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If you own a business and have an opinion about sharing a driveway off Ford Road, your thoughts are wanted at the next Ford Road Access Management Workshop 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at Dodson Elementary School, 205 N. Beck Road.

The meeting will be targeted primarily toward the business and proper-Ly owners along Ford Road. Consultants will present some very preliminary solutions to improve traffic flow and reduce traffic accidents. Preliminary ideas to be discussed include shared access opportunities, cooperative efforts to consolidate some driveways, extension of right turn lanes to accommodate driveways, and traffic considerations for the residential areas west of Canton Center Road.

For more information. contact Kathleen Salla, Canton Downtown **Development Authority** coordinator at (734) 394-5186.

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School district OKs bond issue vote

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton school board voted Tuesday night to seek voter approval for a nearly \$107 million bond issue that includes \$91 million for district-wide repairs and renova-tions, nearly \$14 million to build a new elementary school in southwest Canton, and \$1.25 million for the most immediate fixes at Central Middle School.

No date for the election has been set; however, it's expected to be in either September or October.

The elementary school will use the same blueprint utilized at Tonda and Dodson, but will be built a bit larger to accommodate 750 students.

Jasmin Walker lives in south-

west Canton, and two of her children are bused to Miller Elementary because of overcrowding at nearby Dodson.

"If we don't build a new elementary now, we'll be in trouble down the road," she said. "A new school affects everybody,

not just people with children. If you own a home in this commu-

nity, it affects property values." Superintendent Jim Ryan put to bed any speculation the district won't have the \$750,000

PLEASE SEE BOND, A5

Young owner credits co-op program for budding career

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Danielle Scott believes she is the living example of what a co-op program can do for a budding career.

"I always planned to work in day care or become a teacher," said Scott, 19, co-owner of The Children's Hour Day Care and Learning Center in the Canton Ford Crossing on Canton Center Road

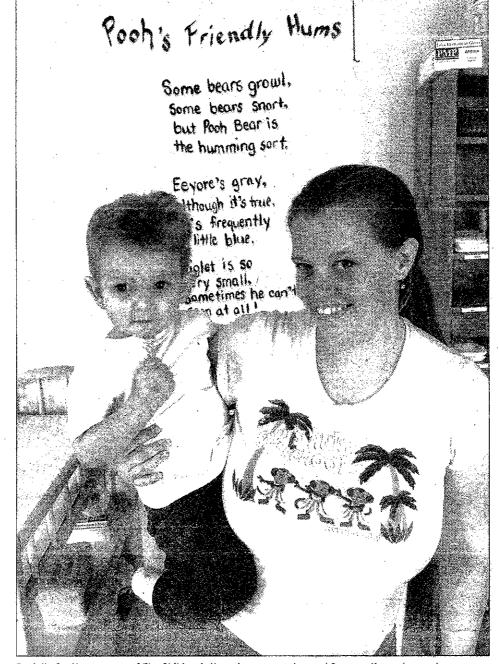
Wanting it and making it happen are two different things. But the 2003 John Glenn High School graduate found the right track when she entered the Westland Co-Op program and William D. Ford Vocational Tech Center.

Scott, who owns Children's Hour with her mom, Jill, was recently honored by the Westland Co-Op. "I talked about what co-op and voc tech did for me," said the Westland resident. What it did was give Scott work-

ing experience in day care. "I learned how to run a preschool. I made lesson plans, organized field trips and ordered supplies.'

Scott wanted to open her own day care and with her parents help, she did just that. "I wouldn't have done

PLEASE SEE DAY CARE, A6



Danielle Scott, co-owner of The Children's Hour day care center, and Spenser Korroch spend some time together.

Cherry Hill widened in time for theater debut

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

If all goes according to plan Cherry Hill Road from Denton to Ridge should be paved, widened and ready for business for the opening of the Village Theater in September.

Canton Trustees on Tuesday adopted a resolution approving the contract to authorize payment agreements for the special assessment district so that the project can get under way.

"We want Cherry Hill opened by the end of August," said Todd Zilincik, a township engineer. "We want to be ready for the

opening of the theater in September."

He said the project, which involves widening Cherry Hill to five lanes from Denton to Ridge, should begin May 6.

When it's completed the road will consist of one traffic lane in each direction, a center turn lane and on onstreet parking lane on each side of the road.

Those parking lanes will provide on-street parking for theater patrons and other visitors to Cherry Hill Village.

In order to expedite the construction schedule, Zilincik said, Cherry Hill will be closed to all but local traffic from just west of Denton

to Ridge from May 18 through July 8. That closure is still tentative, pending approval from Wayne County.

During the closure, Zilincik suggested alternate routes of Beck to Ford, then west to Ridge, or Denton to Geddes, then west to Ridge.

Coinciding with the Cherry Hill project will be the extension of Denton Road north of Cherry

The first phase of that project will extend Denton about 1,160 feet north of Cherry Hill to accommodate future development and to allow Fire Station Number 3 to be built in the fall.

Eventually Denton will be

extended all the way to Ridge where, again pending Wayne County approval, it will intersect with Ridge and Saltz at a roundabout.

We hope to have Denton open in the same time frame as Cherry Hill," Zilincik said.

"And we hope to have to roundabout completed by mid-November."

Once all the projects are complete, including the paving of Saltz from Cherry Hill to Ridge, Zilincik said the area south from Denton to South Ridge should be very "walkable and pedestrian friendly."

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From her heart, **Emily helps** house fire victim

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Emily Schreiner just wants to help. When a neighbor's house burned on early Sunday night, Emily was upset. But she put her emotions into action. Immediately, she gathered her friends in the Walnut Ridge Circle neighborhood and asked them to help her gather donations to help neighbor, Debbie.

"We gave her \$9. She started crying," said the Eriksson Elementary third grad-

That was a start, but Emily isn't done yet. She is mounting a full-fledged campaign to help her 51-year-old neighbor, who escaped injury when her house burned about 5:45 p.m. Sunday. The fire caused extensive damage to the house, which she was renting.

While the woman was not injured she was taken to Oakwood Hospital to be examined — she lost 43 cats and a dog in the fire. One cat survived and is being treated by a veterinarian.

"Her cats used to come in our backyard. They thought it was their litterbox," Emily said.

The resident escaped the fire through a second-story window, said Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher. When firefighters arrived on the scene, the house was engulfed in flames.

Gas to the rental home had been turned off prior to the fire. It appears the cause of the fire was an electric space heater, Rorabacher said.

"I want lots of people to help her," Emily said. "She didn't have any insurance and it was scary for her."

To help Debbie, Emily wrote the following letter that she is distributing through the Canton Observer and her to

"A neighbor's house burned down across the street from my house on April 25. She doesn't have any insurance and she lost all of her belongings and all of her pets except for her cat Samantha. If you would be willing to give a donation that would be great. Please send donations to Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, 1100 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 in care of Debbie Walnut Ridge Fire."

Emily's dad, Sgt. Dave Schreiner of the Canton Public Safety Department, said the fire has upset children in the neighborhood. The firefighters charity foundation has provided \$500 so far to help Debbie and pay for her stay in a hotel.

"Emily is a good kid. Every night she is frightened and worries about fire, Schreiner said. "Hopefully, this will help her through it."

Staff writer Jack Gladden contributed to this

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A Broadway salute

PSO delights audiences and raises money

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

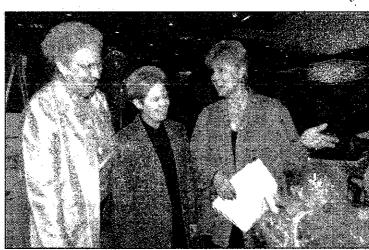
While the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra saluted Broadway, guests helped raise money for the almost 60-yearold organization with live and silent auctions Saturday night.

"It was great fun," said Matthew Moore, music director at Plymouth's First United Methodist Church. "They really

did a great job. For a symphony of that size and caliber, they play really well."

"Best of Broadway" - the symphony's annual pops benefit dinner, concert and auction - drew some 250 guests to Laurel Manor. The symphony, directed by music director and conductor Nan Washburn, entertained with selections from Chicago,

PLEASE SEE BROADWAY, A5



Wilma Cleveland, Nan Washburn, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra conductor, and Linda Alvarado, board member and advisory chair, review items for the silent and live auctions at the Best of Broadway pops concert, dinner and auction night.

Coming Sunday in your Canton Observer

American Profile

Despite a successful career in country music, singer Sara Evans' first priority is being a good mother to her two small children.



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Canton woman faces charges in carjacking

Accused of robbing a 73year-old woman and taking her car, a Westland man and a Canton woman will face a court hearing after being arraigned Monday on carjacking and armed robbery charges

John Edwin Herman, 44,

and Lisa Jeanne Meyer, 48, could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if convicted of an incident that happened last Friday morning outside a strip mall on the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and Merriman Road.

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The victim, who gave up her

car and her purse, wasn't injured, although she was told she would be killed unless she cooperated, said police Sgt. James Dexter.

Herman and Meyer are accused of fleeing east on Michigan Avenue in the victim's car, slamming into another vehicle at Telegraph Road and eventually leading police on a high-speed chase along I-94 from Pelham to Livernois, Dexter said.

The several-mile chase ended when Dearborn police officers blocked the getaway vehicle at I-94 and Livernois, arrested the couple and

recovered the victim's purse, money and personal checkbook, Dexter said.

Authorities believe that the victim's assailants wanted money to buy heroin.

The incident started late Friday morning as the victim was going to shop at Strictly Dollar, a business located in the Kroger-anchored strip mall. Police said a woman demanded the victim's keys and purse, warning she would be killed unless she complied.

Dexter cautioned that anyone threatened with a carjacking shouldn't resist and possibly risk being hurt or killed.

"The victim did exactly what she should have done," he said.

The victim's assailants slammed into a car at Telegraph and continued to flee while a witness phoned police with a description of the stolen 1999 Mercury Tracer, Dexter said.

Police spotted the car on eastbound I-94 at Pelham and started a pursuit that ended at Livernois, where Dexter said the getaway vehicle was "boxed in" by Dearborn police.

On Monday, Westland 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos arraigned Herman and Meyer - described as boyfriend and girlfriend - on carjacking and armed robbery charges. He ordered each of them held on a \$500,000 bond, and he entered not-guilty pleas in their court files.

Bokos scheduled a May 6 preliminary hearing that will determine whether the couple should stand trial in Wayne

County Circuit Court. According to Dexter, Meyer had recently been released from prison after serving several months for an earlier attempted carjacking. He also said Herman has a criminal history, including time served for theft-related felonies.

ADs gone, but teachers could return from layoff

STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education laid off 16 people Tuesday night, including the three high school athletic directors and eight teach-

Superintendent Jim Ryan said the restructuring of the athletic department at the high school park mainly comes down to the salaries of the three AD's. Currently, Sue

Heinzman at Canton High School earns \$98,021; Tom Willette at Salem and Terry Sawchuk at Plymouth each earn \$83,395.

"They are paid at a districtwide athletic director level, when they are actually building athletic directors," said Ryan. "My concern is how do you address the salary issue when there really isn't a contract open until next year."

Ryan said he's working with the Plymouth Canton

Administrators union in an attempt to negotiate a compromise that could result in the return one or all of the athletic directors.

As for the teachers, Ryan said the layoffs were a contractual matter.

"Of the eight, we already have three that are coming back because of special education staffing, and I anticipate all eight will be back," he said.

■ The board also approved

the hiring of a development director, who will be responsible for raising much-needed funding for the district.

The development director would likely seek foundation grants and corporate partnerships, as well as tapping into alumni.

The board approved a salary range of \$51,000-\$79,000 for the position.

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Nominate your favorite landscaping designs

Nominations are being accepted for Canton's Second Annual Design Excellence Awards, which promote excellence in landscaping, site and architectural design.

Judging for the competition will take place in July and August. An appreciation ceremony will be held in early fall to recognize award winners, said Canton Neighborhood Coordinator Kris Sanders.

In terms of landscape design, several categories will be recognized.

Neighborhood entryways, commercial and public buildings as well as single family homes will be judged. An environmental excellence award

has been added this year and will recognize projects which preserve or enhance natural features, use native vegetation and that create natural habi-

Architectural design will have residential, commercial and public building cate-

Awards in these categories will be based on building design, quality of building materials and quality of site design including landscaping, lighting and other site design amenities.

Nomination forms are available on Canton's Web site at www.canton-mi.org and at the Summit on the Park, at Canton's Administration

Building, the Canton Public Library and several Cantonarea nurseries.

Nominations will be accepted until June 30, 2004. Send nomination forms by June 30, 2004 to: Canton Design Excellence Award, c/o Neighborhood Coordinator, 1150 S. Canton Center Road,

The Design Excellence Awards are being sponsored by Canton's Council for Community Excellence.

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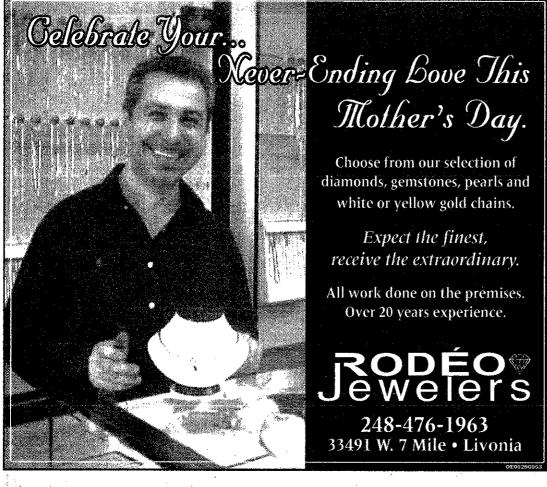
For more information, email excellence@cantonmi.org or call (734) 394-5165. Information about the Council for Community Excellence can be found at www.canton-

ROAD WORK

The following is an update on various road construction projects currently taking place in Canton, as well as an update on locations of resurfacing road projects, utility extensions, sidewalk programs and traffic signals.

Saltz Road paving (Canton Center to Ridge) - Construction is anticipated to begin in early June and completed by the end of September. New bituminous pavement and drainage improvements will occur for 2 miles. Project is out for bids and is anticipated to be awarded for construction in mid-May. Lotz Road paving (between Ford and

Warren) - Wayne County is currently reviewing the bids to award the contract for construction. Project to start in the Summer 2004. The portion of the water main on the east side of Lotz Road will be relocated before the road is constructed.





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From left, Shayna Klein, 13, of East Middle School, and Abby Pairitz, 14, of Pioneer Middle School, talk with Marie Martin, 14, a Pioneer student, and, Debbie Zevalkink, Canton supervisor's assistant, and Pioneer student Brooke Julien, 14. The students were honored as graduates of the Canton Youth Leadership program.

Being a leader

8th-graders volunteer more than 700 hours

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Thirty-three Canton eighth-graders "graduated" Monday from the Youth Leadership Canton program. The six-session program, which started in September and ended with Monday's banquet and awards ceremonies, included a nature retreat, a community service day and a public safety day. The program is designed to help students develop their leadership and citizenship skills. "The program required at least 15 hours of community service from each participant," said Debbie Zevalkink, administrative assistant to township Supervisor Tom Yack. "Altogether these students put in over 700 hours. That's

Pam Bhullar, an eighth-grader at Discovery Middle School, was honored for completing more than 160 hours of community service herself. She received a gift certificate from the Community Bank of Dearborn for a \$100 sav-

As part of their public service requirements, Zevalkink said, students participated in many different activities.

"As a group they wrapped presents for the Goodfellows," she said. "Some tutored. Some volunteered for Canton events. Some worked at a soup kitchen in Detroit."

During the past six months participating students learned the value of teamwork, as well as understanding the characteristics of good leadership. Youth Leadership Canton is sponsored by Canton Township, Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Community



More than 30 students graduated from the Canton Youth Leadership program. Students and guests gather ready for the ceremonies Monday night.

Foundation. Students taking part in this year's program included:

Anoop Gopal, Megan Jenkins, Brooke Julien, Melissa Klusek, Kim Lebioda, Marie Martin, Samantha Oliver, Abby Pairitz, Arielle Pietron and Kara Winczkowski. West

Lisa Foster, Caitlin Heaney, Jessica Hendrickson, Sapna Sutariya and Brianne Winowiecki.

Central Amanda Schroeder and Kelly Wilt.

Whitney Askew, Pam Bhullar, Shelly Briars, Courtney Long, Katelyn Stadler and Swathi Venkatesan.

Carolyn Benages, Sarah Erickson, Brooke Graham, Ryan Hoffman, Shayna Kline, Stephanie Mifsud, Priya Ramamurthy, Nevan Shokar and Gabrielle Zuzo.

All Saints Luke Effler.

Discovery

BOARD FORUM

The four candidates for two seats on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education have been invited to take part in a public forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

The forum is sponsored by the Observer Newspapers and the League of Women Voters of Western Wayne County.

Incumbent board president Judy Mardigian and challengers William Gibbons, Becky Moore and Barry Simescu were all invited to attend.

Candidates will give opening and closing statements, and will answer questions posed by audience members, who will have the opportunity to submit their questions on cards provided by the League of Women Voters.

The election is scheduled for June 14.

ERIKSSON SPRING CARNIVAL

Eriksson Elementary School hosts its first Family Fun Carnival from 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 14.

The event features food, games, a cake walk, prizes, raffles, a giant obstacle course, henna tattoos, face painting, balloon hats and an up-close look at a fire engine. Admission is free.

Eriksson Elementary is located at 1275 N. Haggerty between Ford road and Cherry Hill in Canton.

ROCKETTES TALENT SHOW

The Salem Varsity Rockettes, along with the co-starring Junior Varsity Rockettes, are set for their annual Rockette Show 2004, scheduled for April 30-May 1 at the Gloria Logan Theatre for the Performing Arts in Salem High School.

The shows start at 7 p.m. and feature dance performances by both the varsity and JV Rockettes, as well as acts from other students who auditioned for the show.

DINE AND WINE

A wine and food tasting to benefit the Canton Youth Development Outreach Program, the Canton Community Foundation, the March of Dimes and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association Scholarship Fund

AROUND CANTON

is scheduled for 7 - 9 p.m. Friday, May 7, at Waltonwood at Cherry Hill.

There will be approximately

20 wine tables with a wide variety of red and white wines. There will also be beer and non-alcoholic beverages available for tasting. A wide variety of hors d'oeuvres provided by Holiday Market, entertainment and several door prizes are also included. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door, and are available at Holiday Market and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The event is sponsored by Holiday Market and the Leadership Canton Alumni Association in cooperation with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Charter Township of Canton. For more information, call Debbie

Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

FLOWERS GALORE

It's your choice of New Guinea impatiens or geraniums, or both. And you can get them through the Canton Historical Society, which is taking pre-paid order for 10-

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or rose.

Flowers may be picked up noon-4 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at the Canton Historical Museum at the corner of Canton Center and Heritage.

You may also buy cash and carry flowers on May 1, as well as again at noon-4p.m. May 8.

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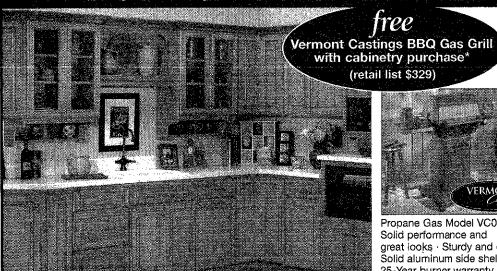
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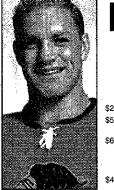
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DEATHS

Karen Sue Adamson, 57, of Milford, died April 21. Mary E. Aldrich, 69, of Waterford, formerly of Auburn Hills, died April

Donald P. Amato, 80, of Keego Harbor, died April 26.

Gloryann "Glo" Baily, 53, formerly of Beverly Hills, died April 19.

Donald F. Clinton, 84, of Canton, died April 22.

Elmer G. Goings, 82, of Rochester Hills, died April 23. Darren Martin Gunther, 22, died April 25.

Edward Fowler Horton, 85, of Troy, formerly of Birmingham, died April

Roast Pork Loin

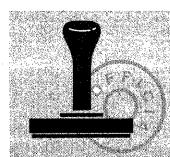
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For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's At Home section in Passages on page C9.

Katherine Bigge Kestner, formerly of Birmingham, died April 26.

Grace O. Mitchell, of Livonia, died April 23. Eileen Moran, 84, formerly of Westland, died April 24.

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Cecil O. Moreland, 70, of Farmington, died April 21.

Geneva Schrage, 89, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died April 25. Amy B. Sherman, 79, of Redford, died April 24.

Kenneth Weir, 70, of Rochester Hills, formerly of Berkley, died April 21.

Linda Zimmerman, 48, of Livonia, formerly of Redford, died April 24.

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Peeping Tom

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Canton Police arrested a "peeping Tom" at the Holiday Estates Trailer Park on Geddes Road about midnight Sunday.

A neighbor noticed the man using a video camera to "peep" into windows of residences at the park. He called police, then began to

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When police arrived a short time later they took the man, a 26-yearold Canton resident, into custody.

chase the man on foot.

After a search of the area, police recovered a video camera and tape that contained images of some of the residents of the park inside their residence. The tape also showed the face of the subject at the scene.

Building damaged

A building and two vehicles at the Meer Dental Storage Building on North Haggerty were damaged recently.

The co-owner of the building reported extensive damage to the vacant building that contained only the two vehicles that were also damaged.

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Several Canton residents reported that the turn signals were broken off their unlocked vehicles between April 24 and 26.

The incidents, which police said had been an ongoing problem, occurred in the 45000 block of Lemont, 1100 block of East Lemont, 1300 block of Longfellow and 1400 block of Whittier.

A resident of the 45000 block of Saltz reported someone broke off the driver's side door handle of his car while it was parked in the street.

Theft from house

A Florida resident, owner of a rental house in the 44000 block of Westminister Way, reported to Canton Police that the tenants vacated the house and took property that did not belong to

Reported taken were a dishwasher, light fixture, range hood and a smoke alarm.

By Jack Gladden

REC NEWS

The following events and activities are scheduled for April and May by the Canton Leisure Services. For more information, call Leisure

■ Lock-in for middle school: 10 p. m. - 6 a.m., Friday, April 30/May 1 at Summit on the Park. Lots for middle school students to do: swimming, basketball, wallyball, dancing, movies, inflatables, games, tournaments and food. Pre-registration is required. Fee.

■ Kids Fishing Derby: Saturday, May 1. Session 1: 8:30-11:30 a.m. for ages 12 and younger. Session 2: noon-3 p.m. for ages 16 and younger. Heritage Park ponds. Open fishing begins at 3:30 p.m. Fee. Registration is on-site. Must be a Canton resident to participate. The ponds will be stocked with rainbow trout. No fishing license is needed.

■ Cinco de Mayo Kids Craft Fiesta: 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, May 3 at the Summit on the Park. An evening of fiestathemed craft projects for kids ages 6-10. Participants will enjoy traditional cultural music

Mother/Son Dance: 7-9 p.m. Friday, May 7 at the Summit Banquet Center. A fairytale evening of music and merriment for lords and ladies of all ages. Light refreshments will be served. A keepsake photo will be available for additional charge. Semi-formal and dressy casual attire recommended. Advance registration

■ Mother's Day Lunche 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Summit Banquet Center. Lunch includes salad, carving and lunch stations, sweet and fruit table. Cash bar available. Fee.

■ Twilight Tea Time: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 at the Bartlett-Travis House. Learn tea and the important health will be available to sample. Attendees should bring their favorite tea cup and enjoy stories and dessert. Registration ends May 4. Fee.

Disability: 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on the Park. Diabetics will learn which are the healthy/good carbohydrate betics demo begins at 12:30 p.m. Fee.

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■ Diabetes Doesn't Mean Saturday, May 15 at the Summit foods needed for optimal blood sugar control. Glucose testing 10 a.m. - noon, Tai Chi for dia-

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■ Teens can learn to make discarded books into a whole new creation during a special program on "Altered Books," at 7 p.m. May 4 and 2 p.m. May 8? Registration begins April 28 by calling (734) 397-0999.

■ Each week the Canton Public Library adds hundreds of new materials to its collection? For a new list of book, audiobook, music, video and CD-ROM highlights, visit www.cantonpl.org each Tuesday and click on "Latest Arrivals."

■ In celebration of Older Americans Month in May, the library is offering a special guided tour outlining all of the resources available for seniors? To register for the tour 3-4 p.m. May 6, call (734) 397-0999.

■ The U.S. Mint produces 30 million pennies per day?

WEB WATCH:

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- www.robotsandus.org
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NEW ADULT BOOKS

- "The Lost Pet Chronicles"-Kat Albrecht (nonfiction)
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- "The Railway Detective" -
- Edward Marston (mystery) ■ "The Perfect Play" - Louise Wener (fiction)

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- "Snowboarding on Monster Mountain" - Eve Bunting (fiction) ■ "Raggedy Ann's Lucky
- Pennies" Johnny Gruelle (fiction)
- "Elsina's Clouds" Jeanette Winter (picture book)
- "Henry's First Haircut" -Dan Yaccarino (picture book)

NEW TEEN BOOKS

■ "Princess in Pink" - Meg Cabot (fiction)

■ "The Year of Secret Assignments" - Jaclyn Moriarty (fiction)

NEW AUDIO BOOKS

■ "Agatha Raisin and the Haunted House" - M.C. Beaton

(fiction, cassette and C ■ "Trojan Odyssey" - Clive Cussler (fiction, cassette and

■ "Some Kind of Miracle" -Iris Rainer Dart (fiction, cassette)

■ "Midnight Pass" - Stuart Kaminsky (fiction, cassette)

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■ "American Angels: Songs of Hope, Redemption & Glory"

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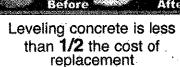
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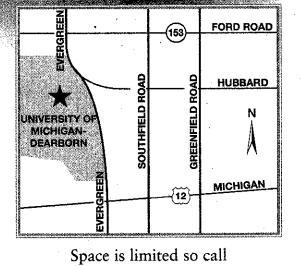
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BROADWAY

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Cats, My Fair Lady and The Music Man .

"I was very pleased with the response. I think the audience was glad they came," said Linda Alvarado, PSO board member and advisory chair. Follow-up phone calls were made to determine guests' response to the event. "They were very happy. They thought this was the best pops concert they had been to in years."

The Plymouth Symphony League's silent and live auctions were an equal hit, especially when Canton resident Ron Bovitz won a chance to conduct the 50 musicians. His one-year-old daughter accompanied him and helped bring the house down.

"There was a bidding war over which fight song the orchestra should play - MSU won," said Angela Han, PSO executive director.

While PSO staff is still calculating expenses and proceeds, Alvarado estimated that the symphony likely drew in approximately \$12,500 to \$13,500 for the evening.

"There was really some spirited bidding on the live auction items," she added.

The evening was sponsored by Target and supported by the PSO League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Mike and Mary Gladchun, REMAX on the Trail, sponsored the invitations.

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BOND

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annual cost to operate the new school, considering the current financial problems.

"We believe we're going to have 700 more students by the time we have that elementary built, bringing us in excess of \$5 million in increased (state) revenue," he said. "The enrollment will easily be able to cover the costs and open that build-

The school will be constructed on property the district purchased for \$1.2 million at Cherry Hill and Denton roads in Cherry Hill Village. District officials said it could take up to wo vears to construct the building after approval from

voters. While the bond issue will include money for immediate repairs at Central, board members decided not to include money in the bond package for a new middle school.

"As a board I don't think we've fully addressed all the concerns we have about our middle schools," said Trustee Tom Wysocki.

"I don't think we've done enough work to come to a decision about putting the new middle school up and repurpose Central."

While the bond issue calls for installing air conditioning in all the school buildings, board members deferred adding air conditioning to Central until they decide the future of the building.

According to the administration, the bond would cost a taxpayer with a \$235,000 house approximately \$123 a year in increased taxes.

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If you are one of the more than 50 million Americans who provide care to others, the 2004 Caregiving Conference that will debut at the Summit on the Park May 10 is for you.

"Here's an opportunity for caregivers to gather in one convenient location to learn about resources. They will also discover two important facts: they are not alone and there's help and assistance available," said Doris Love, a social worker, at Adult Well-Being Services, one of the conference sponsors.

In addition, Wayne County

Neighborhood Legal Services (WCNLS)-Elder Law Center, Senior Alliance, American House and Health Care Partners Inc. are sponsors of the event that is designed to give caregivers resources and support.

The conference is 6-9 p.m. Monday, May 10 at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway. Other cities includes Detroit, Redford and Woodhaven. The event features workshops, vendors, presentations, health screening, literature and information, onsite adult care (by reservation)

and refreshments.

Workshops topics include: Information on legal issues for elders: How to find help when needed; What is dementia; Signs of depression and how to help; What special care does a person need who has diabetes?

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Adult Well-Being Services is a nonprofit agency serving as a resource for older adults and caregivers in Wayne County. It provides additional Aging services such as a short-term respite program, health promotion, information and assistance, support for grandparents raising grandchildren and

caregiver support groups. To register for the Caregiving Conference call (313) 937-8291. For information on ongoing support groups for caregivers call (313) 359-0736.

ON DUTY

Air Force Airman 1st Class Robert J. Wallace, II has arrived for duty at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

Wallace is a security apprentice with the 91st Missile Security Forces Squadron, at Minot. He has less than a year of military service.

He is the son of Robert J. Wallace Jr. of Canton, and Pamela Sue Wrase of Van Buren Township.

The airman first class is a 2003 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, Canton.



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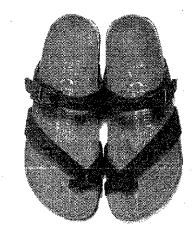
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gram. I wanted to open my own so I could do things the way they should be done," Scott said. The Children's Hour is not a

baby-sitting service. Licensed by the state of Michigan in July, 2003, for 110 children, the Scotts accepted the first family in last August at the 6,000-square-foot facility.

"We want to make the children feel loved," said Jill Scott, adding that "parents have to work, but we want these children to feel wanted."

For the children, ages six weeks to 12 years, The Children's Hour can be a home away from home. A business it is, but one dedicated to chil-

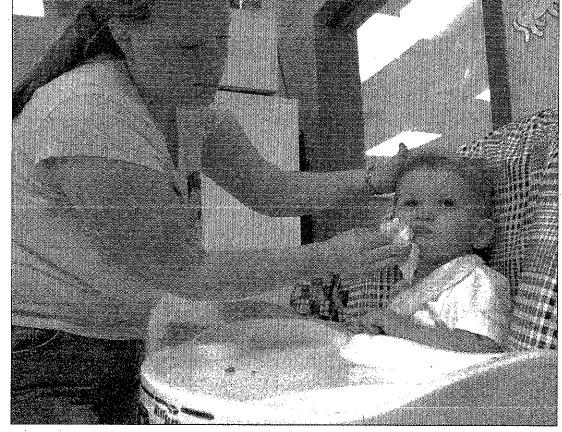
"We have certified teachers. All of our staff has some type of child care expertise. Manal Harb, for example, is the director and has a degree in early childhood education. We have curriculum in each room. We tailor programs to each age group," said Scott, who plans to earn a degree in early childhood education.

