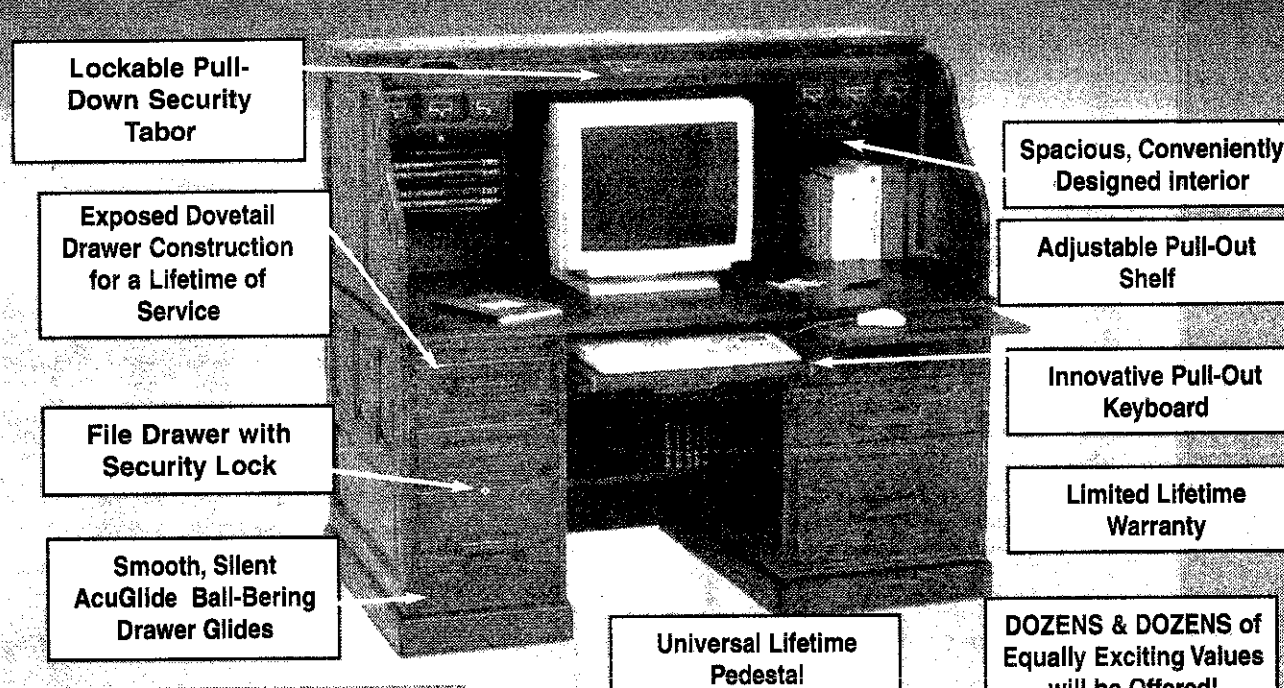
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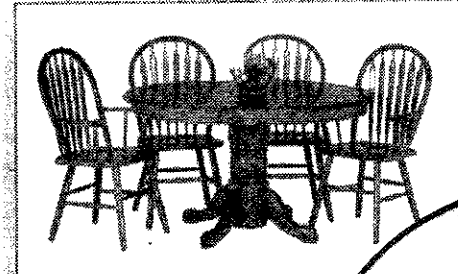
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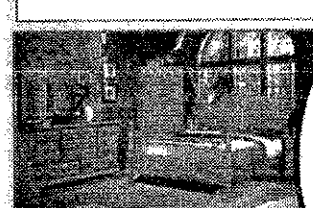
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Pastor Kirk Miller of the Grace Lutheran Church demonstrates his high tech audio visual system, complete with 15 remote controls.

PASTOR

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me up to take the tools and communicate God's love."

Miller also worked on a church staff for about five years. The church went through an ugly split. "I saw what one bad pastor could do to a church," Miller said. But he also learned how he could be an instrument for drawing people together. "A church is a spiritual family."

His next stop was the Seminary of St. Louis, where he spent four years, followed by graduate work in Minnesota. He took his first parish in southeast Alabama, where he stayed for 10 years.

"In Alabama as a Lutheran, you could drop a nuclear device and kill all of the two Lutherans," he said, adding that the religious majority in Alabama are southern Baptists and Pentecostals.

Miller learned not to be tripped up

by denominational boundaries. "To God, there are no denominations," he said. "The question is, 'What do you need versus what's your label?'"

A good experience is what Miller had in Alabama. Then he got a call. Was he willing to be interviewed for a job in Canton? He was thinking about it when he and his family — wife Tina, a physical therapist, and daughter Bethany — headed for a bible study vacation. He encountered a man there who gave him one sign after another, including a compass, which by the way, always points due north.

It was a sign. He called the Grace Lutheran Church in Canton and the rest in history.

It wasn't easy giving up the Atlantic Ocean and Alabama's warm weather, but Miller and his family are nestling into the Midwest and to Grace Lutheran. When he — the church's first pastor — arrived in late 2002, the church had about 40 members. Today, that number has tripled. The budget has doubled and the church now has a youth director. One step at

a time.

Miller has also introduced the high-tech, contemporary world into the church, which is also now advertising.

"Our target market is 28 to 42 years old. Sixty-one percent of the population near here falls into that. And they have three times the national average for education. They expect quality," Miller said.

Quality is Miller's mission: "The traditional focuses on reverence. Ours is celebration. This is a marriage of emotion and faith for a spiritual experience. Ours is a new audience. They don't care much about doctrine."

Ministers, Miller said, do large events. But he finds his greatest strength in helping individuals. "For most people, it's about being one to one," he said. "People need to talk. I'm a good listener."

As Lutheran churches go in Michigan, Grace Lutheran may not totally fit in. But that's OK with the members and Miller.

"Our church is outside the box," he said. "People have said they don't feel they need to follow the crowd."

And they don't. Services are short — 60 minutes or less. To communicate the word of God and to allow members to experience spirituality, Miller uses a DVD, VCR, movie clips, live drama and music.

When he gives his sermon, it is about living in today's world — to a backdrop of images provided by a DVD or VCR. When members sing praises to God, the screen that hangs above the altar shows images and the words to the hymns.

"When you step into churches, you go back 500 years," Miller said. "Here our message is the same, but the delivery has changed."

So much has delivery changed that when Miller turns up the music, a sub woofer the size of the altar booms. "You can feel your sternum vibrate when you turn it up," he said.

Miller fully accepts that some more traditional personalities might be taken aback: "We're open. God bless you. We are not for everyone."

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Study will shed light on Ford Road traffic and access woes

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Residents and business owners are urged to participate in a public discussion 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 25 on the congestion of Ford Road and ways to improve access to businesses along the retail corridor.

"What would you like to see on this important road in your community?" asked Kathleen Salla, Canton Downtown Development Authority coordinator.

Participants' opinions will be used as Michigan Department of Transportation officials and consultants, the Corradino Group, make their way through a study of access to businesses and congestion on Ford.

The study addresses the access points along Ford - entries to shopping areas and subdivisions - as well as traffic congestion. At Thursday's meeting, the access portion of the study will be discussed. The goals of the access planning include:

- Reduce congestion and delays along Ford.
 - Maintain the amount of traffic the road can carry and possibly delay expensive capacity improvements where possible.
 - Reduce the number of traffic accidents.
 - Identify acceleration and deceleration lanes to reduce delays on the roadway.
 - Improve the entrance and exit to businesses.
 - Coordinate land use decisions.
 - Improve the appearance and appeal of Ford.
- The traffic operations phase of the study examines the appropriate solutions to improve traffic flow along Ford. The flow and patterns are based on existing signal and land conditions, which will be analyzed to recommend improvements to signals, turn lanes, whether additional right-of-way is needed, and whether new left turn traffic signal phases are appropriate.
- To collect data, the consultants will conduct traffic counts

at driveways along Ford this spring.

At the first public workshop in late February, some 500 invitations were sent asking people to attend and offer their opinions. Only about 10 residents and business leaders attended.

The inauspicious turnout didn't stop those in attendance in February from offering their perspectives on Canton's major commercial corridor and avenue into the heart of the township.

Joe Corradino of the Corradino Group told participants his staff already determined a need for better traffic signals, more turn lanes, addition right-of-way and better left-turn access. The Corradino Group already interviewed approximately three dozen business operators along Ford.

When the study is complete, a report will be issued in September. The conclusions will be incorporated into zoning ordinances and access management techniques included in site plans.

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OUR VIEWS

Get involved in political process

No level of government is more accessible to its citizens and has the most direct impact than local government. Try marching into the U.S. Congress to air a beef.

Yet in a presidential election year such as this, local elections are often overshadowed. Let's not let that happen. Before the end of the year, Canton voters will elect a seven-member township board that includes three administrators – supervisor, clerk and treasurer – and four trustees.

Already, one candidate for township board, Karl Zarbo, has made his candidacy official. To be sure, there will be more to follow. It is expected that current administrators and trustees will seek re-election. Plus, there are rumors of others also seeking the positions.

Two seats are up on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, President Judy Mardigan and Trustee Liz Givens. Givens has indicated she won't seek re-election, which leaves at least one seat open for a newcomer.

Local elections are where it counts. The pool of potential and talented candidates for the school board and township board is out there. Newcomers are encouraged to throw their hats in the ring. The more the merrier. The more candidates, the greater debate and better choices for voters.

March may strike many as a bit early to talk elections and political campaigns. Not really. If you have an inkling to run for office, give it a try. Think you have good ideas, give them a try. Think you would like to contribute to your community, now is the time.

Involvement works two ways – running for election and taking the time to follow the candidates and the issues and on election day, cast your vote. What a community is and will become depends not just on who is elected, but on the residents who live in this community. The community is for everyone who takes the time to have a stake in it.

The November election will determine who will manage your community and your school district for the next four years. These are important decisions that warrant your attention and your time. Take a chance, get involved.

State needs to ease taxpayers into e-filing

If you haven't filed your state income tax return yet this year, you're in for a few surprises.

It's more difficult and expensive than it has been in the past for many taxpayers.

The Michigan Department of Treasury is pushing hard – a little too hard, in our opinion – to get taxpayers to file electronically.

To reach its goal of having 1.1 million more taxpayers e-file this year, the state has enacted several changes.

They include:

- Eliminating the telefile system, which probably was the easiest way of all to file.

- Eliminating the EZ form. Now even teenagers with part-time jobs and no itemized deductions have to complete the longer 1040 form.

- Cutting nearly in half, from 3,000 to 1,600, the number of sites around the state where people can pick up a copy of the paper form.

- Telling taxpayers to wait eight-10 weeks for their refunds before checking on their paper returns, compared to a week for e-filers.

- Mandating that paid preparers who file more than 200 returns a year must file electronically.

Michigan, which had 1.8 million e-filers last year, already is No. 3 in the nation in number of e-filed returns. If it makes its goal this year, it'll be No. 1.

Why the push? Because the state cut \$3 million from its tax-processing budget, meaning it couldn't hire 200 seasonal employees to process returns this year, according to Terry Stanton, treasury department spokesman.

The need to cut costs is understandable, given the shape the state budget is in. And electronic filing is the way of the future.

But in 2004, an estimated 25 percent to 35 percent of homes still don't have personal computers – let alone Internet access or the necessary software to file a tax return electronically.

Even if they can file electronically, a lot of people are concerned about identity theft and don't want to transmit personal information via the Internet.

The state should have implemented the changes more gradually so they wouldn't have been as inconvenient, costly or unsettling to taxpayers.

After all, just having to pay taxes is bad enough.



LETTERS

Missing the point

With all due respect, how is it possible for you to give a critique of a movie you have not seen? ("Passion" shines light on brutality, casts Jesus' message in shadow," *Observer*, March 4). Not only are you very misguided on your point of view of the movie, but also on your point of view of the actual passion of Christ 2,000 years ago.

If you focus on the brutality you have missed the point. The entire point of Christ's passion is in fact His love for us. The people who took a hand in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ were you and me and everyone we know. With each denial of Jesus, with each harsh word, bit of gossip, slander, greed, vanity, etc., we helped to put those gruesome stripes into His flesh. We helped to put the nails in His feet and hands.

He already knew this about us, and yet he succumbed to the will of God. Out of love for us, so we would not perish. Without Jesus Christ, we would not be reconciled to God. How can we possibly look at Jesus and not remember what He gave for us, before we take delight in His light and resurrection.

So you call yourself a Christian, and yet you take the word of one man who is a sinner, just as you and I are, and yet turned your back on the one man who embraces all of humanity. You do not have to see a movie to feel love for Jesus Christ and his suffering for us. You need simply to look at the cross and embrace it.

As for Mel Gibson, may God continue to bless him with the vision and courage to make more movies embracing Christianity. The war has been long in Hollywood, and finally we are starting to win a battle. Be proud of your faith – do not hide it under a bushel basket or under the pretense of being a wuss. Stand firm. May God bless you.

Mary Beth Soignet
Plymouth

Civil rights issue

Although I am heterosexual, I am glad that the gay marriage bills were not passed, and I am disappointed with the views of our state representatives.

I recently had a chance to meet both Rep. (John) Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, and Rep. (Phil) LaJoy, R-Canton, in my Close Up class. When asked about his views on gay marriages, Rep. Stewart basically said the same as was stated in the article dealing with gay marriages; however, he was quick to change the topic. It came across to me that he was afraid of gay marriages because they are different than what he is accustomed to.

I think this is the same as for most people who are opposed to this idea. Sure, the basic belief is that marriage is that of a man and a woman, but once upon a time it was also the basic belief that women were not equals, or that black-skinned people were to be slaves.

There is little difference between these situations, as they are civil rights issues. Sexuality has nothing to do with how much of a person they really are.

Amber Teunis
Salem sophomore
Plymouth

Not for Kerry

The following comments are directed toward the observations and statements of Mary Brennan regarding John Kerry.

A real war hero doesn't abandon fellow war heroes – the Vietnam War's POW/MIAs – as John Kerry has when he served as chairman of the Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs. However, his cousin did secure a multi-million-dollar contract for his company, Colliers International, as a real estate representative in Vietnam when Kerry led the fight to secure normalizing relations with Vietnam.

Yes, Kerry received the Silver Star and three Purple Hearts in Vietnam. However, he has refused to open his military records regarding his three wounds, for which he was never hospitalized. Furthermore, he should have served on his boat crew for six months. Instead, he left his boat crew two months early in the Mekong Delta waters.

Rather than his four-month record in Vietnam (Kerry spent another six months on board a ship in the South China Sea) Kerry will be judged by what he has done for 18 years in the Congress.

Within the military community, Kerry has both his backers and his detractors. Based on what Kerry did as a war protester, which in my opinion aided the North Vietnamese to continue the war and inflict additional casualties, he'll not receive my consideration.

In a lot of veterans' minds from Vietnam, that's the price Kerry should pay for his actions which were not in the best tradition of our country.

Roger Kehrier
Plymouth

Faithful servants

The accusations by the apparently prejudiced writer of "People so easily led" (*Observer*, March 4) are offensive, mischievous, it seems, obviously in a great measure unjustified.

The truth certainly is that the imputed sexual abuses within the Catholic Church are greatly exaggerated by hostile to Christianity, especially to the Catholic Church, controlled mainstream news media, while similar, perhaps even greater, abuses within other faiths and entities warrant with them hardly any mention.

Detractors concentrate their attention on what is in fact a relatively small number of ferreted-out-by-them alleged abusers. Some of them, in fact, might have been truly guilty of the offenses imputed to them; others are falsely accused.

On many occasions, a hoax of "suppressed memory" therapies are performed on purported victims, potential accusers. The result: "recovered memories" for some, often sham accusations for others.

The detractors thus create the impression that the so accused are typical of the whole, but deliberately, it seems, ignore 99-plus percent of the guiltless, dedicated, hard-working, greatly appreciated and revered by the faithful servants of the Church, performing day in-day out praiseworthy God's work.

They know that any misinformation like, for example, this exaggeration of abuses, if repeated long and often enough, eventually becomes instilled in even rational people's minds as credible. And, it is a known fact that, in general, the forces of mendacity scheme most vehemently against what is the most holy.

Catholics must not be swayed by such apparently purposive exaggeration of the abuses and harm they might have caused, if any. They should deem it for what it appears to be: stealthily intended by the detractors, that is, to be used, above all, as one of the main constituent elements of misinformation instrumental in subtle subversion, and as a handy factor in claims to big money.

But such claims to money, in any case, especially where there has been no lasting harm suffered, may be tantamount to stealing from God's church.

No one person is perfect on this Earth, but the people of Christian faith continuously strive toward that end. People should not allow themselves to be so easily misled by unfriendly to the Catholic Church mischief makers.

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

Lesser of 2 evils

The presidential race is on, with rhetoric and money to match.

An objective person finds it difficult to determine the difference between the parties and the candidates. Bush has amassed huge deficits, a bad economy, a highly suspect foreign policy, etc. Kerry doesn't promise us much better.

We are distracted with such as Canadian trash, Mars, rebirth of Detroit, etc. Our borders will remain open to the Mexicans while we are checked thoroughly at airports and we secure other areas of the world.

What, and who, is the lesser of two evils?

Bob Vollmer
Plymouth

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"Santa hadn't just delivered the biggest lump of coal to me for Christmas. That year I got a lump of cancer."

– Carleigh Flaharty, former Canton Chamber of Commerce executive director, who spoke at the kickoff for the Relay for Life

Measure effectiveness of Proposal A before districts reach crisis

There's another way to measure the effectiveness of Proposal A than to look at the taxes you pay and the amount of money the state sends your school district under that funding mechanism.

"Look at the activity of school bond loan funds," said a representative of the Chippewa Valley school district. "We're the poster child of bond funds. They're used to relieve the general fund."

"You can see that something is wrong with the infrastructure (of schools). The infrastructure is broke."

His comments came at a Friday morning conference of the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education, made up of districts from Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. The conference marked the 10th anniversary of Proposal A and was designed to give the media a heads-up on its impact.

I had just asked a question about whether "sinking funds" were an end run around districts being unable under Proposal A to ask voters for additional millage. Earlier in the week, Walled Lake Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Sandy Motz said her district may ask voters to approve a sinking fund.

Motz explained that such funds take pressure off of general funds by allowing for roofing and paving. The funds are millages and, unlike bonds, do not require interest payments.

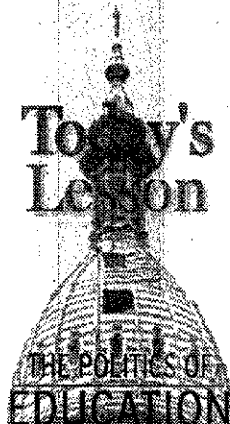
Asked for a show of hands, most educators at the conference said they don't use sinking funds. But the educators generally agreed bond funds were common. In June 2003, Avondale passed a \$59 million bond issue, while Troy may ask voters in June for a bond of as much as \$99 million.

But voters aren't always agreeable, and when new money isn't found, districts like Redford Union find they have to close schools or they can't buy new buses.

That's the hardware. There are software issues, as well. Educators argued that the amount of state aid is not enough for districts to meet mandates such as No Child Left Behind.

Furthermore, "Proposal A doesn't address regional issues" in which metropolitan costs are higher than outstate, said William Weber,

Educators lay blame for their problems at the funding mechanism behind Proposal A — reliance on the sales tax, which is suffering in the current economic climate.



superintendent of the South Redford school district. It has implications for such areas as competition for staff, he said.

Marlene Davis, a former superintendent of Southfield schools, understands what Weber is talking about. Now as superintendent of the Regional Educational Service Agency, the intermediate school district for Wayne County, she sees districts that are "not nearly as affluent as Oakland County, but are asked to do the same work. We're looking down a gun barrel."

Educators lay blame for their problems at the funding mechanism behind Proposal A — reliance on the sales tax, which is suffering in the current economic climate.

One district particularly hard hit is Utica, whose superintendent, Joan Sargent, said it faced a deficit of \$10.5 million this year and is projecting a deficit of \$15 million next year.

But the educators recognized that the climate was right for Proposal A's passage 10 years ago, and that it achieved its goals. Taxes were cut and capped. Oakland's average rate decreased 21.25 mills for homeowners and Wayne's average rate dropped by 28.32 mills, according to the Alliance's figures.

And the gap between the high- and low-spending districts was somewhat narrowed.

The question remains whether the climate is now right to take another look at Proposal A.

"What we need to do is a better job of explaining to our communities" what the impact of Proposal A has been, Sargent told the group. "You need to work with your legislators."

It's an apt topic for discussion before funds sink much further.

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Priest speaks out on recent abuse allegation

I am writing to share with you some very, very sad news. What is the worst thing that can happen to a priest in the present church scandal environment? It has happened to me. I was accused of sexually abusing a minor 33 years ago in my first parish assignment.

I absolutely deny these charges and have been trying to prove my innocence for the past two months. Ever since the U.S. bishops set the zero tolerance policy formulated in Dallas, once a priest is accused and the investigation shows that the accusation is credible, the

priest is put on administration leave and removed from his parish assignment. Note the word "credible" is defined as "possibly could have happened."

What angers me and many of my priest friends is that anyone anytime can make up an accusation and as long as it contains detailed information of the abuse and as long as there are no witnesses to definitively prove the action false the accusation is deemed credible.

"It possibly could have happened." This is absolutely wrong and unjust. Every priest is a sitting duck. For years the bishops have hidden the sexual abuse problem in the church and have moved guilty priests around to hide the problem. Boston is a prime example. Now the pendulum has swung. Every little possibility and hint of wrongdoing is treated as guilty until proven innocent. What a far cry from our American system of justice.

Cardinal Maida has informed me that I will be put on administration leave beginning the last weekend in February. Bishop Hurley will say Masses that week to say that my removal does not indicate that I am guilty, just that the accusation is credible.

The case against me is prepared and sent to Rome for a final judgment. But you and I both know that when a priest is removed his good name is ruined. People who do not know me will believe what they read. I trust you and my friends will not. I did not do this.

The cases sent to Rome have been taking more than a year to complete. There are seven other priests waiting to hear their fate. A little bit of hope stems from the fact that Rome does not accept "credible" as good enough to

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remove a priest. Rome says it must be "morally certain." Absolutely true. There has already been one case sent by Cardinal Maida that has been overturned and the priest reinstated. My canon lawyer expects there to be more. I expect my case to be one of them.

In the meantime I must wait, probably a long time. I will leave the area for a month until the media is through dragging my name through the mud. Then I will come back to Canton and pack what I own and move to my home in Florida.

I am terribly sorry for the hurt this will cause our parish. Please remember. It is not the fault of our parish. Don't take your anger out on the parish. It's not their fault. Don't withhold your financial support. St. Thomas a'Becket is too good a parish to let anger divide it.

Welcome the new priest that comes in. Think of what a difficult job he has ahead of him. He probably can't even sing *Danny Boy* in the offpitch way I did. I am sorry I can't hug each and every one of you and say thanks for the wonderful 11 years. We have built much together. More than a church building. We have built a family. Stick together. You will always be a part of me. Thanks. I love you all.

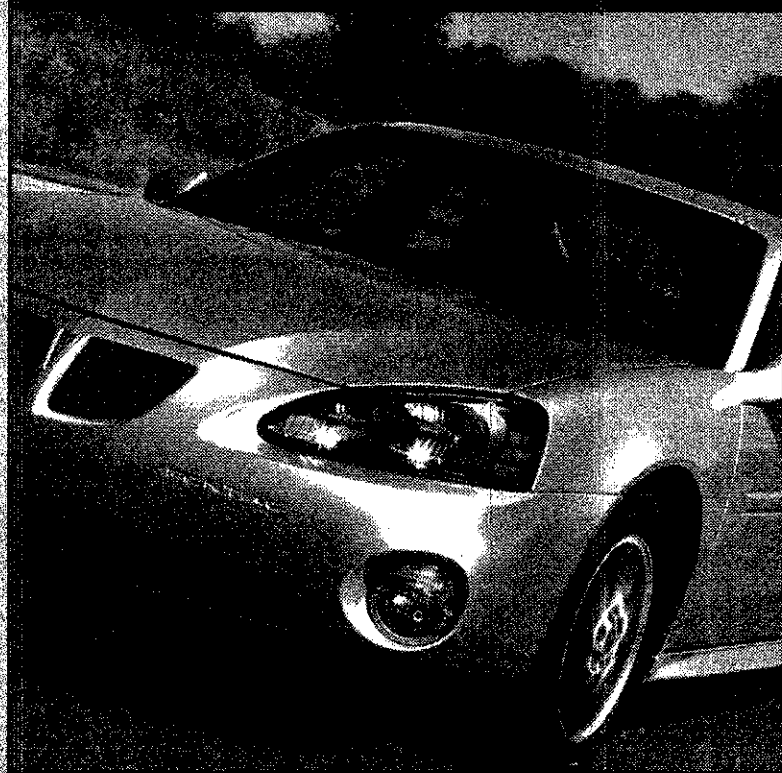
The Rev. Richard Kelly issued this letter to his parish in February. Some parishioners asked the *Canton Observer* to publish this letter.



Rev. Richard Kelly

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Exchange Club unveils new Freedom Shrine

The Canton Exchange Club unveiled its first "Freedom Shrine" Tuesday in the main entrance hallway of Plymouth Christian Academy.

The shrine, which is 30 feet long, is a display of 30 major documents in U.S. history, ranging from The Mayflower Compact of 1620 to John F. Kennedy's inaugural address and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

In accepting the donated shrine from Exchange Club president David Loveland, PCA principal David Butler said they would be a great teaching tool.

"We're thinking of what it means to have a history, a legacy, a heritage rich with turning points in history as well as great documents that really pinpointed our desire to be free people," he said. "One of the opportunities we have is to see these documents that are very tangible."

Turning for a moment to the current world situation, Butler cited conditions in Iraq.

"They're working on their number one document," he said, "their constitution. I hope they have many documents in the years to come that they will treasure as we treasure ours."



Pictured (from left) are David Loveland, president of the Exchange Club, Jeff Schmidt, social studies teacher at Plymouth Christian Academy, Tom Yack, Canton supervisor, Dave Butler, principal, and Gordon Nickel, head master of Plymouth Christian Academy unveils a Freedom Shrine installed at the school.

Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, who briefly addressed the small group at the ceremony, said PCA beat the township to the punch.

"We have freedom documents courtesy of the Exchange Club waiting in a closet until the main level of our township administration building is finished," he said.

Yack, a former teacher himself, noted that copies of some of the documents were originally displayed on the Freedom Train in 1947.

"In 1949 the Exchange Club picked this up as one of their projects," he said.

"There are now 11,000 Freedom Shrines throughout the United States. It is a great teaching tool."

Symphony sponsors education campaign

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is launching an education campaign, "No Kid without a Concert," that allows sponsors to see a student through all five of the PSO's Youth Outreach Education programs for \$20.

The goal, symphony officials said, is to sponsor 2,000 students, raising \$40,000 to underwrite the cost of the programs. Donors are encouraged to sponsor five, 10, 25 or more students.

The PSO's education programs impact more than 4,000 students throughout Southeastern Michigan every year. There are five education programs offered to students: CLASSical Music Outreach, Concert for Kids, Instrumentorship, the

Celebration Youth Orchestra, and the Youth Artist Competition.

Through in-classroom visits, CLASSical Music Outreach introduces more than 4,000 third and fourth grade students to musical instruments, performers and top-notch classical and contemporary music.

The Concert for Kids entertains and educates over 2,000 fourth grade students with a broad range of musical classics. The concert highlight is always a conduct-along with PSO Conductor Nan Washburn and the story "Island of the Blue Dolphins."

The Instrumentorship program pairs aspiring middle school aged musicians with PSO musicians. Students' skills are showcased at the comple-

tion of the program with a side-by-side performance where students play with the full symphony at a public concert.

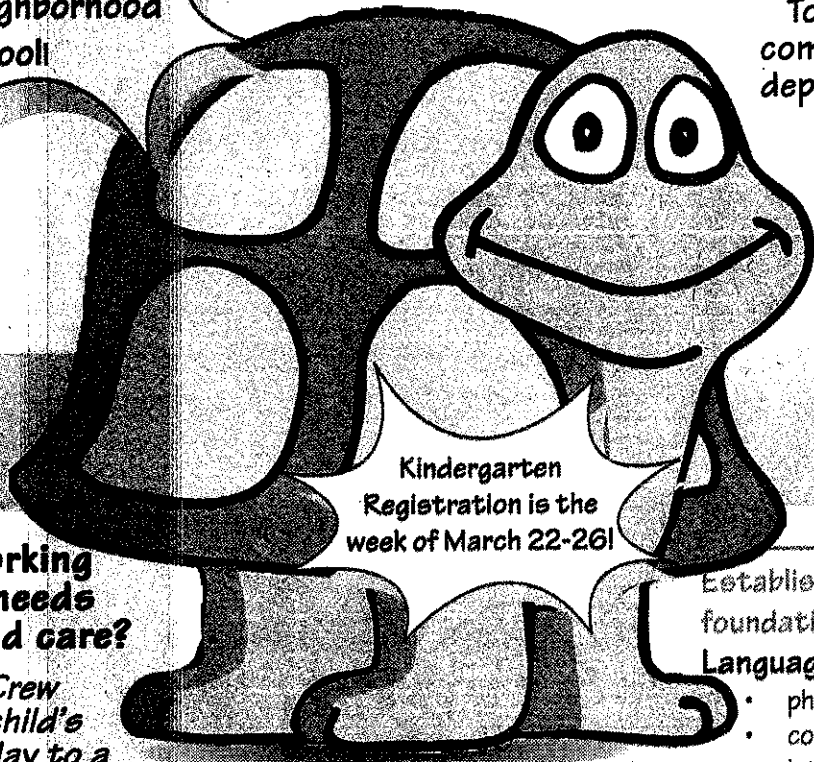
The newest of the education programs, the Celebration Youth Orchestra gives children grades 3-8 the opportunity to explore their musical interests, expand their talents and perform with peers.