Long days are part of Scott's life. She's at the center from 6 in the morning until the last parent picks up their child about 6 p.m. The center is colorfully decorated with murals - thanks to Danielle and her mom, as well as hand-written poems on a wall in each class-

"It's fun. Everyday is different. You can have so much input into their lives," Scott said of the children.

Her class is the little ones ages six weeks to 18 months. She wouldn't have it any other way. "When they are here with me, I have about six on me at one time," Scott said of the

"We work with the parents. Whatever they do at home, we



After lunch, a guy needs his face washed. Danielle Scott of The Children's Hour day care center, cleans up Spenser Korroch.

do here," she said. That includes potty training, hugs, nurturing, talking, and all the lessons that come with being a kid. "I get to play and teach," Scott added.

Pride is written all over Scott's parents' faces. "I am so very proud of her. She has stuck to her goals. She applied herself in school," said her mom, Jill, who was a former head teacher at a day care cen-

Each week, Scott and the other teachers follow themes, such as bugs and bees. Each class delves into the themes, based on the ages of the children. Once a month, the center offers a family event, which involves the parents.

Scott takes her work seriously. She wants to have a positive impact on children whose care is the responsibility of the teachers and her family. And

growing in her profession is her goal. She taught herself how to baby sign to communicate with the children who cannot yet speak.

The family is working on earning accreditation.

Each family who attends the center receives a handbook that states the mission. goals and expectations for the center.

The following are philosophies followed at The Childrens Hour:

Every child has a different learning style, rate of learning and developmental level.

■ The center's curriculum will come from the interests and needs of the children.

Classrooms are designed to nurture curiosity, exploration and investigation.

Activities will address the development of the whole child - physical, emotional, intel-



Danielle Scott, co-owner of The Children's Hour day care center in Canton, reassures Winston Chan.

lectual, social, and moral development.

Children need sensory, concrete and hands-on learning experiences, and time for independent activity and cooperative effort.

"This really is a learning environment," Scott said.

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District ties \$\$\$ to new post noted it's about time public STAFF WRITER

P-CEP (Plymouth-Canton Educational Park) could someday stand for Pepsi-Coke Educational Park.

Or, how about Domino's Pizza Middle School?

Sounds ridiculous now, but it may not in the not-so-distant future. The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education Tuesday approved the hiring of a development director, who will be responsible for raising muchneeded funding for the financially strapped school district.

"A development director would be looking for foundation grants ... corporate partnerships ... and tapping into our alumni," said Trustee Elizabeth Givens, one of three board members on a committee to research the new position. "When you look at charitable giving, the largest amount comes from individual donors, not from corporations or foundations."

The idea came as the state continues to take away funding for public schools, leaving many districts to eat away at fund balances that will soon become nonexistent.

"Public schools will have to get into this business at some point," said Frank Ruggirello, the district's director of community relations. "The schools that are ahead of the game will be the ones that benefit the most from it.

"I think the community will be supportive once we explain why it's needed, and give them the mindset that public schools need private funding," he said.

Currently, there are only a handful of districts spending money on a development director. One of those is Walled Lake. Cynthia Tanner — who has been at the helm in Walled Lake since November, but has 20 years of fundraising experience — has pulled in \$50,000 thus far, with nearly half from one donor.

"It's all about building relationships with donors, and that

takes time," said Tanner, who schools joined higher education in looking for outside

funding. "All of their financial eggs have been in one basket, and that's from the state," she said. "And, when revenue from the state decreases, the schools are

in trouble.

"Individuals are the backbone of philanthropy, and if they understand the importance of public schools they will support them with philanthropic dollars," added Tanner. "We're not going to be able to provide the caliber of students to college unless we have good public schools feeding the sys-

Givens said tapping into the district's alumni for financial help could have very positive results.

"There are alumni who would gather around certain parts of our academic program, such as music, the arts or sports," she said. "These are things they were involved in, and perhaps would be interested in making contributions back to their school."

Corporate sponsorships could also net significant dollars for a depleted fund balance.

"Long-term partnerships where we could use corporations in a particular area to set up programs that would benefit our students," she said. That could mean a company like Johnson Controls sponsoring math or science programs.

The position is expected to pay somewhere in the range of \$55,000-\$75,000 annually. And, most board members believe the development director will eventually pay for itself, and then some.

However, Givens warns it's not a get-rich-quick scheme.

"It takes about three years to get a development program functioning well," she said. "It won't solve today's financial issues, but it will help the district face major funding challenges down the road."

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Public education will be a key component of National

Public Works Week, he added.

"This is something we've been pushing for a long time," Faas said of the celebration.

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The "Great Blackout" of 2003 demonstrated the critical need for all of these services in the community. For a threeday span in August of last year, many of these essential services like water, sewer, power and other utilities were interrupted. Canton residents discovtial services, the quality of life

suffers. The National Public Works Week open house will take place on Thursday, May 20. Residents are invited to stop by from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Public Works Building on Sheldon Road south of Michigan Avenue.

Tours of the facility will be

given and workers will give live demonstrations of various machines and equipment used by the division. Residents will also have a chance to watch informational videos about the division. Light refreshments such as soft drinks and cookies will be served.

For more information, please contact the department at (734) 394-5160.



O&E contest winner

Katherine Brown of Merriman Road in Livonia is the winner of a \$500 Farmer Jack gift card in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Haystack Contest. Brown's entry was drawn randomly last Friday from among more than 30,000 entries. Her twin daughters are graduating from college next month and she plans to use a portion of the prize for the party. 'It was one of the largest responses of any contest that the Observer & Eccentric has had in many years and we thank everyone who took the time to enter,' said LeeAnn Mitchell, O&E circulation direc-

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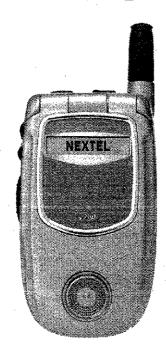
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A Big Boy statue certainly is

an icon with history. But it is

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OUR VIEWS

Sign law needs fresh approach

That age-old query of what constitutes art has arrived in Canton in the form of a statue of a short, pudgy little boy balancing a platter adorned with a ham-

The fate of the Big Boy statue in front of its namesake restaurant on Ford Road began as a

sign ordinance issue. Judge Ron Lowe of the 35th District Court recently posed the question of whether the popular and recognizable statue may be considered art.

Lowe's comments came during yet another hearing in which restaurant owners Tony and Rana Matar are challenging a ticket issued by the township for violating the sign ordinance. The Matars are allowed only one business sign, which they have on Ford Road. While the township views the statue at the restaurant doorway as an additional sign, the Matars don't. They call it an icon dating from the 1930s.

Lowe has opened a can of worms, though it is certainly worth a discussion on what truly is art — as considered by the township - especially in light of Canton's public art committee, which is forming a policy defining art for

Whether the Big Boy statue constitutes art depends on individual perspective. Andy Warhol's Campbell soup cans may now be considered art, or at least pop art. History occasionally places an artful bent to an object. slogan or image. A Big Boy statue certainly is an icon with history. But it is also corporate branding, which may constitute art in a popular culture museum. If the Big Boy statue is considered art, are McDonald's golden arches also art, or the giant Uniroyal tire on I-94?

The discussion on what is art will be interesting. The issue, however, is whether the Matars have violated the sign ordinance, which definitely needs some recrafting to allow flexibility and creativity. Uniformity can be boring.

While critics may say the statue is not art. The question remains whether a statue that sits away from the road hardly visible to traffic — is indeed a sign.

As efforts continue to improve Ford Road, another look at the township's sign ordinance is appropriate. The Big Boy issue is yet another example for the need to accept some creativity and foresight in the sign ordinance.

Compromise, not a new water system, needed to end dispute

In the game of poker, it is sometimes good to call a player's bluff.

When it comes to providing affordable, safe drinking water while meeting federal clean water standards, it is time for those pushing for an alternative water system to

fold their hand.

A simmering battle between the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and its suburban customers has boiled over in the past year, amid allegations of mismanagement and overcharging for service.

The finger-pointing and rhetoric have done little to resolve the dispute, and a historic visit by Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to a March meeting of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners only added fuel to the

political fire. During his remarks, Kilpatrick defended the Detroit system, and challenged Oakland County to develop its own water source if it wasn't happy with the service it was getting from Detroit.

Kilpatrick's suggestion was a rallying call for Oakland Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, who quickly formed a coalition of communities to finance a feasibility study to do just that.

It is foolhardy for local communities to waste precious and dwindling financial resources on the study.

Instead, suburban leaders should continue their efforts to gain more say on how the system operates through the creation of a regional water authority. The compromise is endorsed by U.S. District Judge John Feikens, who is charged with ensuring our communities comply with provisions of the Clean Water Act.

Besides the cost of conducting such a study, there is another reason why McCulloch and his supporters should end the bluff: If they play their hand and the study determines developing a new system is not cost-effective which it almost assuredly will - that leaves the city of Detroit holding all of the cards.

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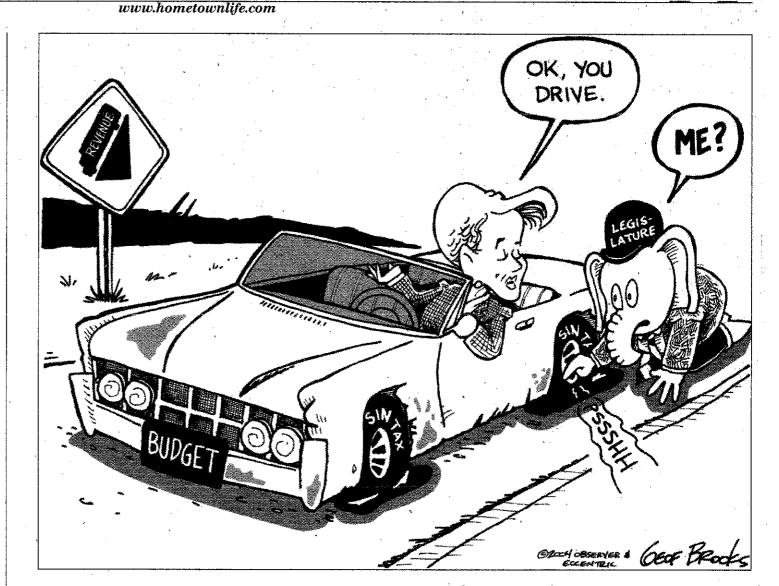
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I read with great interest the article describing the upcoming school bond vote. Let me be the first in line to vote

First 'yes' vote

For a meager \$10 to \$20 a month per home we can ensure the educational future of our children and protect our property values. This is a very small sum to pay for the returns we will get.

We must recognize that: ■ The current buildings must be maintained and improved for a safe and stable learning environment. It is foolish to let the facilities and land deteriorate to the point they need replacement. These facilities are extremely valuable.

■ A new elementary building in Canton is a must. This area of our community is the fastest growing with new families living in prime subdivisions. We need this trend to continue.

Keeping our school facilities in good condition supports the value of our homes and businesses. Do not forget, our property values and population continue to increase because of the solid reputation of the school system, which includes the condition and location of the buildings and grounds.

I hear the concern about the "economy" and I say that is dated news. This economy is in full recovery. The newspapers give us a negative report on everything, but if you read beyond the first paragraph, you find one turnaround after another.

I am a senior on a fixed income and I will gladly find this money for two reasons: (1) It is the right thing to do. These are our children! They live in a great community and deserve the opportunity to be educated in proper surroundings that we bought and paid for; (2) It is the smart thing to do.

I want to be proud of my community and watch it continue to grow with everincreasing property values. My net worth is tied up in my house and I like to see it increase. I like to see new families move here, happy with the answer to their first question, "How is the school system here?"

I'm voting "yes!"

Wrong direction

Thomas Solomon

Plymouth

I recently attended a "coffee talk" at an area restaurant sponsored by the 11th District Congressional Rep. Thaddeus McCotter and staff, and I would like to share some observations.

First, there was a large crowd who showed up, and I would commend Mr. McCotter for staying well past the appointed time so that everyone could have their say. Unfortunately, I came away from this meeting feeling rather troubled by some of the congressman's views and the rude and insulting tone he took with some of his constituents.

One gentleman, upset over the recently passed prescription drug bill and its effect on him, was advised by Mr. McCotter to not vote for him if he didn't like it. Several of us questioned the Bush administration's reasons for going to war in Iraq and the congressman's response

was that it was to fight the war on terror. It was pointed out that there was no evidence to link Iraq to al-Qaeda and that as least two former Bush administration insiders have authored books suggesting that this administration was intent on invading Iraq from the start and that this invasion had made terrorism worse.

McCotter's emphatic response was that Iraq was part of the larger war on terror and that these authors were mere partisans with an ax to grind.

Some constituents had concerns about the Bush overtime pay takeaway and the fact that there currently is no federal extension for unemployment benefits. The congressman rightly pointed out that he was one of 39 Republicans in the House who voted to extend benefits. However, this was largely a symbolic vote, which the House Republican leadership "allowed" certain members to vote for in high unemployment districts (Washington Post, Feb. 5).

Further, the Senate would have to adopt the measure and these lawmakers would then have to take a separate vote appropriating the funds - which is unlikely to happen.

Finally, I would like to remind voters that in the 2002 election, the state Republican majority attempted to take away our right to vote a straight party

Luckily, this proposal was rejected by the voters. Many of us will go to the polls this November, believing that this current administration is taking our country in the wrong direction. I would argue that Mr. McCotter's views certainly mirror those of Mr. Bush (New York Times, Oct. 18, 2002) and I would urge those voters to exercise their right to vote a straight party ticket.

> Kenneth M. Hymes Redford

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Every day, volunteers lead the humanitarian work of the American Red Cross in southeast Michigan. They provide disaster relief in times of crisis and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Our volunteers are on call and serving the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week and 365 days a

At the Red Cross, we celebrated National Volunteer Week April 18-24. It's a time to recognize our volunteers who've made it possible for us to provide vital services throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Last year, we responded to an average of four home fires every day, helped supply approximately 222,000 units of blood to local hospitals, trained over 52,000 people in first aid/CPR and provided more than 11,000 blankets to local homeless shelters.

If you want to help, now is a great time to volunteer. You can assist your community in preparing for and responding to emergencies and providing lifesaving blood. Volunteer with the Red Cross as a disaster action team member, blood drive volunteer, health and safety instructor or community presenter. Training is provided.

I think you'll find volunteering for the

Red Cross a rewarding experience as I have. It's an opportunity to meet and learn from many people, while serving your community.

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> **Marty Martin** chair of volunteers

American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan

Competition helps

I was disappointed to see that you came out in support of revising Michigan's Electric Restructuring Law, PA 141 to reduce competition.

I believe that one story best frames the issue. The Livonia schools which serve the neighborhoods surrounding your headquarters are in the Detroit Edison system but receive service from a competitive electric supplier. Their annual savings compared to Edison rates are \$378,000. Under Mr. Earley's proposal to eliminate two-thirds of the competitive market, Livonia schools would be forced to buy from Edison and their bills would increase \$378,000 per year. School officials would have to cut services or lay off staff to make up this loss.

Consider that the Livonia schools, like DTE, provide an essential service, are forced by state policy to compete with other schools under the Schools of Choice program and are forced to take all students who leave their system for Schools of Choice and then return. DTE proposes that Livonia schools lose access to competitive electricity while Detroit Edison would be immunized from com-

In evaluating the DTE proposals to eliminate competition for two-thirds of the market I ask your readers to consider two questions:

1. Why should DTE, unlike Livonia schools, all telecom companies, natural gas providers, providers of transportation and other vital sectors be immunized from competition?

2. If DTE is immunized from competition, why would it ever take the steps necessary to lower its rates which are among the highest in the Midwest?

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QUOTABLE

"In the '60s, Campbell's soup cans and other things like that became art. I don't know whether there's a way that this can be justified as pop art."

- 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe, about the statue at Big Boy restaurant on Ford Road

Wal-Mart continues to change retail landscape

t may have come as a sad surprise to us in Michigan when Wal-Mart surpassed General Motors as the world's biggest company. But it sure didn't catch Wal-Mart's competitors offguard. They have been admiring (with a touch of envy) for years the way the Arkansas-based company has revolutionized retailing and in the process grown into a competitive monster.

Just how monstrous? Plenty. Wal-Mart racked up \$256 billion in sales in the year ending Dec. 31. It operates nearly 3,000 giant discount stores and supercenters in the U.S. In Michigan, Wal-

Mart has 45 stores, 23 supercenters and 23 Sam's Clubs, which employ an amazing 26,113 "associates." According to *The Economist* magazine, eight out of every 10 American households shop at Wal-Mart at least once a year and 100 million customers visit Wal-Mart stores worldwide every week.

Phil Power

When a company has this size and momentum, any little setback makes news. And so when 60 percent of the voters in Inglewood, a suburb of Los

Angeles, turned down Wal-Mart's attempt to bypass the planning commission and build a new store, it made national headlines. Wal-Mart is beginning to experience problems in Michigan, as well. The company has been trying to get zoning approval for a new store in Charlevoix Township for three years. A public hearing is supposed to be held in May, and advocates for the This Is Our Town opposition group claim the company's plans fail to meet six out of nine requirements in the zoning ordinance.

The complaints about Wal-Mart are many. Its giant stores and supercenters chew up undeveloped land and spread sprawl. By buying up to \$15 billion worth of goods from Chinese suppliers each year, it is helping destroy America's manufacturing base. Its business strategy of "Always Low Prices. Always" is based at heart on exploiting its 1.4 million employees, most of them poorly paid and without much chance of getting overtime.

The worst charge, in my mind, is that ruthless Wal-Mart is the chief engine of destruction for countless locally-owned "mom and pop" stores and, thus, the major reason for the hollowing out of previously thriving downtowns in little communities all over the country.

Some of my newspapers serve communities where Wal-Mart operates, so I thought it would make sense to check out the facts.

In Charlotte, a thriving community southwest of Lansing, Publisher Tricia Johnson reports that Wal-Mart, which opened in 1991, almost certainly caused the closure of Carter's food store outside of town and probably had a hand in the closure of two small-town independent grocery stores, Carl's of Olivet and Carl's of Sunfield. But according to Johnson, "our downtown remains successful; both our strip malls are full, and we have a good number of niche businesses in the community, many of them downtown."

The same story seems to be the case in Howell, where Maria Stuart is editor of Michigan's most rapidly growing daily newspaper, *The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus*. According to Stuart, when folks in downtown Howell heard that Wal-Mart was coming, "they were scared to death. Some local stores shut down after Wal-Mart opened, but many of them most likely would have closed down anyway."

Overall, Stuart says the impact of Wal-Mart has been less than many expected. "With the coming of lots of 'big box' stores in the Livingston County area, the independent stores are anxious, but they realize that if they give outstanding personal service, a good range of merchandise and fair prices, they'll do just fine," she said.

Certainly, Wal-Mart had a part in the bankruptcy of Kmart, a Michigan company now trying to make it back to profitability. (Not that Kmart didn't bring many of its woes on itself.) And Wal-Mart's efficiency and good management is forcing other competitors — Meijer and Costco come quickly to mind — to sharpen up. But that's simply the rigorous logic of a competitive, free-market economy.

More worrisome, to my mind at least, is Wal-Mart's uncertain commitment to sustain the communities where it operates. "They work hard — and very shrewdly — on their reputation as a good corporate citizen," according to a competitor who chose not to be identified. Wal-Mart speedily joins the local chamber of commerce, allows youth groups to use its parking lots for car washes, and the like. However, according to Wal-Mart's PR office, the company spends 1.3 percent of its pretax profit (not counting contributions in kind) on philanthropic community relations, substantially less than the 5 percent spent by Meijer and Target, both big box store competitors.

I've always found shopping at locally-owned, downtown "mom and pop" stores far more personally satisfying than being just another number in Wal-Mart's relentless search for growth. And when word gets out that Wal-Mart might be coming to a community served by one of these newspapers, my first instinct is to advise folks in the downtown to batten down the hatches and get ready to compete like crazy.

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

Proposed clean indoor air ordinance would punish innocent

he Wayne County Commission has been considering a new ordinance that would ban smoking in practically all workplaces, both public and private. This is a very important public policy issue. What is being considered is the right of nonsmoking individuals to be able to work in an environment without being subjected to second-hand smoke versus the rights of private individuals and businesses to regulate their own buildings and worksites.

I in many respects agree with and support the American Cancer Society and the numerous other individuals and organizations that

have been seeking passage of the Wayne County Smoke Free Ordinance. I am not a smoker and I never have been. I understand that second-hand smoke can be an annoyance and even a health hazard to many individuals. However, the ordinance that has been proposed in Wayne County should not be passed because it is unenforceable and, in my opinion, not legal.

Wayne County commissioners, as the law-makers of Wayne County, have an obligation to review any proposed laws carefully to ensure that they are legal, enforceable, and most importantly good public policy. Unfortunately, the ordinance that has been proposed in Wayne County is none of these.

John J.

Sullivan

The greatest flaw of the proposed ordinance is that it tries to make an innocent third party criminally responsible for the actions of another. The ordinance provides that "any individual who owns, manages, operates or otherwise controls the use of any premises" shall be guilty of an infraction and punished by up to a \$500 fine, if someone else violates the ordinance by smoking on the premises. In my opinion, this provision is not legal, nor should it be.

The proposed ordinance does nothing to punish any individual who continues to smoke at the workplace. Frankly, a smoker could smoke an entire pack of cigarettes at their workplace every day and blow smoke into co-workers' faces, and this ordinance would do nothing to that individual. However, it would hold the building owner/manager criminally responsible for that individual smoker's behavior, even if they had published and distributed a no smoking policy and posted no smoking signs on their premises as called for in the ordinance.

It is my understanding that at least 80 per-

cent of businesses in Wayne County currently self-regulate smoking by not allowing smoking at the general worksite. Most businesses and building owners currently require smokers to go outside to smoke or they have provided a separate, designated smoking room where smokers must go to smoke. This ordinance would eliminate those separate smoking rooms. Under the proposed ordinance, a separate smoking room would only be allowed if the building owner incurred the exorbitant expense of installing separate ventilation systems just for those rooms.

The other great flaw in the proposed ordinance is that it is virtually unenforceable. The burden is placed on the director of the county Health Department to enforce this ordinance although no funding has been provided for enforcement and the health director really has no legal right to fine individuals without police or court involvement. The reality of the situation is that nobody, not the health director or a police officer is going to be willing to issue a citation under this ordinance unless they personally witness the violation. Even then, the ordinance will not allow the citation to be given to the person that is causing the problem by smoking at the worksite, but they would have to hunt down the building owner or manager to give them the citation.

Backers of the proposed ordinance say that three other counties have passed similar ordinances and they have had no challenges. This is true. However, the reason the ordinances have not been challenged is because they have never been enforced. Not a single ticket or citation has ever been issued under these ordinances.

I personally do not believe that Wayne County should be wasting people's time or the taxpayer's dollars passing laws that are flawed and not enforceable. I would much rather see an ordinance introduced that could actually assist nonsmokers in their work environments.

The backers of the ordinance must address the serious legal deficiencies in the proposed ordinance. The county executive as well as the legal counsel for the county have publicly raised concerns about the ordinance as it is currently written. These concerns would be inviting a legal challenge to the ordinance if it were passed which could be very costly to the taxpayers of Wayne County. I believe that the best solution would be for all parties to sit down together and draft an ordinance that can really protect the rights and health of nonsmokers by drafting an ordinance that is legal and enforceable.

John J. Sullivan is vice chairman of the Wayne County Commission. His district includes Canton.





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scheduled for Saturday

Almost 1,300 students are eligible to receive diplomas at Schoolcraft College's 39th commencement, Saturday, May 1, with approximately 425 graduates indicating they plan to attend the formal ceremony.

Graduates will hear Keith A. Pretty, president of Walsh College, deliver the commencement address. Guests must have tickets to attend the ceremony, which begins at 6 p.m.

The college will confer honorary degrees on Pretty; James B. McKeon, a member of the Schoolcraft Development Authority Board and past mayor of Plymouth; Robert Nix II, vice president of the Schoolcraft Development Authority, attorney and real estate expert; and state Rep. Bruce Caswell, R-58th District, who is an advocate for community colleges in Lansing.

On Friday, April 30, 123 Policy Academy, Policy Reserve Officer Training and Fire Technology graduates will convene for their graduation, where they will hear David Hiller, director of public safety for Grosse Pointe Park, deliver the commencement address.

Commencement speaker Pretty joined Walsh College in 1999, and initiated measures to increase enrollment, raise scholarship contributions and increase efficiency. He also implemented two new graduate degree programs.

Pretty has held posts in higher education, the private sector and government. Before joining Walsh, he was vice president for external affairs, general counsel and president and CEO of the University Foundation at Western Michigan University.

He has had memberships on the Michigan Commission on Financing Postsecondary Education, the Education Commission of the States and the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. In the private sector, he held several

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This year's distinguished alumna is Mary Ellen King, director of Northville Youth Assistance, who attended Schoolcraft as an adult learner in the early 1970s. King went on the earn a master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan and is founder or cofounder of the Northville Youth and Family Forum, ACORD, and Northville Nite.

This year's graduates face a tough employment market, with competition very intense for most jobs, according to Schoolcraft College career counselors. The exception is the health care sector, in particular nursing, which is experiencing a shortage of qualified professionals. However, all job seekers must have professional resumes and solid interviewing skills to be a successful candidate for a position.

John Titus, director of career planning and placement, predicted that the future employment picture will be better.

Projections are that the job market will change, but we are not seeing it on a day-to-day basis. We're not getting a lot of requests for new jobs," he said.

The job vacancies we have in the service areas, not the skilled areas. If graduates are not finding jobs right away, they might consider continuing their education to be more competitive in the job market. The better prepared you are, the better able you are to get a

Titus said graduates shouldn't expect to be hired the first time they apply for a job.

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Schoolcraft commencement Madonna holds 57th commencement Saturday

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Of the more than 800 graduates who will join the Madonna University alumni ranks, approximately 563 will have earned a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, or certificate, and the remainder will receive master's degrees.

Honorary doctorate degrees will be bestowed upon Dearborn resident Ludger A. Beauvais and Sister Mary Damascene Brocki of Livonia. A distinguished alumnus award will be given to Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans of Detroit.

Madonna University will confer the degree of doctor of humanities upon Ludger A. Beauvais who was influential as president of the Edward C. and Hazel L. Stephenson Foundation in leading its board in supporting higher education, particularly independent higher education. Madonna University students have benefitted from the Foundation's scholarship support since 1981 and will continue to do so through an endowed scholarship the Foundation recently established.

A member of Madonna College's first graduating class of 1948, Sister Mary Damascene Brocki's lifelong commitment to higher education is unequaled, having touched the lives of students throughout the history of Madonna University and for generations to come. She will

receive the honorary degree of doctor of educational administration. Known for her superb scholarship, Sister Damascene earned a master's degree and doctorate degree from the University of Notre Dame. Her early teaching years were spent in private elementary schools and at Felician Academy in Detroit.

A 1976 graduate of Madonna University in criminal justice. Sheriff Warren Evans for over 34 years has worked in every area of law enforcement and community justice in Wayne County. He began as a deputy in the Wayne County Sheriff's department at age 21 and quickly moved up the ranks. His assignments have ranged from road patrol duty to jail administration, crime lab and

identification, internal affairs, narcotics, marine patrol and the mounted division. By the time he was 38, he had been named Undersheriff, the second highest rank in the department.

In addition to completing his bachelor's degree, Sheriff Evans went on to become a licensed attorney, earned a master's degree in criminal justice and graduated from the

FBI Academy. Presiding over the commencement ceremonies will be Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation will be given by Mary Wawrzynski, dean, College of Nursing and Health. The mace bearer will be James O'Neill, associate professor, psychology.

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Chiefs aim for Hawks

Canton wants to regain Relays title

Too bad Farmington Harrison isn't still part of the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Harrison-Canton rivalry in boys track could use another stage for another showing.

Guess the Observerland Relays, an annual event now entering its 34th year that features every Observer-area boys team, will have to do.

These two track powers have dominated the last four Relays. Harrison, winner of the last three Division 2 state championships,

broke Canton's string

TRACK

of three straight Observerland titles by beating the Chiefs in 2003. Which makes Saturday's meet, hosted by Livonia Churchill, a chance for

the Hawks to start a streak of their The sprints are always Harrison's strength, but it also won the 3,200meter relay as well as the open 1,600 and 800 runs in the Farmington city

meet last Saturday. "In some ways, we're a more balanced team this year," Harrison coach John Reed said. "I think we're stronger in the distances than we have been in a while, and I think we're going to do OK in the field events, too.

"There are a lot good teams and we expect it to be very competitive as always. Canton is going to be very good. We'll give it our best shot and see what happens. We'll certainly go for it, that's for sure."

Canton will, too. And the Chiefs have the talent to rise to the top once again.

"We scored in practically every event last year," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "That's what you have to do to win. That's what did it for us in all those other years."

The Chiefs' strength is in the field events. Leading them is senior Brad Waidmann, who ranks with the Observer's best in the shot put, discus and high jump — as well as the 110meter high hurdles.

"He's definitely having a big season," Richardson said. "You have to say that. And he's a quality kid. He's the best role model for the young kids. They see how hard he works and how many events he competes in."

PLEASE SEE OBSERVERLAND, B6



Salem's Ali Proodian slides in safely in the sixth inning with what proved to be the game-winning run for the Rocks against Stevenson.

Salem holds off Stevenson

It took a while for both teams to get it going when Livonia Stevenson and Salem clashed in a Western Lakes Activities Association softball game Monday at Salem.

But it couldn't have ended fast enough for the Rocks, who withstood a two-out, seventh-inning rally by the Spartans to escape with a 3-2 victory.

Salem, which has struggled with rainouts all season, improved to 4-0 overall, 1-0 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. Stevenson is 3-7 overall, 1-1 in the Lakes.

"We just weren't hitting the ball," Rocks coach Bonnie Southerland said. "We weren't hitting it with an authority. We got off to a slow start. No one got it going until the fifth inning."

The win went to Kelli Szczepanski, who allowed two runs (one earned) on five hits and three walks, striking out five. She improved to 4-0. Jenny Hamel took the loss for Stevenson, giving up three runs on five hits and one walk, fanning two.

Stevenson scored first, getting a run in the fifth on a single by a Jessica Michael, a ground out by Danielle Smith that moved Michael to second and a runscoring double by Julie Wooton.

The Spartans' lead didn't last long. Salem scored twice in the bottom of the inning, the rally starting with a walk by Natalie Szawara. Emily Maletic bunted her to second and she moved to third on a wild pitch.

Alycia Murawski's single delivered Szawara with the game-tying run. Kait McKinley bunted Szawara up a base and she eventually scored on Cortney Edward's grounder.

The Rocks added what proved to be the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth. It started with a leadoff single by Ali Proodian; a stolen base moved her to second, which is where she was when Szawara came to the plate with two out. Szawara singled down the right-field line, scoring Proodian.

Stevenson's first two batters went down to start the seventh, but Wooton singled to keep the inning alive. Janice Hollandsworth then hit a ball that got past first baseman Brook Posler, putting runners at second and third.

Amanda Alpert followed by lining a two-strike pitch off the glove of pitcher Kelli Szczepanski, the ball dribbling to shortstop Cortney Edwards. A run scored and put the tying run at third base, but Kristen Hutchins' ensuing drive was grabbed by Szawara at second base to end the threat.

"That was probably our best scoring opportunity," said Stevenson coach Rob Witherspoon, whose team has always struggled against Szczepanski.

"She's been consistently tough on us in the past," he added. "She's got good control and moves the ball around well. She's going to make you beat her."

Which the Spartans came close to doing in the seventh. "Our division is going to be pretty tough," Witherspoon said. "This (comeback) will give us something to compete with later in the season. It should help us build our confidence."

For Salem, Monday's game provided some innings, which the Rocks haven't been able to get much of this season.

"Our pitching, I couldn't be more pleased with that," she said. "Our hitting will be better in time. We've just got to play."

They should get the chance this week, with four games prior to Saturday's Salem Invitational.

Canton performed team competition. in the all-around (36.375).Erin Freier, from third in bars (9.40), and fifth in balance beam (9.225). ed: Megan Valentini, from fifth on bars (8.80),

Johnson's goal spree lifts Canton to win over Wayne

Andrea Johnson struck for three goals and got an assist on another Monday to lead Canton to an 8-0 romp over host Wayne Memorial. With the victory, the Chiefs

improve to 6-0-2 overall. Five other players scored goals for Canton, with Rachel Perry getting a goal and two assists. Megan Romer, Bailey Fagen, Kelsy Zemanski and Rebecca Houdek each contributed a goal, while Lisa Ealy collected two assists. Katie Esper, Katie Mills and Maggie

Maloney also had assists. Brittany Cervi started in goal for the Chiefs and played the first half. With Canton up 4-0 at the break, Pam Wisniewski took over in goal for the second half.

Last Saturday, Canton played Troy Athens to a 1-1 draw at Athens. Johnson accounted for the Chiefs' only goal. Cervi made 10

saves in goal. Salem 2, Franklin 0: The Rocks got just enough scoring and a lot of goaltending by keeper Kristen O'Beirne Monday in beating

Livonia Franklin at Salem.

The Rocks improved to 4-1-1 overall. Kelly Adsit and Kathryn Wheatley scored goals for Salem; Jane Dewitt assisted on both. O'Beirne made them stand up, making nine saves.

"I didn't think we played all that well," Salem coach Joe Nora said. "The story of the game was Kristen O'Beirne in net. She stole the show. "It was an ugly game, we were

fortunate to come out on top. It

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was a direct result of the saves Kristen made. She didn't give up any rebounds - she was tough.

Plymouth 2, A.A. Gabriel Richard 0: The Wildcats scored twice in the second half and kept visiting Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard from scoring at all Monday in earning the shutout.

Plymouth improves its overall record to 5-3.

Chelsea Quinlan got what proved to be the game-winning goal 11 minutes into the second half; she was assisted by Chelsea D'Agostino. Brittany Hengesh provided an insurance goal with 9:23 remaining, the assist going to Val Klemmer.

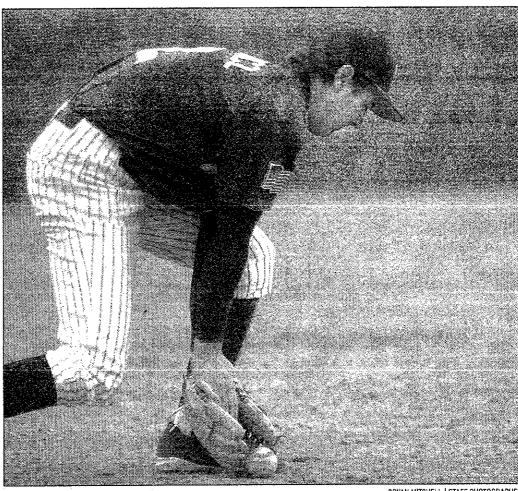
Britt Warner was in goal to get the shutout.

On Saturday, Plymouth outscored Adrian 4-2. Quinlan and Klemmer accounted for all the scoring for the Wildcats with two goals apiece.

Salem 4, Saginaw Heritage 1: On Saturday at Saginaw Heritage, the Rocks avenged a loss suffered earlier in the week at Royal Oak Kimball by pounding the Hawks by three goals.

Goals came from four different players: Jane Dewitt, Jordan Falcusan, Kristen March and Kelly

Last Thursday, Salem was surprised by Kimball, 3-1. The Rocks' only goal came from Megan McCarthy.



BRYAN MITCHELL I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dave Pawlukiewicz, seen here fielding a grounder, contributed a run-scoring single in Salem's rout of Stevenson Monday.

Rocks wreck Spartans

Nic England came through, once again, when his Salem baseball team needed it most. England stopped Western

Lakes Activities Association rival Livonia Stevenson on

four hits Monday as the Rocks ended a three-game slide by blasting the Spartans

Salem improved to 7-8 overall, 1-1 in the WLAA's Lakes Division. Stevenson slipped to 3-5 overall, 1-1 in the division.

Dylan Tobin provided all the fireworks that the Rocks would need with a two-run

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Warriors roll

The Canton Warriors' varsity lacrosse team evened its record at 3-3 with a 15-2 thrashing of Northville Friday at Heritage Park in Canton.

of the offensive damage for the Warriors, collecting five goals. Bobby Groat scored three more. Other goals came from Jared Ruark, Tim Farrow, Jeff Rork, Tim Schroeter,

John Moylan did most

Northville slipped to 2-2 with the loss.

John Groat and Jeff

Brandt.

Splitz sparkles

At a Level Six State Meet in Westland last weekend, several members of the Splitz Gymnastics Academy in superbly, enabling them to place third in the 40-

Lindsey Russell, from Canton, competing in the 10-year-old age division, finished first in the vault with a 9.35. Russell was also third on the uneven parallel bars (9.20) and sixth in floor exercise (9.225) to earn a second

Westland, competing in the nine-year-old division, won the state title in the floor with a 9.325 and in the all-around with a 37.30. She was fourth in vault (9.35)

Other standouts includ-

Canton, competing in the 11-year-old division, was second in floor (9.325), fourth on beam (9.225), eighth on vault (9.125) and third in all-around (36.475); Kali Pierce, from Canton, in the 10vear-old division, was state co-champ in the beam with a 9.325, was sixth in both the vault (9.175) and floor (9.225), and earned a third in the all-around (36.275); Inna Cassidy, from Novi, in the 11-year-old division, was third in the vault (9.275), bars (8.975) and floor (9.20) and was fifth in the all-around (36.20); Alexandra Romano, from Northville, in the 10year-old division, was sixth in both beam (9.20) and floor (9.20), took eighth in bars (9.025), ninth in vault (9.025) and sixth in the allaround (36.45); and Kayla Spicher, from Canton, in the nine-and under age division, was fifth on bars (9.275) and 10th in the all-around (35.675).

1st home run

It was going to happen sooner or later, and Andy Swanson was the one to do it. Swanson hit the first-ever home run at Plymouth's varsity baseball stadium.

The sophomore third baseman for the Wildcats' junior varsity team slugged a grandslam homer on April 6, clearing the left-field fence. His homer was pivotal in Plymouth's 13-8 triumph over Belleville.

Chiefs go extra innings for 3 straight

Seems Canton's softball team should look into getting something extra for overtime.

The last three games the Chiefs have played have all gone extra innings. In a nonleague double-header Monday against Ann Arbor Huron at Canton, the Chiefs won 1-0 in the opener in nine innings, then lost 4-3 in 10 innings in

On Saturday at the Chelsea Invitational, Canton met the host team in their final game and ended up with a 2-2 tie, a game called after nine innings.

Molly Conlon got the decision in all three games, making her 3-2-1 overall. In the firstgame win over Huron, Conlon allowed just three hits with no walks and 12 strikeouts in nine

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innings.

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The game's only run came after Brittany Scero singled and moved up to second on Kelly Baker's sacrifice bunt. Conlon's bouncer to first base was bobbled, allowing the game-winning run to score.

Rachel Wade had two of the Chiefs' six hits.

In the second game, the River Rats scored three runs off starter Sarah Anthony; she worked five innings and allowed six hits and one _walk,with six strikeouts. Bethany Sadek followed with three strong innings of scoreless relief, giving up two hits with one strikeout.

Conlon worked the last two innings and surrendered one run on three hits, taking the

Wade had three hits, including a triple, and one RBI, and Jackie Perino got two hits.

The split left Canton with a 5-3-1 record. Before their 2-2 tie with Chelsea Saturday, the Chiefs beat Holt 17-0 and lost to Okemos 7-1. Ladywood 4-10, Marian 1-7:

Livonia Ladywood (6-3, 3-3) kept its Catholic League Central Division playoff hopes afloat Tuesday by sweeping host Birmingham Marian (2-8,

Freshman pitcher Lauren Taylor won the opener on a two-hitter. She struck out nine and walked two.

Jill Schultz had two hits, including a double and RBI for the Blazers. Rachel Jachym also collected two hits, while Amanda McClellan contributed an RBI triple.

In the nightcap, Jachym and Halle Doenitz led Ladywood with three hits apiece.

Jachym knocked in a pair of runs, while McClellan doubled twice and had an RBI. Erin Hulett also contributed two hits and an RBI.

Winning pitcher Kaitlyn Huddas worked the first five innings, allowing all seven runs on nine hits. She struck out three. Taylor finished up to earn the save, pitching two scoreless innings. She struck out two and allowed one hit.

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single in the first inning, a runscoring single in the third and then a grand slam in the fifth. He finished the game with three hits and seven RBL

Salem scored five times in the first, two on a Cliff Thomas single, two on Tobin's single and another on a wild pitch. Three walks issued by Stevenson aided the Rocks' rally.

They got two more in the third on a Dave Pawlukiewicz base hit and Tobin's single, then broke it open with eight in the fifth. Tobin's grand slam was one big hit in the frame; Steve Cox provided the other, a three-run homer.

England improved to 3-1, striking out five in the game. Stevenson starter Clayton Pack took the loss.

Ply. Christian 11, S.H. Bethesda 1: Andrew Shumaker was a oneman army Tuesday against visiting Sterling Heights Bethesda, tossing a one-hitter and going 3-for-3 at the plate with one RBI.

Shumaker allowed one unearned run, walking three and striking out one as he improved to 5-0. Plymouth Christian Academy is 6-1 for the season.

The Eagles scored three in the second, seven in the third and one in the fourth in the five-inning mercy. Aaron Ciborowski had a two-run double and a solo home run, Eric Immerfall and Matt Saagman each had two hits, scored two runs and had an RBI, Ryan Arnold had a two-run double and scored twice, and Alex Unis contributed two sacrifice bunts that drove in three runs.

Novi 10-13, Salem 5-2: The Rocks lost a non-league doubleheader Saturday at home, committing six errors in the two games.

Josh Ritter lost the first game, although seven of the runs he surrendered were unearned. Salem had four errors in the game.

Cliff Thomas was 3-for-4 at the plate with a double and a two-run home run.

In the second game, Mitch Hosch gave up 10 runs in four innings to take the loss. The Rocks managed just three hits; Thomas drove in their only runs with a two-run single in the fifth. Last Friday, Wayne

Memorial pounded Salem 9-1, collecting 11 hits. Dave Pawlukiewicz was the losing pitcher. The Rocks managed just two hits.

Northville 11, Canton 0: The Chiefs fell to 2-10 overall, 0-1 in the WLAA's Western Division, with a five-inning mercy loss Friday to Northville at Canton.

mound and Joe Mishler allowed three more in two innings.

DeMeyere provided most of the offense with two hits.

That was pretty much the highlight of our offense," said Canton coach Scott Dickey, whose team suffered another setback when pitcher Jake Powers was struck in the face by a line drive in the first inning of last Thursday's game against Salem. Powers is out for the season.

CC 5, Country Day 0: The bats got going in a big way for Redford Catholic Central in a three-day stretch as the Shamrocks swept a doubleheader Saturday from Harper Woods Notre Dame, 13-3 and 15-2, then shut out Country Day on Monday.

(Country Day) was the best game we played all year by far," CC coach John Salter said after his team improved to 9-5 overall. "Mike Monterey threw a two-hitter and only got in trouble once; and we also scored in bunches to give him support. We played outstanding defense."

John Rochow led off the game with a hit and Adam Southwick had a pinch-hit single in the sixth for the Yellowiackets' only hits off Monterey (2-0). He also walked just two and struck out four. Brian Packey suffered the loss for DCD (9-3), with nine hits, five earned runs, three walks and three strikeouts.

Greg Marrone was 3-for-3 with a double, an RBI and a run scored for CC, Drew Amble and Ryan Gallagher were both 2-for-3 and Joe Dudzinski had two RBI.

On Saturday, the Shamrocks pounded out 15 hits in the opener and 13 in the nightcap to grab the win.

(Coach Kevin) Walters put us through two hours of hitting drills in practice last week and we responded with our best offensive show of the year," Salter said. "Three home runs in one day was a good accomplishment, especially after we've been a team of ups and downs."

Amble and Monterey both homered in the opener, while Derek Brooks was 2-for-4 with two RBI, Eric Vojtkofsky was 2-for-4 with three RBI and Eric Simcox was 2-for-2 with a triple and three runs scored.

Matt Walters started for CC (5-3 Central Division), but Matt Rodeghier (2-2) got the win as the staff combined to shut down the Irish on a five-hitter.

In the second game, Bob Henderson stopped the Irish on a three-hitter and allowed just three walks with four strikeouts in three innings. Nate Rzeppa pitched the last two innings and gave up just two walks and struck out two.

Brooks was 3-for-3 with a triple, Amble and Simcox were 2-for-3 and Anthony Sabo was 2-for-3 with four RBI, thanks to his grand slam in the first inning.

TENNIS RESULTS

LIVONIA CHURCHILL 4, SALEM 4 April 26 at Churchill

- No. 1 singles: Mike Ware (S) defeated Trevor
- Kogut, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6 (7-4). No. 2: Pat Shaw (S) def. Glenn Wozniak, 6-1, 6-3. No. 3: Chris Treadwell (S) def. Mike Ligeski, 7-6
- (8-6), 2-6, 6-4, No. 4: Phil Sulejmani (LC) def. Robbie Wallen, 6-3,
- No.1 doubles: Evan Be-Mike Layne (LC) def. Ali-El Hourani-Chris Fenton, 7-5, 7-5.
- No. 2: Casey Green-Pete Schrader (LC) def. Alex Poe-Kushal Mistry, 6-3, 6-3.
- No. 3: John Schellhase-David Geick (S) def. Mike Han-Austin Be, 6-0, 6-2. No. 4: Rich Simkow-Kyle-Andersen (LC) def. Blake
- Foster-Neil Bakshi, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2). Churchill's overall dual meet record: 1-3-1 overall, 0-2-1 Western Lakes Activities Association.
- CANTON 7. WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1 April 26 at Cantor
- No. 1 singles: Brian Keesey (C) def, Mike Galunas 6-4, 6-4
- No. 2: Zach Hoernschemeyer (C) def. Torn Drotar
- No. 3: Steve West (C) def. Ajay Tailor 6-1, 6-1. No. 4: Justin Hernandez (JG) def. Alex
- Fabiszewski 6-2, 6-4, No. 1 doubles: Jeremy Romer-Alex Marinica (C)
- def. Pat Wall-Jake Delpiano 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Mike Keesey-Sam Kaufman (C) def. Josiah
- Swartz-Richard Dziuban 6-1, 6-2. No. 3: Duke Kapelanski-Amal Patel (C) def. Bruce
- Green-Scott Fletcher 6-2, 6-0. No. 4: Matt Schichtman-Mike Palmer (C) def.
- James Fisher-Andrew Suchan 6-1, 6-2. LIVONIA STEVENSON 6, PLYMOUTH HIGH 2 April 23 at Plymouth
- No. 1 singles: Dan Petty (LS) defeated Luc Lucai, No. 2: Nick Stovanov (LS) def. Kevin Welch, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3: Chris Welch (LS) def. Ali Salem. 6-1, 7-5.

- .No. 4: Marwan Chammout (LS) def. Justin Magill. No. 1 doubles: Mike Jewell-Ricky Roman (LS) def. Doug Eggleston-Jerry DeClercq, 6-0, 6-1. No. 2: Brad Yergeson-Clint Korpalski (P) def.
- Kevin Lim-Jeff Jackson, 6-4, 6-3. No. 3: Erik Korpalski-Nick Mazzacco (P) def. Dave Ayyash-Mazen Chammout, 6-2, 6-2. No. 4: Anthony Franchina-Mike Horgan (LS) def
- Don Zhang-Brettt Kavulich, 6-3, 6-0. Stevenson's dual meet record: 3-1 overall, 3-0 **REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 7**
- UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT-JESUIT 1 April 27 at Schoolcraft College Rutkowski, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3, No. 2: Kevin Bender (CC) def. Marrus Parker, 6-2,
- No. 3: Andrew Lulek (CC) def. Brian Burguign, 6-1,
- No. 4: Nick Carroll (CC) def. Andrew Kaczmarek, 6-0, 6-3 No. 1 doubles: Ali Daneshvar-Gabe Diaz (CC) def.
- Greg Hyland-Dave VanEgmond, 7-6 (8-6), 6-0. No. 2: Jason Beydoun-Ryan Snyder (CC) def Hamilton Harris-John Schultz, 6-4, 6-1. No. 3: Kevin Gardner-Chris Atallah (CC) def. Alex Widlah-Matt Connery, 6-4, 6-2.
- No. 4: Victor Ansara-Manuel Bartolo (CC) def. Justin Direczi-Matt Aurches, 6-4, 6-1. CC's dual meet record: 5-0-1.

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL PORT HURON NORTHERN 1 April 22 at P.H. Northern

- No. 1 singles: Britton Steele (CC) defeated Steve No. 2: Andrew Lulek (CC) def. Nate LaBelle, 6-3, 6-
- No. 3: Kevin Bender (CC) def. Sean Loftus, 6-1, 6-0. No. 4: Nick Carroll (CC) def. Bill Derocha, 6-1, 6-1.
- No. 1 doubles: Joe Nakhleh-Greg Johnson (PHN) def. Ali Daneshvar-Gabe Diaz, 6-2, 6-2. No. 2: Jason Beydoun-Ryan Snyder (CC) def. Eric Mastria-Matt Bartle, 6-1, 6-0. No. 3: Kevin Gardner-Chris Atallah (CC) def. Chris
- Enders-Firas Marenkos, 6-1, 6-2. No. 4: Victor Ansara-Manuel Bartolo (CC) def CC's dual meet record: 4-0 overall

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP RASERALL

Thursday, April 29 Agape at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 30 Salem at W.L. Western, 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Canton, 4 p.m. Stevenson at Churchill, 4 p.m. Wayne vs. Franklin (Ford Field), 4 p.m. John Glenn at Northville, 4 n.m. Clarenceville at Liggett, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 1 Canton at Farmington Inv. at Harrison, 9 a.m. Canton Agape at Ply, Christian, noon (all double-headers) Salem at Milford, 11 a.m. Churchill at Thurston, noon: U-D Jesuit at Redford CC, 2 p.m. **GIRLS SOFTBALL**

Thursday, April 29 Ply. Christian at A.P. Inter-City, 4 p.m. Mercy at Ladywood (2), 4 p.m. Agape at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 30 W.L. Western at Salem, 4 p.m. Canton at W.L. Central, 4 p.m. Churchill at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Franklin at Wayne, 4 p.m. Northville at John Glenn, 4 p.m.

Clarenceville at G.P. Liggett, 4:30 p.m. Luth. Westland at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1 Brandon Invitational, 9 a.m. Salem Invitational, 10 a.m. Canton Agape at Ply, Christian, TBA Sunday, May 2 Brandon Invitational, 9 a.m. **BOYS TRACK**

Thursday, April 29 Canton at Plymouth, 3:30 p.m. Churchill at Northville, 3:30 p.m. Franklin at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m. Stevenson at Salem, 3:30 p.m. W.L. Central at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m. W.L. Northern at Wayne, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1 Observerland Relays at Churchill, 3:30 p.m. **GIRLS TRACK**

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GIRLS GOLF Thursday, April 29 Salem vs. Plymouth at St. John's, 3 p.m. Ladywood vs. Marian at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m. Friday, April 30 Franklin vs. W.L. Northern at Idyl Wyld, 2:45 p.m.

W.L. Central vs. Plymouth at Hillton, 3 p.m. John Glenn vs. Churchill at Whispering Willows, 3 p.m. Saturday, May 1 PREP LACROSSE Friday, April 30

Saturday, May 1 Canton at Lincoln Tourn MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL Saturday, May 1 Sunday, May 2

Friday, April 30 Sunday, May 2 Alumni Game at Madonna, noon. TBA - time to be announced.

Salem at Stevenson, 3:30 p.m. John Gienn at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m. Wayne at W.L. Northern, 3:30 p.m. Plymouth at Canton, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1 Stevenson Invitational, 10 a.m.

Luth. Westland at Harper Wds., 4:30 p.m. Ladywood at Divine Child, 5:30 p.m.

Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m. W.L. Western at Stevenson, 4 p.m. Wayne at Canton, 4 p.m. Saturday, May 1

Wayne vs. Canton (Hilitop), 3 p.m. Traverse City Invitational TRA

CC at Franklin (Pa.) Regional, 7 p.m. vs. Mattawan, 10 a.m.; vs. Avondale, 2 p.m.

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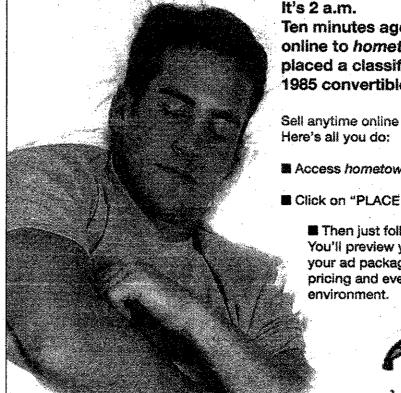
Stafford Relays at W.L. Western, 9 a.m.

A.A. Huron Tournament, 8:15 a.m.

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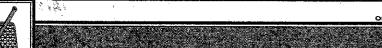
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WOMEN'S GOLF

The Hickory Creek Ladies Golf League, which plays on Thursday mornings throughout the summer, is looking for new members in the Plymouth/Canton area.

The nine-hole league is played at Hickory Creek Golf Course, which is located at Ford Road and Napier Road in

League members tee off every Thursday at 8 a.m. beginning May 6. For more information, contact Susan Morman at (734) 414-9941.

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 informa-

CO-ED GOLF LEAGUE

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an 18week adult co-ed golf league starting Monday, May 3 at Brae Burn Golf Course.

Tee time start is 5:29 p.m. The cost is \$450. For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

ADULT CO-ED KICKBALL

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering an adult co-ed kickball league starting Friday, May 14 (minimum 15 games).

The entry fee is \$240 per team (umpire fees extra). There will be double-headers.

For more information, call (248) 449-9947.

BADMINTON EQUIPMENT

Northville Parks and Recreation is offering any level school badminton program free used feathered badminton shuttlecocks.

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will hold spring tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50 to 60 games during the season, plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Don Haase at (734) 326-8904.

■ The Canton Mustangs U12 travel baseball team needs a few players for its 2004 squad. The Mustangs play in the Kensington Valley Baseball and Softball Association, with 20 league games and 4-to-5 weekend tournaments (approximately 35 games in all).

For tryout appointments, call Jeff Gatt at (248) 752-7376.

■ The WaCo Wolves U-9 travel baseball team will hold winter tryouts for the 2004 season. The team will play about 50-60 games during the season plus a World Series.

For more information, please call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

■ The 11-and-under Michigan Wolves, a travel baseball team based in Livonia, is seeking players to fill out their roster for the 2004 season. To be eligible, your birthday must be after July 31, 1992.

■ The Dearborn Heights Knights, an 11-and-under travel baseball team affiliated with American Amateur Baseball Congress, is scheduling open

tryouts for the 2004 season. For more information, call Rich Grucz at 1-800-949-9834.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES

■ Thunderbird Softball Inc. (TSI) will be registering and holding tryouts for all area girls interested in playing fastpitch softball, ages eight and under through 19 and over. Openings are available in both the recreation leagues (which guarantee playing time) and for the more competitive travel and tournament teams.

Please call coach Bruce at (734) 981-1796 or email at: playfastpitch@hotmail.com for tryout locations and times and to register at the Canton Softball Center. Tryout applications are also available on our web page thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com.

The Thunderbirds are not affiliated with the CCJBSA or its subsidiary, Pride Fastpitch. The 501(c)3 nonprofit group offers ASA-certified coaches

service work should also call coach Bruce.

■ Northville Parks and Recreation will be offering an adult women's softball league, starting Tuesday, May 6, along with an adult co-ed softball league, starting Sunday, May 4.

Cost for each league (12 games) is \$410 per team. For more information, call

BADMINTON TOURNEY

(248)449-9947.

Northville Parks and Recreation is sponsoring its third annual Midwest Stephen Race Badminton Tournament, Friday through Sunday, May 7-9, at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

Race was a player who was instrumental in building badminton popularity in the midwest.

Last year, 110 players participated from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts,

Indiana and Ontario. Tournament officials expect 120 participants for the 2004 tourney including 2000

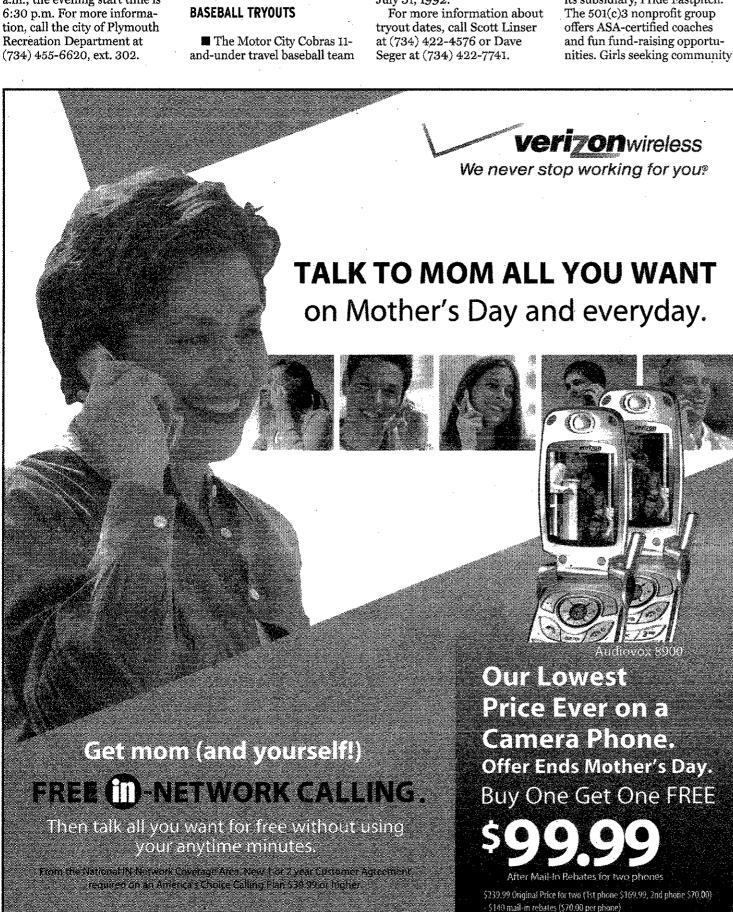
> Tony Gunawan. For more information, call Joe Barberio at (248) 449-9947.

Olympic gold medal winner

STEVENSON GRID REUNION

Livonia Stevenson High School plans to stage a 40-year football all-player reunion, Friday, Sept. 10, during its game against Livonia Churchill.

For more information, call coach Tim Gabel at (734) 744-2660 or e-mail tgabel@livonia.k12.mi.us You can also visit http://shs.freewebspace.com.

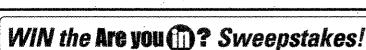






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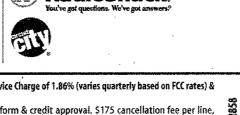
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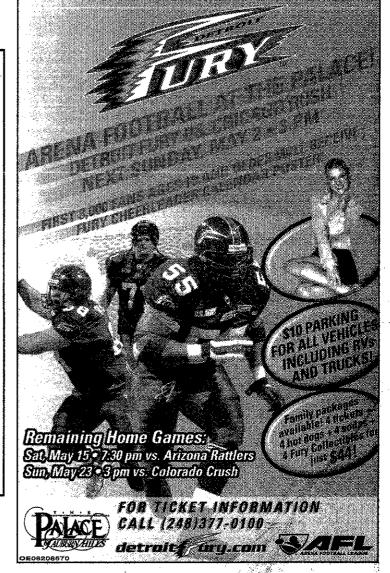
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Crusaders split 4-game set with Tech Madonna sweeps Siena,

When the top two teams in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference meet in a fourgame weekend series, a close

encounter can be anticipated. That's what happened when Indiana Tech's and Madonna University's baseball teams clashed, playing two games at Madonna Saturday and two more at Tech Sunday. They ended up splitting both double-headers, the Warriors winning Saturday's first game 6-2 and the Crusaders taking the second 2-1, Tech winning Sunday's first game 6-3 and Madonna taking the second 8-

Tech remained atop the WHAC at 13-3; the Warriors were 26-18 overall. Madonna was second at 11-5.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday, April 29, 2004

In Saturday's first-game loss, the Crusaders were handcuffed by Tech's Jesse Hoover, who tossed a one-hitter. He allowed two earned runs and walked six, striking out 11 as he improved to 6-0. Doug Brooks started and took the loss for Madonna, giving up four runs (two earned) on five hits and three walks, striking out seven, in six innings.

Preston Picard (from Farmington) had the Crusaders only hit, a run-scoring single.

In the second game, Jeff Savage threw a four-hitter, surrendering one earned run



City of Plymouth NOTICE OF SALE **SURPLUS &** CONFISCATED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth, Michigan will conduct a sale of surplus property and property confiscated by the Police Department on Saturday, May 1, 2004 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The sale will be held in the City Hall garage, 201 S. Main, Plymouth, MI. Items to be sold include bicycles, office furniture, tools, tires, electronic equipment.

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> CAROL STONE Admin, Services Dir.

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striking out six in six innings as he improved to 5-2. Kyle Fedorka got the save, his seventh, with a hitless inning of Pete Byrum took the loss.

on four hits and two walks,

Picard had three hits in the game and Jason Barbeau got two, with an RBI.

On Sunday at Madonna's University Ballpark, a four-run eighth inning boosted Tech to the 6-3 win. Derek Dufrane was the losing pitcher, giving up three earned runs on four hits with no walks, fanning six. Fedorka relieved Dufrane in the eighth and was tagged for three runs on two hits and two

Matt Brew was the winning pitcher.