Encouraging on-going music education and appreciation, the Youth Artist Competition awards skilled student performers with scholarships to continue their musical endeavors. To make a donation or for more information, contact the Plymouth Symphony office by e-mail at plymouthsymphony@aol.com or by phone at (734) 451-2112.

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Locations at designated sites throughout the district. Children are transported by Plymouth-Canton Community School buses. For information regarding fees and locations, please call:

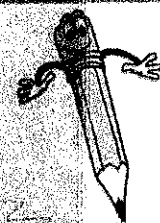
Extended Day Program at (734) 416-6194.

Questions? You are welcome to contact your neighborhood elementary school or the Department of Instruction at (734) 416-4842. Please call the Community Relations Department (734) 416-2757 for a complete listing of the Elementary Curriculum Overview.

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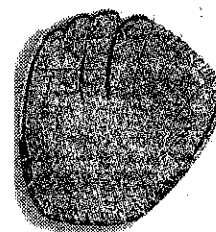
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Record-setter

Charlie Henry, the 5-foot-7 point guard for Canton Agape Christian's boys basketball team, got all sorts of good news at the Wolverines' season-ending banquet Tuesday.

Henry, who will join his father, Chuck — named Madonna's men's basketball coach — as a player for the Crusaders, was notified he has set a state record for free-throw percentage for a season. Henry converted 103-of-115 free throws, 89.6 percent of his tries, breaking the former mark of 89.1 percent.

Charlie was also named the most valuable player in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference after averaging 21.4 points and five assists per game. Joining him on the all-MIAC first team were Agape's Jordan Napier, who averaged 20 points and eight rebounds a game.

CCJBASA signup

The Canton Community Junior Baseball/Softball Association will have registration from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 27 in the Chestnut Room of the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Registration is open to boys and girls 4-18 years old who are residents of Canton or Plymouth, or who live in the PCCS school district. All registrants must show proof of residency and age at time of registration.

Fees range from \$75-\$110 for recreation leagues; travel teams' rates are higher.

For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

Lacrosse meeting

The Canton Warriors Lacrosse Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 in Room 305, Phase III at Canton HS. The meeting is open to all parents of those on the newly-formed 2004 team.

Directions to all away games will be provided.

For more information, call Nina Smithpeters at (734) 981-3290.

Walking club

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a new Walking Club beginning March 29. Everyday, on a drop-in basis, people will meet at the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer) and walk a variety of routes mapped out by the Recreation Department, or they can blaze their own trail.

There are no fees or registrations involved. The morning start time is 9:30 a.m.; the evening start time is 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.

Clarification

In the Sports Rail item on the Canton Cavaliers in last Sunday's Observer, one of the players was identified incorrectly. It was Daniel Stoney, who also won the seventh-grade three-shot tournament



DONALD J. ALLEY

John Vigilante led the Whalers in goals scored with 30. He finished the season with 68 points and a plus-minus rating of plus-11.

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B5

Henry fills Madonna hoop spot

For everyone involved, the feelings regarding the transition in Madonna University's men's basketball position were mixed, but not unhappy.

Bernie Holowicki, the long-time Livonia resident and former Redford Catholic Central coach who guided the Madonna men's team for the past nine seasons, suffered a stroke on Feb. 15 which ultimately convinced him it was time to give up coaching full-time.

His successor has already been chosen: Chuck Henry, former coach at Wayne Memorial who coached at Canton Agape Christian for the past four years.

Even after Holowicki suffered his stroke, his retirement was no sure thing. "The first thing he said to me after he had his stroke was, 'I'm coming back,'" recalled Madonna athletic director Bryan Rizzo. "But after he got home, he told me, 'I don't think I'm going to do this anymore.'"

Rizzo said Holowicki, now 72, had thought about retirement but had not said anything definite about it — until last week. Once Holowicki had made his decision, the person he wanted to replace him was Henry, his long-time friend.

"Bernie recommended him," Rizzo noted. Other candidates were considered for the job, but Henry was the No. 1 choice. "I talked to several people who knew Chuck," he said. Among them were current Madonna coaches Marylou Jansen (women's basketball) and Jerry Abraham (volleyball). "He was highly-recommended."

For the 54-year-old Henry, the timing could not be better. His son Charlie, a standout point guard at Canton Agape, has already committed to play at Madonna, and his daughter Amy just completed her freshman season with the Crusaders' women's basketball team.

PLEASE SEE HENRY, B5

Home ice is lost with loss to Windsor

One short.

The Plymouth Whalers followed a disappointing loss to Kitchener Friday night with an encouraging 5-1 victory at Erie Saturday. That left them one victory away from clinching home-ice advantage against the Rangers in their opening-round series in the Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

Unfortunately, Sunday's game against Windsor meant even more to the Spitfires, who were trying to clinch the eighth, and final, playoff position. And they played like it, with David Bowman, Darryl Lloyd and Brett Liscomb scoring two goals apiece in a 6-2 Windsor triumph at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

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The outcome meant the Whalers finished 32-24-9-3, second in the OHL's West Division with 76 points. Kitchener ended at 34-26-6-2, third in the Midwest Division, also with 76 points; however, the Rangers got the higher seed because they won the first tie-breaker (most wins).

Playing their third game in as many days, the Whalers started Sunday's matinee match against Windsor well enough. A goal by John Mitchell at 13:23 of the first period offset one by the Spitfires' Lloyd, tying the game at 1-1. James Wisniewski and

Nick Vernelli assisted on Mitchell's score.

After that, however, Plymouth's legs gave out. Windsor got second-period goals from Bowman and Liscomb, then Bowman and Lloyd scored in the third before the Whalers' Wisniewski got his 17th of the season on the power play at 14:57 of the third (from John Vigilante and Mitchell).

Paul Drew played the first 50 minutes of the game in goal for the Whalers, but wasn't very effective, allowing five goals. Ryan Nie played the last 10 minutes. Matt Anthony had 20 saves in goal for Windsor.

On Saturday at Erie, Mitchell and Ryan Ramsay

each scored twice to lead the Whalers to their 5-1 triumph.

Both of Ramsay's goals — giving him 29 for the season — came in the first period as Plymouth opened up a 3-0 lead. Wisniewski assisted on his first at 4:27; Mitchell followed with a goal at 17:10 (from Gino Pisellini), then after a goal by Erie's Geoff Platt made it 2-1, Ramsay scored again to make it 3-1 (from Tim Sestito).

Third-period goals by Mitchell (from Ramsay) and Vaclav Meidl capped the Whaler scoring.

Drew stopped 23 of 24 shots on goal in the game. Josh Disher had 16 saves for the Otters.

CC icers finish in unfamiliar spot - 2nd

A funny thing happened on the way to Redford Catholic Central's sixth-straight hockey state title.

Marquette.

The Redmen used a solid defensive scheme, a red-hot goaltender and a timely goal in a wild third period to shut down the Shamrocks, 3-2, clinching their first state title since 1995 and forcing CC into the unfamiliar role of being on the outside looking in.

"This has been unbelievable, I'm at a loss for words," Marquette coach Mike L'Huillier said after his team ended its season at 21-5-3 and avenged a loss to CC in the 2002 final. "(CC) was the best team we've seen all year. We haven't faced anyone as good as them."

But CC (20-7-3) had. The Shamrocks didn't breeze through the tournament as they had in years past — with three one-goal wins in their previous five tourney games.

"No disrespect to Redford Unified (a 10-1 CC win), but we played five tough games in 10 nights," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "This was a game between two tough teams. We didn't get the breaks tonight."

Marquette's winning goal came in a similar fashion as CC's regional final win over Birmingham — capitalizing on a late penalty, or in this case two.

With CC's Dan Barczuk off for holding, Mychael Evans was called for tripping with



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CC's Mychael Evans (8) is upended by Marquette's Phil Chartier and Eric Elmlad (15).

5:58 left in the period. The Shamrocks were able to kill off Barczuk's penalty, but struggled to clear the puck out of its zone on the five-on-four.

Curt Aho took advantage of it as he fired

the puck at CC goalie Andrew Godoshian just inside the faceoff dot to Godoshian's right. The puck went between his leg pad and below his outstretched arm and into the net, giving the Redmen a 3-2 lead.

7-time defending Class B champ Marysville knocks out Ladywood

The trip to Armada actually took longer than the match.

That's what Livonia Ladywood was resigned to Tuesday night in its Class B girls quarterfinal volleyball match with seven-time defending state champion Marysville.

The Blazers had a slippery drive to the upper reaches of Macomb County, not to mention rough sledding on the court as Marysville posted a 15-2, 15-12 triumph.

Ladywood bows out at 43-17 overall, while Marysville moves into the state semifinals Friday at University Arena in Kalamazoo against Otsego with a 55-2-1 record.

The Blazers never could recover from an 8-0 Marysville run to start the first game. But in the second game, Ladywood jumped out to a 7-0 advantage, only to have the Vikings return the favor with seven straight points.

Danielle Palasak, a 6-foot senior who led the Blazers

with eight kills, gave her team a 12-11 advantage in the second game, but Marysville rallied to close out the match on a pair of kills by 6-foot senior Laura Schultz, who finished with seven on the night.

"Our seniors never went this far and to see a team of this caliber... it was an eye opener," Ladywood assistant coach Kirk Craggs said. "Marysville plays with great ball control and they play great defense. The get a lot of touches."

"We had to attack them instead of laying back and letting them attack us."

Ashley Schlunkert, a 5-10 sophomore, paced Marysville, whose only two losses this year are to defending state Class A champ Fraser, with eight kills. Junior setter Stephanie Booms had 22 assist-to-kills, 11 digs and three blocks. She also served seven points.

Schultz, headed to Saginaw Valley State, served 12 points and had three blocks. Kristin Smith, a 5-7 junior, added five kills.

Courtney Phillips, a 5-10 senior, added five kills for the Blazers, while senior setter Amy Szymanski finished with 16 assists.

"We had never seen them in person, but we knew they were a team that could make a run," said 20th-year Marysville coach John Knuth of Ladywood.

"It did not surprise me that they could come back because they have some dominating players. Palasak is explosive and they have others to complement her."

The Blazers, who used three freshmen in the lineup extensively, graduate four seniors including Palasak, Phillips, Szymanski and Kristin Kummer.

"Our four seniors have done a great job of bringing our freshmen along," Craggs said. "The seniors stepped up in the second game. Danielle swung better and we passed better, something we were used to seeing in this team."

Churchill succumbs to Chelsea comeback run in regional final

Livonia Churchill girls volleyball coach Mark Grenier tried everything with the Class A regional title at stake.

He called three timeouts, subbed in different players and looked for the right combination to stem the tide, but nothing worked as he helplessly watched Chelsea's Megan Korc served 14 straight points to erase a 14-2 deficit in the first game of the match to give the host Bulldogs a 16-14 victory.

Ironically, there were no run of points in the second game, but the damage had been done as Chelsea carried its momentum into the second game and closed out the match with a 15-13 triumph.

Churchill, which upended Westland John Glenn in one semifinal, 15-9, 15-2, ended its season at 50-8-2 overall. Chelsea, which ousted Livonia Stevenson in the other semifinal, 15-9, 15-5, moved into Tuesday's quarterfinal against Temperance Bedford with a 41-14-2 mark.

During Korc's string of 14, Churchill couldn't get a side-out to save its life.

"That hasn't happened too often, but it probably won't ever again if we go to rally scoring (next year)," said Grenier, who has coached 13 years in the Churchill program with this being his first as varsity head coach. "We did not play well against John Glenn. It wasn't our day. And what a day not to be our day. But Chelsea played quite well. Give them credit. We played hard, but didn't put it together."

Lindsay Tye, a 5-10 senior

headed to Ferris State, was Chelsea's top attacker with 10 kills.

The Bulldogs also had five other players register kills in the second game to Churchill's three.

With the score tied at 13-all, Chelsea closed out the match on a block by Lindsay Parker followed by an ace serve from Tye.

"We got the momentum (in the first game) and rolled with that," Chelsea coach Laura Cleveland said. "That run was characteristic of our team to come back from way down. We did it against Adrian in the district. We didn't tighten up. Our leaders didn't panic and our setter stayed confident. With a win like that, it gives you more confidence going into the second round."

Churchill's top hitter, junior Kelsey Mack, had seven kills in the second game, but only one in the first against Chelsea. Senior Jacqui Gatt had five kills, while Jenna Kirby added four.

Against Glenn, Churchill struggled in the opening game, trailing 8-7 before closing out the match as Mack had 10 kills and five aces. Gatt added eight kills, while Kirby finished with six.

Setter Kristyna Archer finished 12 assists against Glenn and recorded 16 against Chelsea. (Gatt had a total of 18 digs in the two matches.)

Glenn, bowing out with a 32-18-5 record, got four kills each from sophomore Jennifer Swartz and senior Caitlin Colwell.

"Blocking kept us in it the first game (vs. Churchill)," Glenn third-year coach Ron Ruppel said. "We went with a 6-2 (lineup) to put a bigger block on Mack and Gatt. Because of the caliber of hitters they have on the outside, it was going to be a quick death for us if we didn't try and block them. They made some hitting errors and it slowed them down a little bit."

Glenn loses just two seniors, Colwell and Rebecca Oros.

"We made some huge steps this year," Ruppel said. "We hadn't had a winning record in awhile. We're going to be excited around Glenn the next few years with the team of underclassman we have."

Stevenson (28-15-7) never got going against Chelsea in the first match of the day as Tye finished with 12 kills and 6-foot senior Renee Johnson added seven.

"It was a bad day for us, we were battling ourselves," Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said. "We lost the first seven points all on serve receive. We couldn't get any momentum. We tried and we didn't give up, we just had an off-night. I'm disappointed, but we stayed in it the best we could."

Kaitlin Armstrong had five kills for the Spartans, who trailed 5-0 and 8-2 in the first game. Stevenson got to within 7-5 in the second game, only to succumb to Chelsea's consistency, led by Tye.

"On the strong side she (Tye) just crushed the ball," Graham said.

KVBSA MEETING

The Kensington Valley Baseball/Softball Association will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Brighton HS cafeteria. The meeting is for any new and/or returning U-12 or U-14 teams.

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Blazers end drought

Livonia Ladywood coach Erin Craggs knew her team had to get by host Pontiac Notre Dame Prep if it was going to win Saturday's Class B girls volleyball regional.

The Blazers did just that, surviving a tough match with the Fighting Irish, 15-13, 10-15, 15-13, before routing Riverview for the championship, 15-1, 15-3, to earn its first regional title since 1998.

"We came out flat the second game against Notre Dame Prep," said Craggs, whose team improved to 43-16 overall. "We got way down, but we were able to come back and gain momentum."

"We knew that would be the finals match."

Riverview ousted Royal Oak Dondero in the other semifinal, 15-9, 15-3, to earn the right to

play the Blazers.

Danielle Palasak, a 6-foot senior, was Ladywood's top hitter on the day with 28 kills. Courtney Phillips, a 5-10 senior, added 14.

Laura Schroeter, a 5-6 freshman defensive specialist, served five aces and had a team-high 27 digs. Senior setter Amy Szymanski also served five aces and had 54 assist-to-kills.

"Since we played in the Catholic League playoffs we've been emphasizing our passing to we're able to use our hitters in the middle," Craggs said. "Our younger kids have improved their game. We're playing three freshmen (including Schroeter, Lauren Boehmer and Erin Henneberger) 90 percent of the time."

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Strong pitching gives Crusaders hope

Officially, the season started for Madonna University's softball team on Feb. 27 with its spring trip to Fort Myers, Fla. Coach Al White knew what he had — the nucleus of a solid team.

However, he had to replace his pitching staff from a year ago. Jennifer Tenyer (16-8, 2.09 earned run average) and Sarah Golob (14-7, 2.77 ERA) were both gone.

That left a big question mark. "We had all our position players back," said White. "Our pitching was the question."

By March 4, it was a question no longer. That's how successful Madonna's spring trip was.

The Crusaders have played 18 games thus far this season. They have a 13-4-1 record. Even better, their team ERA is 2.94, opponents are batting a meager .229 against them, and they have surrendered 109 hits and 38 walks in 125 1/3 innings.

The performances of junior Kelly Nilson and freshman Shannon Noder have made White a happy coach — one who believes this team could enjoy an extended season.

Nilson is 8-2 with a 2.85 ERA; in 60 innings, she's allowed 19 earned runs on 55 hits and seven walks, with 51 strikeouts. Noder is 3-2 with a 2.90 ERA; in 40 1/3 innings, she's given up 13 earned runs on 35 hits and 20 walks, with 21 strikeouts.

"The biggest problem (with Noder) is

her walks," said White. "Once she gets that solved, she'll be fine."

There's not much else for White to be overly concerned about. Last year, the Crusaders were 31-15, thanks to the solid every-day play of Krystle Shina (.391, three home runs, 36 runs batted in); Arin Fowler (.339, nine doubles, 21 RBI); Mary Warchuck (.338, three homers, 12 RBI); Emily Cunningham (.314, 14 RBI); Jamie Bobrowski (.292, 10 doubles, six homers, 30 RBI); and Kathy Day (.262, 28 runs scored, 16 RBI).

They're all back, one reason the team batting average is .337. Bobrowski, a senior who plays right field, leads the way with a .387 average, four homers and 20 RBI. Cunningham, a senior shortstop, is hitting .344 and leads the team with 18 runs scored. Shina, a junior first baseman (from Farmington Mercy), is batting .328 with a home run and 14 RBI.

In fact, there doesn't appear to be a weak link offensively in the lineup. Warchuck, the junior left-fielder, is batting .250 with eight RBI, and Day, the junior third baseman (from Livonia Ladywood), is hitting .259 with seven RBI. Then there's Crystal Little, the sophomore center fielder (from Wayne Memorial) who played sparingly last season but is making an impact this year with a .278 batting average and eight RBI.

Arin Fowler, Madonna's senior catcher, has yet to make an error and is hitting

.278 with four RBI. Only sophomore second baseman Stacey Sexsmith (.139, three RBI) is not hitting particularly well.

"If our pitching can give us a chance to win, if they can keep us in the game, then I think we have the hitters to get us a win," said White.

The Crusaders have proven that to be true. Only twice have they given up more than four runs in a game, and one of those they won by an 11-9 score (over Urbana University). They've been shutout once (2-0 by Mercyhurst) and been limited to two or fewer runs just two other times.

"The difference between a good team and a great team isn't that much," said White. "It's just a matter of getting that big hit, making that key play when you need it."

Is this team in that category? The confidence is there: "The girls never think they can get beat. There's no (pitcher) they can't get to — that's the way they feel."

If the pitching holds up, Madonna's defense is good enough and the hitting is potent. Which means it could be a long season for the Crusaders. Or as White explained:

"We're hosting a high school tournament on this certain weekend, and I think I'm going to have to find someone to work it for me."

Why? "Because we'll be going to (NAIA) Nationals in Alabama."

Consistency continues to evade Madonna

Good start, not so good finish.

Madonna University's baseball team opened the weekend with a promising 8-7 victory over host Spalding University last Friday in Lexington, Ky., then the Crusaders split a double-header with Indiana Southeast on Saturday in New Albany, Ind., bringing their record to 11-8.

Sunday, however, was not so good. Two more games at Spalding resulted in a pair of one-run losses, 4-3 and 6-5.

Madonna is now 11-10 overall; Spalding is 17-9, Indiana Southeast is just 2-15.

In Sunday's two losses, the Crusaders' bullpen failed as leads were blown in the late innings. In the 4-3 loss in the opener, Madonna led 3-1 going into the bottom of the sixth inning, but surrendered one run in the sixth and two more in the seventh.

Doug Brooks started and took the loss for the Crusaders, allowing four earned runs on eight hits and a walk with three strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings. Brooks was relieved by Kyle Fedorka with two on and one out in the seventh.

After intentionally walking Joey Vincent to load the bases, Fedorka hit Jeremy Austin to bring home the tying run and surrendered the game-winning single to Cory Turchan.

Joe Greene had a two-run home run for Madonna in the fourth and Jason Barbeau got two hits.

In the second game, Madonna led 5-3 going into the bottom of the seventh thanks to a three-run rally in the top half of the inning, but

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again let it slip away as Spalding got the game-winning run in the eighth on a walk, a fielder's choice, a sacrifice bunt and a wild pitch. Scott Miller took the loss in relief of Jeff Savage.

Kevin Zerbo (Farmington Harrison) had two hits and drove in three runs, and Greene had another home run for Madonna.

On Saturday, the Crusaders lost 7-4 in their first game against Indiana Southeast before getting a 7-4 win in the nightcap. Dan Duffey took the loss in the opener, allowing six runs (three earned) on five hits and one walk in five innings. Barbeau and Tony Kern each had two hits to lead the offense, Barbeau driving in a run.

In Madonna's 7-4 win, Adam Kline pitched four shaky innings but managed to get the pitching win, allowing four runs (three earned) on five hits and three walks. Kern had two hits, and Greene and Preston Picard (Farmington) each had a hit and two RBI.

Madonna opened the weekend with an 8-7 win at Spalding Friday. Picard had a solo home run for the Crusaders, with Justin Fabian getting two hits and two RBI, and Kellen Fry collecting a two-run double.

Derek Dufrane worked 6 2/3 innings, giving up seven runs (one earned) on nine hits and a walk, with three strikeouts, to earn the pitching win. He is 3-0.

MU softball gains 4 wins on road trip

The second trip of the season for Madonna University's softball squad was equally as successful — the Crusaders posted a 4-1 record in Portsmouth, Ohio last weekend, with a 7-3 win over Notre Dame College Friday; an 11-9 victory over Urbana University and a 4-3 triumph over St. Vincent on Saturday; then a split on Sunday, with a 7-6 loss to Spalding and

a 5-2 win over Shawnee State. Madonna improved to 13-4-1 overall. In Sunday's win over Shawnee State, Kelly Nilson tossed a seven-hitter, allowing two earned runs and two walks, with seven strikeouts. Nilson was 4-0 for the weekend.

Krystal Shina collected three hits and a run batted in and Mary Warchuck had a hit and two RBI.

The win came after the Crusaders blew a 6-0 lead in the bottom of the seventh and lost to Spalding University, 7-6.

Shannon Noder took the pitching loss, allowing seven runs (one earned) on eight hits and three walks.

Shina had two hits and three RBI and Crystal Little (from Wayne Memorial) had two hits and an RBI for Madonna.

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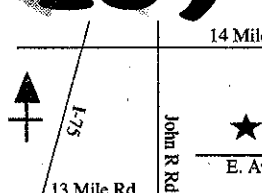
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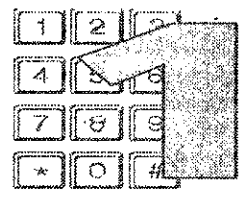


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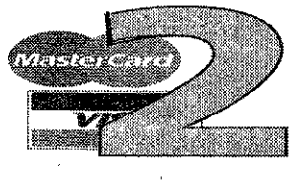
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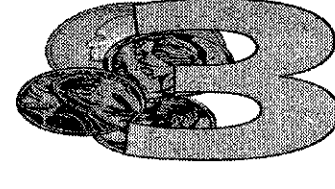
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John Mitchell played in 65 games for the Whalers and led them in both scoring with 82 points and assists with 54.

WHALERS

FROM PAGE B1

ing. "Obviously he's a big part of our power play," said Vellucci. "Other teams key on him and try and stop him."

Kitchener has its own offensive threat in its defensive ranks: Andre Benoit, who has scored 24 goals and assisted on 51 others for 75 points. His plus-minus rating is plus-30.

"He's one of the best offensive defensemen in the league," said Vellucci.

What the Rangers don't have is a proven goalie — and nine times out of 10, that's the single player who makes the biggest impact. The Whalers have the edge here with all-star goalie Paul Drew. He has playoff experience, he's played the big games before, and he ranked 15th in the OHL among goalies in goals-against average at 2.93; he was tied for seventh in save percentage (.914), and he had a 22-17-3 record.

The Rangers counter with

either Carlo DiRienzo or Brad Topping. Neither was ranked among the OHL's top 20 goalies. DiRienzo got the most playing time (42 games); he had a 3.27 goals-against average and a .894 save percentage, with an 18-15-4 record.

One thing worth noting about both team's goalies: Neither Drew nor DiRienzo had a shutout this season.

If it does come down to a scoring fest, Kitchener has the advantage. The Rangers ranked third in the OHL in goals scored with 254; the Whalers were tied for sixth with 220.

Nine players scored 38 or more points for Kitchener (Plymouth had six), led by Michael Richards (36 goals, 53 assists, 89 points), Petr Kanko (26 goals, 42 assists, 68 points) and Nathan O'Nabigon (31 goals, 20 assists, 51 points).

Key players to watch for Plymouth are forwards John Vigilante (30 goals, 38 assists, 68 points), Ryan Ramsay (29 goals, 48 assists, 77 points), John Mitchell (28 goals, 54 assists, 82 points)

and Jonas Fiedler (18 goals, 28 assists, 46 points).

As for home ice advantage, well, it's true Kitchener has the upper hand there. The Rangers will host four games in the best-of-seven series; also, in their four meetings this season, each side won twice on their home ice. Plymouth prevailed 4-3 and 7-4 at Compuware; Kitchener won 10-4 and 3-1 at their arena.

But, as Vellucci pointed out in last year's best-of-seven series, "we won twice on their ice and they won twice on our ice."

Convincing a team it can beat anyone in the playoffs after a mediocre regular season is the mark of a good OHL coach.

Peter DeBoer, who coached the Whalers before taking over at Kitchener two years ago, did just that last year when he guided the Rangers to the OHL title and captured the Memorial Cup.

His team isn't as strong defensively this season, but don't count the Rangers out. In the playoffs, anything can happen.

HENRY

FROM PAGE B1

"I always wanted to coach college basketball," Henry said. "To me it's a dream come true."

"Bernie's done a great job getting the right kind of kid over here. He got the program going in the right direction."

If Holowicki started the process, it will be up to the 54-year-old Henry to take it to the next level. Madonna has never enjoyed a winning season; its best record was in 2002-03, when it went 14-16. The Crusaders were 10-19 last season.

"The most important thing is to continue what coach Holowicki did and develop young men," said Rizzo. "That's what attracted me to Chuck — he's that type of guy."

"But we also want him to

take us to the next level. Bernie made us competitive at the conference level; now we want to be competitive at the national level."

Although he's never coached collegiately, Henry is confident he can handle it. So is Rizzo.

"As far as X's and O's, he's sound," the Madonna athletic director said.

"The key at this level is recruiting. Chuck has so many contacts at the high-school level, and he's such a genuinely good guy."

"He can handle it."

Henry has certainly proven himself capable at the prep level. At Wayne, he posted a 427-179 won-loss record, which included 11 league titles, seven district championships, three regional crowns, and two trips to the Class A Final Four.

"The first thing I'm doing is assessing the talent that's there," Henry said. "That starts

the process. The personnel dictates the offensive game."

"I'm a firm believer in man-to-man defense."

Henry knows the best way to improve the team is to upgrade the talent. He has already been evaluating what Madonna has; improving the level of play in the post area is the No. 1 need, Henry feels.

Any players who can help, either at the junior college or high school level, will be considered.

If all this means more work around the court, Henry won't mind. "When the high school season used to come to an end in March, I'd mope around the house for a couple of weeks until my wife got me to snap out of it," he said. "Now, with recruiting all the time, I can't do that."

"There's no time off." And that makes Chuck Henry very happy.

BASEBALL CLINIC

The annual Salem Baseball Clinic will be in two sessions, the first on Saturday, March 27 and the second on Saturday, April 3, both in the Salem

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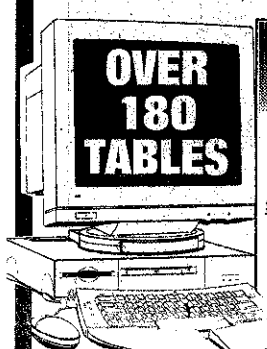
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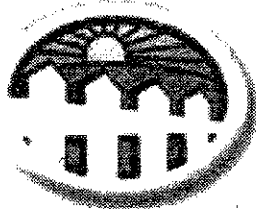
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Salem swimmers excel at state finals

For Canton, it might have been better.

For Livonia Stevenson, it probably should've been better.

For Salem, the Division I State Swim Finals Saturday at University of Michigan could not have been much better.

The season had not gone well for the Rocks. They lost dual meets to both Canton and Stevenson, then they saw their 11-year reign as the top power in the Western Lakes Activities Association come to a close.

All they had left for redemption was the state meet. But what could a team that finished fourth in its conference possibly hope to accomplish against the state's best swimmers?

Plenty, as it turned out. Salem scored 43 points, more than any other WLAA team, and finished 14th in the team standings. Canton scored 14 and tied for 31st.

"We wanted to go to state and do the best we could," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "And I thought we did. It was a pretty good effort for this group."

"These guys sure did everything they hoped they'd do at state."

Leading the way for the Rocks was junior Nick Dixon,

who scored in two individual events and was on two of Salem's three relays, all of which scored points. Dixon was targeting the 200-yard individual medley as the event he wanted to excel in, and he came through, placing fourth in 1:57.36. He did his best time of the season in Friday's preliminaries: 1:56.99.

"The IM was his main focus," said Olson. "He'd gone the 500 (freestyle) as a freshman and a sophomore, and he was in the finals last year (in the 500). This year he thought he'd just like to try something different."

So instead of the 500 free, Dixon chose the 100 backstroke as his second individual event.

"We thought the backstroke would be good, he could go in there and give it a good attempt," said Olson. "It worked out. We were happy with his back — we were pretty pleased all the way around."

With good reason. Dixon went 53.67 in the prelims in the 100 back, then finished seventh in the state in the finals in 53.85.