Matt Gorske (Farmington) had two of Madonna's seven

In the second game, Picard slammed two home runs and Gorske added another in Madonna's 8-2 win. Picard finished with three RBI, Barbeau had two hits and two RBI and Joe Greene was 3-

Chris Behrns got the pitching win, allowing two runs on five hits and one walk, striking out six in seven innings. Dustin Sebastian took the

Madonna 8-4, Ohio Dominican 5-3: Madonna avenged an earlier twinbill loss to Ohio Dominican by sweeping the Panthers Tuesday at

University Ballpark in Livonia.

The Crusaders improved to 29-21 overall; Dominican is

In the opener, Madonna had two four-run innings that carried them to the victory. The first came in the first inning. with Tony Kern — he was 3for-3 with three RBI in the game - slicing a two-run single.

Kern added another runscoring single in the fifth, and Jake Ghannam (Farmington Harrison) added a two-run, pinch-hit

Dan Duffey got the pitching win, surrendering three runs on eight hits and three walks, striking out six in six innings. The loss went to Dan McCarthy.

In the second game, the Crusaders came back from a 2-1 deficit by scoring three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Dave Nester had the key blow, a pinch-hit two-run single. Gary VanAllen also had a hit and

Doug Brooks got the pitching win in relief of Adam Kline, who worked the first 51/3 innings and gave up two runs on seven hits and three walks with six strikeouts. Brooks pitched the last 1% innings and allowed one unearned run with no hits and one walk, fanning four. The loss went to Nick Kelley.

stays in 1st in the WHAC

Three out of four — not bad. Madonna University's softball team rebounded after losing the first game in a fourgame weekend by winning the next three, including both ends of a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference doubleheader against Siena Heights

Sunday. Those two victories -4-2 in the opener, 9-1 in the nightcap, played at Livonia Ladywood HS — kept the Crusaders atop the WHAC with a 14-4 mark. They are 32-12-2 overall (Tuesday's WHAC games at Aquinas College were postponed). Siena Heights is 8-14 in

the conference, 14-26 overall. On Saturday, Madonna lost its opener at Tri-State (Ind.) University 2-1, but won the second game 9-7.

In the sweep of Siena Heights, Kelly Nilson allowed the Saints two runs on seven hits and four walks, striking out six in the opener. She improved to 19-8. The loss went to Natalie Waelchli.

The key hit in the game was delivered by Arin Fowler, who tripled in two runs in the fourth. Fowler and Kathy Day (from Livonia Ladywood) each had two hits in the game, and Mary Warchuck had a single and two RBI.

The Crusaders scored four times in the third and added three more in the fourth in besting Siena Heights 9-1 in the second game. Shannon Noder allowed one unearned

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

run on three hits and two walks, striking out five, in getting the win. The loss went to Emile Ondrus.

Erin Cunningham was Madonna's top offensive threat with two hits and two RBI. Jamie Bobrowski had one hit and three RBI, and Fowler scored two runs and drove intwo more. The Crusaders took advantage of five Saint errors to score four unearned runs.

On Saturday at Tri-State, the Thunder broke a scoreless tie by scoring two runs in the bottom of the sixth, then withstood a seventh-inning Madonna rally to get the 2-1 win.

Nilson took the loss, giving up two runs on two hits and two walks, striking out two in six innings.

Fowler singled in Madonna's only run in the seventh.

In the second game, Cunningham had three hits. including a double, and knocked in four runs, and Kasey DeSutter had a pair of doubles and three RBI in the Crusaders' 9-7 victory.

Madonna trailed 7-5 after three innings, but a four-run fourth combined with five solid innings of relief pitching by Nilson delivered the win. Nilson did not give up a run, allowing just two hits and striking out six.

Bobrowski also had two hits for the Crusaders.

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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TO ALL OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED LANDS:

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TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements on Saltz Road from Beck Road to Ridge Road.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvement and tentatively designated the above-described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 11th day of May, 2004 at 7:00, o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements and the special assessment district.

> Terry G. Bennett, Clerk · Charter Township of Canton

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ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

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

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

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Canton High School Electrical Improvements. Specifications and bid forms will be available for viewing on or after April 29, 2004 at the office of the District's architects, TMP Associates, located at 1191 West Square Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302; the McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge Plan Room in Southfield, MI; the Reed Construction Data Plan Room in Novi, MI; or the Construction Association of Michigan, in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Sealed bids are due on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, May 13, 2004 and should be addressed to Dan Phillips, RE: Canton Electrical Bid, PCCS E.J. McClendon Building 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education Plymouth-Canton Community Schools THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary

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LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, **MICHIGAN**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004. THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER

IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004, IS MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 2004, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

THOMAS J. WYSOCKI Secretary, Board of Education

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community

Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a

bid for Bird Elementary School Gymnasium Roof Renovation. Specifications and bid forms can be obtained on or after April 29,

2004 by contacting Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance

Department at (734) 416-2953. Sealed bids are due to the E.J.

McClendon Educational Center, RE: Bird Roof Bid, 454 S. Harvey,

Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 2:30 p.m., Thursday, May 13,

2004. For further information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant

Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of

Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they

judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

p.m, Friday, May 14th, 2004 for the following:

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 Office of Engineering Services, up to 4:00

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR CANTON'S DPW BUILDING VEHICLE STORAGE **BUILDING AND PARKING AREA EXPANSION**

Specifications and drawings are available to be picked up on the second floor, Public Works located at the address above Questions can be directed to William Serchak at 734 394-5149. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of 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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings -April 20, 2004

The Board of Trustees convened at 7:04 p.m. in closed session to discuss pending litigation and employee negotiations. Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Shefferly Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Durack, Craig S. Manser, Regional Risk Manager; Michael Ellis, Director of Claims, MMRMA, and Gloria Winfrey, Senior Claim Adjuster, MMRMA. Closed session adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Motion by Bennett to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter to chair the meeting. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter. Shefferly Members Absent: Yack Staff Present: Director Durack Others Present:

Craig S. Manser, Regional Risk Manager; Michael Ellis, Director of Claims, MMRMA, and Gloria Winfrey, Senior Claim Adjuster, MMRMA. Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members

Item 1: Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority Update. Mr Michael Ellis presented a presentation related to the process of handling claims. It is a three-step process the includes: investigation of claim, evaluation of claim and termination of the claim. A claim can then be accepted, rejected or negotiations can bring the claim to a compromised conclusion. A team approach is used by the MMRMA staff to seek a successful resolution to the claim. The team is made up of the claims adjustor, the member representative, and a defense attorney.

Item 2: Other Information Director Durack informed the Board of Trustees that he is working with Canton Waste Recycling on the terms of the extension of contract for solid waste pick up. The Board will see the item on a public agenda in the near future. A three percent per year increase will be brought to the Board for consideration. Cable Lawsuit related to use of franchise fees was dismissed in court.

Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to adjourn, Treasurer Kirchgatter adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett -Clerk Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter
Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during
regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

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Glenn tops Central for first victory

Westland John Glenn firstyear girls softball coach Bill Duncan felt a sense of relief Monday as his Rockets earned their first victory of the season at the expense of visiting Walled Lake Central, 11-5.

"I'm really thrilled," said Duncan, whose team is 1-6 overall and 1-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. "We did not expect to get it from a team like Walled Lake Central, but we'll take it.

"I'm happy and I hope it helps our confidence."

Each team scored four runs in the opening inning. Central got another run in the second to take a 5-4 advantage, but the Rockets tallied four in the bottom of the third inning and cemented the victory with three in the sixth.

Several Glenn players contributed to the win including Rebecca Oros, who went 2-for-4 with an RBI and cut down two runners from behind the plate.

Amanda Fullerton and Devin Ross each added two hits, while Stephanie Rees had an RBI double and winning pitcher Dana Baran an RBI single.

Baran went all seven innings, scattering seven hits and one

Churchill 3, Northville 0: Bridget Long hurled a 2-hitter and Cat Sidor went 3-for-3 with an RBI as Livonia Churchill (5-4, 1-1) corralled the visiting Mustangs in a WLAA-Western Division

Long struck out six and walked one to pick up the win.

"Bridget put the ball in play and we made the plays defensively," Churchill coach Carrie Koricam said.

Brynn Kerr went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Sarah Pernak contributed an RBI double

W.L. Western 14, Franklin O (mercy): Winning pitcher Lauren Talbot allowed only a second-inning single by Sara Wagaman to give Walled Lake Western (5-0, 2-0) a WLAA-

Western Division triumph over host Livonia Franklin (4-3, 0-1) in a game played at Emerson Middle School.

Talbot struck out eight and did not allow a walk.

Franklin starter Amanda Morrill lasted two innings, allowing five runs (four earned) on four hits and two walks. She was the victim of three Patriot errors.

Jackie DeFranceschi finished up, allowing nine runs (six earned) on six hits. She struck out one and walked one. Franklin committed two errors in her three innings.

On Saturday, Franklin finished 1-2 at the Richmond Tourney.

The host Blue Devils blanked Franklin in the opener, 4-0, as Morrill took the loss. The lone Franklin hits were by Lisa Garbutt and Lauren Giacobozzi.

Harper Woods Regina upended Franklin the second round, 3-1, as Morrill suffered the loss. Jenny Mosier's double scored Wagaman with the Patriots' lone run.

In the next round, Franklin dumped Macomb Dakota, 13-3, in five innings as Morrill got the victory. Jaleece Lavine went 2-for-2 with a 3-run double. Garbutt went 2-for-2, while Wagaman added a 2-run triple.

Churchill 1-11, Redford Union 0-4: Livonia Churchill gained a sweep Saturday over nonleague foe Redford Union (2-

The opener was a pitcher's duel between the Chargers' Bridget Long - who gave up two hits - and Helene Lloyd, who scattered five.

The only run came in the bottom of the seventh as Long opened the inning with a double and was replaced by courtesy runner Danelle Maxwell. Maxwell went to third on a wild pitch, then Sarah Buddenborg hit a grounder to short and Maxwell scored on a fielder's choice.

ACTIVITIES

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester, Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at http://go.to/ocsa for more informa-

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to riverrat122@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Meetings are open to boaters and non-boaters and the club is open to new members. Visitors are welcome to the family club. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or

fourseasonsfishingclub@yahoo.com. **HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**

The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock, Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more informa-

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass in Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-

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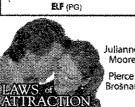
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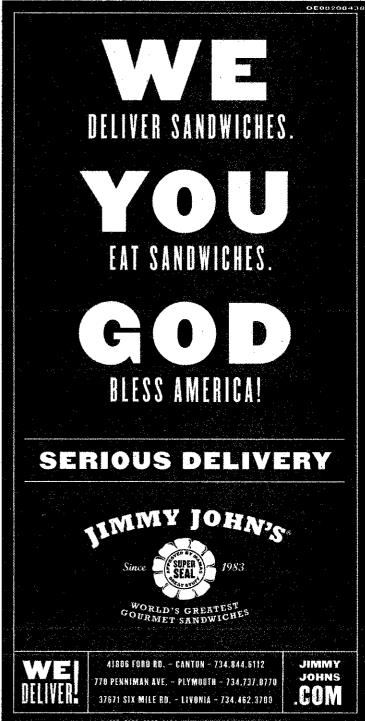
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STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

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To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to 248-644-



NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a fire station and the site thereof together with all appurtenances, attachments and related facilities.

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty five (25) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

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

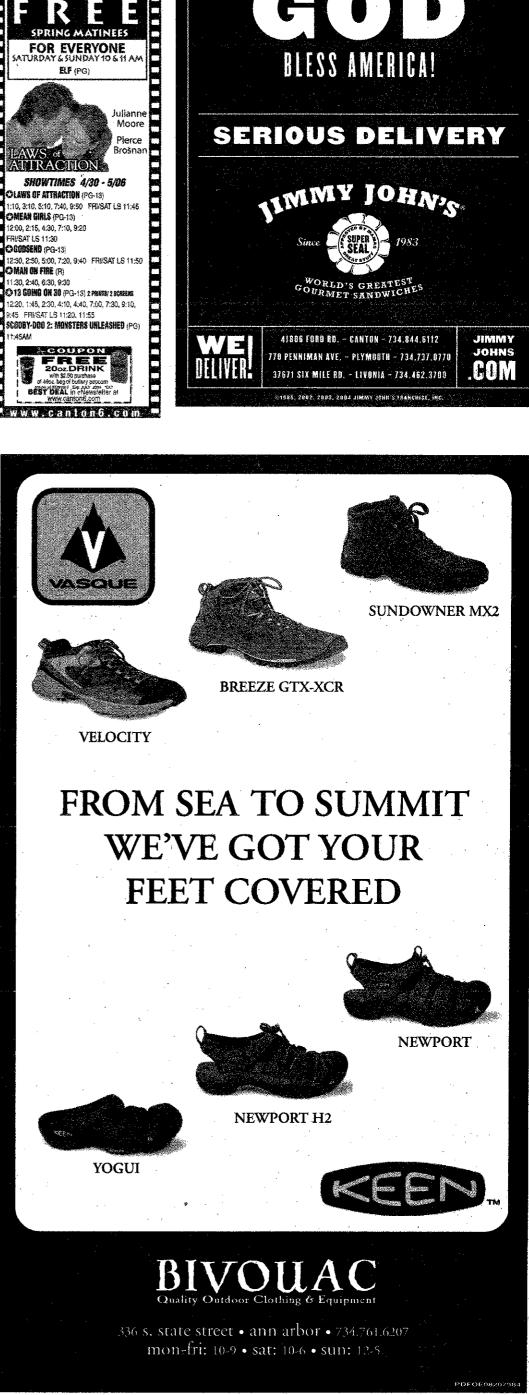
RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

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

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

> TERRY G. BENNETT. Clerk, Charter Township of Canton

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OBSERVERLAND

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There are plenty of other athletes to watch at Canton: Rodney Preston in the hurdles and long jump, Scott George in the distance events, Devin Thomas in the sprints, Jon Chapman in the pole vault and Andy Rossow in the high jump and 400, to name but a few.

The problem is, it won't be just a Harrison-Canton clash. Plenty of other athletes will play a role in deciding who captures the title this Saturday.

Here's a few examples: Garden City's Paul Stradtner tops the area in the shot and discus; Livonia Franklin's Joe Mielke is among the best high and long jumpers; Redford Catholic Central's Bill Makela leads in both hurdles; Wayne's T.J. Dillard is the best of the sprinters; Max Working and Dave Lucas lead a strong distance contingent for CC; and Redford Union's Matt Patra should be a factor in the middistance runs.

And that doesn't include a

BRAGGING RIGHTS

What: 34th annual **Observerland Relays** Where: Churchill High School When: Saturday, May 1; field events begin at 3:30 p.m., preliminaries at 6:30 p.m., final events begin at 7 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3

students. Teams competing: Liv. Churchill, Liv. Stevenson, Liv. Franklin, Redford Union, Thurston, Redford CC, Wayne, Westland John Glenn, Plymouth, Canton, Salem, Northville, Garden City, Lutheran Westland, Clarenceville, Bishop Borgess, Farmington, Farmington Harrison, North Farmington.

mount a challenge, like Northville, CC and a



Matt McClellan's ability in the high jump — he's ranked among the Observerland's best — should keep Canton near the top in that event.

few other teams that could

"CC's always been tough, they show up in the bigger meets," Richardson said.

"Livonia Churchill has a good program, Northville's a solid team and Harrison - hey,

they're the defending champs. And now we'd better keep an eye out for Farmington, we'd better watch out for them."

CC is one team that has already seen plenty of Canton this season. As coach Tony Magni pointed out: "(Canton) had kids missing at the Dearborn Elks Relays and they were still strong. We ran against them at Ann Arbor Pioneer and they were still strong. We saw them three times around the vacation, and

they always had kids missing

and they were still very good."

Churchill, the host team, will approach the Relays the same way Canton does, according to coach Rick Austin: "Our kids will compete in any meet we're at. I think we can be a factor because we have the ability to score in every event.

"But Canton and Northville are two strong teams I've seen early in the season. And, of course, there's Harrison."

Yes, Harrison and Canton figure to be the top contenders for the Observerland trophy which only means that, to a host of other area squads, they'll be the ones wearing targets.

800 relay

1.600 relay

3,200 relay

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Spartans stay unbeaten with shutout of Chargers

Goals came fast and furious Monday night for state-ranked Livonia Stevenson, which rolled to a 9-0 girls soccer victory over Livonia Churchill.

Stevenson improved to 5-0-2 with the Western Lakes Activities Association victory, while Churchill drops to 0-8.

Jamie Radley, who had two goals and one assist, opened the scoring at the

2-minute mark. Melissa Dobbyn, who also had two goals and one assist, scored again three minutes later. Stevenson led 6-0 at intermission.

Lia Williamson contributed two goals, while Ally King had a goal and assist. Dina Allie and Kate Howe each added a goal, while Caitlin Boyak and Amber Sharpe collected two assists apiece. Other assists went to Megan McConnell and Lauren Thiel.

OBSERVER'S BEST BOYS TRACK TIMES (through April 27)

Paul Stradtner (Garden City) Jon Smart (Redford CC) Chuck Cannon (Churchill) 45-10.25 Brian Nakoneczny (Stevenson) Ryan Danescu (Redford CC) Dan Haller (Luth. Westland) Patrick Higgins (Luth, Westland) Jon Whaley (Franklin) Chris Snider (Canton) Brad Waidmann (Canton) Paul Stradtner (Garden City) Brian Nakoneczny (Stevenson) Rvan Danescu (Redford CC) Brad Waidmann (Canton)

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Jon Chapman (Canton)

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46-4.5

43-5

43-4

43-3

164-5

150-3

146-8

132-4

128-3

123-2

123-0

20-8

20-7.5

19-9

19-6

19-4.25

19-3.5

Farmington squad that upset

Pole Vault

16.5

16.7

16.9

39.3

40.7

Kevin Burdette (Canton)

400-meter dash

Harrison at last Saturday's

Farmington city meet.

Jayson Wurtzbacher (Salem) Aaron Reamy (Churchill) Derek Reeves (Canton) Rich Hensel (Canton) Chip Fisher (Salem) Bill Breslin (Churchill) Ryan Bridgeman (Stevenson) Joe Pond (Stevenson) Mark Yapp (Luth. Westland) Phil Taylor (Redford Union)

110-meter hurdles Bill Makela (Redford CC) Rodney Preston (Canton) Brad Waldmann (Canton) Brad Zygmontowicz (Redford CC) Matt Kapler (Salem) Ross Farquhar (Churchill) Alan Culbertson (Franklin) Gholston (Plymouth) Phillips (Plymouth) Aaron Anselment (Stevenson) 300-meter hurdles

Bill Makela (Redford CC)

Rodney Preston (Canton)

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD BESTS

	Brad Zygmontowicz (Redford CC)	41.7	Wade (Plymouth)	53.8	David Lucas (Redford CC)	
6-4	Zach Zrull (Redford CC)	42.2	Pat Brown (Thurston)	54.3	Tim Howse (Churchill)	
6-2	Corey Stewart (Canton)	42.6	Donnie Carson (Clarenceville)	54.9	Eric Zech (Canton)	
6-2	John Mitchell (Stevenson)	43.4	Andy Sokolowski (Salem)	54.9	Adam Warner (Salem)	
5-10	Tim Chew (Salem)	43.5	Brian Barnes (Salem)	55.2	Jimmy Walsh (Salem)	
5-10	Joe Mielke (Franklin)	43.9	Joe Mielke (Franklin)	55.4	Dan Kapadia (Salem)	
5-10	Steve Brown (Redford Union)	44.0	John Gourlay (Redford Union)	56.2	Steve Cheek (Canton)	
5-10	Brian Duffield (Churchill)	44.1	800-meter run		Dave Otting (Canton)	
5-8	100-meter dash		Keith Hearns (Stevenson)	2:03.8		
5-6	T.J. Dillard (Wayne)	11.1	Matt Patra (Redford Union)	2:05.0	Canton -	
	Devin Thomas (Canton)	11.2	Joe Horka (Churchill)	2:05.3	Wayne Memorial	
12-6	Eddie Brown (Thurston)	11.3	David Lucas (Redford CC)	2:07.0	Stevenson	
11-6	Matt Smitherman (John Glenn)	11.3	Max Working (Redford CC)	2:08.0	John Glenn	
11-6	Mike Palombo (Redford CC)	11.3	Eric Kehoe (Luth. Westland)	2:08.7	Franklin	
11-3	Donnie Carson (Clarenceville)	11.4	Joe Crist (Salem)	2:09.0	Salem	
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10-6	Brandon Reeves (Canton)	11.5	Adam Warner (Salem)	2;12.1	John Glenn	
10-0	D.J. Coleman (Plymouth)	11.5	Heidenreich (Salem)	2:12.7	Lutheran Westland	
10-0	200-meter dash		1,600-meter run		Wayne Memorial	
9-0	T.J. Dillard (Wayne)	22.2	Dave Lucas (Redford CC)	4:35.5	Redford CC	
9-0	Brandon Reeves (Canton)	22.9	Max Working (Redford CC)	4:40.0	1,600 rela	
	Eddie Brown (Thurston)	22.9	Matt Patra (Redford Union)	4:40.0	Stevenson	
15.2	Ben Moldenhauer (Luth, Westland)	23.1	Scott George (Canton)	4:43.7	Canton	
15.4	Devin Thomas (Canton)	23.1	Joe Horka (Churchill)	4:47.3	Lutheran Westland	
15.6	D.J. Coleman (Plymouth)	23,5	Adam Warner (Salem)	4:48.0	Redford CC	
15.7	Julian Smith (Canton)	23.5	Tim Howse (Churchill)	4:51.7	Thurston	
16.4	Brian Chandler (Stevenson)	23.7	Eric Zech (Canton)	4:52.0	3,200 rela	
16.4	Derrian Miller (Wayne)	23.7	Mike Nienhaus (Redford CC)	4:55.0	Redford CC	



3,200-meter run

4:55.1

Canton

Matt Rzepka (Stevenson)

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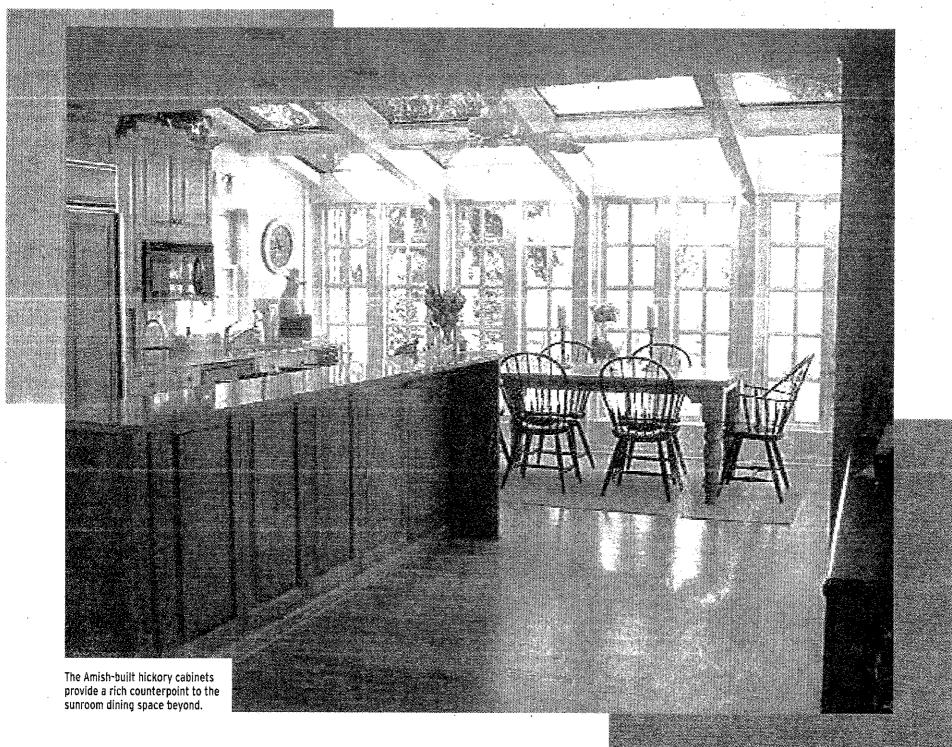
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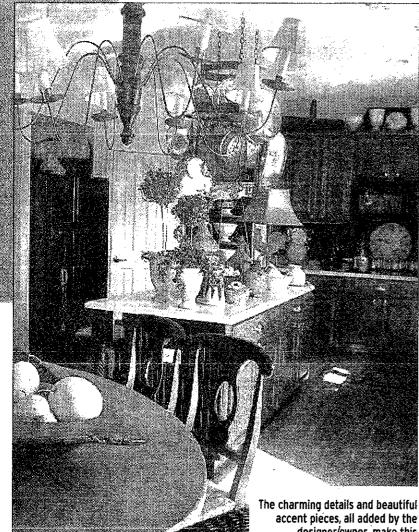
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atchen



The charming details and beautiful accent pieces, all added by the designer/owner, make this kitchen a feast for the eyes.

Tour benefits summer camp

'Our goals were to

get more lighting in

and a little bit more

warmth.

Karen Moran

Plymouth resident

Karen and Mary Moran of Plymouth faced what many couples face who live in older homes. They needed more space.

The couple "gutted it," Karen Moran said with a laugh. "There was nothing in it of

redeeming value." An overhang over the peninsula in the kitchen darkened the kitchen and they just wanted a whole new look.

"Our goals were to get more lighting in and a little bit more warmth," Moran said.

Out went the white cabinets. In went cherry cabinets, along with Corian countertops, recessed lighting, a breakfast bar and new wood flooring, along with new Kenmore elite appliances, and a stainless steel under-

mounted sink. The Morans' kitchen is one of six featured on the second annual Northville/Plymouth Kitchen Tour to benefit O.U.R. Camp (Opportunity, Understanding and

Special Needs. (See related article.)

Recreation) for Children with

Kathy Peltier, organizer of the Plymouth/Northville kitchen tour and interior designer for clients in Wayne and Oakland counties, said many of the homes were restored bungalows that featured new kitchens.

"We tried to get a good mix of styles and houses," Peltier said.

One was built in the 1960s. Another was a bungalow constructed in the 1920s.

"All the older homes had recent remodels in the last three or four years." Peltier said.

"There's a wide variety of projects and styles, and kitchen layouts in all kinds of spaces. And people also can see what can be done in a newer house."

Last year's tour raised \$3,500 for O.U.R. Camp.

"We're hoping to do even better this year," Peltier said. "All the proceeds go to the camp."

Anne and Gary Harris of

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Free Plant A Row kits available

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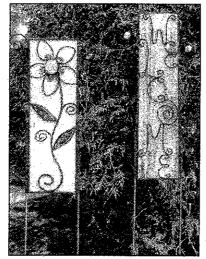
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MARKET PLACE

The Ann Arbor Art Center will highlight garden art in the Gallery Shop May 1-30. Various local artists will be showcasing a variety of glass and metal garden works, such as these vibrant "garden greeter" stakes by Kat Mackenzie. The art center's Gallery Shop encourages the careers of more than 250 local and regional artists, providing support for the center and artists simultaneously. Original works of art make unusual gifts for family and friends yearround. Gallery Shop hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information, stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor, or



The Plant A Row for the Hungry program officially launches in metro Detroit with the distribution of free planting kits available now at all five English Gardens locations.

The planting kits include a vegetable seed packet, row marker and information on Forgotten Harvest.

English Gardens stores are in West Bloomfield, Royal Oak/Troy, Dearborn Heights, Clinton Township and Eastpointe.

Plant a Row is a national grass-roots effort sponsored by the Garden Writers Association of America.

It encourages gardeners in individual, community, faith-based and school gardens to plant extra vegetable seeds and plants in the spring and donate the surplus harvest to people in

need. The program is spon-

PLEASE SEE PLANT, C5

Lighted tag

According to a recent survey by the American Animal Hospital Association, more than eight in 10 pet owners refer to themselves as their furry friend's "mom" or "dad."

This Mother's Day, dogs and cats can return the favor. thanks to a new



motion-activated lighted pet tag from MiracleBeam Products that flashes the message "I 'Heart' Mom."

The battery-operated Mom-Lover's ID TagLite celebrates the new fourfooted-child status that pets have attained as family members. As every "pet dad" knows, dogs and cats occupy a special place in a mom's heart, and they often give us less trouble than human kids. Safe and unobtrusive for pets, the water-resistant TagLite fits on a dog or cat collar like any other ID tag.

Whenever a pet moves, the motion detector inside the tag sets off a series of small, blinking LED lights. In the spirit of fair play, MiracleBeam Products has also come out with an "i 'Heart Dad" tag for Father's Day. Both tags come with long-lasting and replaceable batteries, and have a suggested retail price of \$6.99 to \$8.99.

For more information. contact MiracleBeam Products Inc. at (818) 890-4303, or visit www.miraclebeam.com.

Kiss stains good-bye

Lipstick can be one of the toughest of all stains to remove, especially from white cotton.

Morris and James Carey of the Associated Press report that a formula, however, does just that. In a spray bottle, mix three equal parts of laundry bleach, water and milk. Spray it on the stain, and then scrub the area with a toothbrush. It works well on straw-

berry stains, too. Don't use this formula on anything but white cotton. Colored cotton and other fabrics can be damaged if you do.

Referrals

The Michigan Green Industry Association, which has offices in Bingham Farms, helps to promote professionalism and provide education and certification programs to the Green Industry. The MGIA is a statewide, not-for-profit, professional trade association serving the Green industry for more than 40 years.

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lifestyles section with diet

books, hundreds of books have

weight loss ideas. If you melted

them all down, and crystallized

the core idea that permeates

every diet worth the paper it's

printed on, they would all say

about the same thing: take in

The situation with animals

differs from that with people.

Animals eat a diet of kibble or

canned food that has been for-

of calories. Diet foods meet

their caloric intake.

those needs with less calories.

How many treats would be

Burning off calories involves

too many? Any is too many

when you're dieting, and the

exercise, a specialty of dogs.

walks. Start slow, just like you

would for yourself, and work

up to longer play sessions and

like there's a reason the cata-

tonic begins with Cat. Getting

them to exercise just isn't easy.

Laser pointers get them running, and even dancing as they

swat at the dot on the wall. The

reliable toy bird at the end of a

Energy increases with more

exercise. (If there are underly-

ing health concerns, contact

your vet to be sure exercise is

all right.) Once some weight

increase. The cycle then con-

Dr. Brad Davis is the medical director

tinues to happily repeat.

for the VCA of Garden City, 2085

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Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135.

Write him there with questions and

comments. Send E-mail questions or

comments with your e-mail address to

peels off, the desire for play will

string also excites those hunt-

ing instincts and gets them

For cats, sometimes it seems

Play in the yard. or go for

longer walks.

moving.

same is true for your pet.

mulated to meet their metabol-

less calories, burn up more

It seems too many people love their pets way too

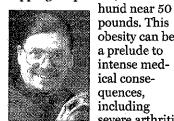
Too often I see obese cats topping 20 pounds, or a dachs-

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obesity can be



Dr. Brad

quences. including severe arthritis or diabetes. Often the **Animals** owner doesn't notice, or they

think it's cute. Table scraps unbalance the Davis I always diet. Your dog does not need a notice that the Swedish meatball. Your cat person coming in with a grossdoes not need lunch meat. ly obese pet never gives treats Remember about not killing or table scraps. It's their them with kindness? By feedspouse. Or kids. Or neighbors. ing them formulated diets without the scraps, we control

No matter the culprit, we need to alter the current patterns to get Fluffy less puffy.

First, we need to identify if the pet has gotten little heavy. People tend to note their own girth by the need for another hole on their belt, or, in my case, the need for a new, much larger belt.

While not quite that simple, there are ways to tell about your pet's growing size. If the dog's been mistaken for a coffee table, he might be fat. If you try to feel his ribs, but realize you'd need Indiana Jones to find bones hidden that deep, he might be fat.

If you lift your cat up, holding around the chest like Simba was lifted as a baby in The Lion King, and the body bears a striking resemblance to a pear, he might be fat.

Of course, your vet would love to talk to you about obesity, and to evaluate your critter for extra girth. This evaluation will help let you know how much of a problem you're looking at. I believe that obesity is one of the top two problems we face in veterinary medicine, along with dental disease. Very few adult animals don't have one or both of these problems to some extent.

Obesity plagues our society, both humans and animals.

car and all the other things in my In any bookstore's health or garage. How do I organize my garage to make room for

> The attached garage is a great building.



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ic needs with the right number Diana Koenig weather is rainy, you are safe from the elements and on icy, snowy mornings you do not have to

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your car, and

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ceries. If the

Just as important, a garage also serves as a storage area for many household items.

The garage and the base-

ment are great places to put those things we do not know what else to do with. Unfortunately, they quickly become a cluttered mess. I have made it my mission not to fall prey to that trap. I avoid this in two ways. I 'spring clean' my garage several times a year and I neatly arrange items by separating into areas and containers.

When I pull my car into the garage, I want to be able to open my door without hitting a My garage is never as organized as I would like it to be, but I continually work towards my goal. Our garage is packed to capacity even though I purge it thoroughly several times a

I stand in the garage and look around to see what I can remove. This is what I see: Things belonging to four children, items my husband likes to keep in case he needs them in the future, two lawn mowers for my sons' grass-cutting business, a snow shovel for each family member, two cars, bikes, trash cans, wheelbarrow, gardening supplies, hoes, tools and rakes. The list is endless. I have concluded we need to build a shed in the backyard but until this happens, I have come up with some organizational ideas that have helped make my garage efficient.

TIPS FOR THE GARAGE

My husband attached two long pegs above the back door on which to hang lawn chairs. We can easily hang eight chairs on the pegs. The chairs used to stand up against the wall of the garage, which made it hard to open car doors or sweep the garage floor.

We extended the back of our garage and included a sink,

children's bikes are in the extra space. Bikes can also be hung from the rafters. You should not store your bikes from the rafters if your ceiling is finished or your children ride their bikes often.

I like to keep as many items off the garage floor as possible so I can sweep and mop it twice a month. This keeps dirt from blowing into my home. I have several throw rugs at the door opening into the house.

Some of our walls are finished and some are bare studs. We put slats of wood across the studs to create bins for baseball bats, rakes, shovels, and tomato stakes. I have hammered nails into the studs to hang saws, snow shovels, bicycle helmets, and certain other articles. The ladders hang on large metal hooks which are attached to the studs.

It is also handy to have several shelves in the garage. Divide everything into storage containers and put 'like items' together on shelves. I separate the children's things into laundry baskets. There is a basket for water guns, large sports balls, small balls and baseball gloves. The tennis rackets are stacked on a shelf together. There is a handled basket for gardening tools. Weed killer, plant food, and fertilizer are in an open plastic container. Fishing equipment is also in this area. Smaller containers are used for dog supplies, tools, flashlights, nails and screws, string and tape.

Put up racks with hooks on which to hang coats and school backpacks. Attach hooks for umbrellas, fly swatters, shoe horns, plastic grocery bags, and other items handles. I have three racks (two on the floor and one on the wall), and three baskets for shoes. We do not wear shoes in the house so, except for seasonal shoes and dress shoes, we keep them in the garage. I have them separated so everyone has their own specific area. I keep only large items on the garage floor such as trash cans, lawn mowers, bikes, the wheel barrow and golf clubs. I can sweep the garage faster if I do not have to spend time moving items.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "Organize the BIG space in your garage by separating and putting like items together."

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Check those tires on your vehicle

BY JOHN HEILIG FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

April is National Car Care Month. The Car Care Council is recommending paying attention to factors that contribute to poor fuel economy as this vear's theme.

Poor fuel economy can be an expensive proposition, as well as an environmentally sensitive one, and often can be improved by a few simple measures.

One of them is paying proper attention to tire inflation. According to a survey released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 27

percent of passenger cars and 32 percent of SUVs and light trucks have at least one dangerously underinflated tire.

According to NHTSA, tires were considered underinflated if they were 8 pounds per square inch (psi) below the manufacturer's recommended pressure, usually 32 psi.

Low tire pressure adversely affects vehicle handling, fuel economy and tire life.

Underinflated tires can lead to blowouts, which can cause drivers to lose control. Underinflated tires also can

cause tread separation. Insure.com, a Web site for

the insurance industry, recomare inaccurate. mends checking your tire pres-

sure at least once a month. Tire pressure should be checked when the tires are cold, ideally after the car has been sitting overnight.

How do you know what the correct pressure reading is? It's usually printed on a decal on the driver's side door jamb. Another location is inside the glove compartment door. As a last resort, read the owner's manual.

To check your tire pressure you need a tire pressure gauge. Most air pumps you find at gas stations have tire pressure gauges on them, but because of their extreme use, they often

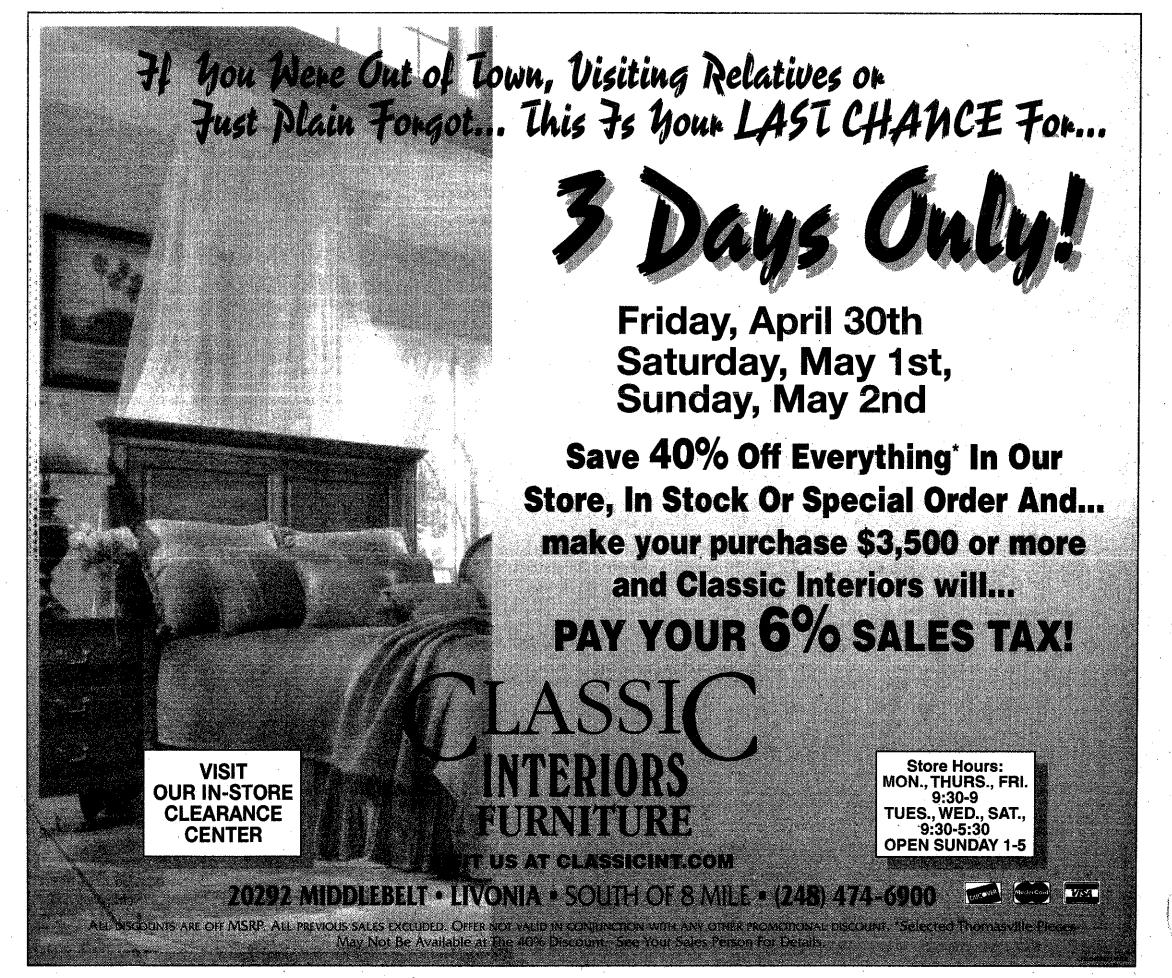
It's much easier to keep a tire

pressure gauge in the glove compartment. Take it out regularly and use it. If you use the same gauge every time, your readings will be consistent. There are three major types

of tire pressure gauges: pencil, dial and digital.

All perform the same function, but in slightly different

The most common, and generally least expensive, is the pencil gauge. It usually has a metal or plastic body, a bubble at one end that contains a deep-set chuck and a pressure release nipple on the other side. Pressure is indicated by a bar that comes out the other



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Northville also faced limited space in their older home.

"It had very small dimensions," said Peltier, interior designer of the Harris home, which will also be on the tour. "It probably had a 10-by-12 original space."

The kitchen had three entrances, one of which went to the back porch.

"They removed the wall between the kitchen and the back porch," Peltier said. Now the old back porch serves as a seating area for the kitchen with a small table.

What these homeowners face is reflective of what others face in older homes.

POPULAR FEATURES

Stainless steel continues to be popular with homeowners in the kitchen, according to Daniel Lennon, designer with Bytner Design Associates of Clarkston.

Bytner also has a display at the Michigan Design Center in

With older homes, many homeowners want to remain true to the architecture of the home, yet they want all the modern conveniences of the new homes, too, Lennon said.

"They have an Old Tudor



The painted beadboard 'unfitted' cabinetry style and slate floors, along with the hand-carved post-and-beam construction, impart the air of an English country home to this kitchen on the Northville/Plymouth kitchen tour.

stay specifically to that style with the modern amenities," Lennon said.

Customers like the natural color woods, such as cherry and maple, or red birch and teak in cabinetry.

"People are trying to get into different woods now," Lennon said. "Cabinets are upgraded into knotty alder and quartersawn white oak. People are getting more into that, and it's making kitchens a lot more

Amenities include the separate wine coolers, and hidden coffeemakers, built right into the cabinets

"You can pick out a grind you want, press a button and you get a cup of coffee in 20 seconds," Lennon said. And the coffeemaker is stored inside the cabinet, so you'll only see the face of it.

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standing," Lennon said. Some have two separate wine zones. "Red wines need a 65-degree temperature, so it zoned automatically for that," Lennon said.

In higher-end homes, concrete countertops are growing in popularity, while granite is making its way into the midrange homes. Butcher blocks and gas grills are inset right into the concrete countertops,

Northville/Plymouth **Kitchen Tour information**

■ What: Second annual Northville/Plymouth Kitchen Tour to benefit O.U.R. Camp (Opportunity, Understanding and Recreation) for Children with Special Needs.

The tour will feature beautiful kitchens at six homes, with tablescaping designed by local businesses. The tour and ticket price includes a luncheon at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant

■ When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 2.

■ Admission: \$25. Tickets are available in Northville at Genitti's, The Kitchen Witch and the Northville Chamber of Commerce. In Plymouth, tickets are available at Haven or by calling Kathy Peltier at (248) 348-7026.

■ More info: There will be a wide variety of kitchen styles to see, and local businesses are participating by decorating each kitchen on the tour. Some of the participating businesses are Designer's Choice, Haven, Southern Living at Home in Plymouth; and Center Street Design in Northville.

All proceeds from the tour will help support O.U.R. Camp, a summer day camp in Northville for any child age 3-9 with special needs. The camp is operated by a volunteer, parent-run board of directors whose mission is to offer a fun-filled, appropriately structured program at the lowest possible cost.

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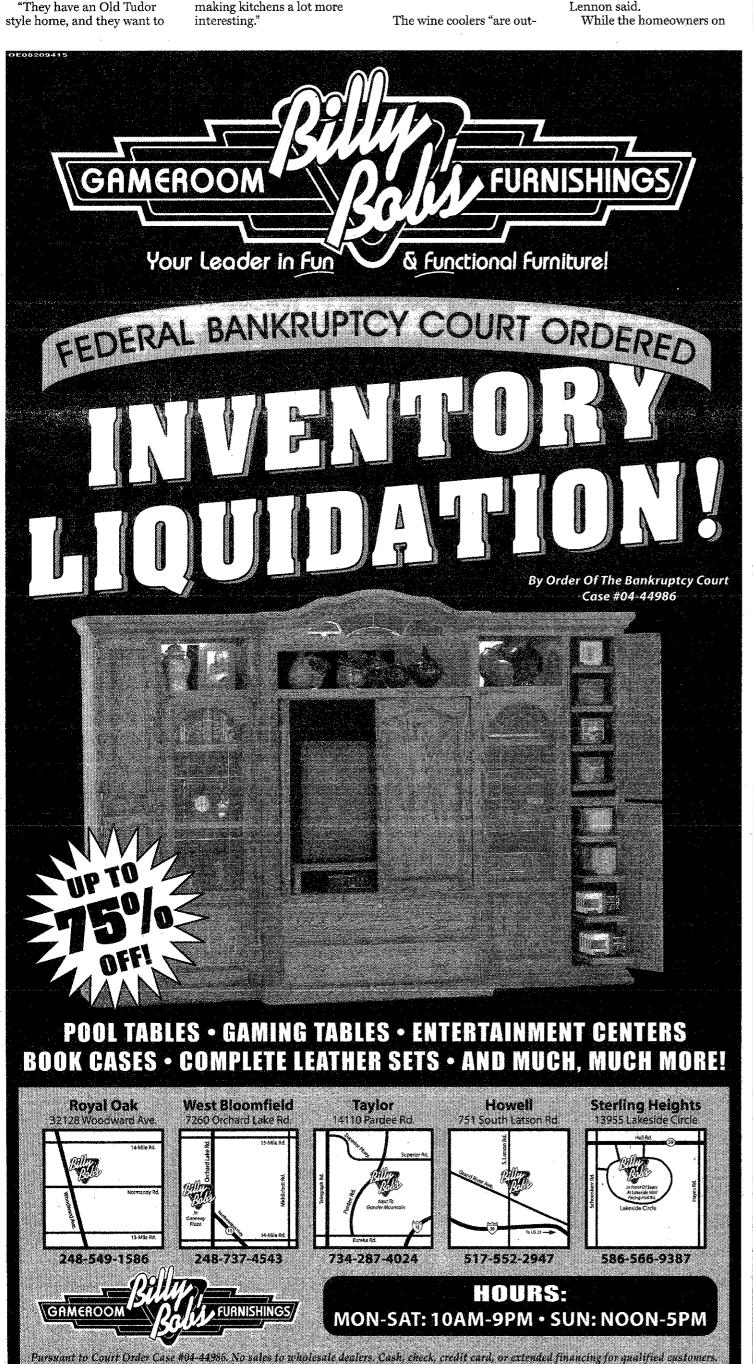
this year's kitchen tour are pleased with their renovations, they haven't forgotten about the purpose of the tour.

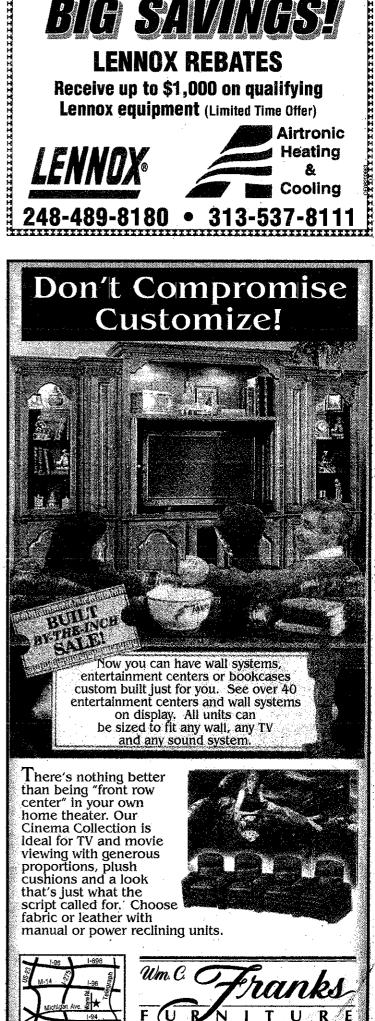
"I'm very honored (to be on the tour)," Moran said. "It's really all about helping the kids' camp. It will be fun."



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When painting grasscloth, be careful

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BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Earl asks: I have grasscloth covering the walls in my dining area and living room.

Rather than remove the grasscloth, I would like to paint over it. I have seen it painted, and the texture looks very good.

Does it have to be prepared prior to painting? Should I use oil base or latex paint?

A: Our personal taste causes us to recommend that you not paint grasscloth, but rather brighten it by slowly and carefully vacuuming the entire surface.

But if you must paint, you can use either oil or latex paint with certain caveats:

■ Use a flat (not shiny) finish. ■ Thin the paint (2 parts paint to 1 part thinner or water).

■ Apply the paint with a sprayer in very thin applications. Applying a high-gloss paint will tend to accentuate unattractive irregularities in the grasscloth that otherwise add to its beauty when it is in its natural state.

Thick paint will fill in the

narrow spaces between the straw, and might ruin the look you are trying to achieve. Use very thin layers of paint, checking the result after each layer dries to ensure you get the effect you want.

Applying wet coat over wet coat isn't recommended for two reasons: The net effect of paint can't be determined until it dries, and getting the surface too wet may de-laminate the paper from the wall.

The marketplace is a great location to shoot

ne location that always provides a wealth of interest and activity, along with a great potential of human interest pictures, is a market. Whether it's a fish market in

a quaint sea-

side village or a

large flea mar-

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you're never

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pictures unobserved in markets because there is usually plenty of activity and people are generally preoccupied with the business

of wheeling and dealing. Most market people are

The Detroit Chapter of Ikebana

Southfield Presbyterian Church,

International will present A Glimpse

of Japan 1-p.m. Wednesday, May 12, at

21575 W. 10 Mile, between Lahser and

Demonstrations of ikebana floral art,

Evergreen. The public may attend.

an exhibition of arrangements by

chapter members, an origami dis-

raffle will be featured. Assorted

Japanese items will be available. A

Parking is at the rear of the church.

play, Japanese entertainment and a

extrovert in character which offers even a better chance of good subject material.

The most difficult problem in photographing a market is being selective.

A market is a busy place making it easy to take pictures that are too busy and confus-

So it's best to choose a viewpoint and compose your shots in such a way that extraneous details are excluded and attention is focused firmly on the central subject.

Often a telephoto lens is best because you can isolate a smaller area of the scene and throw distracting background details out of focus. This is particularly useful when you want to single out a certain face from the crowd.

An outdoor market in northern Thailand provided me opportunity for many good



An outdoor market in northern Thailand provided Monte Nagler with many photo opportunities including this Akha tribe woman smoking a pipe. A telephoto lens filled the frame while at the same time blurring the background.

shots. In all the hustle and bustle, many candid shots were available. But this woman smoking her pipe co-operated fully with my camera. A 90mm telephoto lens enabled me to get in close for impact, while at the same time, subdue the background.

Anywhere you may travel, or even close to home, market places are fun and rewarding.

Not only might you bring home that special gift or souvenir, but you'll bring home prize-winning photographs,

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-

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In No-sew Window Treatments (Tuesday, May 4), learn how to reproduce any window treatment using the latest products, Faux Finishes (Wednesday, May 5) will show how to update an ugly kitchen or bath counter with such techniques as

marbleizing, ragging and sponging with latex paint.

Custom Cornice Boards (Tuesday, May 11) and E-Z Build Chaise Lounge (Wednesday, May 12) don't involve any sewing or sawing. In the May 11 class, make three cornices and learn how to embellish them in a professional manner. In the May 12 class. make a beautiful, full-size chaise that would be great for a bedroom or family room.

Basement remodeling

Walled Lake Community Education, in cooperation with Oakland Builders institute, will offer an eight-hour basement remodeling seminar 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, May 4 and 6, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail.

Cost is \$99, plus a textbook fee of \$8. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, April 30, to Walled Lake Community Education. To register, call (248) 956-5000 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

The instructor, a licensed builder, will explain the many facets of basement remodeling, including planning, meeting building codes, insurance, permits, estimating materials, the basics of home construction, working with subcontractors, finishing techniques, and tying into existing plumbing, electrical and heating sys-

For a free brochure and current schedule of class locations, call Oakland Builders Institute at (800) 940-2014.

Antigues market

HOME CALENDAR

The 2004 Utica Antiques Market will open Saturday-Sunday, May 8-9, at the Knights of Columbus Grounds on 21 Mile, 1 mile east of Van Dyke Road in Utica. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 8, and

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 9. The market will take place rain or shine. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for ages 12 and under. Parking is free. Food and beverages will be available on site.

For information, call (800) 645-6466. The Utica market brings together more than 200 dealers from all over the country, specializing in pieces from all periods for the serious collector or the novice. Numerous experts will appraise pieces on site. Now in its 18th year, the event is the largest open air market of its kind in southeastern Michigan.

It is recognized throughout the Midwest for the great variety, quality and affordability of the antiques and collectibles.

The site, lakeside on the tree-lined Knights of Columbus grounds, offers a beautiful setting for browsing and enjoying the first open air market of the spring and summer season.

Essay contest

Children are invited to write a brief essay (100 words or less) on Why I Love My Mother. Entry forms are

available now through Sunday, May 2, at all Art Van Furniture locations. When youngsters return their completed essays to the stores, they will receive a special gift to give to their mother on Mother's Day (while supplies last).

The essay can be a special story or memory that highlights their mother. Essays will be judged on creativity in two groups: 7 to 10 years and 11 to 14 years of age. One winner from each group will be chosen to receive a curio cabinet for their mother.

Book drive

Drop off new or gently used books for ages 5 to 12 at any Art Van Furniture store during April. The books will be donated to low-income elementary school children in local communities.

The donations are part of Book Drive America, a national campaign to bring much-needed books to youngsters, schools, libraries and community centers across the country. ABC's Good Morning America, WXYZ-TV and Art Van have teamed up to bring the campaign to Michigan.

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

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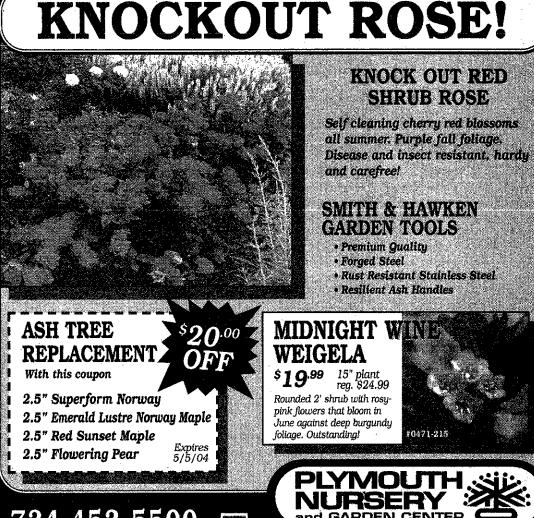
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2004, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 29; Container Gardening Lecture, 11 a.m. Saturday, May 1; Container Gardening Workshop, 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1; and Spring Into Roses, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 6.

Call (248) 689-8735 for information. ■ In What's New for 2004, George Papadelis will discuss the many new annuals and perennials that will be available for the 2004 season. Slides from the Perennial Plant Symposium, field trials and numerous conventions will be shown.

Bring your own container(s) - or buy some at Telly's - to the May 1 workshop. The free event will feature a hands-on opportunity to create beautiful combinations for patio pots, hanging baskets, window boxes and other containers. Staff will be available to help you design and plant your selections.

In the May 6 event, Susan Pioch, Telly's rosarian, will show how to properly plant and maintain roses. She will also discuss the various types of roses and the new varieties offered for 2004.

Detroit Rose Society

The Detroit Rose Society will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. The community center is on Ridge Road, one block south of 1-696 and one block west of Woodward. The scheduled program will feature consulting rosarians Tom and Ellie Kressbach presenting a slide show on roses in England and Scotland.

Butterfly gardening

Barson's Greenhouses, 6414 N. Merriman in Westland, will conduct a butterfly gardening seminar 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1.

Call (734) 421-5959 for information. Perennial exchange

The Royal Oak Garden Club will sponsor a Perennial Plant Exchange 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Royal Oak Senior/Community Center, 3500

The center is north of 13 Mile and just south of Lexington Boulevard, east of Crooks.

Admission is free. The public may attend.

The event will be all sharing of plants and garden stories, no sales. Bring labeled plant samples if you have them, or just come and visit. For more information, e-mail RKU-DRON@YAHOO,COM or cam1martin@aol.com.

Farmington Garden Club

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

The program, See How Our Gardens Grow, will feature gardens of members. Visitors are welcome.

Hardy Plant Society

The Hardy Plant Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Congregational Church of Birmingham, on Woodward just south of Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills.

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GARDEN CALENDAR

have a membership meeting 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 4, at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. A program will take place 1 p.m. Guests welcome.

Native plants

A free workshop, Gardening With Native Plants, will take place 7-9 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Franklin Library, 32455 Franklin Road. The workshop is presented by the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program and master gardener Ruth Vrbensky. All attendees will receive a free information packet.

Space is limited. To register, call Koreen Lowe at (248) 858-0896.

Michigan birds

The Shelby Gardeners Club will present Four Seasons of Michigan Birds, a slide show and commentary by nature photographer Jim Simek, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the Shelby Senior Center. The senior center is on Van Dyke, north of 23 Mile, in Shelby Township.

Admission is \$5 at the door.

Refreshments and door prizes will be featured. For more information, call (586) 781-

Hill and Dale

The Hill and Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at the Heritage Park Visitor's Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. The topic will be The World of

Butterflies. The public may attend. For more information, call Linda Talacki at (248) 646-4374.

Spring sale The Milford Garden Club will host its 14th annual Spring Plant and Bake Sale 9 a.m. to noon Saturday May 8, at Johnson Elementary School, 515 General Motors Road in Milford. The sale will feature perennials, herbs, shrubs, trees, Mother's Day baskets and baked goods. Proceeds go to horticultural scholarships and community beautification. Master gardeners will be on hand to assist. Call (248) 685-3505 or (248) 684-1620

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sored locally by Forgotten Harvest, English Gardens and the Michigan State

University Extension. "We're pleased to distribute planting kits for this great cause," said John Darin, president of English Gardens.

"This is the third year we've participated and the program has grown each year. We encourage all gardeners to plant an extra row this year to help feed hungry people in our communities."

During the harvest season, all English Gardens locations and Ray Hunter Florist in Taylor will serve as collection points for the pro-

Every week, Forgotten

Harvest's refrigerated vans will pick up donated produce and deliver it to participat-

ing organizations. In 2003, a total 138,371 pounds of produce was collected through the program. That included 18,185 pounds from individual/community growers and 120,186 pounds

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Nine Mile in Eastpointe, phone (586) 771-4200

To find the store nearest you, call (800) 335-GROW (4679) or visit www.english-

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Forgotten Harvest currently rescues more than 4 million pounds of food per year by collecting surplus prepared and perishable food from a variety of sources like bakeries, caterers, dairies, farmers, grocers, restaurants, wholesale food distributors and other Health Departmentapproved sources. The food

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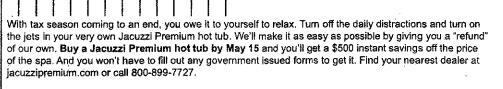


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■ Throw out spoiled food the night before garbage pickup. This way you can take the items from the kitchen to curb. Torn on what to toss? Follow the cardinal rule "when in doubt, throw it out."

■ Make sure your fridge is meeting your needs. Some new refrigerators offer innovative space-saving features.

For example, Whirlpool has moved the ice dispenser to the door to free up enough space for eight more pizza boxes in

the freezer.

CREATE SPACE:

■ Develop a "store more" strategy. For an easy space saver tip-stack items to maximize space.

For more refrigerator cleaning tips and to learn how you could win a new refrigerator, visit: www.cleanoutyourfridge.com.

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Now is the time to get a jump-start on exterior projects for parts of your home that need sprucing up.

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rainy spring days

BY ERIN HANAFY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) - If you've heard your children say "There's nothing to do" one too many times, it might be time to stockpile some indoor activities. Several new craft activity books offer ideas to save for a rainy day, if spring showers keep you indoors or if winter keeps its grip on your area long past February.

For the youngest children, several books offer activities that are simple but allow children to unleash their creativity.

Holidays provide the framework for Crafts for Kids (Hamlyn, \$19.95, ages 2-6) by Gill Dickinson. With color photos and instructions, the book outlines craft activities for Easter, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Halloween, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Valentine's Day.

Inexpensive, fun activities for birthday parties are offered as well, such as stringing foam flowers onto necklaces; personalizing paper crowns with patterned paper, buttons, glitter or feathers; and making "birthday bandanas" with napkins and markers.

My Picture Art Class (DK Publishing, \$12.99, ages 3-5) by Nellie Shepherd takes painting and drawing and adds a dimension, encouraging children to turn their pictures into 3-D objects like hats and rock-

Shepherd's projects raid the pantry quite a bit to create texture, using uncooked rice, aluminum foil and food coloring along with paper, paint, felt and glitter. Another book by Shepherd,

My Puppet Art Class (DK Publishing, \$12.99, ages 3-5), uses art projects to inspire children to write and perform once they've made their puppets. Once they've made Serena

Swan, Bao Bao the Dragon and Sidney Snake, it's up to the children what the characters will do when the youngsters use them in a puppet show.

OLDER CHILDREN

For elementary school-age

children, the preparation is more elaborate and the activities often illustrate lessons the

children are learning in school. Even blowing bubbles can be educational, as in The Ultimate Bubble Book: Soapy Science Fun (Sterling, \$9.95, ages 7-11) by Shar Levine and Leslie Johnstone.

Making a large bubble "eat" a smaller bubble shows how objects with different internal air pressure react to each other. The air pressure is greater in the smaller bubble, and that pressure forces it to push into the bigger bubble.

The book offers several recipes for bubble solutions and instructions on a number of nifty tricks - like making "bubble bees" with a cookie sheet, pennies and the top of an old CD case, or putting a person inside a bubble using a hula hoop and an outdoor swimming tub.