He also scored points in the 200 medley relay, combining with Matt Jurcak, Casey Johnson and Mike Higgs to place 12th in 1:42.61, and in

the 400 free relay, teaming with Jurcak, Penn Chou and Higgs to finish 16th in 3:19.81.

Salem's 200 freestyle relay of Higgs, Chou, Nick White and Jurcak also put points on the board, taking 15th in 1:31.22 after clocking 1:30.80 in the prelims.

Jurcak, who was part of all three relays, finished 26th in the 100 back in 57.33.

Canton had several qualifiers but only one scorer: Joe Le, who narrowly missed scoring in the 50 freestyle — he qualified 17th, .02 out of the top 16 — placed fifth in the 100 free in 48.05 (he went 47.99 in the prelims).

Despite the lack of scorers, Chiefs' coach Ed Weber was hardly disappointed.

"Everybody we had who qualified moved up a spot or two,"



Salem's Nick Dixon finished fourth in the 200-yard individual medley and was seventh in the 100 backstroke at the Division One State Finals.

he said. "They all swam faster, and you can't ask for more than that."

In the Division II Swim Finals at Eastern Michigan

Saturday, Plymouth's Andrew Knisely also placed 20th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:03.44.

The end result for Salem certainly met with Olson's

approval. "Not that it was a bad season, by any means," he said. "But it was a bit different. They did what they could do. Things proved out in the end."

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A special advertising section, which ran Sunday, March 14 misrepresented the 12th Annual Spring Boating Expo which will be at the Novi Expo Center on March 18-21, 2004. Admission to the Spring Boating Expo is \$8 for adults (\$7 online at www.mbia.org) and Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information call 800-224-3008 or visit www.mbia.org.

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Baby boomers might remember the banana seat on their bicycles from the late 1960s and 1970s. Well, it's back.



Schwinn is partnering with Orange County Choppers to reintroduce the modern version of a classic – the Sting-Ray bicycle. The new bicycle is set to hit stores in April.

Today's kids can enjoy a bike that stands out, just like their parents did at that age 30 years ago. It is a new product for today's 7- to 12-year-old children.

"The Sting-Ray is an American icon – a legendary bicycle," said Greg Blake, Schwinn's director of new category development. "People kept asking us to bring it back, so we did, with an attitude."

From the Wishbone kickstand to the mud stud fender, every part on the new Sting-Ray was customized to keep kids cruisin' in style."

The original Sting-Ray was introduced in 1963 during the muscle car craze and remained on the market until 1982. In 1968, Schwinn sold 1 million bikes.

Prices for the new Sting-Ray range between \$169-\$179 and it will be available at various retail locations.

In 2001 Pacific Cycle, the nation's largest importer and distributor of bicycles, purchased Schwinn. Schwinn was originally founded in 1895.

Orders, please

Monday, March 29, is the deadline to order trees and shrubs in the Oakland Conservation District's 2004 Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale.

This year's selection has many native trees and shrubs.

Orders may be picked up 1-5 p.m. Friday, April 23, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg.

For a catalog and order form, call the Oakland Conservation District at (248) 673-4496 or e-mail Bob Mrozek at Bob-Mrozek@mi.nacdn.net.org.

Relax here

Today's bathroom should be a place to relax after a long day, put on your face for the day and take care of a multitude of grooming and hygiene needs.

But what design should you choose for your bathroom?

Available at Home Depot, one popular English country design option is the Leighton ensemble from Kohler, which delivers the traditional styling that most homeowners prefer. For information, visit www.kohler.com.

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, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

WRIGHT TO THE POINT



PHOTOS BY BALTHAZAR KORAB

Frank Lloyd Wright designed geometric wooden tables and chairs, which allow for simple versatile changes inside the home of Melvin Maxwell Smith.

Smith House unfolded architect's plans

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Melvin Maxwell and Sara Smith were Detroit school teachers and said to be ordinary, everyday, middle-class Americans.

And they dreamed the Great American Dream of someday owning their own home.

At the same time, there was a man dreaming about houses that ordinary, every-

day, middle-class Americans could afford. He was Frank Lloyd Wright.

USONIAN DESIGN

Wright even had a name for these houses that he was designing: Usonian, described as "a modified acronym for 'United States of North America,'" according to a report by David Jameson of Arch/Tech Gallery in Chicago. "That 'Usonian' was

an alliterative cousin to 'utopian' could only enhance its marketing appeal."

The Smiths' dream and Wright's dream eventually would fuse on a Bloomfield Hills lot on Ponvalley Road near Lone Pine and Lahser roads.

There, in 1950, with Wright's blueprints for the house he and Sara would call Myhaven and with his own

PLEASE SEE WRIGHT, C3

What: "Modest to Mansion: Frank Lloyd Wright in Detroit," offers an in-depth exploration of Frank Lloyd Wright's residences in the Detroit area, specifically Oakland and Wayne counties. Wright designed the Affleck and Smith houses in Bloomfield Hills, Snowflake and Goddard houses in Plymouth

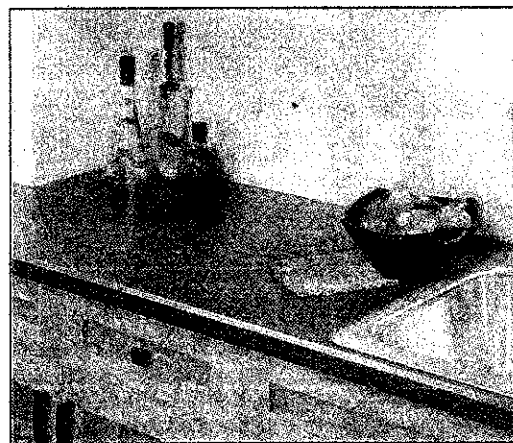
and the Turkel House in Detroit. They show what can be attained through a homeowner and an architect's joint vision. The exhibit is open through April 4. **Where:** The Cranbrook Art Museum is located at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. **Hours:** The museum is open

from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. **Admission:** \$6 adults; students 13 and older and senior citizens \$4; children 12 and younger, free. Other Wright houses in the metro area include two in Plymouth and one in Detroit. Read about them at www.cranbrook.edu/art.

To find out more about the Frank Lloyd Wright exhibition "Modest to Mansion: Frank Lloyd Wright in Detroit," call the Cranbrook Art Museum office at (248) 645-3323 for recorded information, or visit www.cranbrook.edu/art/museum.

The Smith House in Bloomfield Hills allowed for Wright to design a Usonian House – a home that was designed to be cost-effective and informal for the homeowners.

MARKET PLACE



Leaning toward laminate

Laminate countertops offer consumers a classic, upscale look without the negative side effects that come with other high-priced surfacing materials, says Wilsonart International, a leading laminate manufacturer.

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the mess within the home.

The average laminate countertop can be constructed and installed for less than \$1,000, according to Home Depot, which retails Wilsonart laminate. And Wilsonart's 200-plus patterns – which include designs that replicate solid surface, granite, engineered stone, concrete, metallic looks and hardwood – provide consumers with a treasure trove of options. Shown here is Wilsonart's Smoky Topaz with a Kalahari Topaz backsplash. The Topaz Collection consists of eight patterns that replicate engineered stone. For more information about Wilsonart products, call the customer service hotline at (800) 433-3222, or visit www.wilsonart.com.

Microwaved water can erupt Items left at house add to clutter

Ideas for columns come from many places. My favorites are the questions from readers. One day while I was at the home improvement store, I conversed with a store associate and a customer about where she could find a tester that checks for leaking microwaves around the door of the microwave oven. The conversation got me thinking about microwave safety in general.

Microwaves are a form of "electromagnetic" radiation. This radiation is present in nature and ranges from x-rays, which are quite energetic, to radio frequency waves used in broadcasting. Microwaves are in the radio frequency band, far less powerful than x-rays. Microwave radiation is produced by a "magnetron" inside the oven. It bounces around inside the case until it is absorbed by food. Microwaves cause the molecules of the food to rapidly vibrate, producing the heat that cooks the food. Microwave energy is converted to heat energy as soon as it is absorbed by food. It cannot make food radioactive.

All microwave ovens built after 1971 are limited to the

'In my research about microwaves, I learned about erupted hot water phenomena. This results when water is heated in a clean cup to a temperature past boiling without appearing to boil.'

amount of microwave radiation that can leak to 5 milliwatts per square centimeter, measured at 2 inches from the oven surface. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration enforces this standard.

The 5 milliwatts is well below the level that is known to harm humans.

Further, the level of radiation reaching a person falls off considerably as you move away from the oven. The amount of radiation reaching a person at 20 inches away is about one one-hundredth that at 2 inches.

It's well known that high levels of microwave radiation can affect the human body. Microwaves will heat the body just as they do foods causing severe burns.

The lenses of your eyes are very sensitive to heat so microwaves have the potential to cause cataracts.

There is little danger of excessive microwaves leaking from your oven unless there has been damage to the door, hinges, latch or seals of your microwave was made before 1971. The testing devices being sold to consumers are relatively inaccurate. It is best to have qualified service personnel with professional equipment test your oven.

In my research about microwaves, I learned about erupted hot water phenomena. This results when water is heated in a clean cup to a temperature past boiling without appearing to boil.

Any disturbance, such as moving the cup or putting something in the water, such as instant coffee, can cause the super-heated water to erupt from the cup. Though I didn't find anything on how often this incident occurs, it would be very wise to watch the manufacturer's suggested times for heating water.

Adding instant coffee or tea bags (without the small staple) in the water before heating helps prevent erupted hot water phenomena.

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, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Could you please help me with this problem? Things that do not belong to me create messes in my house. People visit us when we entertain and leave their umbrella, books, gloves, serving dishes, toys and other items. All of these items end up in the way. They are usually on my counter as a reminder to give or return to someone.



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

This is a problem that plagues us all.

Often, people visit our homes and leave their possessions which means items rotate in and out of our houses.

You collect umbrellas, silverware, jackets, gloves, books, watches and numerous other items.

You need a system to return these items to their appropriate owner.

A workable system will prevent these items from cluttering your counters.

Another related problem is remembering to return borrowed items.

If a friend loans us a good book and we want to remember to return it to her as soon as possible, we need an appropriate place for the book.

We ask the question: "Where do we put the book until we can return it?"

A similar predicament occurs

with gifts we buy for people. Bargain shopping is a fantastic way to buy gifts ahead of time, but then we need a place to store the gifts. Leaving the gifts out on the counters is not an option. Cramming them in a closet could make it difficult to access them or remember they are there. We continually face the problem of temporary items in our house. A solution to this dilemma is to create rotating shelves.

ROTATING SHELVES

Create two empty shelves in your house. Choose a location you look at often.

'Rotating shelves' are essential to keeping you organized. Choose two empty shelves in your house. If you do not have empty shelves, you may need to create them by moving items around. Mine are in my hall closet.

This is a good location because I open this closet daily. Use these shelves to rotate items you keep for a short period of time.

These items include library books, gifts, borrowed items, and items left at your house.

Besides owning many books that they keep in their room, my children also borrow books from the library.

This causes a problem.

The library books and personal books are mixed together.

I cannot monitor the due

dates, which eventually leads to assessed library fines.

The rotating shelves solved this problem. I put the library books on the rotating shelf and the children's books are in their rooms. I can stay abreast of the due date because I see the books daily on my rotating shelf.

This is also a perfect shelf on which to keep gifts that you will be giving within a week. I have a shelf in my basement to store gifts I keep for a longer period of time.

Wrapped and unwrapped gifts are on the rotating shelves. The greeting card, wrapping paper and gift are kept together until the gift is ready for wrapping. I can see what is on the shelves often because I have chosen a good location.

Get in the habit of checking the shelves when a friend stops by or when you go to visit friends so that the items can be returned to their owners.

There are times when these shelves are empty and other times they are very full. Add a third shelf if your first two are constantly full.

Your need to rotate items may be greater than mine.

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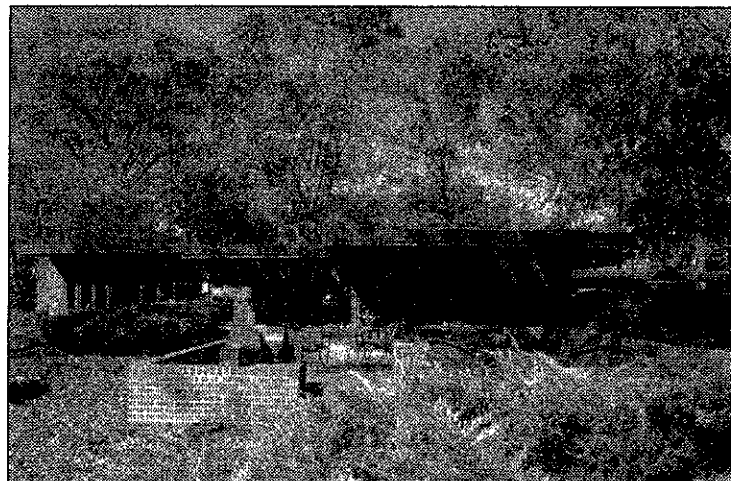
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The Smith home influenced many of today's ranch homes.

WRIGHT

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hammer and with saws stroked by friends, Smith gave form to the combined dream at a reported cost of about \$7,000.

"Usonian is one of the last styles Wright worked in," said Ellen Dodington, collections fellow at the Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. The museum currently is presenting an exhibition of Wright's papers in "Modest to Mansion: Frank Lloyd Wright in Detroit." (See related chart.)

"Usonian is meant to be truly American, not based on European models," Dodington said.

"Myhaven is very warm inside and simple, like all Usonian houses. It was built to be long-lasting, not covered with a lot of flourishes, not overly decorated. There's a

large living room with lots of windows and large French doors (and) a small dining room off of a small kitchen that could be closed off."

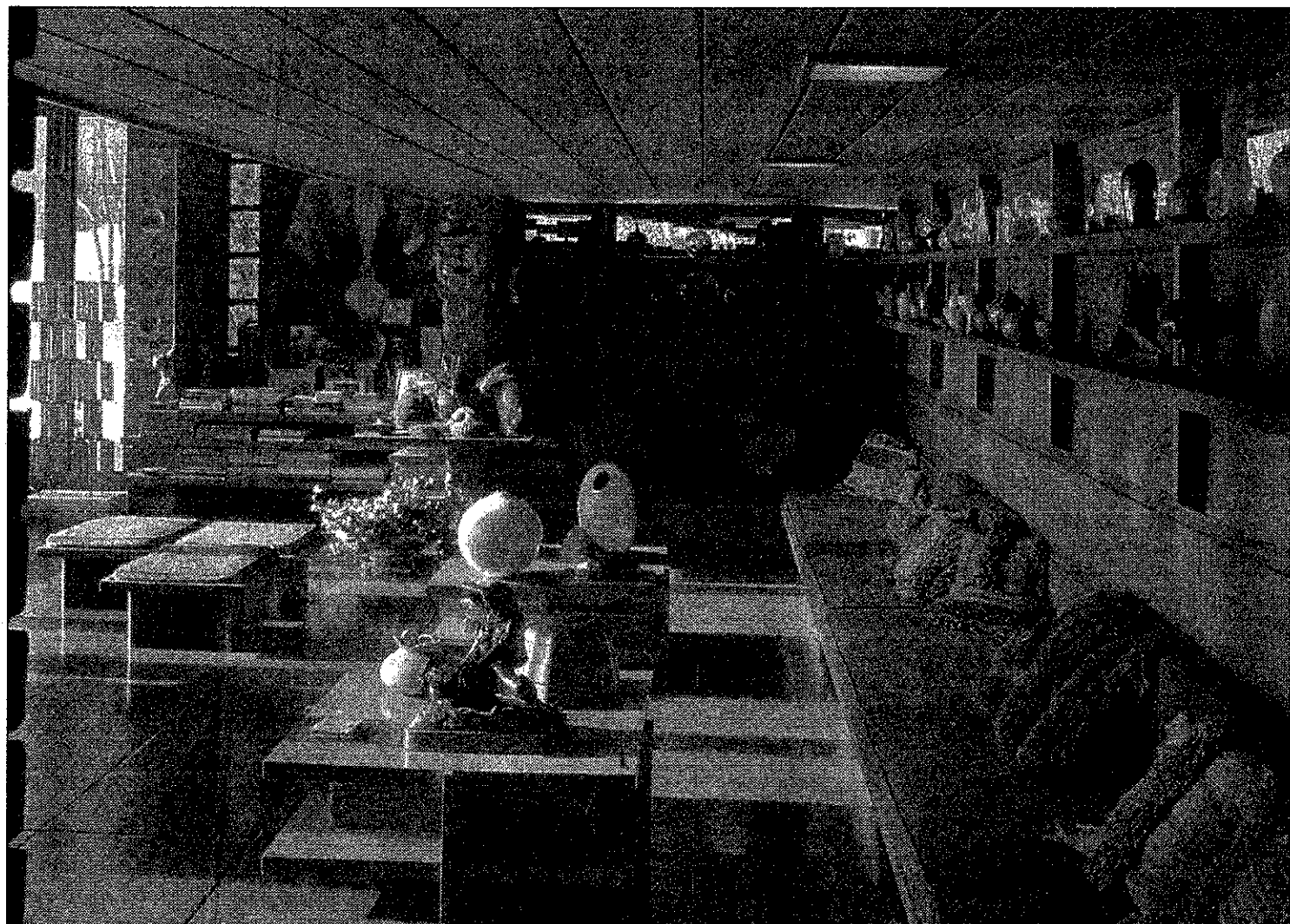
ESSENTIAL NEEDS

The bedrooms and baths, Dodington said, are "fairly small" in keeping with Wright's concept of his homes' inhabitants "just having essentials" in those rooms and spending the rest of the time in common areas.

Dodington created the current Wright exhibition "because it's important to talk about his work in this area," Dodington said.

"Michigan is third, after Illinois and Wisconsin, in works by Wright. They're scattered all over the state."

An earlier Wright project, the Affleck House in Bloomfield Hills, is owned by



The Wright home is described as 'warm and simple.'

Lawrence Technological University and used as "an educational resource."

Like Myhaven, the Affleck House is "modest," according to Lawrence Tech architecture lecturer Dane Johnson.

"It was fairly unusual for prominent architects at that time to do humble houses,"

Johnson said. "That set Wright apart."

"Most of what he produced early were substantial, but after the 1930s as a result of what he saw in the Depression, he designed more for typical, average people."

Johnson said the Usonian houses "influenced

development of today's ranch houses," following Wright's goal of "redistributing urban congestion into what we now call suburbs, with houses on wider lots, not squeezed together."

The Usonian house was very different from other houses of its time, many of which were

built on designs rooted in Colonial and English Tudor houses where a staff of servants was common, Johnson said. Following Smith's death, Sara continued to live in Myhaven until the 1990s. The house now is vacant and owned by a Smith family foundation.

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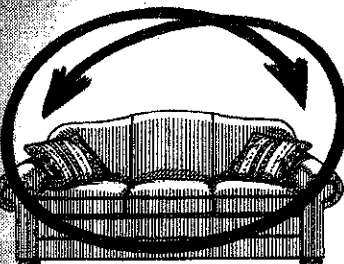


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But as creative photographers, we go a step beyond this.

In short, we must learn to become poets with our cameras.

You see, a poet makes grammar a secondary thing.

It's the words flowing from the creative self that are primary.

The poet is tuned into his or her innermost feelings and these are expressed in words. Poems are written expressions of the inner self.

Photographers must strive to do this, too.

We must make the mechan-



This statue has a poetic and emotional quality. Monte Nagler took the image on Belle Island

ics of photography secondary in order to concentrate on our "poetry".

It's easy to get correct exposure with our cameras. Now let's work toward getting proper exposure with our photographic feelings.

Remember that as photographers, we have the ability to make visible what others can only sense. This is an exciting concept. Begin to think of your feelings as the true lens of the camera.

Realize that a photograph,

and you as the photographer, can reach out and stir human emotions that often go beyond what the written word can do.

Remember, the lens that truly sees the beauty of a flower, the innocent smile of a child, or a dramatic sunset isn't attached to the front of the camera. Rather, it's the lens inside us.

Learn never to underexpose your feelings.

Keep in mind that it's not the artist's brush that produces

the painting, the violinist's bow that makes the melody, nor the poet's pen that writes the sonnet. Similarly, it's not the camera that produces the photograph ... it's really you!

Put your inside lens to work and become a poet of the photographic language.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.

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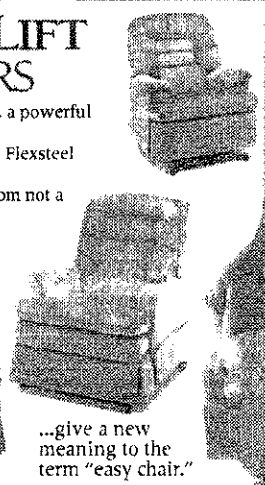
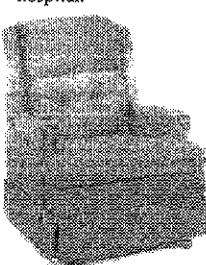


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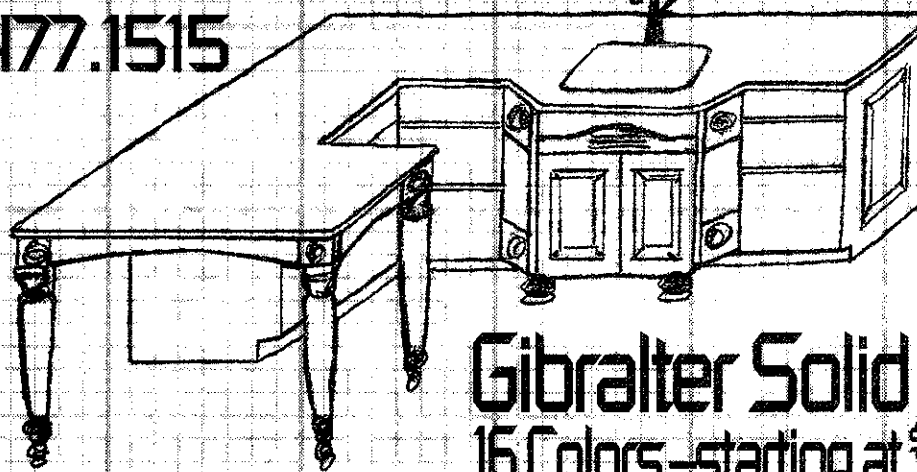
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GARDEN CALENDAR

Honey of a day
The Southern Michigan Unit of the Herb Society of America will present A Honey of a Day 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at Trevarrow Inc., 1295 N. Opdyke in Auburn Hills. Doors open 9:30 a.m. The event will feature guest speakers (Chef Randy Emert, director of food services at Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester; freelance writer and master gardener Nancy Szerlag; and unit member and master gardener Jackie Walley, who has her own cottage business, Herbal Thymes and Gatherings) and a gift boutique. Emert will prepare "A Honey of a Dish." Szerlag will present A Bee-utiful Garden, and a book signing will be featured. Walley will demonstrate flavored honeys. A box lunch prepared by Emert and his culinary team will be served at noon. Tickets are \$30 and will be picked up at the door. Seating is limited. Register by Friday, March 19. Make checks payable to HSA-SMU and send to HSA-SMU, c/o Sheila Mohr, 5360 Forest Way, Bloomfield Hills 48302. Money earned from the event will

help maintain the Herb Garden at Cranbrook House and Gardens, promote herbal education and provide horticultural scholarships. The unit has maintained the Cranbrook herb garden for more than 30 years. For more information, call Sheila at (248) 851-6691 or Annie at (248) 582-0616.

Bromeliad society
The Southeast Michigan Bromeliad Society will meet 2 p.m. Saturday, March 20, for Displaying Your Bromeliads, a workshop at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills. Visitors are welcome. For information, call (248) 380-7359. The workshop will feature tips on using bromeliads as accents in the garden; demonstration and practice mounting bromeliads on wood, cork and rock; and attractive, long-lasting combinations (dish gardens, bromeliad "trees," and terrariums). Use the greenhouse entrance from Long Lake Road.

Orchid festival
The Ann Arbor Orchid Society Festival will take place Saturday-Sunday, March 20-21, at Matthaei Botanical

Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. The festival will feature orchid growers selling a wide variety of exotic orchid plants in bloom, exhibits of orchids in bloom from area societies and growers, and free talks and demonstrations on orchid care. Admission is free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. Exhibits open at noon Saturday. Scheduled lecture topics Saturday are Easy Orchids for Your Windowsill, 2 p.m.; and Growing Vandas in Michigan, 3 p.m. Scheduled lecture topics Sunday are Tips on Buying and Collecting Orchids, 11 a.m.; Natural Pest Control, noon; Orchids and Ikebana, 1 p.m.; Growing Orchids Isn't Difficult, Just Different, 2 p.m.; and Easy Orchids for Your Windowsill, 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.aaosonline.org.

Michigan Orchid Society
The Michigan Orchid Society will meet 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham, 300 Willits in Birmingham. Darrin Norton of Mountain Orchids, Vermont, will talk on cool-growing

Dendrobiums orchids. Visitors welcome. Admission is free.

Water gardening
The Community House Garden Club of Birmingham will present a program, Introduction to Water Gardening, 7 p.m. Monday, March 22. The program will take place at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham, south of Maple (15 Mile) and between Southfield Road and Woodward. Nanette Winowiecki, the owner of The Pond Place in Milford, will speak on containers, fountains, bogs, pre-form ponds, liner ponds, concrete ponds and earth/natural ponds, and give an overview of pond site selection/design and water garden plants. The presentation will last one hour. A 15-minute question-and-answer period will be featured. Guest fee \$5. For more information, call Pat Jerzy at The Community House, (248) 644-5832.

MBH Garden Club
The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, March 26, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University

campus in Rochester. Guest speaker Robert McGowen of Bittersweet Farm in Clarkston will lecture on Large-scale Vegetable Gardening The Organic Way. Guests are welcome. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

Detroit Rose Society
The Detroit Rose Society will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 26, at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center, on Ridge Road, one block south of I-696 and one block west of Woodward Avenue. Consulting rosarian Gerry Carney, past president of the Detroit Rose Society, will present a slide tour of his garden. A short demonstration on spring pruning will also be featured.

Pond opening
Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 N. Merriman in Westland, will present a free pond opening seminar 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, March 27. Call (734) 421-5959 for more information.

Chimes and vines
Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy, has scheduled classes and other events. The offerings include two events

taking place 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27: Copper and Quartz Wind Chime Workshop, and a presentation, New and Underused Hardy Vines. In the workshop, Jeane Houston will help you make your own beautiful copper wind chimes with natural agate, quartz crystals and decorative marbles. Fee is \$30; all materials and tools will be provided. In the presentation, guest speaker Drew Edwards will discuss dozens of perennial vines for adding vertical color to your fence, arbor, wall, trellis or obelisk. Through slides and handouts, attendees will learn what plants will work for their gardens. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

Healthy lawn care
A free workshop on healthy lawn care will take place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, March 29, at the Oak Park Community Center, 14300 Oak Park Blvd. Tips on mowing, soil testing, fertilizing, weed control and pest management with the environment in mind will be featured. Guest speaker will be Mike Barger of Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc. To register, call (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

HOME CALENDAR

Room organization
A program, Teen Organize Your Room, will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the Southfield Public Library. Organizing expert Beverly Rogers will lead teens and their parents through a brainstorming session that will have them creating their own exciting plans to transform their rooms from "blah" to "brilliant!" Registration is required. For more information, call (248) 796-4200. The Southfield Public Library is in the Southfield Municipal Complex at 26300 Evergreen. Visit the library's Home Page at www.sfldlib.org.

Sheer quilts
The CAMEO Quilt Guild will present Sheer Quilts, a lecture by Jill Ault, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at the UAW International Hall, 1640 Stephenson Highway in Troy. The presentation will show an unusual technique for special effects in fabric art. A short business meeting will take place before the lecture. Guest fee \$5. Call (248) 689-8189 for more information.

Antiques market
Michigan's Home and Garden Antiques Market will take place Friday-Sunday, March 19-21, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen at Civic Center Drive (10-1/2 Mile). Hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7 regular, \$6 with any ads or listings of the event, free for ages 12 and under. One paid admission is good for all three days of the show. Preview the event at www.antiquet.com/M&M. The show will resemble an outdoor market. Exquisite antique garden settings will be filled with decorative antiques and accessories for the home, the garden and personal adornment, including jewelry; furniture; garden and architectural pieces; birdbaths; benches; silver, glass and ceramics for the table; paintings and prints; ornamental iron and garden gates; quilts and folk art; vintage clothing; purses; and perfumes.

Hummel artist
Christina Gohl, the talented artist from the W. Goebel Porzellanfabrik in Germany, will demonstrate the hand-painting process involved in creating beloved M.I. Hummel figurines 4-8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, at Heslop's, 22790 Heslop Drive in Novi (phone (313) 522-1850). Admission is free. The event is open to the public. As part of her presentation, the ceramic painter will display the different tools and materials used to create the world-famous M.I. Hummel figurines. Gohl will also sign individual purchases and provide an expert's knowledge about the brand. The figurines are based on the original art work of Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel. Instantly popular since their debut in 1935, the figurines continue to be among the world's most cherished collectibles.

Basement remodeling
Oakland Builders Institute will offer a class on basement remodeling Monday and Wednesday, March 29 and 31, through Birmingham Community Education. The class will explain all facets of basement remodeling, including planning, meeting building codes, estimating materials, the basics of home construction, and finishing techniques. The instructor will review your plans. Fee is \$90, plus \$8 book fee payable to the instructor. For more information, call (248) 203-3800.