Along the way it also teaches lessons associated with bubbles, like their importance to deep-sea divers, who blow bubbles as they come up to relieve pressure in their lungs and who can suffer "the bends" if they ascend too quickly and nitrogen bubbles form in their

In addition to blowing bubbles, Levine and Johnstone encourage children to get into the "kitchen laboratory" in their book Kitchen Science (Sterling, \$19.95, ages 6-12).

One colorful science experiment illustrates the concept of acids and bases by adding vinegar to water used to soak purple cabbage. The vinegar turns the water pink, and the addition of baking soda turns it blue, showing how acids and bases react with substances differently.

Another experiment features a balloon that inflates seemingly by itself. The balloon grows with the help of a solution that contains yeast, which gives off carbon dioxide as it grows and fills up the balloon.

In Fantastic Paper Airplanes (Sterling, \$17.95, ages 10 and up), author Jack Botermans takes a beloved childhood pastime and refines it to an impressive degree.

You can find the simple design most of us made back in homeroom, but the book also includes planes that can perform a double somersault with a backward twist.

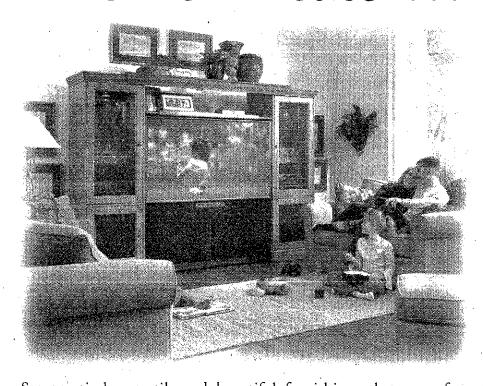
Botermans offers diagrams and step-by-step instructions for several winners of Scientific American's international airplane competition. Highlights include the "flying fish" and the T-shaped "paper helicopter."

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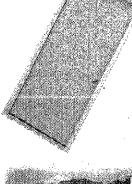
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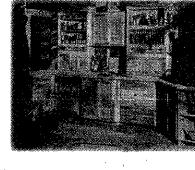
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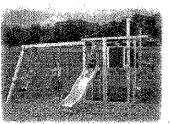
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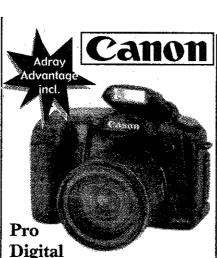
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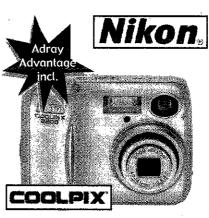
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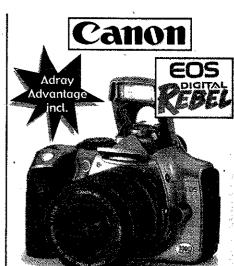
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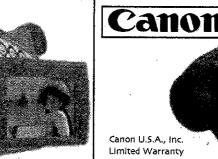
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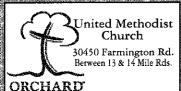
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APRIL

Leadership Development Training

Based on John C. Maxwell's book "The 21 Indispensable Qualities of Leader" 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 30, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$29. Call (248) 553-3380. Speakers are author Mark Sanborn; best-selling author and motivational expert Zig Ziglar; Pat Summitt, winningest female coach in basketball history; John Wooden, winningest coach in basketball history; General William J. Lennox, superintendent of U.S. Military Academy; Maxwell, and a panel of leading business executives.

Choir concert The 50-voice Calvin College Alumni Choir with conductor Pearl Shangkuan present a spring concert, "I Can Tell the World," 8 p.m. Friday, April 30, at North Hills Church, 3150 N. Adams, Troy. The concert precedes a summer a summer tour to The Netherlands and Belgium. No charge. For more information, call (248) 645-1990. **Battle of Praise Bands**

Looking for groups to compete in Battle of the Praise Bands 7 p.m. Friday, April 30, in the Kresge Chapel, at William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills. Youth group praise team bands will compete for a grand prize of 20 Cedar Point passes. For more information, call (248) 553-7200. Crafters wanted

Currently accepting applications for the Christmas Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at St. Thomas á Becket, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Interested crafters, call Gloria at (734) 673-6061.

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Prayer group

After a short recess, the St. Edith "Disciple of Love" prayer group resumes its weekly meetings 7 p.m. Thursday, in the A.V. room, back entrance 2, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile, Livonia. All are welcome for songs, praise and worship. For more information, call (734) 464-8906, (734) 464-3656 or (734) 464-1896.

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Children of Abraham Project

A fictional retelling inspired by the story of Abraham and his two sons Isaac and Ishmael 6 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 19887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10. Call (248) 476-8860. Ext. 118. Presented by Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit and Brenda Naomi Rosenberg in association with the National Conference for Community and Justice. For more than two months Muslim, Jewish and Christian teens from metro Detroit came together to discuss their fears and the possibility of peace between religions. From those conversations came the new play.

Spring card party The Golden Anniversary card party takes place 7 p.m. Friday, May 7 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.), at St. Hilary of Redford, 23901 Elmira. Buffet dessert table, raffle prizes, table prize. Donation is \$6. For more information, call Betty at (313) 533-8239 or Dorothy

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Presented by the youth puppeteers from Trinity United Methodist Church, Chesaning, Mich., 6:30 p.m. Saturday. May 22, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, Inkster and West Chicago, Redford. The community is invited to this event and also to the family meal that will be served prior to the performance. To be admitted, bring a

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canned or packaged food item for the Redford Interfaith Food Pantry. In addition, a free will offering will be taken to support the ministry of the Youth Puppeteers. For more information or to make a reservation, call (313) 937-1199 or send e-mail to trinity-

cobmi@earthlink.net. Fashion Show and Tea

Annual Mother-Daughter Grandmother-Granddaughter Fashion Show and Tea 1-3 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft. Semi-formal Victorian attire is encouraged but not required. Tickets are \$12, \$8 ages 2-12, and include a light buffet of traditional tea fare of sweets, fruits, cheeses, finger sandwiches and herbal teas, Call (734) 425-7280 for advance reservations. Seating.limited. Guests are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the Fish for Food program, which supports the Holy Cross Lutheran Food Pantry in Livonia.

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The 20th anniversary concert is 8 p.m. Friday, June 4, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, Livonia. Dessert reception follows the concert. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$7 ages 2-18. Proceeds to benefit St. Matthew's. For more information or tickets, call (734) 422-6038.

Boutique/bake sale

The sale is noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, June, 27, at St. Mary's Basilica Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Vendors interested in participating should call (248) 478-7062. The sale is presented by St. Mary's Basilica Ladies' Society.

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Sunday worship

All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads in Livonia, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. There is also a 9:45 a.m. education hour for all ages. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Synagogue services

5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

Services

Services are 9 a.m. Sunday at the nondenominational Dayspring Christian fellowship, 2207 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor, For more information, call secretary Katie Laiklam at (313) 563-7948.

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church, 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7-8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Scrapbook and cropping

If you're interested in learning about scrapbook and cropping, Faith Bible Church is offering a place to put it all together 3-10 p.m. the second Friday of the month, at 23414 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. A Creative Moment consultant will be available to everyone from diehard scrapbookers to novices wanting to learn more about it. For more information, call (248) 426-0096.

Sunday Worship service

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church Congregational Praise Team leads the 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service featuring contemporary style liturgy and music, 1150 Walton, Rochester Hills. No charge. For more information, call (248) 651-6550

Worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration. The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 453-5534

Contemporary worship service A contemporary worship service is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-6038.

Worship services

Services are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia, For information, call (734) 422-1470.

Ablaze Young Adult Ministries

Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday, Using cutting edge music, high-tech video and lighting, drama, multi-media, and a relevant message that can change lives, Ablaze is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age. Evening includes a live band, pool tables, ping pong, basketball, and the Motown Cafe in the Freedom Center on the Detroit World Outreach campus. 23800 W. Chicago near Telegraph, Redford. For more information, call (313) 794-0684 or visit the Web site at

www.motownministries.org. **Redford Church**

Detroit World Outreach, a non-denominational church at 23800 West Chicago in Redford, has Sunday services 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. It also offers Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m., for all ages. Wednesday night is family night at 7 p.m. Tuesday night it offers a young adult services for ages 18-28 at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Jack C. Wallace is senior pastor. Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.dwo.org.

Here are tips for cleaning carpets

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

If you plan to clean your car-

pets at home, follow these steps for good results:

■ Pre-treat spots and traffic areas using a cleaning solution in a spray bottle.

Go easy on the soap and chemicals. Use only as much as the manufacturer recom-

mends. Too much can act as a magnet for future soiling.

Finally, don't leave the carpet soaking wet. Excess water can damage the seams and the backing material.



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DARREN MARTIN **GUNTHER**

Age 22, died April 25, 2004. Dear son of Dr. Stephen & Janice Gunther. Sister of Alexa Gunther. Grandson of Kenneth Gunther, the late Julie Gunther, the late Martin, and the late Anna Spitz. Nephew of Jay and Mary Anne Gunther, Judy Grey, Robert and Jane Spitz. Cousin of Julie Grey, John (Sarah) Grey, Andrew (Linda) Grey, Laura (Michael) Enos, Jeffrey (Marcy) Gunther, Will Spitz, Genna Spitz and Alec Spitz. And a world of loving friends. Services were held Wednesday at THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL

EDWARD FOWLER HORTON

248-569-0020.

Lived all his life in Birmingham until he recently moved to Troy; April 22, 2004; Brother of Max B. Horton of Waterford; Brother-in-law of Wilbur (the late Elizabeth) Buckheit of MO; Uncle of William Buckheit of KS and Betsey (Justin London) of MN; Edward was a graduate of Oberlin College. His primary interest was playing flute and piccolo in the Birmingham Concert Band and the South Oakland Concert Band. Graveside service Thursday, April 29th at 1:00pm at Greenwood Cemetery, Birmingham. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Oberlin College, Birmingham Concert Band, or the Good Samaritan Fund at St. Luke's Episcopal Health Ministries, Waterford.

EILEEN MORAN

84, of 134 Anderson Road, Skandia, formerly of Westland, Michigan, died peacefully, Saturday morning at her home surrounded by her family and under the care of Lake Superior Hospice. Eileen was born November 2, 1919, in Detroit, a daughter of the late John & Bessic (Ley) Bissell. On June 12, 1950 she married Albert E. Moran and he preceded her in death in 1987. She was employed for several years with the Westland Public School System. Eileen relocated to Skandia, MI in 1999 to live with her youngest daughter and her grandchildren. She is survived by her children, Phillip (Peggy) Ford of Alexandria, VA, Karen (Thomas) Dawson of Fredrick, MI, Gregory Ford of California, Kieth (Susan) Moran of Westland, Sandra (Lawrence) Sprague of Manton, MI, David (Jeri) Moran of Fayetteville, GA and Melanie (Gary) Treumer of Skandia, MI; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Her parents, husband, Albert E. Moran, eldest son, Gary Hallbrighter, two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death There will be no services at this time. The Canale-Tonella Funeral Home is assisting the family,

GENEVA SCHRAGE

Born June 17, 1913, died April 25, Bloomfield Hills. Born to Delilah and Albert McCalla in Hurdsfield, ND. Geneva survived her parents and all ten of her siblings. She moved around as a child, but Michigan eventually became her home. She married Harry Schrage in 1939 and had two children, Joyce Kopp and Richard Schrage. She has 6 grandchildren: Greg Kopp, Lori Hoolihan, Rick Schrage, Brad Schrage, Duane Kopp, and and Andrea Schrage. She took much pride and joy in her 9 great grandchildren, ages 8 to 2; Gillian, Katherine, Kristen, Kerri, Kieland, Owen, Fionna, Tyler, and Bridgit. Funeral service Monday, May 3rd, 11:30am at The Runkel Chapel of First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Interment Acacia Park Cemetery Memorial tributes to the Church Arrangements by A. J. Desmond & Sons. 248-549-0500.



GLORYANN "GLO" BAILY Age 53, formerly of Beverly Hills, MI. Died peacefully at home in Anchorage AK, April 19, 2004 after a

and a visitation were given in Alaska, and a visitation will be held at Hermann Funeral Home in Brighton on Friday evening, April 30 at 5 and a memorial mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Brighton, MI on Saturday, May I at 1 pm. Burial will be in Southfield, MI at Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery, 25800 W. Ten Mile. Mrs. Baily was born January 15, 1951, in Detroit, to and O'Calaghan) Harrington, formerly of Beverly Hills. She graduated in 1969 from Marian High School in Birmingham, earned her BA from Central Michigan University and obtained her Master's degree from the University of Alaska. She began her teaching career at Frankenmuth, MI, and then was recruited by the Kenai (Alaska) Peninsula School District in 1977. She taught special services at Nikiski and North Star Elementary schools, retiring in 2003. She was a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Kappa Delta Pi education honor societies. Mrs. Baily was active in her church, teaching Sunday school and helping with choir. She earned her pilot's license in 1984. She loved making clothes for her friends' and relatives' children. Camping, hiking, and kayaking were activities she enjoyed every summer. She was an avid reader. Friends and colleagues wrote about her wonderful smile, sense of humor, positive attitude, and friendly and vibrant nature. "She brought excitement and a spirit of collaboration to her job. She had a talent for bringing out the heat in her students her out the best in her students, her co workers and parents. She had the gift of empathy and set her students up for success. We've all missed her loving, gentle, special touch." She is survived her husband and friend of 20 years. Nathan O. Baily of Anchorage; her father of Brighton; sister Donnamarie Harrington of Royal Oak; brother Robert Harrington of Southfield; sister and brother-in-law Rosemary and Tom, nieces and nephew Olivia. Katherine and Adam Bloomer of Birmingham; and many aunts, uncles,

ROBERT A. JONES

and cousins. Contributions may be

made in her name to the American

Cancer Society or NPR/PBS

Age 76, longtime resident of Canton, died April 26, 2004. He was born March 12, 1928, in Fulton, New York. He was the owner of Bob's Sharp-all in Canton. He was proud to have served in the United States Navy, during which time he traveled on the maiden voyage of the Midway. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is survived by his wife, Glenda A. (Everett) Jones, 8 children, 18 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and a sister. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Friday, April 30, 11am. Visitation Thursday 1-9pm. VFW Service Thursday 7pm. Interment at Riverside Cemetery, Plymouth.



McKELVEY

Long-time Plymouth resident and 41 year employee of the Ford Motor long, brave fight with cancer. Services Company, died April 23 of respiratory failure at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. McKelvey started his work with Ford in 1936 as an hourly employee at the Rouge Plant. After service in the U.S. Army during WWII, he returned to work in personnel at the Highland Park plant, followed by work in labor relations at the Ypsilanti plant. His work with Ford continued as Manager of Industrial Relations at the Sandusky, Ohio plant, the Sheldon Road plant in Plymouth, and the Rawsonville plant in Ypsilanti until his retirement in 1977. He was a lifetime member of the Plymouth ELKS and a member of the Our Lady of Good Counsel parish in Plymouth. McKelvey is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara (Maynard), his children James, Timothy, Anne, Mark and Paul and their spouses, 14 grandchildren, and 9 great grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at noon on May 8 at Dinkel-Juengel Funeral Home in Sebewaing, Michigan where the family has a summer home. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Pastoral Care Program of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital (SJMH), 5301 E. Huron River Drive, PO Box 995, Ypsilanti, Michigan, 48106-0995, to he attention of Reverend Bill Foster or to the Plymouth ELKS Major Projects which supports programs and scholarships for handicapped youth, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, attention Stu Israel. KATHERINE BIGGE

KESTNER

Mother. feacher....died Monday, April 26 at Carmel St. Vincent Hospital. Born in Muskegon, Michigan, Katy grew up in Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Michigan area. She earned both a BA in speech and theatre and a masters degree in theatre from Indiana University. During college, she was active in theatre and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Katy met her husband Nick while working on Indiana University's Showboat in the summer of 1965. Her 30 year teaching career began at Wylie Grove High School, Birmingham, Michigan followed by a brief tenure at Portage High School in Portage, Indiana. After the births of her two daughters, Katy returned to teaching in 1978, becoming a member of the English Department Staff at Carmel High School. Over the course of her 24 year tenure, Katy taught English, Speech, Acting and Debate. In 1993, Newsweek and the Sallie Mae Foundation honored Katy with the prestigious National Teacher Tribute Award. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, April 30 at 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton. Friends may visit with the family from 4-8pm. Thursday, April 29 at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center - Carmel. Katy is survived by her husband of 37 years, Nick; daughters, Ceci and Lici; mother, Peggy; sister, Barbara; sons in-law, Chad and Rick; and grandsons, Kadin and Ricky. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Carmel Clay Education Foundation or the IU Foundation - Theatre Department.

LINDA ZIMMERMAN Of Livonia, born in Detroit November

25, 1955, died April 24, 2004 at U of M Hospital. Former resident of Redford. She earned a BA in Social Work in Northern Michigan-Marquette and was employed as a social worker for Senior Alliance. Survived by sons: Nicholas and Anthony. Parents: Eva and the late Ansti Nykanen. Brothers: John (Dorcia) Nykanen and James (Judy) Nykanen. Many loving nieces and nephews. Memorial service Saturday, 10:30 am at R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd, Garden City. Memorial gathering Friday 3-9pm. Memorials suggested to Gift of Life. Donnie Pennala officiating.

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Plan, plan and plan some more for kitchen renovation

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A renovated kitchen not only will make meal preparation and cleanup more efficient, it can greatly improve the appearance and value of a home, as well.

Over the last couple of decades we have, as remodeling contractors, remodeled hundreds of kitchens.

No two kitchens are the same. Although fundamental layout and design may be similar in many cases, specific design elements and features vary from project to project according to an owner's particular needs and desires.

The style and finish of cabinets, counters, appliances, flooring, plumbing fixtures, painting and other elements are a combination of the style of the home, available space and budget limitations.

The kitchen renovation process isn't for the fainthearted. The key to a successful project is a three-step process. The first is planning; the second, planning; and the third - you guessed it - plan-

Although this might sound vague, as the homeowner, your job is to do as much as you can before the counters and cabinets are torn out to minimize confusion and make the job go

Considering the complexity of most kitchen renovations, there will be enough details to be concerned with during the project - no matter how thorough the planning.

The planning can be fun and make the renovation project go more smoothly, and you will be more satisfied with the result.

LISTS

Where does one begin? Start by making a list of what you least like about your kitchen.

Common complaints are the kitchen is too small, too dark; appliances are out-of-style or don't work properly; the floor is shot, there's not enough storage; cabinets are the wrong color or species, and artificial lighting is poor.

Then make a list of the fea-

filled with convenient storage accessories, maintenancefriendly flooring and counters, a shiny new sink and faucet, new state-of-the-art appliances, task lighting, etc.

When it comes to dreaming, the sky is the limit. However, you will need to come down to earth when your budget is considered. Fortunately, dollarfor-dollar a kitchen renovation is one of the best investments you can make.

Thus, you might be shooting yourself in the foot by cutting too many corners.

Looking for ideas? Model homes, home shows, home centers, contractor showrooms and design studios are resources for gathering information and product samples.

Home and garden magazines are also an excellent resource. Find something you like, tear out the page and put it in a "kitchen renovation" file.

DESIGN, INSTALLATION

Next incorporate your "dreams" into a design. This usually involves assistance

sional. This can be an independent professional or an individual associated with a design-build remodeling firm, an appliance retailer or home

center.

Beyond sensitivity to style and finish, the design professional will have an understanding of fundamental design elements such as the "work triangle" – an imaginary path that connects the kitchen's three primary work areas - the sink, the refrigerator, and the range or cook top. Keeping the triangle suited for the way you use your kitchen will yield efficient use of space.

The designer will use solid design principles to make your wish list and budget work together.

And budget is the next step in the planning process.

If you're like many folks, you have champagne taste and a beer budget.

Fortunately, with the rise in property values, many homeowners have ample equity against which to borrow.

many people can have their dream kitchen and end up with a monthly mortgage payment equal to or lower than their existing payment.

The final step in the kitchen renovation planning process is to choose an installation professional to pull all the details together - to make your dream kitchen a reality.

Often, the installation team and the design professional are the same.

This is usually the case with a design-build remodeling contractor or a home center that offers optional installation when supplying products.

Choose a contractor or installation team with whom you feel comfortable working and has a proven track record.

Friends and neighbors that have had similar work done

are a good resource. Never let price be your

Choosing the low bidder might be a big mistake. Typically, all else being equal, bids is your best choice.

WHAT'S HOT

So, what's hot and what's not when it comes to kitchen design? Lowe's commissioned a quarterly Trendex survey of 500 homeowners to provide a current gauge of homeowners' kitchen remodeling and renovating design preferences.

According to the survey, "creating a spacious, inviting atmosphere while incorporating natural, sleek design elements into decor" is the general theme that American homeowners are seeking.

What features does the ideal American kitchen include, according to the survey? Wide, open spaces; an island (76 percent); a walk-in pantry (72 percent); natural or laminate wood cabinets (88 percent); natural stone countertops, such as granite (47 percent); stainless steel appliances (46 percent); chrome fixtures (29 percent); tile (43 percent) or hardwood flooring (37 percent); plenty of natural lighting, such as skylights (55 percent); and a professional quality audio-visual system (58 per-

Save money, increase comfort

No matter what the season, there are several simple steps homeowners can take to improve their home's comfort while saving money, energy and protecting the environment.

The following tips can help homeowners conserve on both energy and utility bills.

Replace aging heating and cooling equipment with Energy Star approved units. Properly sized and installed equipment can save you as much as 20 percent on annual energy costs.

Seal leaky duct joints and you can save on energy bills while making your home's heating more uniform throughout.

Clean your heating and air conditioning filters monthly. Dirty filters make equipment work harder and cause more wear and tear on the system. a system with dirty filters will have to run longer, costing you additional energy dollars.

■ Have your system inspected annually by a NATE-certified technician.

North American Technician Excellence, or NATE, is the nation's largest non-profit certification organization for heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration technicians. The U.S. Department of Energy endorses NATE for raising quality standards and energy efficiency. To locate a contractor employing NATEcertified technicians, go to the Consumer Contractor Connection at www.natex.org.







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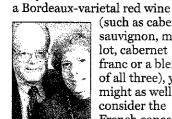
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Create a perfect wine and food match

ine is liquid food. It can be quaffed without food, but enjoyment is enhanced when it's matched with food.

If you'd like to match beef with



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

(such as cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc or a blend of all three), you might as well consider the French concept.

The French take their time cooking beef. They consider American hastilygrilled, unadorned meat slightly bestial and something of

a disrespect for meat. With these considerations in mind, let's think about some French cooking methods for beef.

Yeah, it's spring and you want to fire up the outdoor grill. Yet if you really want savory meat flavors to match a great cabernet sauvignon, think longer, slow cooking. There's really no huge preparation time difference, but you do need to plan ahead when you slow cook.

THINKING FRENCH

French cookery braises meat, then simmers it slowly with herbs, spices and other ingredients such as wine and mush-

For cabernet sauvignon-based wines consider steak au poivre (pepper steak) or boeuf au vin rouge (beef slices in red wine).

In France, lamb is as popular as beef. But with lamb, the cooking concept changes. The French generally eat lamb rare and pink. They remember this preference even with leg of lamb. And they don't serve the latter with mint

PLEASE SEE WINE, D5

WINE PICKS

The following wines will match well with the Steak au Poivre recipe in the wine column.

PICKS OF THE PACK: 2000 Alexander Valley Vineyards Cyrus (60 percent Cabernet Sauvignon, 35 percent Merlot, five percent Malbec) \$50 – best from this winery to date and 1999 Oakville Ranch Vineyards Cabernet

Sauvignon \$50. The following are CABERNET **SAUVIGNON** unless otherwise

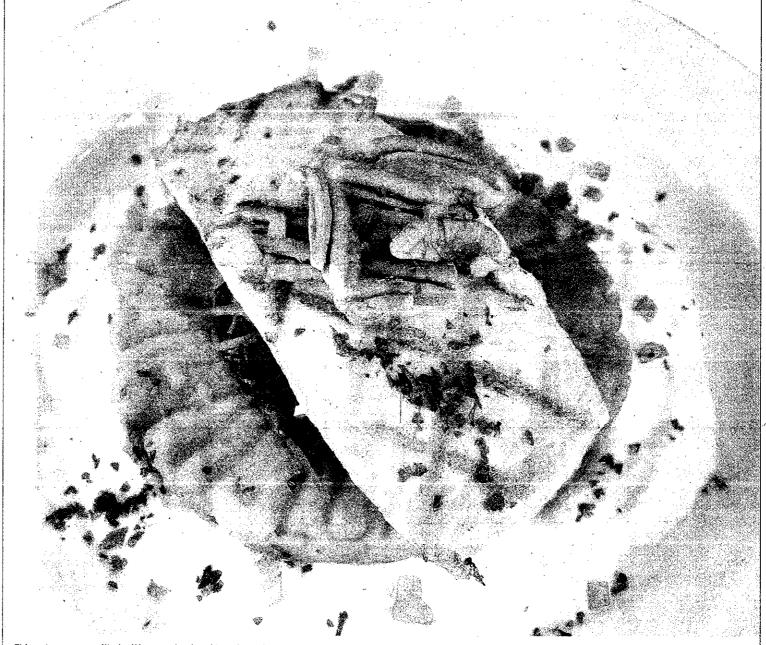
2001 Pine Ridge, Rutherford, \$39; 2001 Sebastiani Alexander Valley, Appellation Selection, \$28; 2001 Penfolds Bin 389 Cabernet Shiraz, \$26; 2001 Penfolds Bin 407, \$26; 2000 Lake Sonoma Winery, \$22; 2001 Cinnabar Mercury Rising, \$19 (a proprietary blend of Bordeaux varietals); 2000 Kendall-Jackson Vintner's Reserve, \$16; and 2001 Geyser Peak, Alexander Valley, \$18. Wallet friendly: 2001 Bogle, \$12; 2001 Canyon Road, \$10 and 2001 Bodegas Salentein Finca El Portillo, \$10

CELLAR SELECTIONS: 1999 Oakville Ranch Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, \$100, and 1999 Beringer Napa Valley Private Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, \$100.

This

berry

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



This salmon was grilled with a mustard and bourbon glaze.

FOR MOM, Mix a little

class, a little for Mom on her day

Food and motherhood promote nurturing and nourishment.

In 17th century Britain, apprentices and servants returned home for a day to visit their mothers on Mothering Sunday, often observed on the fourth Sunday in Lent. They brought a "mothering cake," a fruitcake-like food or fruit-filled pastry also called simnels.

In 1868 in the United States, Anna Reeves Jarvis promoted Mothers' Work Days in West Virginia as a means for the two sides in the Civil War to create better sanitary conditions and work to reconcile wartime differences.

Julia Ward Howe, who wrote The Battle Hymn of the Republic, promoted a Mother's Day of Peace in 1872 after she was horrified of the carnage of the Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War.

But Jarvis' daughter, Anna, swore at her mother's gravesite in 1905 to establish'

Complete recipes for wowing mom this Mother's Day can be found inside, Taste, Page D3

Mother's Day to honor mothers, living and dead. She passed out white car-

nations to mothers at a church in West Virginia. Then the church agreed to hold a Sunday service honoring mothers. By 1909, Sunday services were held in 46 states.

Eventually Jarvis got the attention of lawmakers. In 1912, West Virginia became the first state to adopt an official Mother's Day. In 1914, Congress passed a resolution and President Wilson signed it, establishing Mother's Day, emphasizing the mother's role in the family.

Jarvis became concerned over the commercialization of the day, sued New York Gov. Al

Smith

and criticized Eleanor Roosevelt's work with a Mother's Day committee

Mother's Day celebration

Today, Mother's Day may be commercialized, but it is a big deal for retailers and restaurateurs and a way for family members to express their love.

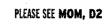
It is a peak day for longdistance telephone calls. Hallmark says about 96 percent of American consumers participate in Mother's Day. It is also the busiest day of the year for restaurants.

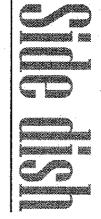
A FRESH DAY

Mother's Day brings out the freshness of spring.

Peter Engelhardt, executive chef at The Community House in Birmingham, enjoys cooking for the Mother's Day buffet.

"It really brings out the flavors of spring," Engelhardt said. "It takes you into the season, the colors, the freshness and the flavors."





Ginger adds zip

In dishes both savory and sweet, used in quantities governed by taste, ginger is a versatile accent that gives a special zing of flavor.



With its twisted, lumpy shapes, ginger is an oddlooking root from a tropical and subtropical plant that probably originated in southeast Asia, Corinne Trang writes in Health magazine's April issue.

It has long been prized as a remedy for queasy stomachs and colds, and as a stimulant for the appetite.

Eastern cultures usually pair fresh ginger with seafood and other savory foods.

Young ginger, generally 3 to 4 months old, has a thin, pale skin, and very tender, juicy flesh. The mature kind, 7 to 10 months old, has a dull, vellowish-beige skin, a slightly more fibrous pulp, and a sharper, spicier flavor.

Mature ginger is available year-round at most supermarkets: young ginger is typically sold only at Asian markets during the summer.

Choose firm bulbs that have taut, thin skin. Refrigerate your purchase wrapped in a paper towel in an unsealed plastic bag.

It should last for several weeks as long as you. change the towel when it gets moist.

You can tell that ginger is past its prime when the skin becomes wrinkled or the flesh gets dried out.

Here are ideas for using ginger, according to Health magazine:

■ Steep thin peeled slices in rice vinegar, and add to dressings or sauces.

Combine grated ginger with garlic and green onions, and add to stirfries, poached fish or chicken, or steamed vegetables.

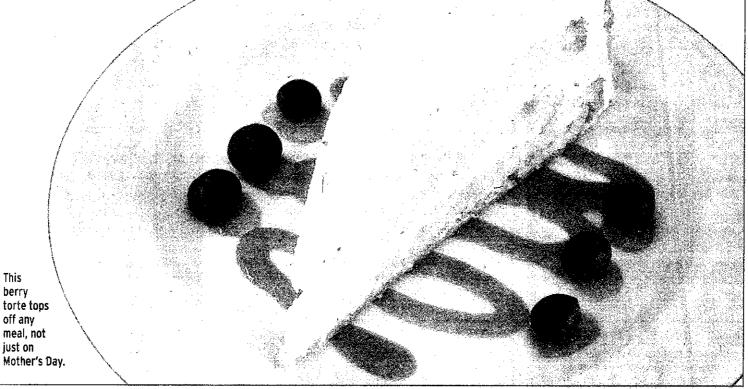
Perk up hot and cold beverages, broths, sauces and dressings with ginger extract.

To make it, take 1 pound coarsely chopped peeled fresh ginger. Place onefourth of the ginger in a blender or food proces-

Process until a fine paste forms, and remove from blender.