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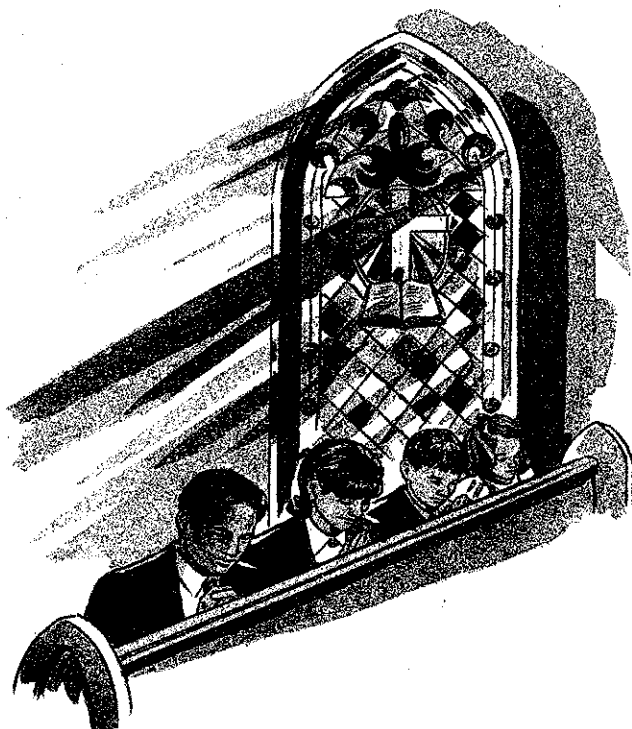
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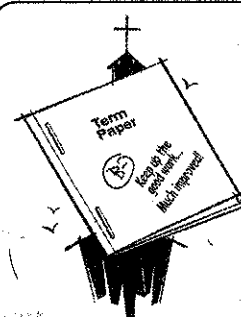
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Project isn't too challenging for Marion

What do you do when you transplant a shrub that leaves a bare space in your landscape?

Marion Kasabach of Southfield has the answer.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

She often thought she'd like to have "a little water" in her garden, so, as she said, "I thought I'd do something."

Kasabach and her daughter had no prior knowledge of how to construct a pond, so they visited The Pond Place in Milford. They made repeated trips to the store.

Each time they learned more about ponds until they gained enough confidence. Finally, "we decided we could tackle it," she said.

Each of them took turns digging an area approximately 4- by 6-feet, and 2 feet deep. They used the soil that was removed from the area to build up the ground for a waterfall that provides that all-important soothing sound. "It's a nice thing to have a trickle of water, it's so peaceful," Marion said.

After the hole was dug and leveled, a first sub-liner made

of heavy material was installed to protect the second liner from damage from sharp objects. Rocks then were placed on that liner and built up to the edge of the pond that is surrounded by flat stones.

There are a variety of rocks that add to the beauty. Kasabach had a small rock collection that they used, including a larger rock that she carried 200 feet up from the shore of Lake Michigan. Some rocks are from Bermuda, Aruba (that a friend brought to her) and others are from her travels. The rest were purchased at Nobles, The Rock Place at 8 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills, where they chose each rock individually and it required two to three trips for them to purchase enough rocks. An electrician wired the area, then the filter was installed.

Kasabach says without her daughter who kept "pushing" she would never have finished the project. She is pleased with her new pond and says it doesn't need any upkeep. Kasabach will not purchase goldfish for it because of the maintenance that the pond would then require. A floating water lettuce adds a bit of color and this year she plans to add a water lily and papyrus.

It took them three weeks from start to finish to build the pond, and when the pond was

filled with water, Marion says, "We were in business, and on that August 15th, I celebrated my 86th Birthday." What a nice present to herself.

By the way the shrub, a rhododendron Marion transplanted, is doing fine in its new location. She says she called me to be an inspiration for others and to encourage them "You can do it!"

It will soon be time to clean up the garden and ready it for planting. The snow that has stayed on the ground this winter has acted as insulation to the plants, so we can probably look forward to having many survive. Nevertheless, debris has to be cleaned out of the beds and perennials will need to be forked to provide better air circulation. Volunteer seedlings will need to be put where they are wanted and other plants will need to be divided.

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Drew Edwards of Premium Plants in Spring Haven will present New and Under Used Hardy Vines.

He will discuss how to grow and care for these interesting plants.

Admission is \$5, which can be applied to a \$50 purchase within seven days. For information, call Telly's at (248) 689-8735.

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

Marion Kasabach celebrated her 86th birthday the day her pond was completed at her home in Southfield.

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BULSON

Shirley M., March 5, 2004 in Florida. Beloved wife of Gary; dear mother of Gary II (Brenda) and Amy (Time) Hinchman; loving grandmother of Jeremy Armstrong, Allison Bulson, Timmy & Emily Hinchman; sister of Gloria McGork. Visiting at the UHT Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, Friday, 10am-3pm and 6-9pm. Memorial service Saturday at 10am.

Dundas

Harry James, Age 73, March 7, 2004. Father of James David and Susan Hope. Brother of Marian Irene Dundas and the late Alice Mae (Joseph) Stapczynski. Uncle to Susan (Joseph) Filice and Dr. Steve (Barb) Stapczynski. Great uncle to Alana and Jeffery Filice and Colin and Jeremy Stapczynski. Harry served in the Army as a Military Policeman where he witnessed the detonation of the first hydrogen bomb as part of Operation Ivy at Eniwetok Atoll.

HARRIS

Alice Kobacker Beloved mother of Jacqueline (Stanley) Gard, Judith (Michael Bressler) Solomon. Grandmother of Elizabeth & Patty (Dominic) Freud and Susan Harris Solomon. 10 Great Great Grandchildren. Loving friend and companion Sally Koch. GRAVE-SIDE SERVICES WERE HELD WEDNESDAY. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL. 248-569-0020. www.ira kaufman.com

HOLCOMB

James Otto "Jim", 76, of 1629 Aquinas Ct., Burlington, North Carolina, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at Alamance Regional Medical Center. A Memorial Service will be conducted at 2:00 PM Thursday, March 18, 2004 at First United Methodist Church of Elon by the Rev. Randy Maynard, Rev. Kristin Lassiter. The family will be receiving friends following the service at the church. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church of Elon Building Fund, P.O. Box 923, Elon, NC 27244. Lowe Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Holcomb family.

KEMP (Woodward)

Mary Ann 55, of Livonia, formerly of Clinton, died Tuesday, March 16, 2004 in Angela Hospice in Livonia. She was born August 2, 1948 in Tecumseh, the daughter of James and Alma (White) Woodward. She was married to Ivan R. Kemp on December 17, 1981 and he survives. Mary Ann was a graduate of Clinton High School, class of 1966. She taught school in Livonia for thirty years, where she was Program Coordinator and teacher of ESL, French & Spanish. Mary Ann also taught in the Language Institute in Venezuela, S.A. She was an LEA Chief Negotiator. Mary Ann enjoyed knitting, gardening, family time, and going to Hilton Head, SC. She was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. In addition to her husband, Ivan, Mary Ann is survived by one son, Mark Barrera of Livonia, three daughters, Karrie (Leif) Larsen of Ypsilanti, Anne Kemp of Livonia, and Deborah (Paul) Tender of Monticello, IL., one brother, Jim (Vicki) Woodward of Ankeny, Iowa, one sister, Jane (Tim) Murphy of Clinton, and five grandchildren, Abigail, Ysabella, Jorgen, Marie and Katie. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Cathy Ann Woodward. Visitation will be on Thursday, March 18, 2004 at the Clinton Chapel of Couture-Handler Funeral Homes from 2-4 and 6-8 pm with a Rosary Service at 8pm. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Clinton at 11am on Friday, March 20 with Father Paul Ruddy as Celebrant. The Rite of Committal will follow at St. Dominic Cemetery in Clinton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Capuchin Monastery or Father Solanus Guild. Capuchin Monastery, 1740 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207. Father Solanus Guild, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207.

LONG

ELVA L. Age 87, March 12, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Richard. Loving mother of Barrett (Sarah), Linda (Charles) Gifford and Denise (Charles) Tomasello. Dear grandmother of Robert, Charles and Jeanette Long, Hannah Tobin, Russell & Joy Gifford, Hope Goossens, Andrea & Drew Tomasello. Also survived by 6 great grandchildren. A funeral service was held Wednesday at Highland Park Baptist Church in Southfield. Memorials may be directed to Highland Park Baptist Church Mission Fund. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home 734-422-6720 in charge of arrangements.

NOE

† Pastor Herbert, Age 86, of Brighton Township, died March 14, 2004. Long time pastor of Galilean Baptist Church, Livonia. Beloved husband of Mae, dear father of Neva (Christopher) Huff, Cheryl (Christopher) Trundy, and Daniel (Laurie) Noe. Grandfather of 14. Visitation: Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) Tuesday and Wednesday 1 to 9 pm. In state Thursday, 12 noon, Emmanuel Baptist Church 645 S. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, til time of service 1pm.

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Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings - March 9, 2004

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to moved from open to closed session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously. Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Durack Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, March 9, 2004, 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. Youth Leadership members were paired with Trustees as part of the Youth Leadership Government Awareness Program. Trustee Zarbo was paired with Priya Ramanuthy, Supervisor Yack was paired with Anoop Gopal and Clerk Bennett was paired with Whitney Askew. Each member of Youth Leadership received a Board Packet and met previously with a Board Member. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Director Minghine, Director Santomauro **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda deleting Item C-8: Authorize Lease Agreement for Cardiovascular Fitness Equipment and adding Item 3: Presentations: Recognition of Accreditation of Leisure Services. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of February 24, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of March 2, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for March 9, 2004

General Fund	101	\$	381,613.20
Fire Fund	206		19,567.60
Police Fund	207		51,998.48
Summit Operating	208		27,543.74
Street Lighting	219		15,734.04
E-911 Utility	261		63,383.10
Cable TV Fund	230		1,500.41
Twp. Improvement	246		85,914.03
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267		4,746.47
Federal Grants Fund	274		423.50
Auto Theft Grant	289		41,807.65
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294		6,326.48
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402		136,648.10
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403		76,926.25
Golf Fund	584		1,704.18
Water & Sewer Fund	592		91,671.43
Total - All Funds			957,508.66

PRESENTATION: 1. PRESENTATION OF LIEUTENANTS' BADGES TO DAUBRESSE AND BATTISTONE. 2. PRESENTATION OF RETIREE BADGE TO BERGER. 3. Supervisor Yack recognized Canton's Leisure Services department for becoming a Nationally Accredited/Certified Leisure Services Department. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. AMEND EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND FITNESS PROGRAM. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to amend the Charter Township of Canton Employee Health and Fitness Program to provide that for each year the participant does not meet the national standards for Blood Pressure and Cholesterol level or show an improvement toward meeting the national standards, the participant is required to use the Summit Fitness Aquatic Facilities a minimum of seventy (70) times a year, and to attend at least four (4) Canton sponsored health/wellness related classes. The Township will offer such classes monthly during the year. During this period, the participant will be permitted the same Summit membership privileges provided the other participants. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. BUDGET AMENDMENTS-CARRYOVER OF FY 2003 OPEN PURCHASE ORDERS TO FY 2004 Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the following budget amendments in the 2004 budgets for purchase order commitments carried over from 2003.

FUND	CURRENT BUDGET	BUDGET AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General	\$24,174,805	\$562,679	\$24,737,484
Fire	9,255,457	9,109	9,264,566
Police	12,418,245	71,434	12,489,679
Community Center	3,138,805	11,154	3,149,959
Cable TV	1,211,276	2,204	1,213,480
Community Impr.	2,023,149	336,689	2,359,838
911 Service	286,000	102,103	388,103
Capital Proj-Roads	277,000	1,283,127	1,560,127
Golf Course	2,496,651	19,217	2,515,868
Water & Sewer	26,192,022	71,633	1,645,057
Cherry Hill Rd. SAD	0	1,645,057	1,645,057

Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. BUDGET AMENDMENT PART-TIME SEASONAL WAGES Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the following budget amendments to increase the budget for part-time seasonal wages:

GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues: Appropriation form Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$23,200 Increase Appropriations: Salaries-Engineering Services #101-447-705-0000 \$23,200 This Budget amendment increases the Engineering Services Division budget from \$1,302,920 to \$1,326,120, and the General Fund budget from \$24,181,305 to \$24,204,505

WATER & SEWER FUND: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance: #592-441-705-0000 \$65,800 Salaries-Water & Sewer #592-441-705-0000 \$65,800 This budget amendment increases the Water & Sewer fund budget from \$26,192,000 to \$26,267,822.

SEASONAL STAFFING NEEDS - Public Works Division MSD				
Section	Position	Number	No. Weeks	Total Hours
Engineering	Engineering Intern	1	40	640
Water & Sewer	Seasonal Laborer	1	16	1280
	Seasonal Laborer	3	40	4800
Storm Water	Seasonal Laborer	1	37.5	1500
		TOTAL	7	8220
		Hourly rate = \$10.82		Budget required = \$88,940.40

Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. CONSIDER DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC WORKS SKID PUMPS Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to dispose of Township owned Gorman/Rupp skid model pumps using the sealed bid process the funds received would be receipted to the sale of fixed assets revenue account in the appropriate fund.

MODEL	CYLINDERS	SIZE	SERIAL#	ENGINE HOURS
88A2-5044	4	8"	788653	317.81
88A2-5044	4	8"	788652	495.71
88B2-5034	3	8"	754231	587.037
88B2-5034	3	8"	755352	324.01
88A2-5034	3	6"	801880	503.51

Motion carried. **Item 5. REAPPOINTMENT OF DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBERS** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to reappoint the following people to the Canton Downtown Development Authority: Melissa McLaughlin McLaughlin, Catherine Foege, Besty Ford, and Hazen Hiller, each for a term of four (4) years to expire February 28, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. BUDGET AMENDMENT-POLICE FUND-CAPITAL OUTLAY Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund to appropriate 2004 funds for the purchase of capital equipment scheduled in 2004:

Increase Revenues:		
Federal Frants-LLEBG	#207-000-507-0000	\$21,068
Fund Balance Appropriation	207-000-699-0000	2,341
Total		\$23,409

Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #207-301-977-0000 \$23,409 This budget amendment increase the FY 2004 Police Fund budget from \$12,418,245 to \$12,441,654. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER REVISED SITE PLAN FOR CHERRY PLAZA Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
Site Plan for Cherry Plaza Shopping Center

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors, Mr. Ali Charara and Mr. Leo Gonzales, has requested site plan approval for Cherry Plaza Shopping Center, to be located on Cherry Hill Road between Canton Center and Beck Roads (Tax ID #: 064-99-0018-000); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsors, Mr. Ali Charara and Mr. Leo Gonzales, to approve the site plan for the proposed Cherry Plaza Shopping Center, conditioned on their recommendation on the receipt of a signed letter of commitment from the property owner indicating that within 12 months of the completion of the shared driveway on the adjacent commercial property, the Cherry Hill road entrance will be closed, a rear loading and service zone along with the dumpster enclosure will be constructed at the rear of the building and the landscaping along Cherry Hill Road will be extended across the area that was the driveway and subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR THE VILLAS OF MAPLE CREEK (FORMERLY THE ABBEYS) SENIOR HOUSING Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
Site Plan for The Villas of Maple Creek Senior Housing

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsors, Mr. Michael Parks, has requested site plan approval for The Villas of Maple Creek (formerly The Abbeys of Canton) Senior Housing to be located on the northeast corner of Beck Road and Geddes Road, identified as tax EDP #111-99-0004-000; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation, conditioned upon revision of the plans to include the appropriate concrete road cross section, that the project sponsor work with staff on meter locations of the appropriate shrouding of meters and additionally that all roof stacks are to be dark in color to match the roof shingles.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Michael Parks, to approve the site plan for the proposed Villas of Maple Creek Senior Housing 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 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 3. CONSIDER GRANTING EASEMENT TO DETROIT EDISON Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to grant Detroit Edison easements across Township property as described at Ridge Road, north of Ford Road and Ridge and Cherry Hill Roads and after adding the stipulation that the easement granted will terminate within 12 months if the lead installation is incomplete, authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to execute the agreements. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. CONSIDER AWARDED THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF JLG SCISSOR LIFT Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to award the bid for the purchase of a JLG Scissor Lift Model #1930ES to United Rentals, Inc., 51722 Grand River Ave., Wixom, MI 48393 in the amount of \$9,163.00 #592-000-142-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. CONSIDER A RE-LEASE WITH OPTION TO BUY A 1999 HIGH PRESSURE SEWER JET RODDER AND CATCH BASIN CLEANER (VACTOR.) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to reject the bid proposals received from both Jack Doheny Supplies and Burke Equipment for leasing of a new unit and further, that the Township accept the proposal to re-lease (with option to buy) the 1999 High Pressure Sewer Jet Rodder and Catch Basin Cleaner from Jack Doheny Supplies, Inc., 777 Doheny Ct., Northville, MI., upon completion of the reconditioning, for an amount of \$21,704.59 per year, not to exceed five years. #101-445-940-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. APPROVE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON MARLOWE STREET. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the sale of parcel 71-057-010-158-000 for \$6,000 to Mr. Raymond Merlo, 8505 Terra Cella, Northville, Michigan, 48167. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A RICHIO AFICIO 1027 COPIER. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to purchase a Model Richio Aficio 1027 from IKON Office Solutions under the State of Michigan Bid in the amount of \$5,162.00 for the Treasurer's Department, account #101-253-977-000. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AUTHORIZE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CARDIOVASCULAR FITNESS EQUIPMENT Removed from Agenda

Item 9. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR A SECURITY SYSTEM AT FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB AND NEEDED BUDGET AMENDMENT. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the payment of \$6,192.00 to AAA Alarm Computer Center, 5953 Chase, Dearborn, MI 48126 for the security system at Fellows Creek Golf Club and to charge the expense as follows: Golf Course Enterprise Fund: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #584-000-699-0000 \$6,192 Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay-Building-Fellows Creek #582-697-976-0000 \$6,192 This budget amendment increase the Fellows Creek Golf Course Division budget from \$220,077 to \$226,269, and increases the Golf Course Enterprise Fund budget from \$2,496,651 to \$2,502,843. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. AMENDMENT (03-2004) TO THE FIRE PREVENTION CODE ADOPTION, CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE III, SECTION 38-64, FIRST READING. Motion by Bennett and seconded by Kirchgatter to introduce, table and publish for the first reading of the amendment (03-2004) Fire Prevention. Code Adoption Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-64. The first reading will occur on March 18, 2004 in the Canton Observer Newspaper.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON FIRE PREVENTION CODE ADOPTION AMENDMENT 03-2004

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE, 2000 EDITION, AS PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE III, SECTION 38-61.

The reference to Ordinance No. 109, as amended, §1, 2-9-1993 is hereby deleted.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE III, SECTION 38-64

Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-64 of the Code of Ordinances, Canton Charter Township is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 38-64. Amendments.

Appendices. Appendices B, C and D of the 2000 International Fire Code are hereby adopted.

The following sections and subsections of the International Fire Code are hereby amended or deleted as set forth and additional sections and subsections are added as indicated. Subsequent section numbers used in this Chapter shall refer to the like numbered sections of the International Fire Code.

101.1 Section amended to read:

101.1 **Title.** These regulations as set forth herein shall be known as the Fire Prevention Code of the Charter Township of Canton and are herein referred to as such or as the "Code".

104.11.4 Section added to read:

104.11.4 **Compliance with Orders.** A person shall not willfully fail, or refuse, to comply with any lawful order or direction of the Fire Chief or to interfere with the compliance attempts of another individual.

104.11.5 Section added to read:

104.11.5 **Vehicles Crossing Fire Hose.** A vehicle shall not be driven or propelled over any unprotected fire hose of the Fire Department when laid down on any street, alley-way, private drive or any other vehicular roadway without the consent of the fire official in command at said operation.

202.1 Section added to include:

202.1 **General Definitions.** The word "street" as used in the ordinance shall mean any roadway accessible to the public for vehicular traffic, including, but not limited to, private streets or access lanes, and all public streets and highways within the boundaries of the municipality.

307.2 Section amended to read:

307.2 **Open Burning Prohibited:** All open burning will be prohibited within the geographical limits of the Township unless otherwise authorized in writing by the designated Wayne County Official and the Fire Official of the Township.

The following Sections are deleted: F.307.3 through F-307.3.2

307.3 Section added to read:

307.3 **Recreational fires:** Recreational fires shall be kindled only in strict compliance with written guidelines established by the code official. Printed

copies of the Recreational Fire Guidelines are available to the public at the Public Safety Department during regular business hours.

307.4 Amended to read:

307.4 **Attendance.** Recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of 1 portable fire extinguisher complying with section 906 with a minimum 4-A rating, a charged garden hose or water truck shall be available for immediate utilization.

F-307.5 Section amended to read:

F-307.5 Grills and Outdoor Fireplaces in Residential Area. A person shall not use a cooking grill, outdoor fireplace or any other open flame device that uses propane, charcoal, gasoline, wood, etc., nor shall a person allow the kindling of a fire of any nature on balconies, within means of egress, on porches or patios under a roof, or within 10' of combustible construction.

Exception:

1. Single family dwellings.

503.4.1 Section added to read;

503.4.1 **Street Obstructions.** A person or persons shall not erect, construct, place or maintain any bumps, fences, gates, chains, bars, pipes, wood or metal horses or any other type of obstruction in or on any street within the boundaries of the Township. All private streets or access drives shall be maintained and accessible for fire apparatus at all times including maintenance of the surface to support fire apparatus and snow removal.

508.1.1 Section added to read;

508.1.1 **Public Water Supply.** The fire official shall recommend to the chief administrative official of the municipality the location or relocation of new or existing fire hydrants and the placement or replacement of inadequate water mains located upon public property and deemed necessary to provide an adequate fire flow and distribution pattern. A fire hydrant shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the fire official.

The following section is Section deleted:

508.5.1 Exception #2.

508.5.1 Section added to read;

508.5.1 **Major thoroughfares.** Fire hydrants located on the opposite side of major thoroughfares as determined by the Code Official shall not be considered.

508.5.1.2 Section added to read;

508.5.1.2 **Location of Fire Hydrants.** Fire Hydrants shall be situated immediately adjacent to, and in no event, a distance greater than 20' from a public road or fire apparatus access road.

508.5.1.3 Section added to read;

508.5.1.3 **Location of Fire Hydrants for Sprinklered buildings.** There shall be a fire hydrant located within 50' of any fire department connection and the hydrant shall be accessible to fire department apparatus.

508.5.1.4 Section added to read;

508.5.1.4 **Yard Systems.** All new and existing lumber yards, amusement or exhibition parks and educational or institutional complexes and similar occupancies and uses involving high fire or life hazards and which are located more than 150 feet from a public street or which require quantities of water beyond the capabilities of the public water distribution system shall be provided with properly placed fire hydrants. Such fire hydrants shall be capable of supplying flows as required by the fire official and shall be connected to a water system in accordance with accepted engineering practices. The fire official shall designate and approve the number and location of fire hydrants. All yard hydrants shall be painted yellow. The fire official may require the installation of sufficient fire hoses and equipment housed in accordance with the approved rules and may require the establishment of a trained fire brigade when the hazard involved requires such measures. Private hydrants shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the fire official. (Ord. 89, Sec. F-3513.1, 10-11-85)

508.5.1.5 **Exceptions** When the Code Official may determine the size, construction, location or occupancy use of a building otherwise subject to the provisions of Section 508.5.1, 508.5.1.2, or 508.5.1.3 does not constitute a hazard to life and property from fire or explosion or, where additional built-in fire protection over and above the minimum requirements of the International Building Code and International Fire Code is installed, the Code Official shall be authorized to vary the distance requirements set forth in Section F-508.5.1 as he (she) shall deem reasonable and necessary. However, in no event shall the distance requirement be extended beyond 500 feet.

508.5.4.1 Section added to read;

508.5.4.1 **Violation** If upon the expiration of the time mentioned in a notice of violation, obstructions or encroachments are not removed, the fire official shall proceed to remove the same. Cost incurred in the performance of necessary work shall be paid from the municipal treasury on certificate of the fire official and with the approval of the chief administrative official and the legal authority of the municipality shall institute appropriate action for the recovery of such costs.

508.5.7 Section added to read;

508.5.7 **Damaging Fire Hydrants and Fire Protection Equipment.** It shall be unlawful to damage, deface, obstruct or restrict the access to any fire hydrant or any fire department connection or fire protection system control valves for the pressurization of fire suppression systems, including fire hydrants and fire department connection that are located on public or private streets and access lanes or on private property.

508.5.8 Section added to read;

508.5.8 **Hydrant Use Approval.** No person shall, without authority of the Fire Official or his designated representative use, open or operate any fire hydrant, except for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, unless such person first secures a permit for such use from the fire official and the water company having jurisdiction. This section shall not apply to the use of such hydrants by a person employed by and authorized to make such use by the water company having jurisdiction.

901.8.2 Section added to read;

901.8.2 **Replacement of Fire Suppression Equipment.** Whenever a fire appliance is removed as herein permitted, it shall be replaced or reinstalled as soon as the purpose for which it was removed has been accomplished. Defective and non-approved fire appliance or equipment shall be replaced or repaired as directed by the fire official.

906.1 Section amended to include:

6. In all multi-family buildings as assigned by the fire official, not limited to one (1) per dwelling unit, one (1) per landing.

906.11 Section added to read;

906.11 **Sale of Defective Fire Extinguishers.** A person shall not sell, trade, loan or give away any form, type or kind of fire extinguisher which is not approved by the fire official, which is not in proper working order or the contents of which do no meet the requirements of the Fire official. The requirements of this section shall not apply to the sale, trade or exchange of obsolete or damaged equipment for junk when said units are permanently disfigured or marked with a permanent sign identifying the unit as junk.

2201.1 Section amended to read:

2201.1 **Scope:** Automotive service stations, marine service stations, fleet vehicle service stations and repair garages, shall be in accordance with this chapter and the following ordinances, laws, codes or regulations: Michigan Building Code; International Fuel Gas Code; International Mechanical Code; The National Fire Prevention Association;

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspaper, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

MARCH

Lenten Fish Fry

4:30-7 p.m. every Friday during Lent at SS. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, between Merriman and Joy, Westland. All are welcome. Cost for deep fried or baked fish is \$6.50 adults, \$3.50 children age 12 and under, \$2.50 for grilled cheese sandwich. For more information, call (734) 722-1343.

Prayer group

After a short recess St. Edith "Disciple of Love" prayer group resumes their weekly meetings 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, in the A.V. room, back entrance 2, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile, Livonia. Rev. Louis Tuffour will speak about Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ." All are welcome for songs, praise and worship. For more information, call (734) 464-8906, (734) 464-3656, or (734) 464-1896.

Women's Ministry Leadership Luncheon

An event designed to help women's ministry leaders network with other women who understand the joys and pressures involved in ministering to other 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at William Tyndale Kresge Chapel, Farmington Hills. Complimentary lunch. RSVP to (248) 553-7200 or send e-mail to callcenter@williamtyndale.edu.

Lenten series

Exploring our Suffering Friday-Sunday, March 19-21, at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 425-5950.

Rhythm Rhymes and Java

An evening of poetry, music and art 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Friday, March 19, at First Baptist Institutional Church, 17101 W. Seven Mile, between Greenfield and Southfield, Detroit. Cost is \$5. For more information, call (248) 563-4493 or (313) 533-6442.

Apocalypse conference

David Dark, author of "Everyday Apocalypse: The Sacred Revealed in Radiohead, The Simpsons and other Pop Culture Icons" presents the conference "Apocalyptic for the People: How The Simpsons and Radiohead (and other Pop Culture Icons) Might Save Your Life" 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 20, at Trinity Church, 14800 Middlebelt, Livonia. Advance tickets are \$15, \$12 Evangelical Covenant Church members and students. Tickets at the door will be an additional \$3. For more information, call (734) 425-2800 or send e-mail to TrinCovCh@aol.com. In the book he challenges a removed definition of apocalypse, calling his readers back to the root of the word, which is "revelation." Dark calls us to imagine apocalypse as a more "watchful way of being" in the world. He draws on the wisdom of popular culture, including The Simpsons, Beck and Coen brothers' films, to expose the "moral bankruptcy of our imaginations."

A Cappella concert

The Rochester College A Cappella Chorus performs 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the Sanctuary at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 620 Romeo Street, north of University, east of Rochester Road. The program is free and open to the public. All areas of the building are wheelchair accessible. For more information, call (248) 651-9361.

An Evening with Simon Peter

St. Colette Church presents the two-act, one actor production of "An Evening with Simon Peter" 7 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the main church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia. No charge. A

freewill offering will be accepted after the presentation. The full theatrical performance brings Jesus to life through the eyes of the apostle Simon Peter. The presentation is suitable for junior high school children and up.

Parable Treasure Fair

Come and find the treasure of Jesus' Word 3-5 p.m. Sunday, March 21, in the social hall at St. Maurice Church, 32765 Lyndon, Livonia. Games, craft and refreshments are included in the parish's religious education program. No charge. For more information, call (734) 421-5240.

Lenten Activities

Witness God's Love In Outreach and Music, activities continue 10 a.m. Sunday, March 21, worship and guest speaker Frank Turner, an Emmy award-winning journalist and broadcaster for 20 years. An 11 a.m. pancake breakfast follows. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Senior High Youth Trip to Ichthus, a 3-day Christian music festival in Kentucky in April. Lenten activities continue with a potluck dinner 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 28. Bring a dish to pass. 6:30 p.m. concert follows with the Cass Ambassador, a group of former home-

less men who are rebuilding their lives. A freewill offering will be received to help support the Ambassadors ministry. Through a program sponsored by Cass United Methodist Church, the Scott Building has facilities that provides multiple services including housing for 42 formerly homeless men. Final Lenten program begins 5:30 p.m. Palm Sunday, April 4, with a family-friendly Bible Times Dinner. The program is interactive and educational and includes the story of Moses and the first Passover. Everyone is invited. Easter Sunday, April 11, witness God's love for everyone during an 8 a.m.

sunrise service at Greenmead Historical Village, and a 10 a.m. Easter worship.

Adult education series

Began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, and continues to March 22, at the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18200 Merriman, Livonia. Presented by Rev. George Shalhoub, Rev. Romanos Malouf and Josh Paletta, the lecture is open to the public and everyone interested in learned more about the Orthodox Christian faith is encouraged to attend. For more information, call (734) 422-0010.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present, with Mr. Munfakh arriving at 7:02 p.m. and Mr. Curmi arriving at 7:04 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill amended the Agenda by the addition of Item J.2 under New Business, 2004 Wage Increases for Non-Represented Employees, and under Closed Session, Trotter vs. Plymouth Township, Settlement Offer. She then moved to approve the Agenda for the March 9, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all, with Trustees Curmi and Munfakh absent.

Trustee Munfakh arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the March 9, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted, with the exception of approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 24, 2004. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all, with Trustee Curmi absent.

Mr. Munfakh moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of February 24, 2004, as submitted. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all, with Mrs. Massengill and Mr. Edwards abstaining because they were not present for the meeting. Trustee Curmi arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Resident Don Schnettler questioned the Township charging 8% interest on special assessment districts when interest rates for bond funds are currently much lower.

Mr. Mann responded that the 8% rate has been in effect for a number of years. One of the reasons for not changing the rate is in fairness to those in prior special assessment districts that cannot be refigured.

Mr. Edwards said Township funds, rather than bond funds, are used to finance special assessment districts. Residents have the option of paying off the assessment and/or seeking other means of financing at a lesser rate.

Mr. Munfakh felt that currently charging 8% to the homeowners is excessive.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing regarding Plymouth Hills Subdivision Road Paving S.A.D. at 7:31 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill noted receipt of a letter from Keith and Jeannine Cleland, owners of Lot 5, objecting to the project. They feel the summary of events has not been followed properly and they would like to see this put aside for the time being.

Mrs. Muriel Fritz, 11919 Amherst Court, indicated a rescue squad vehicle recently got stuck while attempting to rescue her neighbor. She felt the road should be paved in the interests of safety.

There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 04-03-09-09, authorizing the Engineer to complete final Engineering Drawings, to take bids, and have the Supervisor prepare final Special Assessment Roll for the Board's approval upon completion of the thirty (30) day waiting period provided no objections have been filed. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to adopt Resolution 04-03-09-10, authorizing Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C-41439 and

approve the Storm Drain Agreement with Meridian Square, L.L.C., and authorize Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve a wage increase of 3% for all non-represented Plymouth Township employees for the year 2004, retroactive to January 1, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. ROLL CALL: AYES: Arnold, Edwards, Curmi, Massengill, Munfakh, Mann

NAYS: Griffith. Motion carried.

Mr. Mann remarked that the Township closed on purchase of the Massey property. Nineteen proposals were opened last Friday for architectural services for the new Township Hall and the committee will be reviewing them soon.

Mr. Curmi requested an update on sidewalk status.

Mr. Anulewicz explained for Mr. Curmi the current status of various youth baseball leagues.

He also updated Ms. Arnold on the fact that the Salvation Army and YMCA day camps are moving to the soccer park. He said the shelter nearest the playscape will now always be open to the general public.

In answer to Ms. Arnold's question regarding whether residents could be given priority to use the sprayscape this summer, Mr. Anulewicz noted that Federal funds have been used at the park, causing implications for whatever is done in the park. This makes restricting non-residents extremely difficult.

Police Chief Tiderington updated Board members on the department's recent training exercise at Johnson Controls and their assistance in the arrests of shoplifters who were fencing goods at a Detroit party store

At 7:54 p.m. it was moved by Mrs. Massengill and seconded by Mr. Griffith that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing

Re: Plymouth Township v Mann, et al Settlement Offer Trotter vs. Plymouth Township, et al Settlement Offer

This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Acts, Public Act No. 267, Article 15.268, Section 8, paragraph (e). Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mr. Griffith moved to return to Open Session at 8:40 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes all.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CMC Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth STEVEN MANN, Supervisor Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on March 9, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on March 23, 2004.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the following: Supervisor's office, 42850 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Phone number (734) 364-3200 TDD units: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Services)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING FY 2004 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room located at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant action plan. Comment will be accepted on the following project proposals: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$8,800; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$10,100; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$1,500; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Summit Scholarship, \$1,500; Human Services Center Construction, \$275,000; Program Administration, \$85,200; Housing Rehabilitation, \$9,400. Allocation total: \$434,000. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194, Ex. 5194.

TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Leisure Services Department up to 4:00 p.m., April 2nd, 2004 for the following:

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THERAPEUTIC RECREATION PROGRAMS

Specifications are available at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, MI 48188. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and ate and time of proposal 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. Questions may be directed to Keith Alexander at (734) 394-5483.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FY 2004 CDBG ACTION PLAN

Beginning March 18, 2004, and for 30 days thereafter, the Charter Township of Canton will accept public comment on the FY 2004 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan. Comment will be accepted on the following project proposals: First Step, \$36,000; Growth Works, \$8,800; Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services, \$10,100; Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$1,500; Volunteer Coordinator, \$6,500; Summit Scholarship, \$1,500; Human Services Center Construction, \$275,000; Program Administration, \$85,200; Housing Rehabilitation, \$9,400. Allocation total: \$434,000. On Tuesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room located at the Summit on the Park Community Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan 48188, the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the Action Plan. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194, Ex. 5194.

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The State of Michigan, DEQ Flammable Liquids Regulations;
This Code;
Such operations shall include both public accessible and private operations.

2401.4.1 Section added to read;

2401.4.1 Tents, permit issuance. Application for permits required under this section or the Building Code shall be made to the Building Official and permit secured from same.

3302.1.1 Section to read:

3404.2.9.5.1 Locations, where above-ground tanks are prohibited. The storage of Class I and II liquids in above ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited within the geographic limits of Canton Township.

Exceptions:

1. Approved skid tanks for construction purposes may be used when application is made in writing for a permit which is approved by the fire official.

2. A UL-approved farm storage tank of 275 gallons or less capacity may be permitted when application is made in writing and approved by the fire official within the limits of the zoning use district designated AG by the zoning ordinance of the Township.

3. Fuel oil tanks used in conjunction with home heating when tanks are installed and operated in accordance with Chapter 27 and 34.

Chapter 46 - Authority at Fires - is hereby added to read as follows:

Chapter 46 - Authority at Fires

4600.1 Definition of Authorized Emergency Vehicles. Authorized emergency vehicles shall be restricted to those which are defined and authorized under the laws of the State of Michigan.

4600.2 Operations of Vehicles on Approach of Authorized Emergency Vehicles. Upon the approach of any authorized emergency vehicle giving audible and visual signal, the operator of every other vehicle immediately drive the same to a position as near as possible and parallel to the right-hand edge or curb of the street or roadway, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle or vehicles shall have passed, unless otherwise directed by the fire official or a police officer.

4600.3 Vehicles Following Fire Apparatus. It shall be unlawful for the operator of any vehicle other than one on official business to follow closer than 300 feet from any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm or to drive any vehicle within the block or immediate area where any fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm.

4600.4 Unlawful Boarding or Tampering with Fire Department Emergency. A person shall not without proper authorization from the fire official in charge of said fire department emergency equipment cling to, attach himself to, climb upon or into, board or swing upon any fire department emergency vehicle, whether the same is in motion or at rest, or sound the siren, horn, bell or other sound-producing device thereon or to manipulate or tamper with or attempt to manipulate or tamper with any levers, valves, switches, starting devices, brakes, pumps or any equipment or protective clothing on, or a part of any fire department emergency vehicle.

4600.5 Damage or Injury to Fire Department - Equipment, Personnel. It shall be unlawful for any person to damage or deface any fire department emergency vehicle at any time or to injure or

attempt to injure or conspire to injure fire department personnel while performing departmental duties.

4600.6 Emergency Vehicle Operation. The driver of any emergency vehicle, as defined in Section 5 of this Ordinance, shall not sound the siren thereon or have the front red lights on or disobey any existing traffic regulation, except when said vehicle is responding to an emergency call or when responding to, but not upon returning from a fire. Tactical strategies such as, but not restricted to, "move-ups" do not constitute an emergency call. The driver of an emergency vehicle may:

- park or stand irrespective of the provisions of existing traffic regulations;
- proceed past a red or stop signal or other sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
- exceed the prima facie speed limit so long as the action does not endanger life or property;
- disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified directions;
- the exemptions herein granted to an emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds audible signal by bell, siren or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of such vehicle.

SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PELANTY.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished as provided in Ordinance No. 63 Misdemeanor Violations Section 70.168 of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton. Each day that a violation continues after due notice has been served in accordance with the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

Rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecutions for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

Should any section, clause, or paragraph of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same will not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.

SECTION 6. REPEAL OF CURRENT SECTION 38-64.

The current version of Chapter 38, Article III, Section 38-64 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published as required by law, and this Ordinance shall take full force and affect in the course and manner as provided by law.

OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be no study session next week. Supervisor Yack stated that it was a privilege spending time with the Youth Leadership Students and that their parents have done a fine job. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. - Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett - Clerk -

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

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Cranbrook restoration featured Sunday on HGTV

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, Save America's Treasures and Home & Garden Television honored the historic Cranbrook House as the newest addition to HGTV's public affairs initiative Restore America: A Salute to Preservation.

The special presentation was held Feb. 27 at the Cranbrook Art Museum's DeSalle Auditorium in Bloomfield Hills and helped kick off Cranbrook's Centennial celebration.

Cranbrook chief advancement officer Rick Loewenstein and director of archives Mark Coir highlighted the legacy of the Cranbrook House, a historic educational community that was designed to foster individual growth, and the Centennial of its founding in 1904. Cranbrook Schools claim a roster of well-known graduates, including artists, actors, athletes and entrepreneurs. Among them are actress Selma Blair, architect Tod Williams, historian Natalie Zemon Davis and Heisman Trophy winner Peter Dawkins.

Guests were treated to an exclusive preview of the Restore America: A Salute to Preservation segment featuring Cranbrook House, and a special tour highlighting the restoration efforts underway at the site.

The segment is scheduled to air on HGTV's popular series Restore America at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21.

Representatives from the National Trust, HGTV, Save America's Treasures and co-sponsor, Comcast Cable, presented a commemorative plaque and a \$75,000 check to Cranbrook Trustee Virginia (Ginny) Fox to support the restoration work. Fox is Cranbrook's properties committee chair and the granddaughter of Cranbrook's founders.

Cranbrook House was selected for this designation from among 1,000 Save America's Treasures sites across the country. Other co-sponsors of this project include Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse, Marvin Windows and Doors, and American Express.

Cranbrook House is the ninth of 12 Save America's Treasures sites to be featured on HGTV's popular Restore America series as a part of the national campaign, Restore America: A Salute to Preservation – a partnership of HGTV and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. As part of this effort, HGTV donated \$1 million to the National Trust for the restoration and preservation of the 12 Save America's Treasures sites, and each month the network highlights the restoration efforts of one of these sites.

The network will contribute another \$1 million to restore 12 additional Save America's Treasures sites in 2004-2005.

Cranbrook House is the oldest surviving manor home in the Detroit area and a centerpiece of the Cranbrook educational and artistic community. Founders George and Ellen Booth's dream to achieve something of lasting value and service led them to develop what is known today as Cranbrook Educational Community, named for the village in Kent County, England where George's father was born.

The couple contracted famed architect Albert Kahn to build the English Tudor Revival home on 174 acres of overgrown farmland outside of Detroit, and in 1908 the house was completed.

Boasting ornate wooden carvings and moldings, decorative copper gutters, handcrafted tapestries and tiles, and 40 acres of magnificent public gardens, Cranbrook House became – and remains – one of America's outstanding examples of arts-and-crafts design.

Booth and his wife Ellen wanted Cranbrook, which would ultimately expand to 315 acres, to serve a more public and educational purpose than simply their home. They began to develop their

vision before World War I by building a theater and a meeting house, and by expanding their own home.

Educational offerings grew quickly after the war with the establishment of a boys' school, a girls' school, a science institute, and an art school.

The role of Cranbrook House has changed since the Booths died in the late 1940s, but it remains a vital part of what is now known as the Cranbrook Educational Community.

Not only does the house frequently host conferences and meetings, but thousands of visitors each year enjoy tours of its architecture, furnishings and gardens.

Over the years, Cranbrook House developed a number of structural problems, including a weakened terrace, leaking roofs and gutters, loose and falling bricks, and chimney problems, which threatened the future of the institution's main building.

Leaks over the library were particularly worrisome since they endangered the house's priceless collection books.

The grant from HGTV and the Restore America: A Salute to Preservation initiative will support the restoration currently underway to repair these problems.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting the irreplaceable. Recipient of the National Humanities Medal, the Trust provides leadership, education and advocacy to save America's diverse historic places and revitalize communities.

Its Washington, DC headquarters staff, six regional offices and 25 historic sites work with the Trust's members and thousands of local community groups in all 50 states. For more information, visit the National Trust's web site at www.nationaltrust.org.

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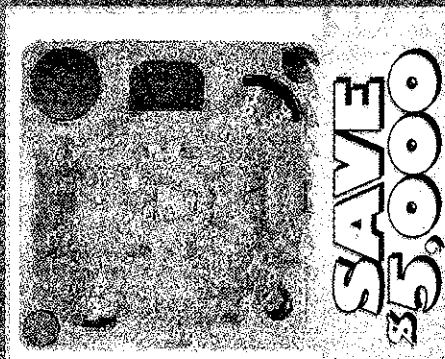
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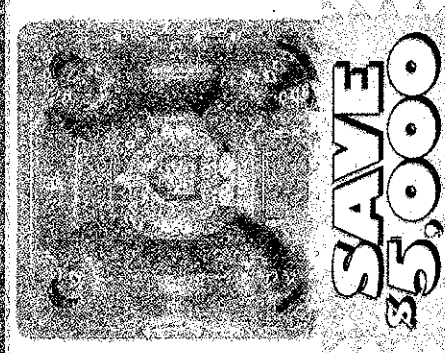
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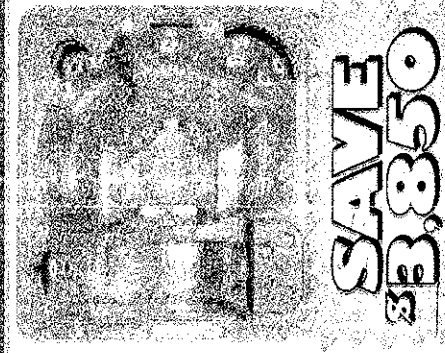
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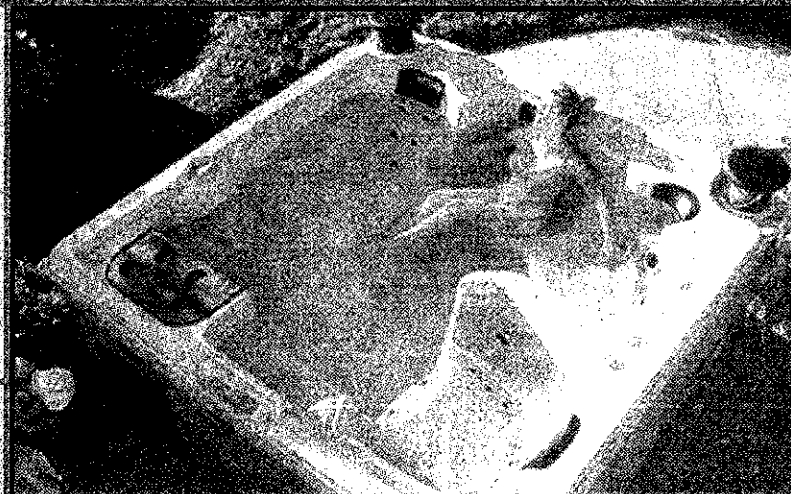
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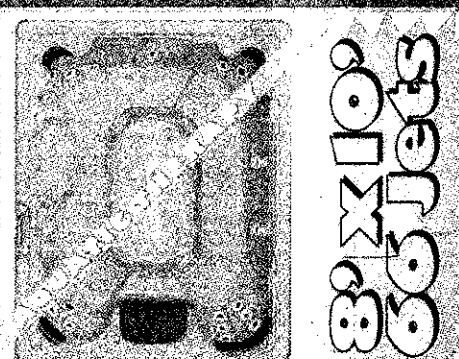
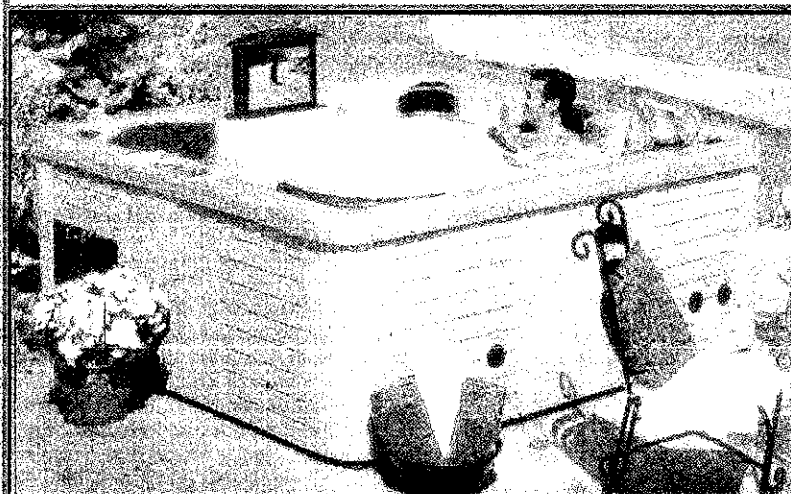
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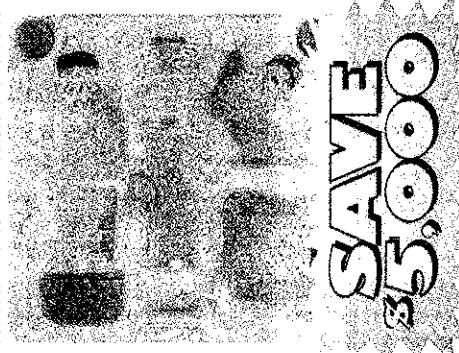
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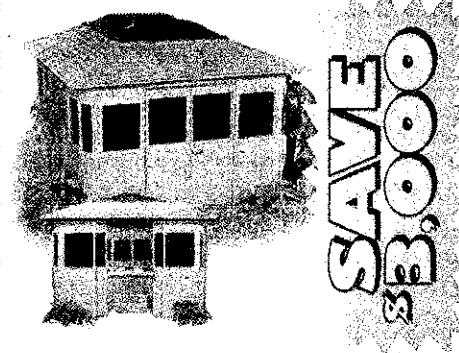
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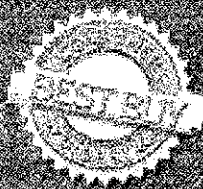


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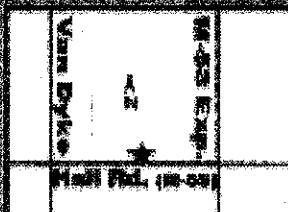


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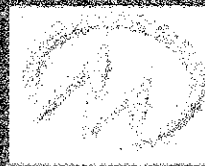
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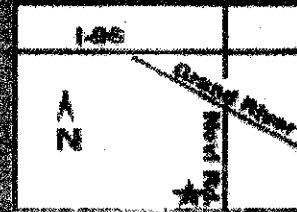
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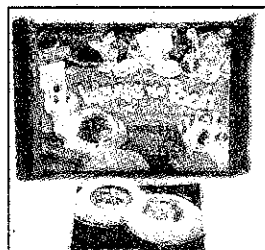


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Side dish

Cookies are new

Pillsbury has released Winnie the Pooh sugar cookie kits, in conjunction with the release of



Disney's new feature *Winnie the Pooh: Springtime with Roo*.

Available now in supermarkets, each cookie kit includes 12 ready-to-bake sugar cookie dough rounds, a pouch of vanilla Gold Medal frosting and 12 Winnie the Pooh Edible Image Decorations. Kids can choose from four different edible decorations, each featuring color images of Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore and Piglet and Pooh together.

The cookies come pre-sliced, and the no-mess preparation makes it easy for children to help. Just place the dough rounds on an ungreased cookie sheet, bake for 12 to 16 minutes and decorate the cooled cookies with frosting and edible images. Each 12.8-ounce cookie kit contains enough vanilla frosting, edible decorations and sugar cookie rounds to create 12 finished cookies. The suggested retail price is \$2.99.

Carino's in town

Johnny Carino's Country Italian restaurant has opened in Commerce Township, at 500 Loop Road.

The restaurant is Tomatto Grotto's fourth Michigan restaurant. Rob Bruce, president of Tomatto Grotto, said Johnny Carino's is a "big taste of Italian countryside." The menu will feature 12-layer lasagna, chicken parmigiana, spicy shrimp and chicken, chicken scallopini and homemade tiramisu.

The restaurant has antiqued framed family pictures, Italian ceramics, wood and stone walls, colorful mismatched wooden chairs and small intimate dining chairs and small intimate dining rooms offering booth and table seating.

There are 101 Johnny Carino Country Italian restaurants in 18 states and four countries.

Don't forget frozen

Frozen foods are convenient because they are easy to prepare and serve; quick because there is no prep time involved — just heat and serve; and nutritious because freezing preserves a food's nutrients.

Frozen foods are more than just pizza pies — there are a range of seasonless fruits, juices, vegetables, bread and potato products, seafood, meats, snacks and desserts available from the freezer case to help you plan a well-balanced meal every day. To retain the vitamins and other nutrients of frozen foods, they must be stored at 0° F or lower, as recommended by the National Frozen & Refrigerated Foods Association.

"Food is one of the most important parts of our existence. It makes up the blood which flows through every organ in our bodies. It can affect our mood and how we think. The food you choose to consume is pretty powerful stuff. And food is the one thing you do have control over in your life. You choose what you put in your mouth. So please make educated, smart decisions when it comes to food. Make it simple and varied."

— Valerie Wilson
chef and instructor



Val Wilson of Garden City adds ingredients to her food processor as she makes 'cheese' for enchiladas. The main ingredient of the 'cheese' is tofu.

hearty healthy

Author promotes natural foods, grains

If Garden City resident Valerie Wilson hadn't read *Confessions of a Kamikaze Cowboy* by Dirk Benedict in 1993, she might still be dealing with the allergies and health problems that she says plagued her for years. And she might not be the cookbook author, teacher and whole-foods chef she is today.

"This down-to-earth book describes the journey Mr. Benedict took to heal his body of prostate cancer through changing his diet," said the 36-year-old Wilson, who recently published *Perceptions in Healthy Cooking*, her first cookbook.

"When I read his book, I had a light-bulb moment. I thought, 'Wow, this completely makes sense. This is the way we

are supposed to be eating; the way our ancient ancestors ate — not things that are highly-refined and highly-processed with no nutritional value."

Wilson once averaged six cans of diet pop a day. She believes aluminum from the cans accumulated in her system and contributed to a skin condition. Now that she's eating a healthier diet, her allergies went away and the eczema cleared up.

"My body got down to its ideal weight, and just stayed there," Wilson said. "I don't even think about my weight." Wilson managed restaurants, operated her own house-cleaning business and studied macrobiotics before launching

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Story By M.B. Dillon



After several of her students told Wilson that she should write a cookbook, she went ahead and published one with many of the recipes she teaches in class.

Event promotes vegetarian meals

Vegetarians, dieters, nutritionists or anyone who wants to learn more about cutting back on meat consumption can attend the Great American Meatout noon-4 p.m. Sunday, March 28 at the Gerry Kulick Community Center, 1201 Livernois in Ferndale.

Admission is \$5 (children 10 and under free).

Sponsored by Vegans in Motion, the event promotes the healthy benefits of a plant-based diet. Organizers say the event will help those interested in vegetarianism, or those interested in simply eating healthier by cutting back on meat.

Food samples from local vegetarian-friendly restaurants will be available. Presentations will highlight the benefits of a plant-based diet. Literature on nutrition, animal rights, environmentalism will be distributed.

Door prizes, vegetarian food and vegetarian friendly products also will be available.

The Great American Meatout is a national event sponsored by FARM (Farm Animal Reform Movement, <http://www.farmusa.org>).

The date of the event, on the first day of spring, is symbolic of rebirth and renewal. FARM's purpose is to help consumers evolve from a meat-based diet to what organizers call a wholesome, nonviolent diet of grains, vegetables, and fruits.

Culminating on the first day of spring, March 20, thousands of people in all 50 states and several other countries will put on educational events ranging from information tables and exhibits to receptions, cooking demonstrations, festivals, and radio/television shows.

Speakers will encourage people to "kick the meat habit, at least for a day, and explore a more wholesome, less violent diet." Dr. Michael Greger (<http://www.veganmd.com>) and Dr. Joel Kahn, cardiologist and head of cardiac rehabilitation at William Beaumont Hospital speak on the topic, "Rehabbing the heart — start with the mouth."

Other presentations include a speech by Jim Corcoran, president of Vegans in Motion, who has been teaching "Vegetarianism 101" at community and senior centers all over southeast Michigan.

The growth of Meatout has been reflected in important dietary trends:

- Over 30 million Americans have explored a meatless diet
- Vegetarianism is popular among teens

- National beef and veal consumption have dropped by 25 and 70 percent

- Major manufacturers and retailers are marketing meatless meals

- Mainstream health advocacy organizations are touting meatless eating

- U.S. dietary guidelines for Americans have endorsed vegetarian diets

Meatout officials say that since 1985, people have learned the benefits of "kicking the meat habit" on consumer health, resource conservation, environmental quality, and animal welfare.

Kicking the meat habit reduces risk of heart disease, stroke, cancer, and other chronic diseases that cripple and kill nearly 1.5 million Americans annually, organizers said.

It also lowers the risk of potential exposure of infectious pathogens like salmonella, E. coli, and campylobacteria which sicken millions and kill 9,000 annually.

Organizers said giving up meat frees up grains and soybeans, currently fed to animals, for the world's hungry people.

Kicking the meat habit helps preserve topsoil, water, and other food production resources.

It also helps preserve forests, grasslands, and other wildlife habitats and reduces pollution of our waterways by soil particles, debris, manure, and pesticides.

On top of these benefits, kicking the meat habit saves 35 animals per person annually from factory farming and from slaughter.

To get to the Great American Meatout annual event, turn south on Livernois from Nine Mile Road. The center is located at Livernois and Pearson. Pearson is the third street south of Nine Mile Road.

For information about the event, e-mail ML_vegn@yahoo.com or call (313) 541-0162. Also see the latest information at <http://www.all4vegan.net/vim/meatout2004.htm>. More information on Meatouts can be found at <http://www.meatout.org>.

Turn veggies upside-down in casserole

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Because of the volume of recipes that flit through my kitchen, I tend to be a harsh judge when determining which become keepers and which land in the compost pile.

The herd is culled using a few basic criteria, including ease and speed of preparation, and availability of ingredients. But the most likely quality to ensure a long life in my repertoire is flexibility.

Flexible recipes, such as whatever-is-the-fridge soup and omelet-of-whatever-strikes-my-fancy, are the backbone of home cooking. These dishes usually require only basic skills and equipment, but are versatile enough never to bore.

Pasta is the king of flex. I recently topped it with a sauté of leftover onion, steamed broccoli, bell pepper, shelled edamame, a handful of grape tomatoes, a splash of olive oil, balsamic vinegar, and a pinch of salt and pepper.

It was easy, delicious and a great way to use up refrigerator remnants.

This bias to flexibility can

leave me frustrated by cookbooks which have the audacity to insist not only that I measure but also that I use specific ingredients.

Then I found Nava Atlas' *The Vegetarian Family Cookbook* (Broadway Books, 2004, \$17.95) — a comprehensive collection of recipes written with my sort of random pantry in mind.

Atlas is good not only at offering recipes that easily accommodate variation, but also at spelling out ideas for changes.

For a superbly simple and versatile main dish, try Atlas' vegetable upside-down casserole. Though I'm not sure what about this dish is upside down, it is a delicious and comforting winter meal perfect for using small amounts of spare produce. Some combinations she suggests include: corn, tomato and scallion; broccoli and onion; and squash and spinach.

VEGETABLE UPSIDE-DOWN CASSEROLE

3 to 4 cups vegetables, cut into bite-sized chunks
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 cup whole-wheat pastry flour
½ cup wheat germ

½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon salt
¾ cup low-fat yogurt or soy yogurt
¾ cup low-fat milk, rice milk or soy milk
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
½ cup grated cheese or nondairy cheese

Preheat oven to 375 F.

Heat a medium skillet over a medium flame. Add olive oil and vegetables and sauté until just tender. Time will vary depending on vegetables. Set aside.

Lightly oil a round 2-quart casserole or a 9-by-13-inch baking pan.

Combine the flour, wheat germ, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a mixing bowl. Make a well in the center and add the yogurt, milk and vegetable oil. Stir together until well mixed.

Transfer the vegetables to the prepared pan. Sprinkle with cheese. Pour the batter evenly over the vegetables, gently smoothing it out with a spatula.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the top is golden and firm. Let stand for about 10 minutes, then cut into wedges or squares to serve.

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Cooking demonstrations

Chef Tim Cirka features cooking demonstrations and tastings from Weight Watchers Meals in Minutes. This month, Cirka prepares potato and pepper frittata. Cooking demonstrations at all Weight Watchers locations and centers are open to the public. The demonstrations are scheduled for 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. today at Weight Watchers Center, 6183-87 Haggerty (across from Meijer) in West Bloomfield and 5:30 p.m. Monday at Weight Watchers Center in the West Ridge Shopping Center, 35699 W. Warren in Westland. Call (888) 3-FLORINE for further information.