Repeat the procedure with the remaining gin-

Place ginger paste in a fine sieve over a bowl, pressing with the back of a spoon to extract juice. Discard paste, Cover juich and refrig-



Celebrate Cinco de Mayo by cutting the fat in traditional recipes

Americans of all nationalities celebrate Cinco de Mayo, or Fifth of May, by recognizing Mexican culture - from food and music to colorful clothing and customs. Yet, as waistlines worldwide continue to grow, it is important to remember that appetites for cultural favorites can be satisfied without adding

unwanted pounds. Cinco de Mayo stands as a symbol of Mexican unity and national pride in commemoration of a small Mexican army's triumph over French troops at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Today, it is the most widely celebrated Mexican holiday in the United States - a nation housing the highest

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percentages of overweight people. And, unfortunately, Mexico does not lag far behind the United States.

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That's why this Cinco de Mayo, those who seek healthier lifestyles when celebrating the Mexican culture can serve lighter versions of traditional meals and incorporating a wide range of family-oriented festive activities. For a more authentic Cinco de Mayo fiesta, families can visit the Mexican Folklorico Web site, www.alegria.org, to explore Puebla-influenced costumes and dances, and experience the region's native music.

To celebrate a traditional fiesta in your own home, invite your family to wear similar costumes and dance to the Pueble-infused rhythms of a mariachi band, either live or via www.MariachiRadio.com. Complement the calorie-burning fun with an array of Mexican-infused cuisine, such as Sargento's Soft-Shell Chicken Tacos, featuring Sargento Light 4 Cheese Mexican Shredded Cheese.

After the chicken has been stewed in the skillet, arrange the taco toppings - shredded lettuce, chopped fresh tomato and cheese - atop a culturallydressed (green, red and white) table, and allow family members to top their tacos to suit their personal tastes. Classic Quesadillas, which also feature Sargento Light 4 Cheese Mexican Shredded Cheese, offer a delicious break after an exciting round of hitting the piñata. Visit sargento.com to access a variety of additional Mexican-themed recipes that include healthier ingredients.

Sargento Foods Inc., based in Plymouth, Wis., is a manufacturer, packager and marketer of natural shredded,

sliced and snack cheese, cheese appetizers, ingredients and sauces. Founded in 1953, Sargento has demonstrated its passion for providing the best in cheese with the introduction of many industry firsts including ready-to-use shredded cheeses.

Still owned by the Gentine family, Sargento celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2003, and has net sales of more than \$500 million.

SOFT SHELL CHICKEN TACOS

1/4 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, halved 1 tsp. cumin 1 can (8 ounces) stewed tomatoes, undrained ⅓ cup salsa 1 green onion, thinly sliced 8 (7-inch) flour tortillas, warmed 1 cup shredded lettuce

1 medium tomato, chopped 1 cup (4 ounces) Sargento Light 4 Cheese Mexican Shredded Cheese ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro

(optional)

Place chicken in one layer in

skillet over medium heat; season with cumin. Pour stewed tomatoes and salsa over chicken. Simmer, uncovered, 15 minutes or until chicken is tender, turning once

Remove chicken; reserve liquid in skillet. Cool and shred chicken; add to skillet with green onion; cook two minutes or until most of the liquid is absorbed. Divide chicken moisture evenly down center of each tortilla. Top with shredded lettuce, chopped fresh tomato and cheese. Add cilantro, if desired; fold and serve immediately.

Nutrition information: serving size: 348 g; calories: 575; protein: 44 g; carbohydrate: 63 g; dietary fiber: 5 g; total fat: 16 g; monounsaturated fat: 4.9 g; polyunsaturated fat: 1.8 g; cholesterol: 91 mg; calcium: 351 mg; iron: 6 mg; sodium: 957 mg.

CLASSIC QUESADILLAS

2 cups (8 ounces) Sargento Light 4 Cheese Mexican Shredded Cheese, divided 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained

3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

2 teaspoons chopped bottled jalapeno peppers 4 (8-inch) fat-free flour tortillas 1/2 cup chunky-style salsa

1/4 cup fat-free or light sour cream (optional) Combine 1-1/2 cups cheese, beans, cilantro and jalapeno peppers in a medium bowl; mix

well. Spoon onto tortillas; fold

each tortilla over. Coat large nonstick skillet with cooking spray; heat until hot. Place two quesadillas in

Cook one minute or until golden brown on bottom. Turn; sprinkle with // cup cheese. Cover; reduce heat. Cook 2 minutes more or until golden brown and cheese is melted. Cover to keep warm.

Repeat with remaining quesadillas and cheese. Serve with salsa and sour cream, if desired.

Nutrition information: serving size: 147 g; calories: 340; protein: 20 g; carbohydrate: 33 g; dietary fiber: 2 g; total fat: 14.7 g; saturated fat: 6.7 g; monounsaturated fat; 1.9 g; polyunsaturated fat; 0.5; cholesterol: 38 mg; calcium: 529 mg; iron: 2 mg; sodium: 878 mg.

CALENDAR

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, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

Wine tasting

Unique Restaurants will conduct a casual wine tasting the first Wednesday of each month 6 -8 p.m., alternating at a different Unique restaurant.

At each tasting, guests can sample featured wines selected around a specific theme - including regional best bets and the finest wines of 2004. **URC's Master Sommelier Madeline** Triffon will be on hand to describe the

wines, answer questions, and guide guests through the more subtle aspects of wine tasting. The Wednesday Wine Bar costs \$35

per person and includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and a variety of cheeses. URC rotates the event among four of its fine dining restaurants: Shiraz, Morels, No. VI Chop House & Lobster Bar and Northern Lakes Seafood Company.

The next Wednesday wine tasting, Sweet Treats: Dessert and Dessert Wine Together is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, at Morels, 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms. Call (248) 642-1094, Ext. 3, for information. The next Monday special sitdown wine tasting. The Legends - The Wines You've

Always Wanted to Taste, is scheduled for Monday, May 17, at Shiraz, 30100

Call (248) 645-5289 for information.

Appetizers Learn about Cinco de Mayo dishes at

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at the commissary kitchen of Pronto! at 4343 Normandy Court (one block east of Coolidge, just north of 13 1/2 Mile Road in Royal Oak. Other classes include Sweet Delights, May 12; Dinner Party for 4, May 19; and Great American Classics, May 26. Other classes are Picnic Foods, June 2, and Hot off the Grill,

Class fee is \$25 per person. Register by calling Prontol at (248) 549-1519, Ext.O.

Meet Greg Zotos

Gregory Zotos, an instructor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia and a Livonia resident, will sign copies of his debut cookbook, Gregory's Pita Pocket Full of Simple Greek Recipes, at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at Borders, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, in the Novi Town Center.

The cookbook contains a collection of traditional Greek recipes. With easy to follow instructions and recipes that are short and to the point, this cookbook will enable you to prepare your favorite Greek dishes and tailor them to your liking. For information, call (248) 347-

Physician Incentive Program

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is accepting applications for participation in a program that will offer increased payment for selected groups of TRUST physicians in Michigan who meet BCBSM's performance criteria.

The program is designed to:

- · Promote technological development within physician groups that improves patient care
- · Improve physician participation in BCBSM care management and shared decisionmaking programs

Physician groups must meet the following standards to apply for participation:

- The physician group members must be part of BCBSM's TRUST panel and focus on
- The physician group must be a partnership, association, corporation, individual practice association or other legal entity, have its own Tax ID, and be able to receive and distribute income from the practice among members

When determining participation in the program some of the factors BCBSM will consider include the following:

- · The number of BCBSM members served by the applicant
- Demonstrated ability to produce a patient registry (blinded, all-payor) for diabetes mellitus, persistent asthma, congestive heart failure, and coronary heart disease
- Ability to report performance on targeted conditions using Health Plan and Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) or Michigan Quality Improvement Consortium specifications
- Ability to provide performance reports to physicians within groups and initiate
- processes to improve performance; and Commitment to learn about and refer to BCBSM care management programs

To receive an application or set of selection standards, please contact Sue Pearson by telephone at (248) 448-6789; fax at (248) 448-5777 or e-mail to spearson@bcbsm.com. Deadline for application is July 26, 2004.





Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

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For entrees, he likes mustard bourbon grilled salmon, á dish he says brings him back to the South, as he worked in Atlanta before coming to The Community House three years

There's coconut chicken, chicken breast marinated in coconut milk and soy, then glazed with a ginger and soy sauce.

"The shrimp has a ginger and soy marinade with tomato relish, then it is cooled with cucumbers and red bell peppers, and a lime vinaigrette is

mixed with it," Engelhardt said. The mustard bourbon grilled

sweet potatoes, sautéed spinach and lump crab and glazed pecans. "You can tell that spring is

salmon is served with whipped

coming," Engelhardt said. "The flowers are coming in, and it's the same with all You have more varieties between the bitter and sweet

"Strawberries are available all year long, but they are becoming more flavorful. You have a lot more flavor and a lot more color at this time of year."

The Community House, 380 S. Bates Street in Birmingham, will be serving Mother's Day buffet from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 9. Tickets are \$26.95 for adults, \$15.95 for ages 4-12, and free for children under age 4. For information, call (248) 644-5832.



Recipes courtesy of Peter Engelhardt, executive chef at The Community House in Birmingham. Many of the dishes served on Mother's Day at the Community House will be similar to many of these recipes, Engelhardt said. Of course, chefs at home can use the marinades for the upcoming grilling season or enjoy the spring salad recipes anytime.

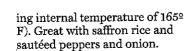
GLOBAL CHICKEN CUBAN STYLE MARINADE

2 cups fresh orange juice 2 tablespoons fresh garlic,

- chopped
- 4 tablespoons cumin
- 2 tablespoons oregano 2 tablespoons fresh parsley,
- chopped
- 1 yellow onion, chopped 1 cup olive oil

Mix first six ingredients together, slowly whisk in the oil. Pour over chicken, let marinate for two to three hours, chilled. . Grill chicken until done, (reach-

Peter Engelhardt, certified executive chef, displays some of the Mother's Day fare at The Community House in Birmingham. He holds a plate of coconut chicken, while mustard bourbon grilled salmon (left) and shrimp salad fill plates on the table.



GARLIC-GINGER SOY MARINADE

2 cups pineapple juice 1 cup soy sauce 4 tablespoons fresh garlic,

4 tablespoons fresh ginger,

chopped 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper

flakes

1 bunch fresh cilantro, chopped 1 tablespoon sesame oil

1 cup canola oil Mix first seven ingredients together, slowly whisk in the canola oil. Pour over chicken, let marinate for two to three hours, chilled. Grill chicken until done or internally reaches 165º F.

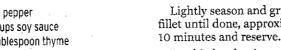
Great with steamed rice, snow

peas and grilled pineapple.

½ cup fresh orange juice Juice of one lime 1 teaspoon nutmeg 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1 tablespoon sugar



2 teaspoons black pepper 11/2 teaspoons cayenne



¼ cups soy sauce 1 tablespoon thyme 1/2 cups olive oil

Puree all ingredients. Pour over chicken, let marinate two to three hours, chilled.

Grill chicken until done when it reaches an internal temperature of 165º F. Great with black beans and rice.

PEPPER-COCA COLA MARINADE

2 cups tomato juice 1 yellow onion, chopped 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon cinnamon 1 tablespoon soy sauce 1 fresh jalapeno pepper, chopped 1 teaspoon black pepper 1/2 teaspoon white pepper ½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

12 ounces Coca Cola

Mix all ingredients together. Pour over chicken, let marinate chilled for two to three hours. Grill chicken until done, when it reaches an internal temperature of 165º F. Great with macaroni and cheese and Southern green beans.

SOUTHERN FRIED CHICKEN

½ gallon buttermilk 2 cups flour 1 cup fine cornmeal 1 tablespoon seasoned salt

1 tablespoon granulated garlic 1 tablespoon paprika 2 teaspoons black pepper

Pour buttermilk over chicken, let marinate chilled for two to three hours. Mix together flour, cornmeal and seasonings. Dredge chicken in seasoned flour mix, go back and forth from buttermilk to flour mix two or three times, until nicely coated.

Fry chicken crisp and golden, making sure chicken is cooked to 165º F internally. Great with mashed potatoes, gravy and corn.

GRILLED SALMON BRUSCHETTA CAESAR SALAD

8 ounces salmon fillet 3 Roma tomatoes, chopped 1 tablespoon fresh basil, chopped 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped

1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice ¼ cup olive oil 1/2 teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper 10 ounces romaine lettuce,

chopped 6 ounces Caesar dressing

2 ounces croutons 2 ounces Parmesan, shredded

Lightly season and grill salmon fillet until done, approximately

In a big bowl, mix together the tomato, basil, parsley, lemon juice, oil and seasonings. Reserve (for bruschetta). In a big bowl toss together the romaine, dressing, croutons and parmesan.

Split the lettuce mix between two plates, split the salmon into equal portions and place on top of lettuce mix. Top each plate with reserved "bruschetta" serve. Hint: "Bruschetta" can be made a day in advance.

GRILLED CHICKEN HARVEST SALAD

8 ounces chicken breast, boneless, skinless

1/2 cup salad oil 1 tablespoon garlic, chopped 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice

2 bunces balsamic vinegar 2 ounces raspberry puree 4 ounces olive oil

1 tablespoon honey 1 teaspoon oregano, dried leaves is teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon pepper 8 ounces organic spring mix 2 ounces red onion, sliced

ි cucumber, sliced 12 grape tomatoes

2 ounces sun-dried apricot, sliced 2 ounces walnuts, toasted

Mix oil, garlic and chicken, then let marinate for one hour. Lightly season chicken, grill, and reserve. In a bowl mix vinegar, oil, raspberry, honey and seasonings together, and reserve. Split between two plates the mixed greens, onion, cucumber, tomato, apricot and walnuts.

Slice grilled chicken breast and top each salad with equal amounts. Drizzle with "raspberry vinaigrette" and serve. Hint: You can make dressing one day in advance, and you can marinate and grill chicken one day in advance.

GRILLED SHRIMP & SPINACH SALAD

10 iumbo shrimp 1 tablespoon soy sauce 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice 1 teaspoon honey 2 tablespoons salad oil 1 tablespoon salad oil 1 cup button mushrooms, sliced 1 teaspoon garlic, chopped

¼ cup soy sauce 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice 1 cup olive oil

1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped 1 tablespoon fresh cilantro,

chopped 1/2 teaspoon salt ¼ teaspoon pepper 8 ounces organic baby spinach ½ cucumber, sliced 12 grape tomatoes

Mix together shrimp, 2 tablespoons of salad oil, soy sauce, lemon and honey, marinate one hour. Grill shrimp and reserve.

2 ounces red onion, sliced

Sauté sliced mushrooms and garlic in I tablespoon salad oil for approximately 10 minutes. Let cool, then add soy sauce, lemon juice, olive oil and seasonings and reserve.

Split between two plates the spinach, cucumber, tomato and

Top each salad with five shrimp, drizzle with "mushroom soy vinaigrette," and serve. Hint: You can make "vinaigrette" one day in advance, and can marinate and grill shrimp one day in advance.

ORIENTAL CHICKEN NOODLE SALAD

8 ounce chicken breast, boneless, skinless

1/2 cup salad oil 1 tablespoons garlic, chopped

1 tablespoon soy sauce 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice 10 ounces linguine, cooked at

dente 4 ounces carrot, julienne 2 ounces red onion, julienne

4 ounces red bell pepper, julienne 4 ounces snow peas, julienne 3 cups salad oil

1 cup lime juice 3 tablespoons ginger, fresh minced

1 tablespoon garlic, fresh minced

We're thinking fresh.

Please join the Observer & Eccentric and Farmer Jack in congratulating the winners of our

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Katherine Brown

Katherine has twin daughters graduating from college next month and knows how she's going to use part of the \$500 in Farmer Jack Gift Certificates!

3 tablespoons honey 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped ½ teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Marinate chicken in oil, garlic, soy and lemon for one hour, grill until done, then reserve.

Mix oil, lime, garlic, ginger, honey, cilantro and seasonings together, and reserve.

Toss noodles with carrots, onion, bell pepper and snow peas, slowly add reserved dressing until well coated.

Split the noodles between two plates, slice the grilled chicken breast and split it between the two plates placing on top of noodles. Serve.

Hint: Chicken can be marinated and grilled a day in advance, noodles can be cooked a day in advance, vegetables can be prepared a day in advance, and dressing can be made a day in

SOLE IN PARCHMENT PAPER

4 6 ounce sole fillets 1 zucchini, julienne 1 carrot, peeled, julienne

1 yellow squash, julienne 1 red bell pepper, seeded, julienne

½ red onion, julienne 1 potato, large, julienne

4 tablespoons butter, room temperatur**e**

2 lemons (slice one, juice of one) 4 teaspoons parsley, rinse, chop

Salt and pepper, to taste 4 pieces of parchment paper.

Cut paper into a heart shape, lay flat on prep table. Mix julienne vegetables together, place off-center on paper. Place sole on top of vegetables. Sprinkle with 🤹 lemon juice, seasonings and parse ley. Top with lemon slices and Carefully fold bigger half of

paper over the sole. Crimp edges around to seal. Place on baking sheet pan.

Bake at 350°F for approximately 20-30 minutes.



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Thanks to the thousands of participants in this contest. It was one of our greatest responses ever to a contest!



Go nuts with Asian style noodles Illustrator's contest

BY DANA JACOBI

Nutritional experts, including the American Institute for Cancer Research, now suggest we incorporate nuts into our diets. But nuts are loaded with fat and calories - so why has eating them gone from being considered naughty to nice?

Mainly, the change is a result of learning more about fats and the good they can do for us. The benefits are so positive that the FDA has authorized the claim that eating one and a half ounces of nuts per day as part of a diet low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease. They did this because most of the cholesterol-free fat in almonds, walnuts, hazelnuts, pistachios, and peanuts (technically a legume, but eaten as a nut) is mono- or polyunsaturated. Unsaturated fats can help lower blood cholesterol, especially "bad" LDL, and raise "good" HDL.

Some nuts, especially walnuts, contain omega-3 fatty acids, which also protect against the effects of LDL. And nuts can be a good source of fiber, as wells as selenium, vitamin E, and other minerals and vitamins.

The challenge is keeping yourself to the recommended serving size (a modest handful), especially if you eat nuts as a snack, and even more so if you eat them directly from the package. It is at these times that fat grams and calories can skyrocket before we realize



AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

This noodle dish uses them in a creamy coconut milk sauce spiced up with three different Asian sauces.

how much we have eaten. Incorporating nuts into a

prepared dish is one answer. Whether sprinkling chopped hazelnuts on a spinach salad or mixing walnuts into oatmeal raisin cookies, I measure out the exact amount and put the container away. Peanut butter on crackers or in a sandwich is another easy option.

I prefer the way Southeast Asian cooks use chopped roasted peanuts in a sauce. This noodle dish uses them in a creamy coconut milk sauce spiced up with three different Asian sauces.

ASIAN STYLE NOODLES WITH CHICKEN

1 tablespoon peanut or canola oil ³/₃ cup dry roasted, unsalted peanuts 2-3 large garlic cloves, finely_

11/2 cups fat-free, reduced sodium chicken broth, divided 1/c1/2 teaspoon dried chili flakes, or according to taste 3 tablespoons light or dark brown sugar 2 tablespoons Hoisin sauce 1 cup lite coconut milk

½ tablespoon fish sauce, or reduced-sodium soy sauce 3 tablespoons reduced-sodium soy sauce 3 tablespoons lime juice

2 cups cubed cooked chicken ½ tablespoon cornstarch 1 package (7-8 ounces) dried rice ("rice stick") noodles 3 large whole scallions, sliced

1 large carrot, cut in fine 2" strips ½ cucumber, seeded and finely

½ cup cilantro leaves, finely chopped ¼ cup mint leaves, finely chopped, for garnish (option-

Heat oil in a non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add nuts to pan, reserving 1 tablespoon for garnish. Add garlie and sauté until garlic is golden, stirring occasionally, about 2

Transfer mixture to a blender or food processor. Add 1/2 cup of the broth and blend to a grainy purée. Transfer to a large skillet. Add all but 4 cup of the remaining broth, stirring until well blended. Stir in chile peppers, sugar, Hoisin sauce, coconut milk, fish sauce, soy sauce and lime juice. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer. Simmer sauce 2 minutes. Mix in chicken and simmer 1 more minute. Meanwhile, mix cornstarch into the reserved 1/4 cup of broth, stirring until well blended. Stir mixture into the sauce. Simmer 30 seconds, then remove from heat.

Place noodles in a large heatresistant container. Add enough boiling water to cover. Let stand 3-6 minutes, or until noodles are pliable. Meanwhile, chop reserved peanuts to use as garnish. In a medium bowl, mix together scallions, carrots, cucumber and cilantro. Drain noodles in a sieve.

Evenly divide noodles among 4 individual plates.

Evenly spoon the chicken/peanut sauce on top. Sprinkle the mixed vegetables on top. Garnish with peanuts and mint, if using. Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 361 calories, 14 g. total fat (3 g. saturated fat), 46 g. carbohydrate, 14 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 751 mg. sodium.

for children begins

The Food Bank of Oakland County is publishing a very special book, One Hungry Child, just in time for this year's holiday gift giving.

Children with connections to anti-hunger organizations across the country will provide the anecdotal stories that fill the book's 10 chapters.

The book is written by Carol Dunitz, author of Louder than Thunder, with the forward written by Food Bank of Oakland County Executive Director Helen Kozlowski-Hicks, the creative force behind the book. One Hungry Child shares the lives and encounters of children nationwide who live in a state of hunger emergency.

The book will have 10 illustrations in addition to one on the cover.

Children from 5 to 12 years of age are being challenged to illustrate their version of: The Face of Hunger. The top 11 entries will each have their illustration published in the book (one for each chapter) as well as win movie passes to their local Loews Cineplex Entertainment theater or a partner theater. The Grand Prize Winner will have their

illustration appear on the cover as well as receive an annual pass to a LCE theater, good for unlimited movies for one year.

To enter: Children must be 5 to 12 years of age. Their illustrations must be submitted on an 8 1/2- by 11-inch piece of paper (letter size). Children can use any medium to illustrate, including crayon, pastels, paint and pencil. The page must be one-dimensional-no collages or pictures with pieces attached. The child's name, phone number, parent /guardian name and the home address must be included on a separate piece of paper secured to the illustration by either a paper clip or staple.

Artwork will not be returned and by entering the contest, children and their parent/guardian agree to allow the publishing of their illustration without expectation of any remuneration other than prizes mentioned. The contest ends at 5 p.m., Monday, May 31.

Entries should not be folded. Entries should be mailed to Food Bank of Oakland County, P.O. Box 431385, Pontiac, MI 48343. One Hungry Child will be available for sale in October

Here's a quick recipe - steak with cilantro garlic sauce

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fajita dinner is a crowdpleaser, but it requires a vast spread that loads down a table with tortillas, pico de gallo, guacamole, grilled onions, sour cream and salsa.

This is a quicker route to the good stuff - juicy, grilled beef and a tantalizingly spicy sauce. The streamlined dish makes for a more elegant presentation, but maintains the boisterous taste of a family-style feast.

SKIRT STEAK WITH CILANTRO GARLIC SAUCE

For sauce: 1 medium garlic clove ½ teaspoon salt 1 cup coarsely chopped fresh ¼ cup ofive oil

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

¼ teaspoon cayenne

For steak;

Recipe from the Gourmet

1 teaspoon ground cumin ½ teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon black pepper 2 pounds skirt steak, cut crosswise into 3- to 4-inch pieces

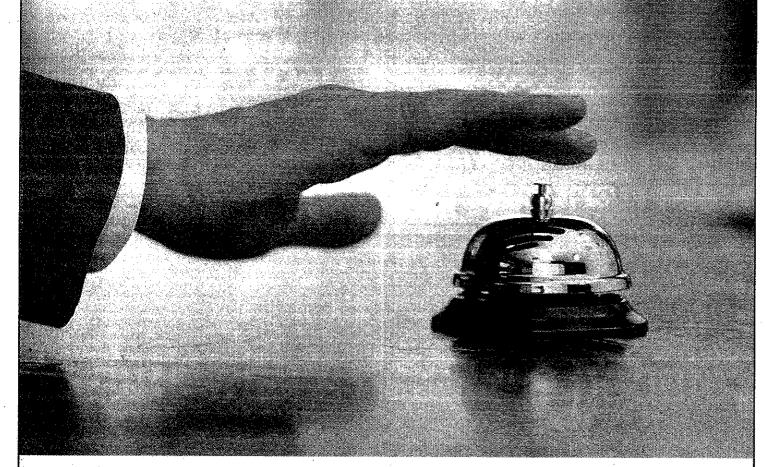
lic and mash to a paste with salt. Transfer to a blender and add remaining sauce ingredients, then blend until smooth. Stir together cumin, salt and

To make the sauce, mince gar-

pepper in a small bowl. Pat steak dry, then rub both sides of pieces with cumin mixture. Heat an oiled well-seasoned

ridged grill pan over high heat until hot but not smoking, then grill steak in 2 batches, turning over occasionally, about 2 minutes per batch for thin pieces or 6 to 8 minutes per batch for thicker pieces (medium-rare). Serve steak drizzled with sauce. Makes 6 servings.

Every Day feature in the April issue of Gourmet magazine.



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Public Notice County Taxpayers 2001 Unpaid Property Tax Deadline Extended to April 20, 2004

A request by Wayne County Treasurer, Raymond J. Wojtowicz, to Wayne Circuit Court to extend the deadline date for payment of delinquent 2001 Wayne County real property taxes from the statutory prescribed date of March 31, 2004, has been granted. The new date is April 30, 2004 for taxpayers to either pay their taxes or file an application for financial hardship. Anyone who has delinquent taxes, questions or concerns are encouraged to contact our office as soon as possible for assistance.

Raymond J. Wojtowicz (313) 224-5990 **Wayne County Treasurer** 400 Monroe St. Ste. 530, Detroit, Michigan 48226 www.treasurer.waynecounty.com

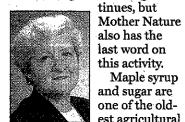
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Sweeten this spring by enjoying some maple syrup

newarm days and cool nights that alternate throughout March and April are ideal for producing and collecting sap from maple trees. Sap flows daily as long as the freezing and thawing con-



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as syrup. It takes about 43

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States. Maple syrup is truly one of nature's most flavorful sweets. Originally, most annual sap was processed into sugar, while today most is marketed

Maple syrup

one of the old-

percent sugar) to make one gallon of maple syrup. The sap is heated and the water evaporates. When the syrup reaches the correct sugar density, it is bottled and ready for use.

A bottle labeled pure maple syrup must be 100 percent ' maple syrup. Pure, all natural 100 percent maple syrup has no preservatives, no coloring, no artificial anything. Maple flavored blends may contain as little as 12 percent pure maple syrup. Read the label.

Unopened maple syrup can be stored for 12 months in a cool, dry place. Once opened, store the maple syrup in the refrigerator or freezer. If you open a large container of maple syrup, heat the excess to 190º F and re-can in hot, sterilized jars and seal. Process 10 minutes in a hot water bath. Store in a cool, dry dark place.

It is better to store maple syrup in glass rather than an open tin can. If a sugary crust forms on the bottom of the container, set the container in a pan of hot water until sugar dissolves. If maple syrup is left open, mold will grow on the top. If this occurs, skim off the mold and heat syrup to 190º F and skim off any remaining foam. The syrup will taste as good as it did when you purchased it.

Maple syrup can be substituted for sugar in many recipes. When substituting, use three-fourths cup of pure maple syrup for each cup of granulated sugar. When maple syrup is substituted for all the sugar in a recipe, reduce the amount of all liquid by three tablespoons for each cup of syrup substituted. If maple syrup is substituted for half the sugar, reduce liquid amounts by one-fourth.

Many cookbooks have recipes for main dishes,

breads, cakes, cookies, pies, and more using maple syrup. Maple syrup can also be enjoyed over pancakes, ice cream, French toast, or cereal. (Heat maple syrup slightly and pour over buttered pancakes, waffles or French toast.)

To add a little different flavor to whipping cream add a little maple syrup after the cream has been whipped and serve over angel food, pound or white cake or bread pudding. Pour a little maple syrup over apples when baking.

Maple syrup can be used for a glaze on baked ham, ham loaf, pork chops, roasts or chicken. Next time you make baked beans, add some maple syrup. Drizzle maple syrup on cooked carrots, sweet potatoes or squash. Combine maple syrup with plain yogurt or stir maple syrup into hot coffee and serve with a cinnamon stick. One tablespoon of maple syrup is about 50 calories, which is comparable to other

The quickest and easiest candy to make is called maple nugget. Boil one cup maple syrup until it forms a softball in water (236º F). Remove from heat, add one tablespoon butter and beat until it thickens. Add one and one-half cups of puffed rice cereal. Mix thoroughly and drop on wax paper. So simple, but great tasting.

To make hard maple sugar candy, use a darker grade of syrup. Heat until the temperature is approximately 2529 F. Remove from heat and begin stirring immediately, when the syrup begins to thicken and sugar crystals form, pour the partially crystallized syrup into molds to harden. Soft maple sugar candy is made by boiling the syrup to 233º F, but don't stir the mixture during this process. Cool slowly, with the

pan set on a wooden surface to more evenly distribute the heat, and even if you're tempted, don't stir until the temperature of the syrup solution

drops to 110º F. Beat with a wooden spoon until it becomes lighter in color and creamy in texture. Pour into greased molds and allow to harden. Box this candy as soon as possible as

the air will dry it out. Maple syrup is a natural, sweet treat that has been around since before the arrival of the Pilgrims in 1620. It is a pure product, with nothing added, and only the water is removed during the concentration process. It can be said that the maple syrup is a pure, natural sweet sign of spring.

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Women's show offers new recipes

Visitors to the 2004 Michigan International Women's Show, today thru Sunday in Novi, can experience new recipe ideas.

Shari Steinbach, healthy living advisor for Meijer, and chef Dianna Stoffer of Certified Angus Beef will prepare beef recipes on the cooking stage in the Meijer pavilion.

Steinbach will prepare Simple Beef Burgundy Over Pastry Shells and Tex-Mex Beef Wraps with Tomato Corn Salsa. The recipes include pre-made products that can be purchased ahead of time. The recipes can be easily prepared in 30 minutes or less.

Stoffer will make Grilled Meatloaf Mediterranean, Thai Beef Wraps and Steak Salad Martini. All recipes feature Certified Angus Brand cuts and ingredients that combine for elegant and entertaining entrées anyone can prepare.

Steinbach and Stoffer will host several demonstrations: Stoffer appears to fix these respective dishes at the following times and dates: 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today, to fix Grilled Meatloaf Mediterranean, and Thai Beef Wraps; 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, Steak Salad Martini; 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, Thai Beef

Wraps. Shari Steinbach of Meijer appears at 3 p.m. tóday, Simple Beef Burgundy Over Pastry Shells; and at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 1, Tex-Mex Wraps with Tomato-Corn Salsa.

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jelly! Our version of steak au poivre strikes a happy medium between the French preference for slow-cooking beef and American fast-grilling and serving beef medium rare.

STEAK AU POIVRE

- 3 pounds boneless sirloin 2 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons butter, divided 1 tablespoon canola oil ½ cup cabernet sauvignon-based
- red wine 2 tablespoons brandy

1 teaspoon salt

Rub 1 tablespoon pepper into each side of the sirloin.