Schoolcraft College

Enjoy the talents of the staff at Schoolcraft College with culinary seminars offered through the culinary arts department and the college's Continuing Education Services. Among the topics are Thai and Vietnamese Cuisine, 6-10 p.m., Wednesday, March 24; Classic French Pastry, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, March 25, and Be a Sweet Tart, 6-9 p.m., Tuesday, April 27. For a complete schedule of seminars, call (734) 462-4448 or visit the college's Continuing Education Services building, 18600 Haggerty in Livonia (south of Seven Mile Road). For information, call (734) 462-4448.

Bella Cucina

Bella Cucina of Plymouth instructs cooking classes in the lower level kitchen at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at North Territorial and Beck roads in Plymouth Township. The next

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session will give a demonstration on turkey polpettone, porcini mushroom risotto, spinach salad with pancetta and pine nuts and double cheesy garlic bread. The class, taught 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 30, is a hands-on demonstration. Class sizes are limited to 12 with a cost of \$50 per person and payment due at registration. For information, call (734) 455-4232.

Beer tasting

Enjoy various samplings and tastings of beer at the ninth annual Winterfest Beer Tasting 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, in the VisiTech Center at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads. The event is sponsored by the Schoolcraft College Gourmet Club and Merchant's Fine Wine with locations in Grosse Pointe Woods, Dearborn and Royal Oak. Patrons must be 21 years of age and provide identification at the door. Tickets are \$40 per person and include fine culinary cuisine, up to 50 tastings of assorted beers, door prizes and a complimentary tasting glass. Tickets can be purchased at Merchant's Fine Wine locations or in the Student Activities Office at Schoolcraft College by calling (734) 462-4422. All tickets are pre-sale only.

Great American Meatout

Kick the meat habit at the 20th Annual Great American Meatout noon-4 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Gerry Kulick Community Center, 1201 Livernois in Ferndale. Admission is \$5 for adults, and no fee for children under 12.

Oakland Community College

Enjoy a Grand Culinary Buffet at Oakland Community College, presented by OCC's Culinary Studies Institute 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, March 28 on the third floor of Building J on the

Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The buffet features a great selection of fresh salads, vegetables, potatoes and meats and fish. The dessert table will have pastries, tortes, flans and cookies. Cost is \$8.95 per person. A buffet also is scheduled for April 22. For information, call (248) 522-3700.

Great Lakes Great Wine

The Ninth Annual Great Lakes Great Wine Walk Around will be presented on Thursday, April 1, by the Culinary Studies Institute at Oakland Community College in the third floor of Building J on the college's Orchard Ridge campus. Sample from some of the more than 500 wine selections from the Great Lakes region. Enjoy the tastes of specially prepared foods from leading area restaurants. Proceeds benefit the culinary student scholarships. For information, call (248) 522-3700.

Fund-raiser

A black-tie optional gala fund-raiser Saturday, April 3, will celebrate the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Department's new home in the VisiTech Center. After a strolling buffet, patrons can bid on a five-course meal for 50 at the American Harvest Restaurant. The food will include an assortment of hot and cold appetizers, hot entrees, breads, pastries and desserts. All food will be prepared by the Schoolcraft culinary arts students, under the supervision of executive and certified master chefs. VisiTech Gala tickets are \$150 per person, with \$90 of that amount tax deductible. All proceeds will support the culinary arts department. For more information or tickets, call 734-462-4400, Ext. 5661. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

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her cooking school. Several hundred students have attended the whole-foods, hands-on cooking classes Wilson has taught in her home since 1997. Her students were a major impetus behind the cookbook. "Everyone was asking for one. And it's always been a dream of mine to write my own cookbook," said the Brighton native who fell in love with cooking as a kid in the family kitchen. *Perceptions in Healthy Cooking* offers more than 100 original recipes for appetizers, salads, entrees, desserts, beverages and breakfast. They're high-fiber, sugar-free, dairy-free and vegetarian. The cookbook explains the health benefits of ingredients and includes a glossary and preparation tips, as well as some of Wilson's spiritual poetry. Wilson discovered a niche for herself. "I've tried to come up with recipes that are foolproof, because I know when I first got started, I'd buy a cookbook, follow a recipe to the 'T,' yet I had a lot of failures," she said. Her recipes are simple, she said. "I consider my recipes to be quick," Wilson said. "I've received great feedback. The recipes do work and come out perfect every time. I have gone out of my way to create dishes that taste delicious." Nina Johnson, an elementary school teacher from Detroit, attests to that. A regular at Wilson's cooking school, Johnson has transformed her diet. She now eats whole foods exclusively. "You do any amount of research and you will be surprised at what you find out," Johnson said. Johnson's 10-year-

old daughter Ria often joins her at Wilson's classes. Johnson said food contains so many pesticides and additives that she believes they are a major contributor to heart disease, diabetes and many degenerative diseases. "A lot of these diseases aren't happening in people who eat closer to nature," Johnson said. "We need to go back to whole foods and whole grains." Johnson notices that she no longer feels as sluggish as she once did. "I feel so much better. I have more energy. I feel younger; I feel healthy. I lost weight, too," she said. Wilson embraces the philosophy of Michio Kushi, the father of macrobiotics, who says a balanced diet — based on whole grains, beans, fresh local vegetables and sea vegetables — eliminates cravings for unhealthy sweet and salty foods. "Being a vegetarian is a personal decision you make at a soul level," Wilson said. "Doctors and scientists are now saying that high-fat food such as meat clogs arteries and can lead to heart disease."

ORGANIC FOODS

Wilson uses only organic foods — food grown without pesticides or chemical fertilizers and with no genetically modified organisms. Why? "The best reason I can think of is taste," Wilson said. "Try a comparison of an organic carrot and a non-organic carrot. The organic one is going to be sweet and wonderful. The non-organic one will be bitter in taste. And when it comes to fruits, you can't even compare the two. The organic ones are so sweet and juicy. This is because chemical sprays are bitter tasting." The chemicals are made to kill bugs, Wilson said. "If they kill bugs and we ingest them, how

long will it be before they will have some ill effect on our bodies?" Wilson asked. The price of organic food is dropping as more consumers demand it, Wilson said. "I don't think there's a better place to put your money than toward the food that goes into your body, because that makes up the essence of who you are," she said. "In the long run, wouldn't you rather pay for good-quality food for preventive medicine than for a doctor and prescription drugs for some ailment that you have?" Wilson prefers whole-grain flours to bleached or enriched flours. Instead of sugar, she uses grain sweeteners. "Sugar spikes your blood sugar level and can contribute to many diseases," Wilson said. "Fats and oils have gotten a bad rap, but you need some good quality fat to strengthen cell and capillary structure and to lubricate the skin and hair." Steer clear of hydrogenated oils, she added. "Hydrogenated oils contain trans-fatty acids, which raise cholesterol," she said.

Val Wilson will teach a cooking class on sugar-free desserts 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at Whole Foods Market, 1404 Walton in Rochester Hills. Wilson also will appear from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Zerbo's, 34164 Plymouth Road in Livonia. She'll offer free samples of her cooking and grocery shopping tips. *Perceptions in Healthy Cooking* is available for \$12 at Zerbo's; the Good Food Co., 42615 Ford Road, in Canton; and Health Unlimited Natural Foods, 938 Monroe, Dearborn. For information on Wilson's cookbook, videos, or spring and summer cooking series, visit www.macroval.com or call (734) 261-2856.

HEALTHY RECIPES

QUINOA SALAD

1½ cups quinoa*
2 cups water
2 carrots, diced small
2 scallions, sliced thin
5 radishes, diced
½ cup walnuts, roasted and chopped
½ cup raisins

Bring the 2 cups of water to a boil. Add quinoa and simmer for 20 minutes. When done, mix with the vegetables.

Dressing:
3 tablespoons ume vinegar**
3 tablespoons brown-rice vinegar
2 tablespoons olive oil

Mix the dressing ingredients together. Pour dressing over salad and mix. Refrigerate and serve chilled.

*A strong plant that flourishes in harsh conditions, quinoa gives the body endurance and energy. It is easy to digest and high in lysine, an essential amino acid. Quinoa is higher in protein than any other grain.

**Ume vinegar is a salty liquid that comes from fermenting umeboshi plums.

CORNY TOFU PATTIES

1 pound firm tofu, crumbled
3 tablespoons tamari
½ onion, diced small
½ cup corn
1 carrot, diced small
5 white mushrooms, cut up small
2 tablespoons parsley, minced
¼ cup dulse*, soaked, then cut up
½ teaspoon paprika
¼ teaspoon curry
½ teaspoon sea salt
1½ cups corn meal
½ cup water (use dulse soaking water)
olive oil

Marinate crumbled tofu in tamari for 30 minutes. To lock in the flavor of the vegetables, sauté them individually. Sauté the onions in olive oil until translucent. Remove onions from the pan or move them aside, making room for the carrots. Sauté the carrots for about five minutes.

Remove carrots, or move them aside in the pan, and sauté mushrooms for 5 minutes.

In a large mixing bowl, mix the marinade and tofu with the sautéed vegetables. Add the rest of the ingredients. After all is mixed, form into small patties. Heat ½ inch of olive oil in a sauté pan until oil is hot. Fry the patties until brown on each side. Drain the patties on paper towels before serving.

*Dulse is a purple-reddish seaweed vegetable high in iodine and iron.

TEMPEH BURGER

1 package tempeh*, crumbled
¼ onion, minced
1 garlic clove, minced
½ teaspoon basil
¼ teaspoon sage
2 tablespoons tamari
1 tablespoon dulse (cut up)
1 tablespoon tahini
½ cup walnuts (ground up)
¼ cup barley flour
2 tablespoons water

In a bowl, combine all ingredients. Mix, using your hands. Form into patties and brown on each side by sautéing them in toasted sesame oil.

Serve on whole grain buns.

*High in protein, tempeh is a meat substitute made from cooked and fermented soybeans.

Note: Tempeh burgers are ideal for a picnic. They can be pre-cooked at home, and heated up on the grill.

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY TREATS

1 cup peanut butter
½ cup brown rice syrup
2 cups crispy brown rice cereal
1 cup grain-sweetened chocolate chips*
½ jar fruit sweetened jelly

Mix together the peanut butter, brown rice syrup and cereal. Press the mixture into an oiled square pan, and refrigerate. Melt the chocolate chips on low heat to prevent scorching. Now spread the melted chocolate over the peanut butter crisp. Refrigerate until the chocolate is hard.

Spread the jelly over the top. Before cutting, let it reach room temperature so you can cut through the chocolate. Store in refrigerator.

*Chips that are sugar- and dairy-free.

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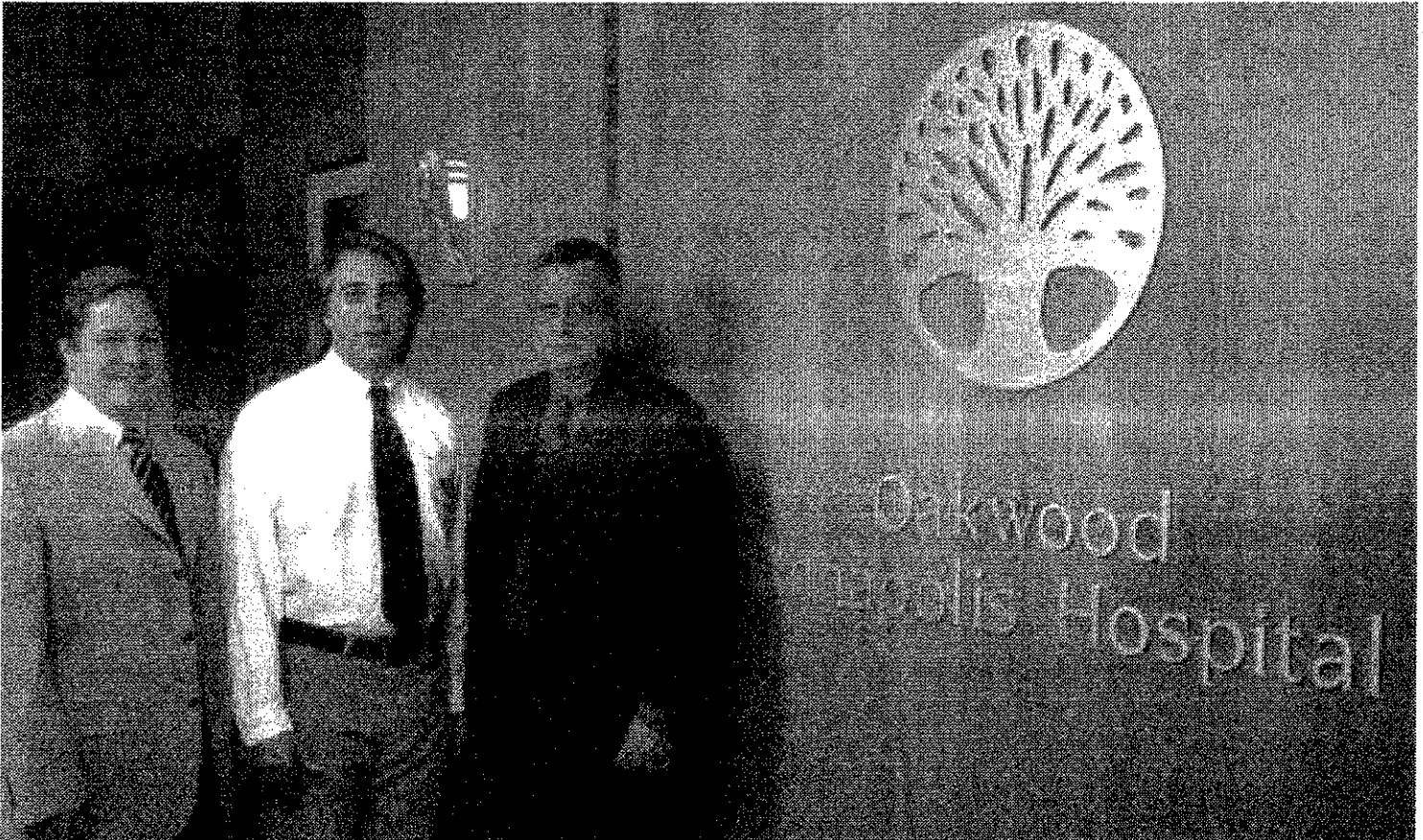


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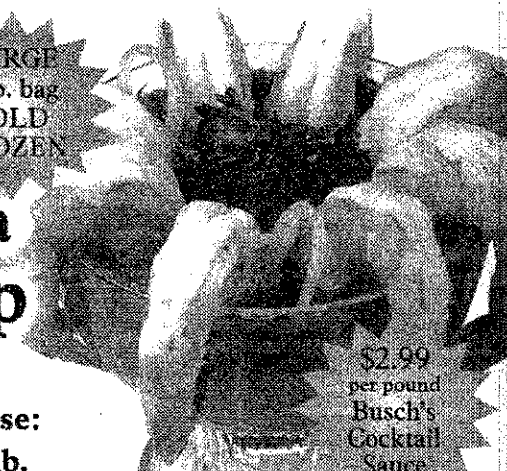
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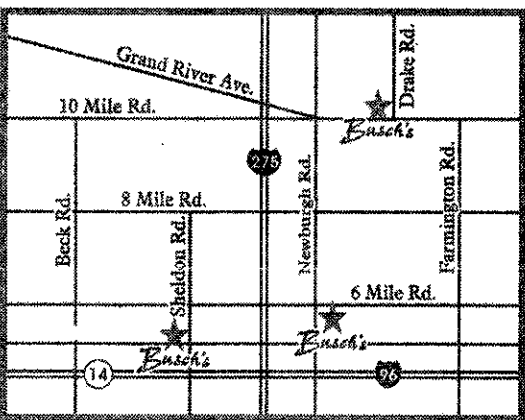
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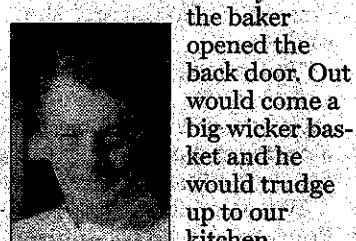


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When I was a boy, living in a small village in the middle of England, bread was delivered to our home. A little van would pull up at the bottom of our driveway and the baker opened the back door. Out would come a big wicker basket and he would trudge up to our kitchen entrance. The basket brimmed over with fresh loaves, all different shapes, textures and shades of golden brown. One deep breath and we wanted them all.



Give Thanks
Gerald Matthes

How different it is today, when supermarket shelves are lined with innumerable types of bread. But there is no appeal to the senses because they are all wrapped tightly in plastic. Happily, there are a few places you can go to find fragrant, hand-crafted loaves, their crusts singing as they are pulled from the hearth deck oven.

And, funnily enough, the current craze for low carbs is causing more and more people to seek out true Artisan-made bread. Several times a day, customers are saying to us, "I'm looking for a really nutritious bread," or "I want my carbohydrates to count - do you have whole grain loaves?" or "which bread is rich in fiber?"

This increased awareness of wholesome qualities is matched by a desire to get away from ingredients on the supermarket packaging that cannot be pronounced and bread that is so soft and "squishy" that it can be squeezed down to half its usual size.

For these reasons, we - and other bakeries making real bread - are using recipes that were followed by village bakers years ago. It's encouraging to see how people are responding. The conventional wisdom ("You can only sell nutritious bread on the West Coast and in

New York") is being proven wrong: Midwesterners - certainly Michiganders - have made our Swiss Multigrain bread our biggest seller. It contains sprouted wheat (we sprout the wheat berries ourselves), buckwheat, corn, sunflower, flax and sesame seeds, barley malt, sea salt and purified water. It is truly a healthy bread.

Of course, the primary ingredient of bread is flour. And flours vary greatly in quality and performance. Didier Rosada, the director of the National Baking Center, tested some 17 types of flour in this country, to identify which one comes closest to the flour used in France to make the highest quality bread. He isolated one and we have it brought into Michigan for our use. Several home bakers come and buy a 50-pound bag from us and get wonderful results.

Another type of flour altogether is called durum. It's more popularly referred to as semolina flour - typically used to make pasta. The famous Tom Cat Bakery in New York started making big billowy loaves with durum flour. We've followed in their footsteps because the loaves have a rich, nutty flavor and have a beautiful open lacy texture. The golden crust is studded with sesame seeds. The result is a wonderful alternative to bland, white bread.

Real bread provided all-important fiber in the diet, too. In dense and branny rye we sometimes add flax seeds for fiber and texture. Or sunflower seeds in all-rye Volkornbrot.

By the way, Frank Beckmann, the radio host and commentator, came by our bakery a while ago and described how, when he was a boy, his grandmother often had a sandwich of Volkornbrot waiting for him when he got home from school.

She pandered to Frank's sweet tooth by sprinkling sugar on it.

I'd never heard of that custom, but I was aware of honey used on Volkornbrot. That's absolutely delicious.

Different varieties of flour -

wheat, semolina, rye - and added ingredients are part of the allure of real bread.

Sometimes, shape is part of the appeal. And one of the most interesting shapes is to be found next month when Easter is celebrated. It is a bread that originated in Italy, called Colomba Pasquale or in English, Easter Dove Bread.

In the 12th century, the people of Milan waged war against an oppressive emperor. They were victorious. And as they celebrated, two white doves appeared. So, they took this as a heavenly signal, and the Milanese bakers created Colomba Pasquale. They made loaves in the shape of doves. In those days they did so by hand but today we use paper forms in the shape of a dove. The loaves actually go into the oven in the paper forms for baking.

Easter Dove Bread looks wonderful and tastes heavenly. Like the better known Italian dessert bread, Panettone, it is rich in eggs, butter, honey and candied orange rind and orange zest. The top surface is coated with a delicious blend of almonds, egg whites and sugar.

This great Italian creation actually tastes best a day after baking.

If you can resist eating it all in one sitting (few can) you can store it for up to three days. Simply wrap it well in plastic film and keep it at room temperature. (Don't place it in your refrigerator.)

Sadly, few bakeries in America bake authentic Colomba Pasquale anymore because it is so labor intensive. But like many things that are truly special, it's well worth the effort.

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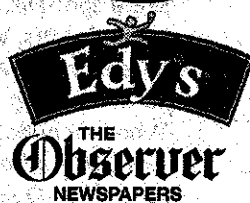
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Try mustard greens in chicken soup

Bring on spring with nicoise potato salad

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Mustard greens are one clan in the immense, and immensely varied, brassica family of greens. About all this assortment of vegetables has in common, from a cook's standpoint, is their feisty flavor. Visually, and in texture, brassicas range from the pale white, crisp and sweet-tasting stems of bok choy to the ruffled and zingy leaves of wine-red Japanese mustard greens.

Most of us associate mustard greens with Southern cooking, where the curly leaves of green mustard are stewed into submission, usually along with some part of a pig, and served up as a mess of greens with pot likker. Maybe it is because I am a Yankee, but for me, this tender mustard tastes better briefly wilted in a bit of oil or broth, then mixed into rice or served with beans. I also like it cut crosswise into strips and tossed to simmer in hot soup a few minutes before it is served. These short-cooking methods keep more of the greens' true flavor, which I do enjoy. They also retain more of the considerable good nutrition in mustard greens, which includes vitamin C, beta-carotene, and calcium.

If you prefer less aggressive-tasting greens, look in Asian



Mustard greens and black beans add bite to this chicken soup.

markets for poetically named wrapped heart mustard, whose wide leaves, flaring from crunchy, ribbed stems, wrap into a head resembling a muscular romaine lettuce, and red-in-the-snow. This deceptively named mustard green has long, thin stems and bright green leaves. Although the Chinese usually use it to make what they call preserved cabbage, chopping it, then pickling it in salt, it is delicious braised in chicken broth, or added to a stir-fry.

Mustard greens are more tender and far sweeter than kale, collards, or dandelion. They also cook faster than

most other dark, leafy greens, including broccoli raab and Swiss chard. All mustard greens shrink enormously in cooking, so one pound may yield as little as a half cup of cooked greens.

Try them in place of spinach. Baby mustard greens are often included in the elegant salad mix called mesclun, where they add just a nice amount of bite.

**CHICKEN SOUP
WITH GREENS AND BLACK BEANS**
2 teaspoons canola oil
1 small red onion, finely chopped
1 small green bell pepper, seed-

ed, cut in 1/2-inch dice
1 medium tomato, seeded, cut in 1/2-inch dice
6 cups mustard greens, lightly packed, cut in 1/2-inch strips
4 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained
3/4 cup (3 ounces) shredded cooked chicken

Heat oil in medium Dutch oven or large saucepan. Sauté onion and pepper over medium-high heat until onion is translucent, about 4 minutes. Add tomatoes and greens. Stir with wooden spoon until greens collapse and are bright green, about 3 minutes.

Pour in chicken broth. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer until greens are tender, 15 to 20 minutes.

Mix in beans and chicken. Cook until they are heated through, about 5 minutes. Divide soup among four bowls. Sprinkle a tablespoon of the cheese over each and serve.

Makes 4 servings.
Nutritional information per serving: 142 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 14 g. carbohydrate, 14 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 706 mg. sodium.

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

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Potato salad is a versatile staple, and in certain variations it can be a light meal in itself. That's the case with this low-fat, quickly made potato version of the classic salade nicoise.

You don't have to wait for summer greens to refresh cold-season palates with this tangy combination, although, now that spring asparagus is about to become available, that could well be one of the special pleasures of this recipe.

Serve the salad for a light lunch, with crusty bread if you wish, perhaps with soup for a starter. Or let it be a side dish for a more substantial meal.

SPRING NICOISE POTATO SALAD
8 small red potatoes, uniform in size (about 1 pound)
12 asparagus spears, steamed or otherwise cooked, drained
6-ounce can white tuna in water, drained
8 radishes, trimmed
1/2 cup pitted Kalamata olives

2 tablespoons minced red onion
3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
4 teaspoons olive oil
Salt and pepper

Leave skin on potatoes, quarter and place in large pot; pour over enough water to cover. Set over high heat and bring to a boil. Boil 10 minutes, or until potatoes are tender; drain. Arrange potatoes on platter with asparagus and cool to room temperature, about 10 minutes. Meanwhile, next to potatoes and asparagus arrange tuna, radishes, olives and onion. In small bowl, whisk vinegar, parsley, and oil; drizzle over salad. Season with salt and pepper; serve at room temperature.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 216 cal., 14 g. pro., 24 g. carbo., 8 g. fat, 13 mg. chol., 451 mg. sodium, 3 g. fiber.

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Make your halibut Mediterranean

Fewer Americans are cooking today than in the past. One government agency reports that the percentage of households that cooks an average of once a day declined from 44.3 percent in 1993 to 40.5 percent in 2001. That change might seem negligible, but 4 percent equals about 11 million people.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Americans spent 26 percent of their food budgets away from home in 1959. By 2000, that figure grew to 47 percent. Other researchers found that buying commercially-prepared meals – including heat-and-eat packaged foods from supermarkets – has steadily increased.

Even though we know commercially-prepared meals often aren't the most healthful, we choose them for convenience. But there are ways to cook nutritious meals quickly and easily.

And it's important for your health. Pre-made, highly processed and packaged prepared food or take-out meals

often don't provide enough dietary fiber and other disease-fighting substances. And they are often high in fat, sweeteners and sodium, which are related to such chronic health problems as high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease and excess weight. By cooking "from scratch," you can take back control over your nutrition, your health and your weight.

Fish has long been considered a healthful food, but recent news about some fish contaminated by mercury, and carcinogens known as PCBs in farmed salmon, have made many people wary.

Health experts advise continuing to eat fish, but with some exceptions. To avoid PCBs, they suggest limiting consumption of farmed salmon to two 3 oz.-servings per week. (Safer wild salmon is usually available frozen.)

High levels of mercury have been found in certain fish – swordfish, king mackerel, shark, and tile fish (golden bass). But many other fish are still considered safe, such as

halibut, cod, orange roughy, trout, hake, rockfish, haddock and monkfish. They are rich in the healthful omega-3 fatty acids that boost health and help prevent chronic diseases.

MEDITERRANEAN-STYLE FISH

4 4-ounce skinless fish fillets, e.g. halibut
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 teaspoon lemon juice
2 medium zucchini, trimmed, sliced thin
½ red onion, cut into very thin slivers
1 strip (about ½ inch wide) orange peel
¼ cup chopped fresh basil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 teaspoons extra virgin olive oil

Preheat oven to 450° F.

Firmly hold one end of the strip of orange peel skin side down on a cutting board. With the other hand, holding a knife at a low, almost horizontal, angle, cut away the white pith, starting at the end being held down and working down the strip. Cut the strip lengthwise into 4 long, narrow strips.



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Lemon, orange zest and basil flavor halibut fillets.

Cut four pieces of foil about 12 inches long. Place a fish fillet in center of each piece. Rub garlic into fish. Sprinkle lemon juice over fish. Sprinkle one-fourth of the zucchini, onion, orange zest strips and basil on top of each fillet. Season fillets with salt and pepper and drizzle with oil.

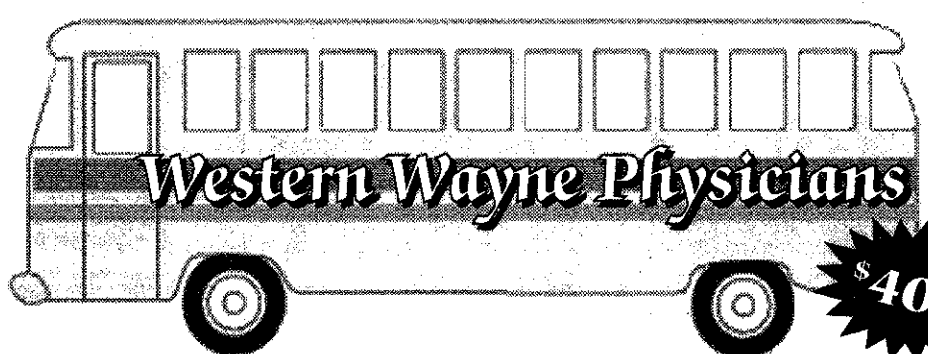
Crimp edges of foil together to seal.

Bake fish 15 minutes. Remove and let cool slightly. Carefully open packets and transfer fish to plates. Top with vegetables and juices and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 154 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 2 g. carbohydrate, 24 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 62 mg. sodium.

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"Between 1908 and 1940," according to the National Trust for Historic Preservation, "Sears, Roebuck & Company sold more than 100,000 mail-order homes, barns and multiple-family apartment buildings. Sears ... had styles ranging from bungalow to mansion."

Some Sears homes have plaques, often in the basement, indicating pedigree and that they arrived by train. But some don't, and National Trust offers tips to help if you think you might be living in a mail-order house:

"Look for numbered markings on exposed joints and rafters in the attic or basement. Check mortgage records, which might list Sears as the original mortgage holder. Remove a piece of baseboard, window frame or other molding and look for numbering or the label 'Norwood Sash and Door Manufacturing Co.' Check hardware and bath fixtures for numbers or the letters ASR. Search attic and basement for blueprints or a bill of lading."

LOCAL HOME

Or ask Melissa and Brian Iverson what it's like to live in a house that was bought the same way folks then bought dining room furniture, tractors and spring bonnets.

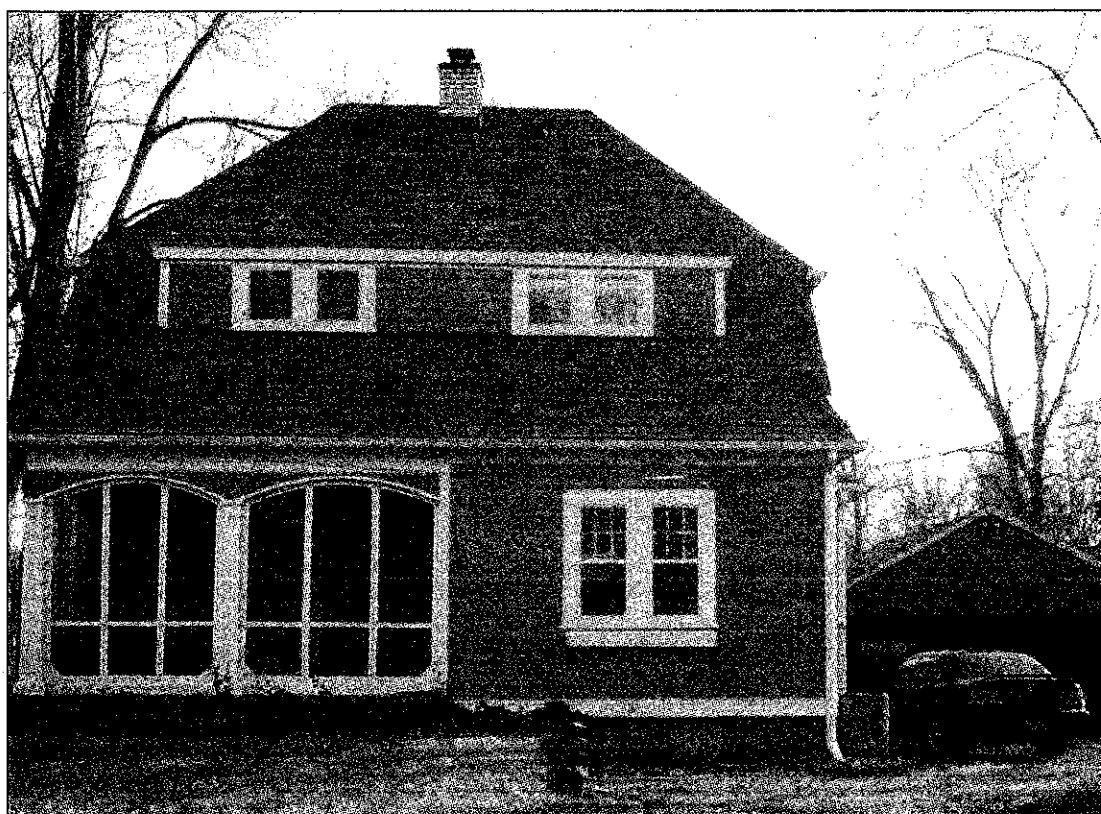
"It's kind of cool," Melissa said of their Sears Maywood.

The Iversons had been living in Redford and were thinking of moving toward Lansing to reduce Brian's commuting time to his state of Michigan job as a property inspector. But in 2002 they got only as far as Eight Mile and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

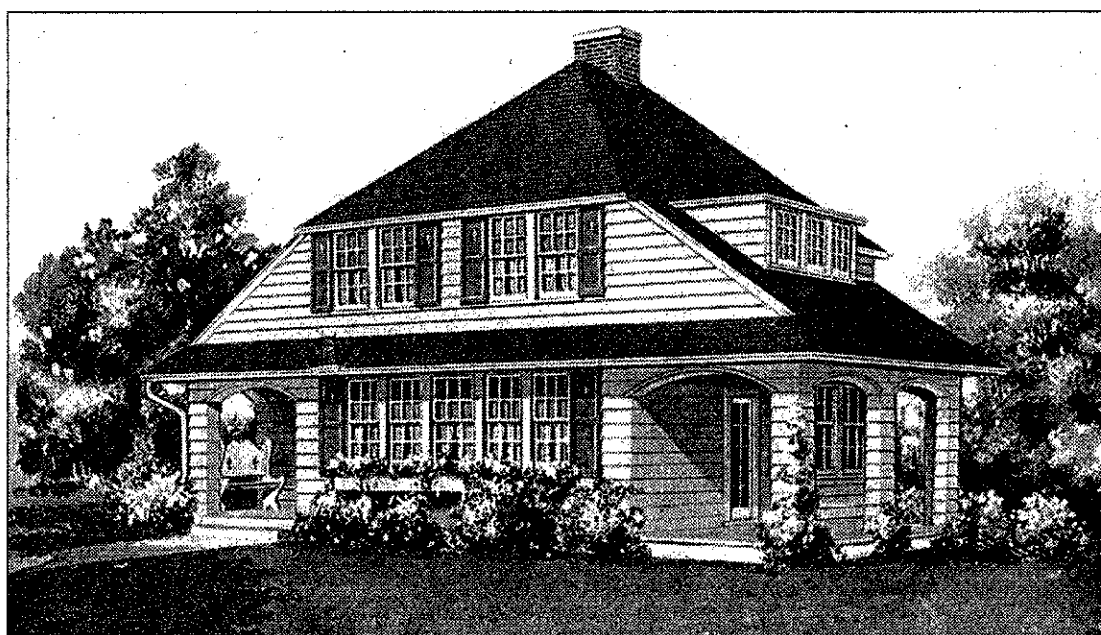
"The ad said it was historic," Melissa said, "and when we learned it was a Sears home, it had an effect on us buying it."

"The little touches. Leaded glass windows. The light comes on when you open the front closet."

Yes, Melissa is thrilled with her front closet, which the catalog tells you "is most convenient for removing wraps on



Melissa and Brian Iverson of Farmington Hills live in this two-story, three bedroom Sears House.



Here's a picture of a 'The Maywood' from a Sears catalog circa 1920.

entering." Imagine.

When friends visit, Melissa said, they talk about "the home's character and craftsmanship. The cove ceilings, the wood trim and the fireplace mantel that wraps around and extends into the dining room and the kitchen."

Previous owners, she said, added a garage, added a bathroom at the side grade door, updated the electrical — including air conditioning — and screened the porch off of the living room.

Perched on a 120-by-180-foot corner lot, the Iversons' home is 1,450 square feet, "big for its time," Melissa said. She estimates its value now at \$190,000 to \$200,000, perhaps 75 times the 1920s price.

Facing east and "light and airy" with more windows than she can count, the home is filled with "lots of plants — Christmas cactus, Boston fern, corn plant ..."

Most of their time in the house, Melissa said, is spent in the living room except for porch seasons. The giant birch tree they see from the porch, she said, "probably got here when the house did."

SEARCHING

If you're dreaming of buying a Sears home, it could be possible for your real estate agent to help you find one that's for sale.

According to sales agent Ronni Keating of Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating, Birmingham, adding the word "Sears" to an online multi-listing search might identify such properties.

Books on the subject, recommended by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, include:

■ *Houses by Mail: A Guide to Houses by Sears by*

Catherine Cole, published by National Trust, then by John Wiley & Sons

■ *America's Favorite Homes* by Michael Davis and Robert Schweitzer, Wayne State University Press

■ *Homes in a Box: Modern Homes from Sears Roebuck*, a reproduction of the 1912 Modern Homes catalog, Shiffer Publishing Ltd.

Some of the Web sites where you can learn more about mail-order homes are:

www.searsarchives.com/homes

www.nationaltrust.org/help/mail-order-homes

www.oldhousechronicle.org/archives

www.railbarons.org/layout/sears

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From 1920 'Sears Modern Home' catalog

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"The Kitchen, connected with the din-

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"The Bedrooms ... cheery, splendid for sleeping."

The catalog also said that the bathroom had a built-in medicine cabinet and that the basement offered "space for furnace, laundry and storage."

An extensive materials list itemized all lumber, hardware, doors, windows

(including sash weights), flooring, siding, paint, varnish, shellac and almost everything else necessary to build the house.

Plumbing, heating, wiring and electrical fixtures were priced separately because not all communities of the time offered connecting utilities.

The buyer could choose to upgrade wood shingles to Oriental Slate for an additional \$40. Storm doors and windows for the house were available at \$128.

By Norman Prady

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Tailor your interest-only mortgage

Interest-only mortgages come in all shapes and sizes, and each should be tailored to the individual borrowers' needs. A huge majority of them are not fixed-rate. Rather, they adjust based on a defined "margin" above a prescribed economic index.

As with other types of adjustable-rate loans, these margins and indices can significantly impact the cost and value of each respective mortgage. When the interest rate — more specifically, the resulting monthly payment — changes, you sure want to know how it will affect you.

Though difficult to find, you may occasionally find a fixed-rate interest-only loan. These are real gems if you are innately conservative, but still long for the improved monthly cash flow. My favorite such mortgage is a 30-year fixed-rate, variable-payment mortgage that allows borrowers to pay as little as interest-only for the first 10 years. It then converts to a fixed-rate 20-year amortized loan for the remaining term, based on the principal balance at that time.

For young borrowers and established households with many children or other expenses, this hybrid interest-only mortgage offers the benefit of improved cash flow during the early years of the loan. Then, perhaps at the same time the kids start leaving "the nest," you can begin paying down the mortgage balance again. The interest rate during that conversion is the same rate you start with today. Very nice.

As with any mortgage product, do not summarily discount the advantage of accepting a short-term prepayment penalty, if the interest rate and loan terms justify that action. Accepting a pre-payment penalty may allow you to snag an improved interest rate because your lender can rely on you staying with it long enough for it to make its prescribed profit margin. The lender knows you won't bolt for a very small future rate improvement somewhere else.

You may find interest-only mortgages with or without escrow accounts, piggy-back loans, or origination fees. If you need to know more about interest-only mortgages, pick up the phone and call a mortgage banker. Have a clear image of your objective so you can get specific answers relevant to your personal situation.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his archives in The Wealth Academy at www.PhillipsHQ.com or you may phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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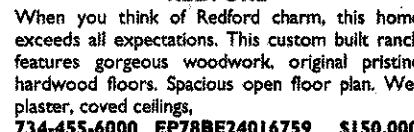
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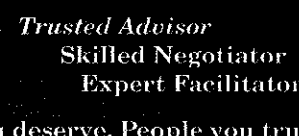
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The annual award recognizes two south-east Michigan commercial property developments that make significant positive impacts.

The 2004 competition is open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004. The projects must also have involved at least one firm with a CREW-Detroit member, explains Beth Lilley, the award committee chair and first vice president with Bank One Commercial Real Estate in Detroit.

The completed "intent to enter" forms, available from Lynn Trevor at Campbell/Manix at (248) 354-5100 or online at www.crewdetroit.org/docs/04REEA-entrycall.pdf, should be submitted along with a \$100 entry fee by May 31.

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Energy choice

Panel discussion with representatives from the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit, Constellation NewEnergy, DTE Energy, and Robert Nelson, Commissioner, Michigan Public Service Commission, Friday, March 19, Registration and networking 8 a.m., program 8:45-10 a.m. at the Southfield Public Library Auditorium & Meeting Room, 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield. For more information, call (248) 848-3714 or www.bomadetroit.org.

Advanced leasing seminar

The XYZs of Advanced Leasing, 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, March 19, at the Building Industry Association headquarters, 30375 Northwestern

Highway, Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mabie, president of Ann Arbor-based Success On Site Inc. will present information to assist property managers in the training of on-site personnel. Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$69 for Property Management Council members, \$79 for Apartment Association of Michigan members, and \$99 for nonmembers and guests. For information, call (248) 862-1004.

Home buying seminar

Standard Federal Bank will hold a free home buying seminar on how to select and finance a home 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 20, at Peoples Community Hope for Homes, 29051 Currier, Westland. Upon completion of the seminar, participants will receive certificates entitling them to apply for a mortgage loan under Standard Federal's Community Home Buyer's Program. The program is designed to make home ownership more affordable for people with low to moderate incomes and offers many benefits such as smaller down payments. For more information, or to register, call (734) 722-1280 or (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532.

BRIEFS

Senior homeowner resources

St. John Senior Symposium 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 22. St. John's Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township. Learn about available resources for senior homeowners in western Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties at this first in a series free informational symposium. Linda Barnwell, seniors real estate specialist & Michigan Association of Realtors member, is the moderator. Seating is limited, call (248) 347-7440 for reservations.

Home you can afford

Find out what price home you can afford and how your credit history can influence your purchase decisions at a free seminar 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W. Merrill in Birmingham. Sponsored by Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Christine Kageff, loan officer. No charge, call (248) 649-1062, Ext. 246, for reservations.

Homebuyer workshop

Free home buyer class offered 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 Inc. and her financial team at

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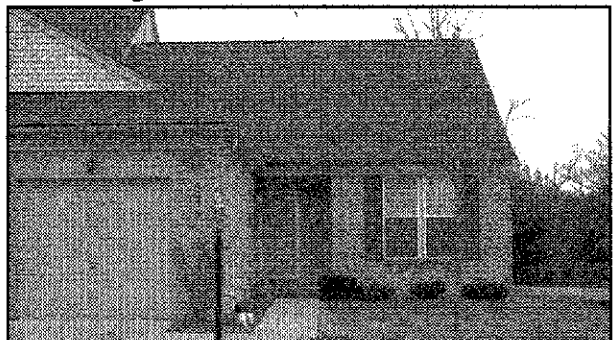
James Stewart Polshek, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 1, Lawrence Technological University, 21000 W. 10 Mile Road, Room A-200 Architecture Auditorium, Southfield. No charge. Call (248) 204-2880 for information.

Condo class

Nationally known condominium attorney and columnist Robert M. Meisner, of Meisner & Associates, an adjunct professor of community association law at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University and Cooley Law School, is teaching a course, Advanced Condominium Operation: The Essentials for Success, 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, April 27 to May 18, at the Bingham III Office Park, 30200 Telegraph, Suite 467, Bingham Farms. For more information, call (248) 522-3618 or Meisner & Associates, P.C. at (248) 644-4433.

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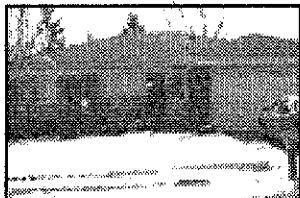
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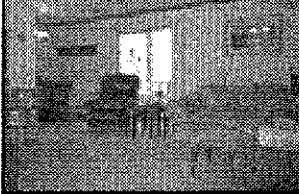
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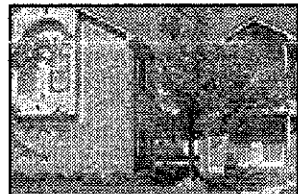
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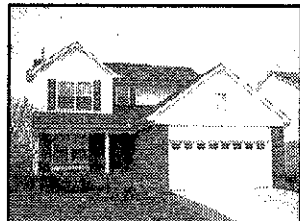
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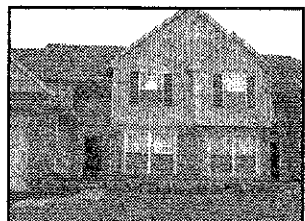
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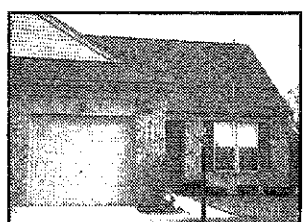
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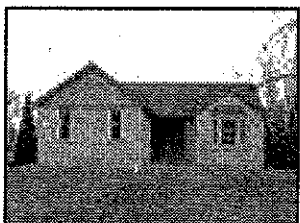
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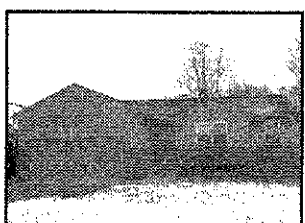
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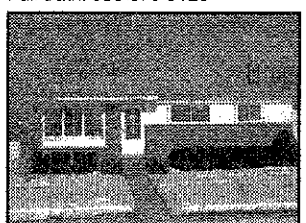
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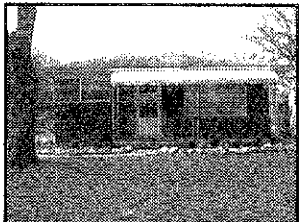
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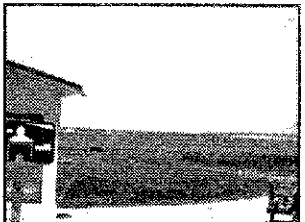
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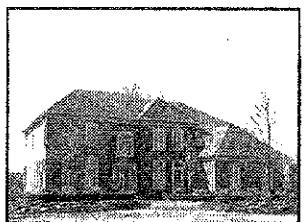
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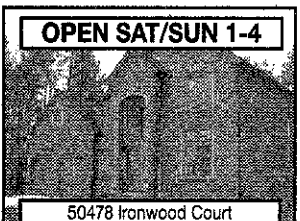
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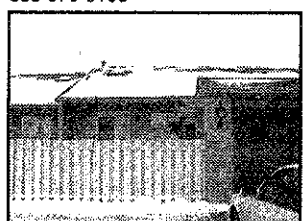
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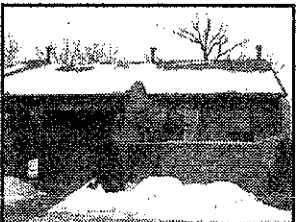
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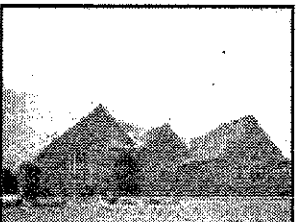
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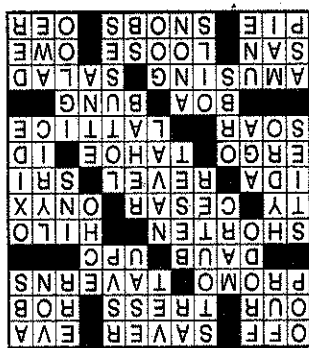
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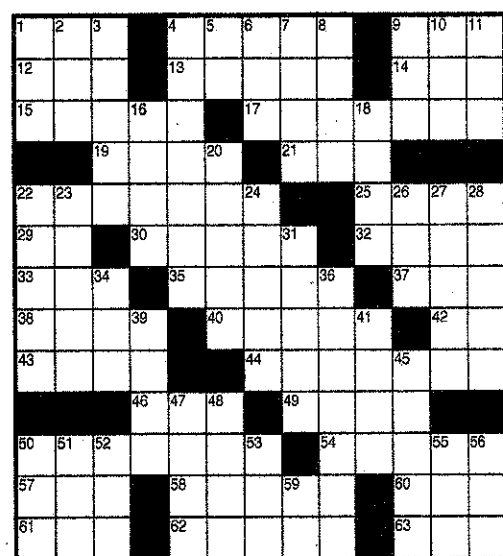
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Farmington Hills 3145

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TWO FOR ONE on this 2,198 sq. ft. 4 bed. 2.5 bath colonial situated on a court lot plus backing to a commons lot offering newer roof, windows w/bays, garage door, furnace & central air, side entry garage, partially finished basement & lots more. CALL KEN GENTILE, Quality GMAC (734) 542-2538 or CELL (734) 968-7213. Off 12 Mile, W. of Drake enter on Gettysburg

RANCH 980 sq. ft., 3 bed, 2 bath, all appliances, c/a, garage, immediate occupancy. \$139,900. (734) 658-0184

Fenton 3150

Lake Fenton Schools
Open Sun. March 21, 1-4pm
JUST LISTED! Immaculate 3 bedroom home on one acre. Home features a country kitchen with hardwood floors. Ceramic entry and main floor baths. Professionally finished walkout lower level with full bath, 4th bedroom and family room. Attached insulated 2 car garage and more! \$189,900. Take US-23 North to Thompson Road exit go West to North on Linden to Sharp Road following open signs to 10126 Sharp Road. **ENGLAND REAL ESTATE** 888-211-9560, 810-632-7427

Garden City 3170

A WONDERFUL BRICK RANCH!
139 Bolton, 3 Bed, 2 1/2 car garage, finished bsmt w/wet bar. \$150,000. 734-612-6321.

CUSTOM BUILT
1990 3 bed, 2 full bath ranch. 2 car attached garage, open floor plan, doorwall to lg. deck, air, lg. lot. 1300+ sq. ft. Asking \$149,900

LOW MONEY DOWN
Just listed 3 bed, ranch w/bsmt, enormous deck with hot tub. Newer kitchen, windows, furnace, plumbing, siding and more. It's sharp! \$134,900!

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GREAT STARTER/RETIREE HOME - 2 bed, family room, 1st floor laundry, garage. Only \$119,500. 734-425-3672.

LARGE 112 x 135 LOT
31625 Balmoral, 3 bed., 1 bath, 1250 sq. ft., family room w/ fireplace, 2 car attached garage, Michigan bsmt. Good condition. \$134,900

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CROSSROADS

RANCH Open Sun. 12-4. 32143 Cambridge 3 Bed., 2 baths, completely finished basement, wet bar, fireplace. Enclosed patio. \$155,000 neg. (734) 425-4594

Hartland 3200

LEASE W/OPTION TO BUY - No bank qualifications. 3600 sq. ft. luxury home. On golf course w/private lake privileges. Call Phil, 248-756-1660.

Open Sun. March 21, 1-4pm
THE HOME OF YOUR DREAMS! - Lovely "new" 3 bedroom, 3 bath ranch with spectacular wooded 2.7 acre setting features a natural fireplace in great room with cultured stone surround and oak mantle. Kitchen/dining area leads to 20x14 screened porch. Walkout basement with full bath and 3 car attached garage! Hartland Schools. \$330,000. Take Hacker Road North of M-59 to East on Brophy then North on Saratoga following open signs to 3471 Saratoga. **ENGLAND REAL ESTATE** 888-211-9560, 810-632-7427

Westland-38436 Palmer
Sprawling 3 bdrm ranch w/huge LR & FR w/nat. fireplace. 1+ acre, 3 car gar. \$209,900

Westland-33511 Hivley
1/2 acre lot, 2 bdrm, huge great room w/vaulted ceiling, remod kitch & ba. w/jetted tub. \$144,000

Westland-39262 Dillingham
Gorgeous 3 bdrm Tri-level updates thought out Fireplace, beautifully landscaped \$169,900

OPEN SUN 1-5 Westland-1831 Treadwell
3 bdrm Ranch, Finished Basement, Garage & Many updates \$167,900

OPEN SUN 1-5 Westland-829 S Carlson
3 bdrm brick ranch, Garage, Fin bsmt, Many updates. \$176,900

Livonia-12331 Camden
1,100 square foot investor/handyman special, priced for quick sale. \$104,900

Livonia-8862 Fremont
Absolute doll house! Completely re-modeled 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath. Must see to believe! \$129,900

New Boston-36840 N. Jean Drive
Eagle Estates built in 1997. 5 bedrooms, pool, deck, 3 car garage. 3,200 SQFT. \$369,900

OPEN SUN 1-5 South Lyon-778 Challenging
3 bdrm Contemp Home, Finished Basement, Built in 1994 \$239,900

South Lyon-128 Princeton
2 bdrm lower level condo. Updated kitchen Close to down to South Lyon \$89,900

Detroit-14109 Coyle
Great rental potential. Land contract terms available. \$64,900

Detroit-6422 Auburn St.
Beautiful 3 bdrm bungalow, fin basement, den upstairs, garage, updated throughout! \$109,999

Detroit-6332 Woodmont
3 bdrm brick ranch, basement, garage, new windows, refinished oak floors, C/A. \$94,900

Detroit-15032 Maddelen
Great rental potential. Land contract terms available. \$59,900

Howell 3230

GREAT PRICE Low taxes, 3 bed, 2 baths, beautiful fireplace in family room, partially finished bsmt, first floor laundry, c/a, attached 2.5 garage, huge finished pole barn all on 4.6 acres. \$255,900 (517) 285-6474

Howell Lakefront
Charming older home on all sports Lake Earl. 1200 sq. ft., 71 acre. \$212,000. (810) 220-1516, PreviewProperties

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Open Sat. March 20, 1-4pm
ONE OF A KIND! - Beautiful 1 1/2 story home situated on gorgeous wooded, very private 20 acre setting! Home features 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, spacious great room with fireplace, formal dining room, 1st floor den, beautiful kitchen, partially finished walkout basement, 3 car attached garage and a 30x40 pole barn! Howell Schools. \$529,000. Take Brewer Road North of M-59 (West of Byron Road) following open signs to 2870 Brewer Rd. **ENGLAND REAL ESTATE** 888-211-9560, 810-632-7427

ESTATE SALE! - Wide open spaces surround this like new ranch situated on 10 acres in Oceola Township! Home features open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and large country kitchen with island. Walkout basement is ready to finish. Oversized 2 car garage. Beautiful country setting and nice location in Howell School District. \$245,000.

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LOTS OF HOUSE
for the money! 1541 Sq. ft. plus 591 sq. ft. family room! 3 Bed, 2 1/2 baths w/ attached 2 car garage on private extra wide lot. Cul-de-sac location. RE/MAX 100 (248) 348-3000 THE FIRESTONE TEAM www.LivingInLivonia.com

RANCH - 3 bedroom. Many updates, appliances included. Clarenceville schools. Must see. \$139,000. 586-755-7677

TONS OF UPDATES!
3 Bed., 2 bath brick ranch, Family room w/ fireplace. All appliances stay! \$164,900 **CENTURY 21 PREMIER** (734) 453-4300

WAYNE - Open 3/21 & 3/27, 1-5. 3 bed bungalow, updates remodel kitchen/bath, garage, A/C. \$129,500 734-641-7448

CLASSIC 4 BEDROOM
2.5 Bath colonial. Dining room, family room w/ fireplace, library, 1st floor laundry, master suite. Premium lot. \$306,900 (OTBRE) **CENTURY 21 ROW** (734) 464-7111

3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH
1300 sq. ft., full bsmt. Great room w/ fireplace, 2 1/2 car attached garage, C/A, Exc. condition. 27415 Dover, W. Of Inkster N of Jct. \$293,900 **CALL BEN DENNY** 734-453-8700 **CROSSROADS**

BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH
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BEAUTIFUL QUAD LEVEL
4 bed, 1 1/2 bath, new kitchen, hardwood floors, new landscaping, new HVAC, custom fireplace, exc. cond. \$239,900. (734) 261-1202

BRICK RANCH
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BY ORIGINAL OWNER First time offered. 2148 sq. ft. 4 bed well kept quad in country like setting. Many updates. Willing to negotiate fair price with serious buyer. Asking \$293,900. 734-462-0460

Livonia 3260

FARMINGTON ROAD & 6 MI. area, 2882 sq. ft. brick ranch, 4 bed, 2.5 bath, on one acre, mature wooded lot, 3 car attached garage, hardwood floors, Andersen windows thru-out. Large addition on rear of house, garden bath, w/Jacuzzi tub off large master suite, whisper walk-in-closets. Much More \$395,000. Appt. only. 734-458-4138

LIVONIA BY OWNER 5 Mile/Newburgh area. Brick ranch, 3 bed, 1.5 bath, ceramic tile in Kitchen, Family Room, fireplace too many updates to list! MUST SEE! 39026 Grenada by appt. \$220,000 734-632-0200

LOTS OF HOME for the money on this 2,200 sq. ft. 4 bed, 3 bath home situated on a 65 x 300 lot offering newer windows, furnace, oak kitchen, furnace & central air, vinyl siding, electrical and much more.

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MUST SELL
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OPEN SUN 1-3 9531 ARNOLD
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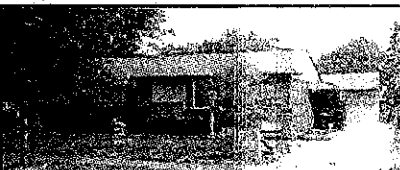
PLYMOUTH Exquisite Entertaining Home
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Best describes the view of the 9th fairway from the soaring 2 story window, spacious living room, open floor plan, hardwood floors in foyer, kitchen & family room w/fireplace, 2 car attached garage, bsmt & appls.

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Lovely 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, 2 fireplaces, finished walk-out, family room, 3 bay, master suite w/jetted tub, dual staircases w/2 story foyer.

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3 BR, 1.5 BA home on large lot. Complete roof tear off '02. Wallside windows '00, copper plumbing, updated electrical, hardwood throughout, 2 car garage, great for the mechanic.

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YPSILANTI Cute Ranch
Great 3 BR, 1 BA home for first time buyers or investor. Newer windows, roof & HW. Remodeled kitchen w/walk cabinets and an updated bath. Brick paver patio in backyard. Home warranty included.

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28 x 10 deck overlooks 13 x 14 hole. Extensive fin bsmt. Cherry wood, wet bar, recessed light, carpet, bright open kit w/angled sink, pull out drawers, party, Mstr ste w/3 closets, 2 c att gar. End unit condo.

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Spacious 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, basement, family room w/fireplace, dining room, custom crown molding & inground pool. All backing to protected woodlands.

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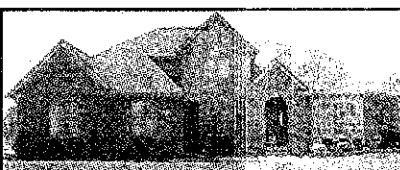
CANTON Don't Miss This One!
Clean & updated located on desirable lot backing to commons area, offers open floor plan, spacious LR, large FR w/frp, part fin bsmt, 2 car att garage. Updated kit, main bath, doorwall, shingles (stripped) & windows.

(E10HAM) 734-455-5600 \$204,700



WESTLAND Welcome Home
Awesome 4 BR, 2 BA cape cod w/all the updates: newer windows, C/A, updated kitchen hardwood floors. Beautiful yard with a garden. Too many items to list. Livonia Schools.

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Magnificent cape cod on premium lot w/4 BR, 3.5 BA, 3 car gar. Every upgrade imaginable including: doors, flrs, trim, windows, elec & plumbing too. 2 tier trex deck & brick paver patio. 12 zone sprinkler, cus landscaping.

(E75HIL) 249-349-5600 \$499,900



DEARBORN HGTS. Wooded and Unit Ranch
Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch condo w/2 car attached garage, partially finished basement, great room w/fireplace, dining room, breakfast area overlooking deck. All in wooded park-like setting.

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PLYMOUTH Tri-Level Near Downtown
Open floor plan. Refin hwd flrs for DR whenever picture window, FR on main flr w/gas frplc & door to patio. Newer roof 2000. Main bath renovated w/cer tile, tub, fir & pedestal sink. Newer Andersen casement windows.

(E25FAI) 734-455-5600 \$229,500



CANTON Golf Course Community
5 BR, 3.5 BA colonial w/2 car garage, 2 story foyer w/hwd flrs, FFL, master ste w/cath ceilings, fin bsmt w/tp, counter area for entertaining, FR w/frp, office w/French doors, sprinkler & sec system. Home warr.

(E70HIG) 734-455-5600 \$420,000



WALLED LAKE Updated Ranch
This adorable home has a lot to offer. Updates include: furnace, C/A, windows, carpet, kitchen, electrical, HW, light fixtures & more. Lake privileges. Close to downtown. Move in & enjoy. \$167,000

(E07LAD) 249-349-5600 \$167,000



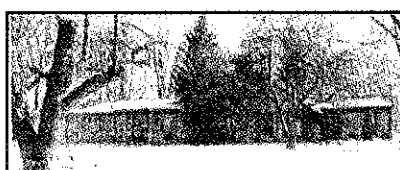
MILFORD Former Builders Dream
4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial located in Orchard Estates on approx. 1.6 acres. High quality w/3 frp. MBR suite w/garden tub & apric. Sunroom leads to secluded deck. State of art kit & appls. W/O LL, newer deck & furnace.

(E25LEW) 249-349-5600 \$499,900



SALEM TWP. Beautiful Country Home
5 bedroom, 2 full & 2.5 bath 19th century colonial on approx. 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors, country kitchen & formal dining room. Large pole barn, deck & gazebo. A must see!

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SOUTH LYON Country Near The City
Super 4 bedroom ranch, 2.5 baths, great room w/cathedral ceiling, master suite, 2 fireplaces, Deck, basement, 2 car attached garage. Bring your horses, 8 acres, barn w/hay loft, 3 stalls, fences, shed w/South Lyon Schools.

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CANTON Impeccable Voted #1
Exceptional cherry kitchen, Corian counters, designed appls, hwd flrs, 2.5 baths, FFL, gas fireplace, pond setting, Korler fixtures custom t/o, deck, SS, bsmt, 2 car attached garage, 2-tone paint, Robertson built lot.

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SOUTH LYON Restored Victorian
Built in 1990. Updates galore w/stylish decor in quaint downtown area. Huge kit w/island newer cabs (oak) & countertops. Refinished hwd flrs/stairway. New carpet, furnace, C/A '03. Wrap-around porch. Home warranty.

(E29LAK) 249-349-5600 \$230,000



NORTHVILLE Large
Spacious 4 BR, 2 BA quad on large lot. The perfect family room w/fireplace. Dining room w/cath ceiling & library.

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PLYMOUTH Premium Location On Lg Lot
This 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick bungalow offers character & charm w/wood ceilings & hardwood floors, spacious room & Florida room. Large master bedroom w/2 walk in closets. Beautiful perennial gardens.

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PLYMOUTH This One Is A Beauty!
Walk to town from your 4 bedroom, remodeled home. Newer cherry kitchen w/ceramic floor, huge family room w/brick fireplace. Updated baths, newer doors, windows & carpet. Partially finished basement.

(E22ANN) 734-455-5600 \$329,900



NOVI Gorgeous House & Lot
Outstanding 3 BR colonial on prime, treed cul-de-sac lot. Cheerful decor t/o. Spacious kit w/doorwall to decks & private yard. Huge GR w/frp, DR, FFL, office/lib has French doors, MBR w/bath & WIC, fin LL too.

(E32AVO) 249-349-5600 \$336,900



MILFORD Remodeling
With stylish decor put this home in a league of its own, including kitchen, bath and all flooring. Walk to beautiful downtown Milford or gaze at Moore Lake from gazebo and picnic area in back commons!

(E50MAI) 249-349-5600 \$129,500



NORTHVILLE Downtown Northville
Two bedroom home w/formal DR, large living room, FR w/vaulted ceiling & gas frplc. Updated kitchen, baths, windows, roof, furnace & C/A. Basement & 1 car att garage. Home is on a lot that has a CBD zoning.

(E14RAY) 249-349-5600 \$294,900



PLYMOUTH A Cut Above The Rest
Large 4 bedroom, 3 full & 2.5 bath colonial built in 2000 presents basement, 3 car attached garage, dual staircase, gourmet kitchen w/island, master bedroom overlooking fairway, master ste w/jetted tub & sep shower, spacious white kit w/granite counter. Reduced \$60,000

(N75PLY) 734-455-5600 \$579,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Updated
3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/abundance of cabs in eat-in kitchen, FR w/frp, hwd flrs in BR's, freshly painted. Pella windows w/built-in blinds, form, C/A & HW/H new roof, brick paver patio, sprinklers, 2 car att gar.

(E31ASP) 734-455-5600 \$219,900



NORTHVILLE Best Of Both Worlds
Extensively remodeled home is located w/in walking distance to town. Gourmet kit to die for. Open floor plan w/looking staircase to the hilliard & family room. 3 BR, 3 BA, 3 frps. Treat yourself to this gorgeous home.

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NORTHVILLE Charming Ranch
3 BR, 2 BA home in quiet sub. First floor laundry. Large kit w/bay window, GR w/brick frplc overlooking private yard. New roof & gutters '03. New furnace, air filter, humidifier '01. Newer carpet, flooring, lights. Full bsmt.

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Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA brick end unit condo features 2 car attached garage, side deck, additional parking spot next to unit. In a quiet, serene neighborhood with easy access to most of the major x-ways.

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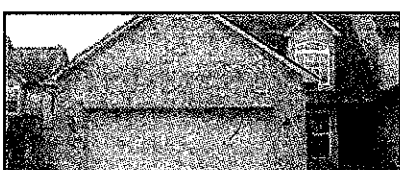
DEARBORN Gorgeous Executive Condo
3350 sq. ft. ranch presents lg BRs, 3.5 BAs, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar in gated comm at the TPC Golf Course overlooking fairway, master ste w/jetted tub & sep shower, spacious white kit w/granite counter. Reduced \$60,000

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GROSSE ILE Wonderful Colonial
Large 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on wooded lot offers: master suite w/jacuzzi tub & vaulted ceiling, formal living room, dining room, family room w/frp, first floor laundry, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar, sprinklers & brick patio.

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CANTON Gorgeous Ranch Condo
Condo features hardwood entry, ceramic tile floor in kitchen, maple cabinetry. All appliances in kitchen stay. Vaulted ceilings, 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage, master suite, large deck, gas fireplace.

(E20CHE) 249-349-5600 \$244,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Fantastic Home With View
Enjoy the warm spring days. Large LR & DR overlooking newer deck. Fin LL could be used as in-law quarters. FFL, MBR w/2 WIC & frplc. You'll love to cook in the kit. 2 car gar. Newer: roof, doorwalls & kit flooring.

(E39WOO) 249-349-5600 \$409,000



NOVI Welcome Home
Totally updated 3 BR, 2 BA home w/bonus room w/private entry. Great for home business. FR all ceramic tiled, recessed lighting, custom paint, 2 car heated garage. Walk-out LL, tiered deck, pool & Novi schs.

(E11TEN) 249-349-5600 \$204,900



SOUTH LYON Entertaining Floor Plan
3 bedroom, 2 bath, cathedral ceilings, Pergo flooring w/warranty, C/A, large bedrooms, brick paver patio, ceramic baths, walk-in closet. Very open & airy floor plan. Premium lot. Plus a home warranty.

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CANTON Needs A Little Love
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/finished basement, 2.5 car garage, a lot of updates, C/A, awesome landscaping, sprinkler system, large corner lot. Bank owned, good investment opportunity.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Lake Living At Its Best
3 BR, 3 BA 2-story home in quiet bay location on Walnut Lake. Spacious master ste white & hrt's baths & WIC. GR w/Travertine marble fireplace and great view of lake. White kitchen and sun-filled breakfast room.

(E85COM) 249-349-5600 \$899,000



WESTLAND Meticulous Colonial
4 BR, 2.5 BA home on quiet cul-de-sac. Peaceful tree-lined backyard. 2 car attached garage, full bsmt, gas frplc, newer windows including bay window in DR. Pool w/custom 2 tier deck. Livonia schools.

(E78SOR) 249-349-5600 \$240,000



LIVONIA Cute & Cozy
Ranch home w/friendly at home feeling. Hwd floors, fin bsmt w/wet bar & full bath. Newer windows, gutters, glass block windows, blinds, screened-in porch, shed, built-in oven & range. Newer frig, profess indispd

(E44ANT) 249-349-5600 \$139,900



CANTON Classic Elegance!
Custom built on approx. 1 acre lots. Foyer w/wrought iron & wood trimmed staircase. 2 story GR w/frp & crown molding, kit & master BA w/granite tops. All 3 BRs w/bath & WIC. Full bsmt w/walk-out & 3 car att gar.

(E51ROL) 734-455-5600 \$823,000



CANTON Sunflowers Finest!
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/newer car floor in foyer, kit & powder room, LR opens to for DR w/newer hwd flrs, kit w/newer cherry cabs, Corian counters, FR w/gas frplc, newer Andersen doorwall to deck + 2 car att gar.

(E33CAM) 734-455-5600 \$282,000



NOVI Excellent Buy In Novi
Spacious 4 BR, 2.5 BA 2-story offers a popular floor plan w/kitchen open to FR, frplc, lib/office, cathedral ceilings, LR and DR, MBR suite w/WIC & bath, FFL, premium sized lot. Side entry garage & multi-tiered deck.

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WESTLAND Vintage Updated Colonial
Old world charm & character w/modern updates. Newer carpet, kitchen cabs, HW/H, C/A, windows & more. 3 roomy BR's, 2 full updated baths. Formal LR & DR. Partially finished basement, 2 car attached garage.

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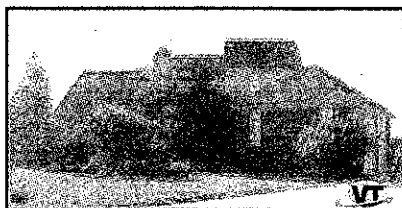


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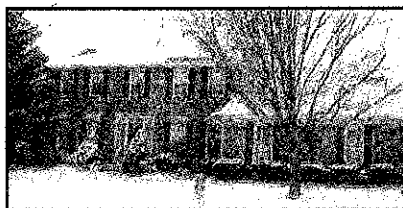
NORTHVILLE \$442,900
PERFECT LOCATION Stunning & beautifully cared for. 3 bed cape code 1st floor bedroom. 2 2 baths, w/o finished bsmt, 2 car garage, fireplace, ct location. Move in condition. (56WH12)

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CANTON \$419,900
LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! Rare find! Enjoy court location which backs to a pond w/ ftn. Mstr 1st flr. 3 car gar w/heat. W/O bsmt, den off foyer, hrdwd flrs in kit, foyer, nook, & hlwy. (B47539)

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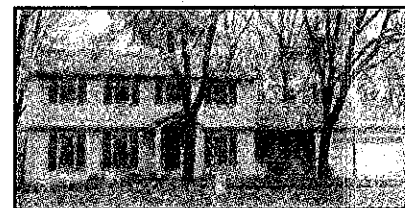
PLYMOUTH \$365,000
GREAT CURB APPEAL 4BR, 3 1/2 bath with Pergo, new paint, French doors, crown molding in den, bay window, wood trim. Fin bsmt, drywall, 1st floor laundry. Gazebo-deck-perennials. (R956)

734-326-2000



NOVI \$358,500
SPACIOUS AND OPEN FLOOR PLAN Formal LR & DR, Family size Brkfst area & kit that opens to lg FR w/cathedral ceiling & trpl, perfect lib w/ built-in bookcases & great fin'd basement. (82POR2)

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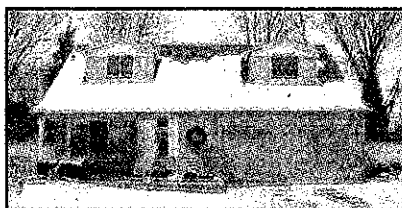
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NOVI \$278,900
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NOVI \$269,000
OVER 1/2 ACRE IN NOVI Almost 2000 SF, 2001 blt, 3 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial w/formal DR/sunken LR, den, FR, open flr plan & Novi schools. Must see! (36CLA2)

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CANTON \$249,900
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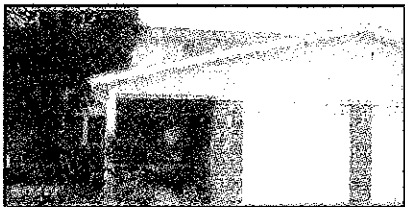
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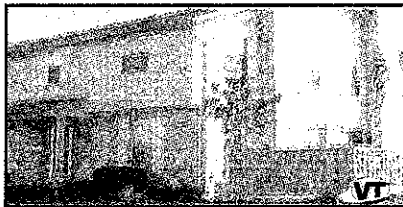
NORTHVILLE \$188,000
SOUGHT AFTER HIGHLAND LAKES CONDO! Spacious 2 story unit w/Att Gar! Updated kit w/ walk-in pantry, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, Full Fin Bsmt. Huge Patio w/built-in gas grill and beautiful gardens. Great Buy! (72QUE2)

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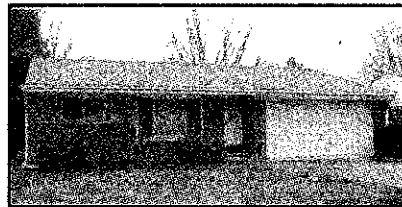
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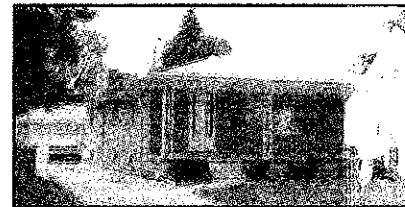
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OUTSTANDING RANCH & GREAT LOCATION Great 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath ranch w/many updates. Redone oak kitchen w/newer appliances that stay! Bath redone w/jacuzzi. Full bsmt, 2 car att garage. (32TON2)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$169,900
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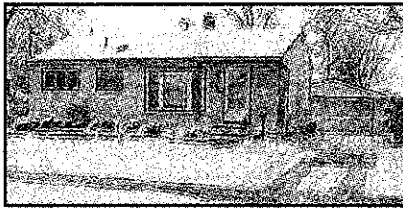
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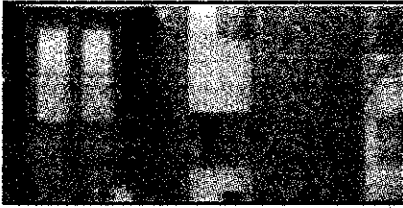
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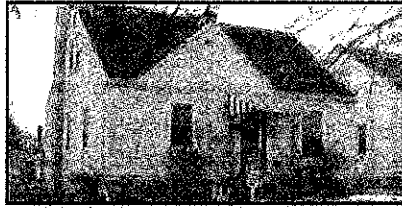
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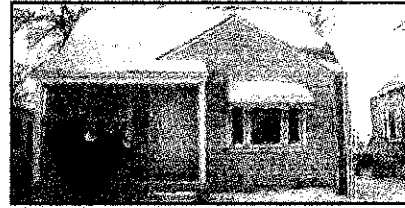
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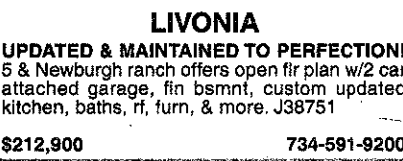
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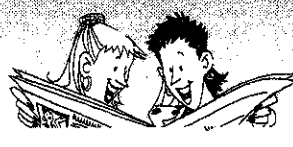
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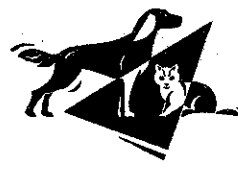
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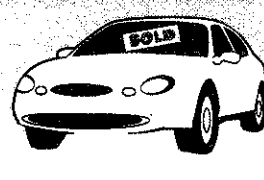
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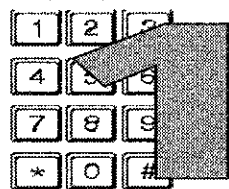
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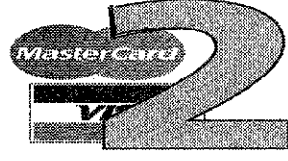
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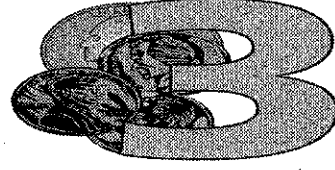
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ALL OUR TOMORROWS
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FRIENDS TO START
Very busy, SWF, 38, enjoys movies, traveling, theater, computers and quiet times. Looking for a sincere, educated, employed, SWM, 30-50, who can be flexible, due to my busy schedule, and is interested in friendship to start, maybe more later. Ad#643444

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SWF, 40, 5'5", with brown eyes, height/weight proportionate. Enjoys fishing, camping, writing, photography, and more. Looking for a SWM, under 50, who has similar interests. Ad#643372

THE COFFEE IS ON
SWF, 57, natural blonde, blue eyes with grown children. Looking for a prompt, N/S, N/D, mature, SWM, 57-80, who would like to get together and talk over a cup of coffee. Ad#642834

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Witty, faithful, outgoing, SWF, 41, blue-eyed blonde, 5'2". Loves roller coasters, computers, cars, racing, camping and fishing. Looking for a good-humored, open-minded, passionate, SWF, 35-55, who enjoys life. Ad#535207

LET'S LIVE
51, WF, independent. I like movies, travel, dining out, dancing. Looking for SWM, 50-60, with same interests. No couch potatoes and it interested give me a call. Thank You. Ad#616570

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READY TO SETTLE DOWN
SWF, 47, 5'2", attractive blonde, hazel eyes with a beautiful smile. Seeking a honest and caring SWM, 40-52, who enjoys spending time with that special someone. Ad#441159

LETS SHARE LIFE TOGETHER
SBF, weight proportionate, 47, enjoys travel, weekend getaways, spring, summer, plays a string instrument, enjoys a good in/out, romantic days, in search of a SWM, 45-65, family-oriented, with similar interests. Ad#640890

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SWF, 22, enjoys going to church. Looking for a fun, respectable, clean-cut, SWF gentleman, 18-30, N/S, N/D, who is serious about a long-term relationship. Ad#640709

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SWF, 40, beautiful blonde, who is romantic, and sophisticated. Enjoys the bookstore, entertaining and cooking. Seeks a special SWM, to make her house a home. She should be intelligent, financially/emotionally secure, handsome, generous & marriage-minded. Ad#640050

SIMPLE LIFE
SWF, 47, 5'4", 110 lbs., brown hair and green eyes. Enjoys sports, beach, golf, cooking, dancing. Seeking SWM, who is outgoing, friendly, loyal and good hearted. Let's have fun and good times together. Ad#640037

LOVABLE SWEETIE
SWF, 42, I enjoy life, family, cooking, and movies. Seeking a SWM who is honest, sincere. You must enjoy life and good conversation. Ad#639222

A DIFFERENT KIND OF AD
Petite, WF, 61, sort of cute, smart, spiritual & independent. Seeking a man, who is intelligent, financially/emotionally secure, handsome, generous & marriage-minded. Ad#640050

GET TO KNOW ME
DWCF, 30, smoker, with children, likes to go out and have fun, trying different things and the simple things in life. Looking for a sincere, honest, SWM, 25-35, who likes children and quiet times at home. Ad#633085

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS
DWCF, 30, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out and spending time with her children. Looking for an honest, sincere, SWM, 25-35, to have some fun with, for friendship maybe more. Ad#633034

COMPLETE HONESTY A MUST
I'm a sincere, SBF, 21, with one son. I'm searching for an energetic, fun, honest, SWM, who believes that honesty is the key to a strong relationship. Ad#636745

LIKE GOOD SURPRISES?
SBF, 28, 5'11", big-boned, N/S, N/D. Enjoys bowling, movies, casinos, travel and time with friends. Looking for an honest, personable, SWM, 45-60, who loves kids. Ad#638802

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SBF, 57, 145 lbs., light complexion, looking for a sweet, spontaneous, level-headed, good-looking, SWM, 25-35. Ad#636499

LOOKING FOR HONESTY
SWF, 58, 5'4", with green eyes. Enjoys the water and trying anything once. In search of a tall SWM, 55-65, who is honest, with a great sense of humor and similar interests. Ad#636111

LOOKING FOR FUN
I'm ready for fun & laughter! SBF, 46, 6', smoker, social drinker. I enjoy watching sports and traveling. I'm searching for a SWM, 55-70, who shares my interests. Ad#503750

GOOD NATURED
SBF, 47, 5'3", dark brown hair, outgoing, sincere and fun-loving. Enjoys shopping, travel, dining, concerts, the outdoors, picnics and more. Seeking a SWM, 40-60, who is sincere, outgoing, fun-loving, family-oriented and is a kid at heart. Ad#442747

LOVE TO GIVE
SWF, 27, 5'9", 145 lbs., blonde hair, green eyes. She is seeking a man who loves children, has a sense of humor, is honest and enjoys quiet times at home. Ad#633192

ARE WE ALIKE?
SWF, 50, with above average looks, good communicator, amusing, loving, sociable. Seeking DWCF, 45-60, clean-cut gentleman, looking for serious relationship. Ad#482568

KIND & LOVING HEART
Professional, attractive, SBF, 46, 5'5", full figured, hazel eyes. Looking for a professional, N/S, SWM, 40-52, who's trustworthy, outgoing and energetic. Ad#521077

GOOD-NATURED
SWF, 65, 6'1", medium build, college graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys working out, theater, movies, walking and more. Seeking a SWM, 53" plus, 53-62, who is well-grounded and professional, for friendship first. Ad#470261

ATTENTION LADIES...
SWM, 18, 6'5", 190 lbs., with athletic build, black hair and blue eyes. Looking for a SF, to have fun with, someone who's easy to talk to. Let's talk and see where it leads us. Ad#685683

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SWF, 48, attractive, intelligent, loving and dedicated. Seeking a SWM, 45+, a N/S, who is sincere, intelligent, humorous and honest, for a long-term, devoted relationship. Ad#448774

CARING & HONEST

SWCF, 44, N/S, N/D, who enjoys camping, walking, the outdoors, fishing, my children and experiencing new things. If you are a N/S, N/D, SWCM, 35-52, and are interested, call me and we'll talk! Ad#417121

COULD IT BE YOU?

WWWF, 59, gray hair, pleasant, loving and kind-hearted. Enjoys walking, movies, music, the outdoors and more. Seeking a SWM, who for a friendship first. Ad#633531

CUTE BLONDE WIDOW

I'm 5', 105 lbs., 58, romantic, secure, SF seeking a nice-looking male, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium build, who enjoys dancing, golf, live theater and good conversation. Macomb County. Ad#403582

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BLUE EYES

SWF, 58, petite, blue eyes, professional, looking for a SWM 50-64, who if fun-loving, enjoys traveling, dancing, and is looking for a woman to share the good times! Ad#529995

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This SWF 44, works in health care, and has long brown hair, blue eyes, and is open to new interests. Looking for a SWM with good morals, who works afterwards, 39-61 no children. Ad#832261

LOOKING FOR LOVE

SWF, 63, 5'11", with reddish/brown hair & dark brown eyes. Interests include bowling, dancing, cooking, movies and much more. Seeking for a SWM, age not important, who has similar interests. Ad#418650

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HONEST & CARING

SWF, 42, 5', blonde hair, blue eyes, friendly and bubbly. Enjoys long drives, walks, movies, cuddling and much more. Seeking an honest and caring SWM, 35-52. Ad#619145

FUN TO BE WITH

Spontaneous and outgoing, SWF, 70, 5'6", ash blonde hair and green eyes. Loves going to the movies, diners, walking, nature and plays. Seeking a SWM, who is looking to have fun together and enjoy each other's company. Ad#618321

LET ME CARE FOR YOU

Witty and funny SBF, 52, 5'2", Hobbies and interests include roller skating, bike riding, walks and other activities. Seeking a Christian, SWM, 18-60, to get to know better. Ad#581578

END MY SEARCH

DWCF, 50, 5'10", 180 lbs., smoker. In search of a nice-looking, good-humored, SWF, 35-50, who enjoys sports, music, dancing, and trying new things. Ad#682841

THE MOMENT IS NOW

Retired, SWM, 64, 6'4", 230 lbs. Enjoys outdoor activities, walking, golfing and traveling. Looking for a SWF, 63 or younger, who's personable, enjoys traveling and is interested in a long term relationship. Ad#680737

LET'S GET TOGETHER

This 23 year old, SWM, is 6'2", 185 lbs., has dark brown hair, dark brown eyes, a nice smile and is an athletic build. He is looking for a SWF, age unimportant, for some fun and special times together. Ad#660537

SEIZE THE DAY

Energetic SWM, 45, 5'10", 170 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, with varied interests. Seeking talented, fun SWF, 30-40, who likes the outdoors. Ad#461086

THE LADY OF MY LIFE

SWM, young looking 100, brown hair, 5'8", 165 lbs., N/S, N/D. Enjoys the outdoors, movies, music, and time at home. Seeking a SWF, 35-50, who's honest, good hearted and loves to cuddle. Ad#659907

THE PERFECT MAN

Handsome, SWM, 35, 5'10", 230 lbs. I'm nice, honest & respectful. I enjoy cars, sports, sightseeing, and life in general. I am ready to meet an attractive, slim to medium-built, respectful, sincere, sweet & loving SF, who's marriage/family-minded. Ad#581918

WAITING...

This SWM, 53, 5'9", with brown hair & blue eyes, is searching for an affectionate, SWF, 45-55, who likes traveling, long walks, movies, water sports, and doesn't smoke or drink. Ad#658346

WONDERFUL MAN

SWM, 28, 5'6", brown hair/eyes. Loves time with family & friends. He's searching for an honest, caring, fun-loving, SWF, 18-32, who loves children and goes to Church. Ad#658741

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The 2004 Chrysler PT Cruiser

Advertising Feature

Thursday Drive Time



BY DALE BUSS

The PT Cruiser, and Chrysler's handling of this model, are difficult to react to with indifference. When the car came out in March 2000, it made a memorable splash on the automotive scene, its 1930s-era retro styling issuing a definitive design statement like few other vehicles were doing in those days. And yet by now, I find myself getting more than a little tired of PT Cruiser's downsized aerodynamic styling. The novelty certainly has worn off for me.

As a potential buyer of PT Cruiser nowadays, I would find myself thinking: Is this really a car that I want in my driveway? And what does it say about me if I do – that I'm just a little too late to the "hip" parade? Maybe it's just the fact that in metro Detroit, particularly in Oakland County, the numbers of Chryslers on the roads are overwhelming, so there's absolutely no delight in seeing a PT Cruiser out and about anymore. All I think is: That's being driven by the kid of a Chrysler executive.

Here's another dilemma: I greatly admire Chrysler designers and executives for having the confidence in their own convictions to bring out this lively sprite of a vehicle in the first place, because there really was no pre-existing template for the niche that it sought to create by combining dramatic styling with some of the interior roominess of the growing number of crossover vehicles of the time. All artistic and cultural issues aside, it's an automotive achievement for sure.

Nevertheless, when Chrysler announced a couple of years ago that it was going to expand its manufacturing capacity for the hot-selling PT Cruiser, I remember thinking that they were absolutely crazy. It told me that they had risked making the basic mistake of extrapolating that the PT Cruiser fad, which was based more on its refreshingly different look than anything, would be just as hot today as it was then. As it turned out, they were a little bit right, but so was I. Chrysler has continued to sell PT Cruisers at the rate of about 135,000 a year, but demand and interest have cooled



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substantially – and in some cases, Chrysler dealers are having to offer incentives on the vehicles.

Having said all that, let me reassure that the 2004 PT Cruiser is making the most of this product proposition. I drove a GT Turbo version of the car, and I found it exhilarating and fun to drive, a cinch to park, a joy to use to haul around people and cargo, and cool – though not eye-catching – to be in.

Wisely, Chrysler has done little even to tweak the styling that was such a hit when PT Cruiser came out, combining the retro look that evoked gangster movies with modern touches such as dual-beam flush headlights and teardrop-shaped taillight lenses. The GT is distinguished from the other models by its chrome exhaust tips, larger grille and air intakes, and a spoiler on its liftgate; however, the spoiler is an option on the other models.

The car is impressively compact, nearly six inches shorter than the Neon subcompact on whose mechanical platform PT Cruiser is based. Yet at 63 inches from pavement to the top of its roof, PT Cruiser also is seven inches taller than Neon and nearly as tall as some minivans.

Crucially, that allows PT Cruiser to function as much more of a cargo hauler than other small cars, a practical aspect of the vehicle that often gets short shrift because of how nifty the design is. Also, there is much more room in the rear seats, especially head room, than in competing small cars, enhancing the PT Cruiser's practical value.

Turbocharging brings a lot to the PT Cruiser lineup the model that I drove, with a 2.4-liter overhead-cam turbo engine and a five-speed manual transmission, truly performed like a pocket rocket, darting away from standing stops and accelerating smartly through all the demands of city and highway driving.

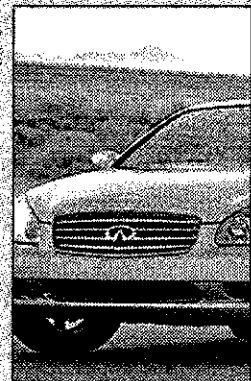
Inside, controls are laid out very accessibly, and smart chrome accents help to drive home the retro look. Overall, the interior design is smart and sassy, just like the rest of the vehicle.

PT Cruiser works handsomely as a design concept, a statement of style and as a practical vehicle. The only question for Chrysler, and for its customers, is for how long.

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