Heat a large skillet to red hot. Add I tablespoon butter and the oil, stirring until both are melted and blended together.

Add steak to skillet and sear 2 minutes on each side. Reduce heat to medium and cook 4 to 5 minutes on each side for medium rare. Remove steak to a heated serving platter. Keep warm. Add wine, brandy and salt to skillet. When warmed, whisk in remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Simmer 2 to 3 minutes. Pour over steak and serve with potato gratin or garlic mashed potatoes. Serves

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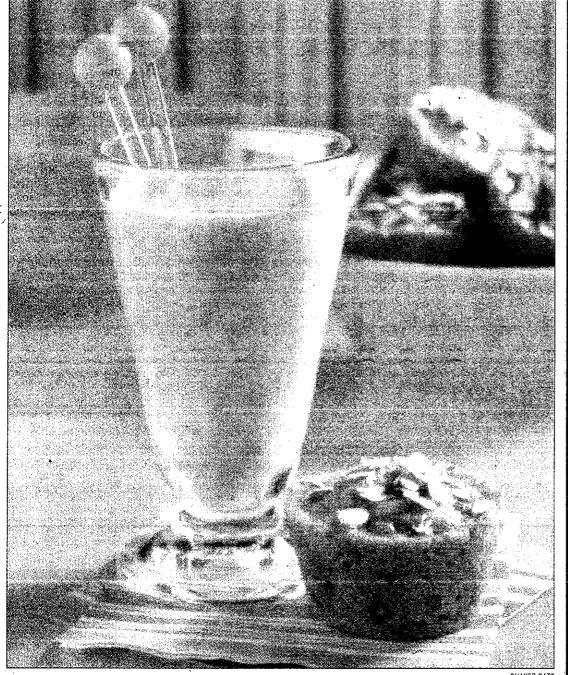
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Bake a batch of Multi-Grain Apricot Oat Muffins to have on hand for a nutritious breakfast-on-the-go or healthful mid-

These muffins will add whole grains

There's more to losing weight than trimming calories and fat from foods. For many of us, what we add to our diets may play a more important role in weight management than what we avoid.

There's mounting evidence, for example, that eating more whole grains and dietary fiber can help keep weight in check. A study recently reported in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition found that middle-aged women with the greatest consumption of whole grains weigh less than those who do not and are less likely to gain weight and become obese.

To get the most out of the powerful health benefits of whole grains, aim for three servings a day. Product names sometimes can be misleading so look for products labeled with a "whole grain" flag or "100 percent whole grain" banner, and check the ingredient list to be sure "whole oats" or

"whole wheat" are listed first. Eating a bowl of oatmeal (instant, quick or old fashioned) at breakfast and a sandwich made with 100 percent whole-wheat bread at lunch are two of the easiest ways to add more whole grains into your diet. Also try adding oats, the only whole grain that contains both types of fiber, soluble and insoluble, to your favorite recipes. Add³/₄ cup of quick or old fashioned oats per pound of lean ground beef or ground turkey breast when making meatloaf, meatballs, burgers or taco filling, and replace up to one-third of the flour with whole-grain oats whenever you bake.

Bake a batch of Multi-Grain Apricot Oat Muffins to have on hand for a nutritious breakfast-on-the-go or healthful mid-morning snack. The combination of whole-grains oats, whole-wheat flour and wheat

germ pack a powerful nutrition punch, while apricot fruit spread doubles as both a filling and glaze.

If a cool and creamy blender drink better fits your morning routine, sip on a Strawberry-Orange Smoothie, Frozen berries, reduced-fat yogurt, calcium-fortified orange juice and whole oats blend quickly into a frosty, fruity, breakfast shake that's sure to tempt even the most reluctant breakfast eater. If there's no time to sit and sip simply pour the smoothie into a travel mug to enjoy on the way.

For more delicious wholegrain oat recipes and healthy eating tips visit www.quakeroatmeal.com.

MULTI-GRAIN APRICOT OAT MUFFINS

1 cup oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked*) 1 cup whole-wheat flour

½ cup packed brown sugar 1/2 cup wheat germ, honey crunch

or regular 2 teaspoons baking powder 1-1/2 teaspoons grated orange

peel

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon ⅓ teaspoon salt

2 egg whites, lightly beaten 1 cup fat-free milk

1/4 cup vegetable oil

flour.

1/4 cup apricot fruit spread, plus additional for glaze

Oats, for topping *If using old fashioned oats, add 2 tablespoons additional

Heat oven to 400 º F. Place paper muffin liners in 12 regular

muffin cups; set aside. In large bowl, combine oats, flour, brown sugar, wheat germ, baking powder, orange peel, cinnamon and salt; mix well. Combine egg whites, milk and oil; mix well. Add to dry ingredients all at once; mix just until blend-ed (Batter will be thin). Fill each

prepared muffin cup/s full with batter. Carefully spoon 1 teaspoon apricot fruit spread in the center of each muffin cup. Spoon remaining batter over fruit spread, dividing evenly. Sprinkle each filled muffin cup with oats.

Bake 20 to 22 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven to wire rack. Lightly brush additional fruit spread onto the warm muffin tops to glaze. Let stand 10 minutes. Remove from pans. Serve warm.

To freeze, wrap cooled muffins securely in foil, or place in freezer bag. Seal, label and freeze up to 6 months. Makes 12 muffins.

Nutrition information: 1/12 of recipe (1 muffin) Calories 180, calories from fat 45, total fat 5g, saturated fat 1g, cholesterol Omg, sodium 170mg, total carbohydrates 29g, dietary fiber 2g, pro-

STRAWBERRY-ORANGE SMOOTHIE

1 cup frozen, unsweetened strawberries, 5 ounces (about 10

¾ cup light vanilla yogurt (reduced fat and sweetened with aspartame)

1 cup calcium-fortified orange luice

 $\frac{2}{3}$ cup oats (quick or old fash-

ioned, uncooked) 1 to 2 teaspoons minced fresh

ginger or½ teaspoon ground

Combine all ingredients in blender container or food processor work bowl; blend until smooth, stopping blender once and stirring.

Pour into 2 glasses. Makes 2 servings.

Nutrition information: 1/2 of recipe. Caloried 240, calories from fat 35, total fat 4g, saturated fat 1.5g, cholesterol Omg, sodium 70mg, total carbohydrates 44g, dietary fiber 5g, protein 10g, calcium 35 percent DV,

Recipes courtesy of The Quaker Oats Company.

vitamin C 120 percent DV.

Gelatin Poke Cake blooms inside

While flowers are blooming outdoors, it can also blossom inside with colorful desserts that will delight family and friends.

Brightly-colored gelatin "pokes" through in every slice of a Gelatin Poke Cake, making this dessert a delicious way to complement virtually any decor. A versatile recipe, the gelatin can be prepared in any one of the colors of the rainbow. Or, for those who can't get enough of creamy treats, a Fluffy Lemon Fruit Pie is a wonderful twist on a traditional cheesecake. The delightful combination of sweet, fresh berries and tangy lemon pudding will make mouths water and give cause to celebrate. For more seasonal recipes, log on to www.jello.com.

GELATIN POKE CAKE

1 package (2-layer size) white cake mix or cake mix with pudding in the mix

1 cup boiling water 1 package (4-serving size) gelatin dessert, any flavor

½ cup cold water 1 tub (8 ounces) whipped topping, thawed

Heat oven to 350°F. Prepare and bake cake mix as directed on package to make two 9-inch cake layers. Remove from oven. Cool cake in pan 15 minutes. Pierce

layers with large fork at /2-inch intervals.

Meanwhile, stir boiling water into gelatin in small bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water; carefully pour half of gelatin over each cake layer. Refrigerate 3 hours.

Dip one cake pan into warm water 10 seconds; unmold layer onto serving plate. Spread with about I cup of the whipped topping. Unmold second cake layer; carefully place on first cake layer. Frost top and sides with remaining whipped topping.

Refrigerate at least 1 hour or until ready to serve. Decorate as desired. Store leftover cake in refrigerator. Makes 12 servings.



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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Don't be 'floored' by renovations

Our condo association is having a problem with respect to the flooring that certain co-owners want to put in. We are concerned about the noise transmission and am wondering if you have any suggestions or ideas concerning a policy for flooring.

The Board of Directors is frequently asked to decide on changes to the flooring of a condominium unit. Unfortunately, sometimes the co-owner makes the change without Board approval which should result in Board action including the institution of legal proceedings, if necessary. The Board should create a policy for all flooring types to keep the peace and quiet. The Board should review the condominium documents to see if any flooring materials, other than carpeting, can be used without an amendment. The Board should determine who is qualified to help develop specifications for acceptable flooring options, that is a sound engineer, architect, flooring company, etc., and should create specific sound proofing requirements. The Board should develop a process for review and approval that includes submission of remodeling plans and sound proofing receipts, and establish construction regulations that specify insurance requirements and remodeling hours. There should also be a procedure to investigate floor related noise complaints. Contact your Association attorney to

Our attorney in his literature brags about how many associations he represents and how knowledgeable he is. Unfortunately, we can never get a return phone call. How do I get the other members of our Board to consider other attorneys?

review the proposed policy.

As with any service provider, it is incumbent upon that service provider to provide good service. No doubt your attorney is capable, and has gained a share of the market, probably because of his fee structure. However, he has not apparently kept up with his clientele by having adequate back up personnel or does not have the time to properly service his clients. Unfortunately, your Association will no doubt suffer and the Board should recognize the need to engage other counsel or advise your present attorney of the need to better service your Association.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com.

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'Language: The words, their pronunciations, and the methods of combining them used and understood by a community.'

Merriam-Webster's 11th Collegiate Dictionary

> BY NORMAN PRADY CORRESPONDENT

Sometimes a community has to work at comprehending a specialized language, the jargon of a particular activity astrophysics, say, or cooking or weed control or cheerleading.

Real Estate English sometimes can be challenging to house-hunters. There are all those words and phrases that turn up in for sale ads and on listing sheets — words and phrases that can need translating back into everyday talk.

Recently, the **Anonymous Translator** made a rare periodic visit to the metro area and provided current definitions of some common real estate expressions.

Affordable: Might not be your dream house, but you'll still be able to buy food.

■ Amenities, lots of: Stove and refrigerator; hammock in the yard, supermarket cart in the garage.

■ As is: OK, nothing's perfect. Bring your tools, you've got a new hobby.

■ Bungalow, substantial: A brick doll house. ■ Character, lots of:

This is a charmer with a fireplace. ■ Charmer: Any house built before you were

born; might have cove ceilings and hardwood floors. ■ Charming, exception-

ally: This is a doll house with archways and lilac bushes. ■ Cozy: Very pleasant

and comfy, but you might have to give away the Great Dane.

■ Curb appeal: Everyone going by will say you bought a beautiful home.

■ Decorating allowance possible: When you close on the purchase, you'll get some money to replace the worn carpeting that almost drove you away.

■ Doll house: A small house with beautiful landscaping.

■ Family home: Possibly a traditional-style house in a traditionalstyle subdivision, with enough bathrooms to make life manageable for mom, dad, and a herd of teenagers.

■ Foyer, charming: "Elegant" suggests spaciousness. See cozy.

■ Great value: Could be the cheapest house on a pretty street. ■ House, a whole lot of:

You might hate how it looks but it's roomy. Motivated seller: Bought another house,

can't handle two pay-Move-in condition A: OK, you can use the paint

money to buy furniture. ■ Move-in condition B: The clutter has been cleared out. Aunt Vicky

took the bird cage. ■ Needs imagination: Picture the clutter removed, drywall patched, sink scoured. yard raked, and the sellers

Priced to sell: Sellers are packed, have a morn-

ing flight to Florida. ■ Sharp: Appealing house with appealing

price. ■ Starter home, cute: Quite like starter home,

desirable, but with more exterior attractiveness (See curb appeal). ■ Starter home, desir-

able: The home you'll love to sell someday.

■ Starter home for young professionals: The home you'll love to sell someday and will remember as a wise career move.

■ Waiting for your decorating touches: Is this a brand-new house that's never been painted — or an older house that needs new paint.

Mortgage



Discounting loan may make sense

am normally not a huge fan of discount points on mortgages, but there are times that they can really make sense for certain borrowers. Now may be one of those times. With rock-bottom mortgage interest rates beginning to rise, adding discount points to your loan more commonly known as "buying down the interest rate" — can yield some pro-found financial results for borrowers in the long run.

In the mortgage world, one "point" equals one percent of the borrower's loan amount. For example, one point assessed on a \$100,000 mortgage would cost \$1,000. One discount point will typically reduce the interest rate of a 30-year fixed rate mortgage by about one-quarter percent. For example, a borrower paying zero points at 6.25% should expect to pay about 6% after paying one discount point. The general rule is slightly different for shorter-term loans.

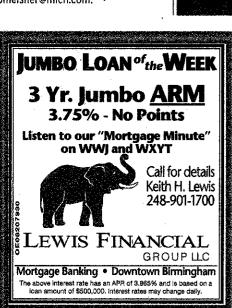
LONG-TERM BENEFIT

By far, the most important thing for borrowers to remember about buying discount points is that it will only benefit them in the long term. Borrowers will normally not realize the financial benefit of discount points until their loans are about five years old. To this point, consider that one discount point on a \$150,000 mortgage costs \$1,500 and will save the borrower about \$25 per month at today's rates. Not accounting for inflation, it will take that borrower 60 months, or five years, to make back the cost of his discount point.

Where's the strategy of using discount points? Obviously, if you are quite certain that the loan you are getting into is going to be your last for well beyond five years, you will probably benefit from one or more discount points.

Retiring seniors purchasing homes stand to gain the most from discounting their mortgage rates, especially if they do not plan to move ever again. Using equity from the sale of their existing homes to buy down the interest rate on their new purchase will result in a significant increase in their net disposable income - or their-"fun money" – every month. This can be very important to those on a fixed-income.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him _ toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.





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Take stress out of selling your home

(NAPSI) – Selling a home can be stressful. With nearly six million existing home sales occurring in the U.S. during 2003, along with a record 68 percent national homeowner rate, that can be a

Happily, the stress associated with putting your home up for sale can be avoided. Some common sense preparations can help.

The first step should be an objective review of the state of your home. Sellers who don't have their homes in "move-in"

condition are at a decided disadvantage. To get ahead of the curve, a thorough, professional home inspection should be done and all required repairs completed before the first potential buyer walks through your door.

In addition, be sure you have current, local home sales data available to you so vou can determine a fair selling price. Listing your home far above its appraised value, in the hopes of making a "killing" on your sale, may unnecessar-

ily turn off potential buyers.

One company that has been specifically helping consumers deal with the anxiety of selling a home for years is ERA Real Estate. The company's Sellers Security Plan provides sellers with a guaranteed closing date and sales price. If your house doesn't sell within 180 days, ERA Real Estate buys it for the agreed upon price. In addition, up to \$150,000 of your home's equity is available to you before the sale for your new home's down payment and closing costs. Learn more at www.ERA.com.



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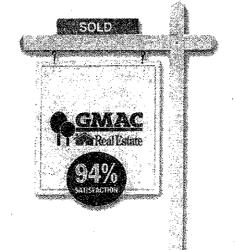


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Mortgage rates steadily rising

BY JEANNINE AVERSA ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Rates on benchmark 30year mortgages rose for the fifth week in a row, climbing to their highest level of the year.

The average rate on a 30year, fixed rate mortgage increased to 5.94 percent, up from 5.89 percent, mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported April 22 in its weekly nationwide survey of rates.

This rate was the highest since 30-year mortgages averaged 6.02 percent the week ending Dec. 5. It marked the fifth straight increase since 30-year rates hit a low for this year of 5.38 percent the week ending March 18.

Increasing signs that the economy's recovery is gaining momentum, including a good employment report for March, have pushed bond rates up, causing long-term mortgage rates to also rise.

"Although this month's dramatic rise in mortgage rates is consistent with an economic recovery, it will take more than one month of strong employment gains to verify this recovery is sustainable," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"The market is behaving as though the recovery is a fait accompli and has entered a volatile period of trying to outguess the Federal Reserve Board's next move," he said.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress that the recovery is solidly on track and that at some point short-term interest

rates must rise to keep inflation in check. But he didn't say when that might happen.

Some economists believe the Fed may push up shortterm interest rates later this year. Others, however, don't believe higher rates will come until 2005.

Rates for 15-year, fixedrate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rose to 5.25 percent, up from 5.23 percent. One-year adjustable mortgages, rates remained at 3.69 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

This time last year, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.79 percent, 15-year mortgages were 5.12 percent and one-year adjustable mortgages stood at 3.79 percent.

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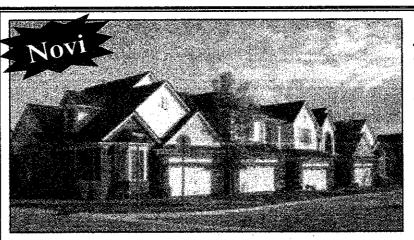
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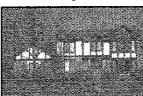


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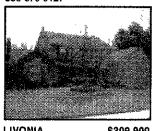
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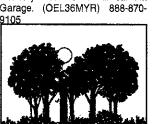
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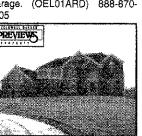
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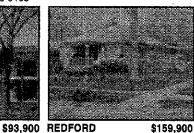
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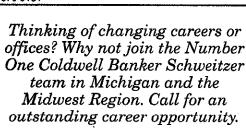


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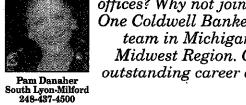


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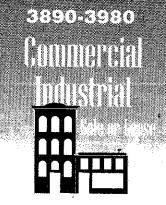




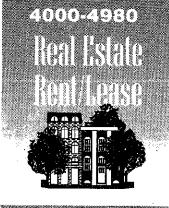


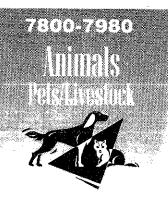




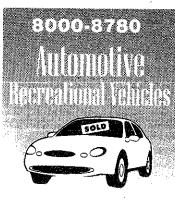


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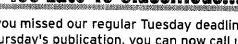
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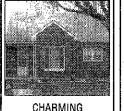
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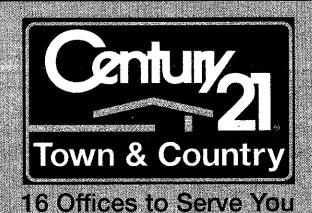
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ceiling in family room and vaulted ceiling in master
bedroom

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CANTON Relax & Enjoy
Nice open floor plan in this 3 bedroom, 1% bath Colonial
with 2 car attached garage, basement, large kitchen with
oak cabinets, family room with fireplace. All sitting on a
low traffic cul-de-sac. (E74CEL) 734-455-5600 \$222,500



YPSILANTI Better Homes & Gardens
... best describes this beautiful 4 bedroom, 2½ bath
Colonial with open flowing floor plan. Two story family
room with fireplace, kitchen with island, dual staircases,
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NEW BOSTON Bright & Cheerful updated 4 bdrm bungalow w/newer entry doors, furn, AC, cot & fresh paint. Oak kit w/hrdwd floors. FFL, big deck & 2 c gar w/newer door.

LIVONIA Condo Living At Its Best

Gorgeous brick townhouse in great location features incl: recessed lights, vaulted cellings, frplc & att gar. Built in 2001. A must see!

\$179,900

\$162,900

DEARBORN HGTS Why Rent When You Can Buy? 1 bdrm 1st floor condo w/spacious liv rm & din rm, common bsmt w/storage & laundry. Close to everything. (E35COU) 734-455-5600



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(E46HAM) 734-455-5600 Starting Mid \$200,000



BROWNSTOWN Wonderful Colonial 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2 c att gar, romantic mstr ste w/3 skylights, large GR, oak kit w/contemporary lighting, bay door, kit nook, view of wet lands & wildlife, bsmt. Corner lot. (E41ING) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA Needs A Family!
Charming 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home w/newer multi-dimensional roof, vinyl siding & updated windows.
Large 2 c gar on an extra large, lot. Walking distance to (E9CUR) 734-455-5600



ranch w/fn w/o 3 bedroom, large kit, gar, shed, picke fence, beautifully decor, clean, updated appliances. HPP (E920VE) 734-455-5600

\$154,900



NORTHVILLE Golfer? This is For You!
Beautiful home w/extensive upgrades. 4 BR, 3.5 BA, first floor MBR, maple cabinets & floors T/O. Gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances & granite.
Professionally landscaped & invisible fence. (E77BAY) 248-349-5600 \$649,900



NORTHVILLE One Of A Kind
Sprawling 4 BR, 2.5 BA ranch. Have your own resort
right in your own backyard. In-ground pool and Jacuzzi.
Too many updates to mention. Bring your fussiest
buyers. Home warranty included. (E64BEA) 248-349-5600 \$379,900



HIGHLAND TWP Go For It!
Great golf community 18 holes golf, exquisite
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3.5BA 2-story w/den & FFL 3 car side entry garage.
totally neutral. Lots of light. Huge kitchen, Ready. \$395,000 (E42CAR) 248-349-5600



W. BLOOMFIELD Welcome Home
Sharp 3BR brick W/O. Updated bath w/ceramic &
whirlpool tub. Andersen windows and door wall. Freshly
painted, newer carpet, furnace, A/C. Newer well & city
sewers. Newer Pergo Flooring. (E39CED) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE Popular Highland Lakes 3 bedroom 2 story unit with living room, family room, full basement & patio. All appliances stay. Gas and water are included in association fee. Clubhouse & pool & Northville Schools. (E05CRY) 248-349-5600 \$148,900



Popular Glen Orchards ranch w/many LIVING ROOM w/cove ceilings, great open FR w/fireplace & much more. Located on an Estate size lot.

(E91GLE) 248-349-5600



Excellent locatio in complex. End unit ranch condo w/2 bedrooms and 2 full ceramic baths. 2 car attached Garage. Newer carpet, roof and much more. Close to freeway & shopping. (E11HER) 248-349-5600

FARMINGTON Peaceful and Private



PLYMOUTH Mint Condo
Prime 3 BR, 2.5 BA end unit backs to priv. woods, Fin.
L, perfect for teenager or in-law quarters. Newer chef's kit w/all appl. FFL, Private deck area. All newer carpet, some hardwood floors. Double door walls-newer. (E77HID) 248-349-5600 \$389,900



NORTHVILLE Smile, You Found It Sharp 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial family home. Great room w/fireplace off well-appointed kitchen. Door to multi-tiered deck. Finished w/o LL. Terrific master ste. 3 nice sized BR's. Plenty of storage. 3 car gar & more. (E57HOL) 248-349-5600



Bring your fussiest buyers to this 3 bedroom bungalow Some fresh paint and hardwood floors. Newer siding windows, updated landscaping. Patio and sprinklers. All appls stay. What more could you ask for (E50HUB) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE Golf Course 2 BR Condo Outstanding 2-story w/open floor plan. Ideal for entertaining. Natural maple cabs t/o. Hdwd flrs, DR, eathir kit. Huge MBR suite w/dressing rm. 2 WICS, skylight in MBR bath. 2nd BR w/private bath. FFL & 2 car gar. (E64LYO) 248-349-5600 \$319,900



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Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub-Largest sq ft built
by Moceri. Upgrades: marble, granite, cust cherry cabz-story enclosed porch, spiral statincase, MBR w/3-way
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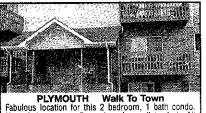


NOVI You Want It, We've Got It All the most wanted features: open floor plan, 1st floor master, fireplace, finished LL. 4 bedrooms 4 baths, first floor laundry. Large deck and wooded lot & sidewalks. Northville schools. Fresh paint. \$464,900 (E68MYS) 248-349-5600



REDFORD Ranch On Corner Lot \$139,000

(E05NOR) 248-349-5600



Fabulous location for this 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Neutral decor, open floor plan, doorwall to deck. All appliances stay (E52PIN) 248-349-5600 \$132,400

Rochester

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Decorator perfect-mint move-in condition, 2 BR, library, 2 BA detached ranch has it all. From the elaborate crown moldings, to the Corian counters & hardwood flooring to the soaring high ceilings. Backs to woods. \$369,900



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CANTON Spacious Condo
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for office or x-storage. Large kitchen w/brkfst nook (E79SAR) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA Eye-Catching Colonial
Absolutely stunning Livonia 4 BR brick colonial so pampered so many upgrades. Neutral decor. delightful kitchen, expanded FR w/fp in '02, formal DR. Upgraded C/A, furn, shingles, vinyl siding & windows. Awesome (E48SHE) 248-349-5600 \$244,900



CANTON Great Yard w/Large Deck 4 BR. 2 BA home with all the newer amenitie. Seek them are: roof w/transferable warranty, windows of family room. Remodeled kitchen. 99. A9 app. (E46SOM) 248-349-5600 \$211,900 (



BROWNSTOWN Ranch Style Condo Lovely 2 BR unit w/neutral decor. Vaulted ceilings. plant ledges and large kitchen w/many cabs. Super clean 8 across from Commons area. One car attached garage All appliances newer and stay. Unit only 3 years oid (E64STO) 248-349-5600 \$124,000



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This is it! 3 BR, 2 BA, updated kit, beveled glass entry door, hardwood floors, newer furnace. HWH air cleaner, updated windows & doorwali. 14v30 deck in privately fenced yard. Award winning "Novi Schools." \$224,900 (W32SYC) 248-349-5600



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LL. Island kitchen, newer neutral carpet, ceramic floors Wet bar, volume ceilings & skylights. Master BR w/hugi WiC. Two furnaces, 2 A/C units. Fantastic - don't miss (E48WAT) 248-349-5600 \$399,900







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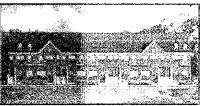
REDFORD \$299,900 **GOLF COURSE & COUNTRY CLUB SETTING** accent this custom bit & completely updated home. Almost 3000 SF, 3.5 BAs, 2 FPs, huge kit, private lot, bsmt, & 2 car garage. FR w/wet bar & more. (M15033)

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\$239,900 HERE'S THAT NEWER RANCH you've been looking for. 3 BRs, 2 BAs, GR w/cath ceil, FP & wet bar, mstr w/full ba, cath ceil, formal DR. Ig kit, huge part fin bsmt, 2 car attd gar & more. (O28277)



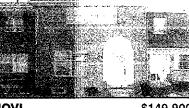
PLYMOUTH \$194.900 THE "ARBOR" has lvl rec rm next to Townhome comm will read the redscaped service

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\$164,900 WESTLAND AN ANSWER TO A DREAM Is this 3BR brick ranch in Westland. Full Bsmt & 2 car garage W/opener, all on a LG 77x120 lot. Enjoy newer funace, windows, carpeting, roof shingles and C/

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SOUTHFIELD \$120,000 PERFECT STARTER HOME New roof, patio, furnace. A must see! Smaller sub. Shed in backyard that is fenced. Clean describes it all Shed in Perfect for starter or empty nester. Show & Sell!



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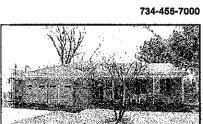
WAYNE \$99,900 GREAT STARTER HOME Vinyl sided bungalow, 2 hedrooms with a possible third. 10x10 2 bedrooms with a possible third. 10x1 barn-style shed, large covered pat overlooking deep lot, 150+ feet, hurry. (J445)

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PINCKNEY BEAUTIFUL AND SPACIOUS COLONIAL Newer corian kit w/ stainless appliances! 3 BRs, 2.5 BAs, Ig GR w/FP, formal DR w/bay window. master bath w/jacuzzi, fin bsmt, 3 car gar, great deck backs to commons! 87VIN2 248-348-6430



\$598,000 **PLYMOUTH** FINISHED WALKOUT BASEMENT! 3,500 SF, 4 BRs, 3.5 BA col w/prof finshd walkout bsmt. 2 FPs, 2 kitchens. Top of the line everything. Many, many upgrades. Exceptionally clean & neut. (23S9058)



LIVONIA \$279,900 1/2 ACRE PLUS YARD IN LIVONIA Updates include new furnace, roof, windows. Pride of ownership shows. Hardwood floors, kitchen has updated counters & flooring and huge walk-in pantry. (01PIC2)

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\$220,900 FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! 2-story ceil makes this LR inviting. FR w/adj powder rm. Can be bit w/ 3rd BR. Avail upgrades. Ext Indscpng, sprnklr sys, lawn main & snow remov. Prime locat. (23A1205)

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LIVONIA \$179,983 BUDGET PERFECT! Livonia ranch needs a new sing & queen. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Newer windows & carpeting. Porch & fenced yard. Partly silshed basement w/extra room. (23W28983)

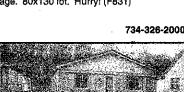


DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$159,0<u>0</u>0 WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR, 1.5 BATH HOME. neutral decor thru-out, family sized kit w/pantry, ceramic bths, bit in oven/range, bsmt is tiled, carpeted, & paneled. Many updates and desirable neighborhood. (V26811)

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\$140,000 WESTLAND

SLEEPING BEAUTY Just a little TLC and this can be a beauty! Livonia schools 3 BRs, partially finished basement. 4 car mechanic's dream garage. 80x130 lot. Hurry! (F831)



WESTLAND \$112,900
3 BEDROOM RANCH newer vinyl siding, newer windows, roof, shingles, a/c. Appliances included. Newer brick patio. A perfect starter

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home. (B33632)

INKSTER \$99,900 EVERYTHING IS DONE! Newer windows, roof, garage, furnace & C/A. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Partially finished basement. Really nice house

w/garage & carport. (N123)

734-326-2000 ROMULUS SCORE LOW-LIVE HIGH with this 3 BR cape on the 13th green. GR, DR, 1st fir mstr w/2 showers. 2nd BR has a 17' WIC. Lg bsmt w/ rough plumbing for 3rd bath. Located on a court. 23M5949

734-455-7000 LIVONIA ADORABLE, CUTE & CLEAN LOTS OF UPDATES. 3 BR, 1.5 bath ranch large newer kit, lg eating area, pantry newer front & garage door, insulation, windows, furnace, air & appliances. Home warranty included, 24042003 248-349-6200

MOVE RIGHT ON IN! Whole home has been

redone in the last 5 years! New kit, bath, carpeting, breezway. Neutral decor on a comer lot. Bring all offers! (23R7403)

\$479,900 SOUTH LYON WONDERFUL HOME IN POPULAR CHASE FARMS Great open fir plan, spacious kit & brkfst area, formal LR & DR, comfortable den, FR w/cathedral ceiling, brick patio, deck & great fin bsmt. (24040687) 4000+ GORGEOUS FINISHED SF! 3 BRs, 3.5 BAs, dk hdwd thru-out, cherry cabs in kit w/brkfst area, soaring GR w/2 way FP, 1st fir mstr ste, fin bsmt w/full BA, sauna, theatre rm, wet bar & more. (S23627)

TOTALLY RENOVATED RANCH 3 BR, 2 BA,

everything replaced using quality workmanship thru-out. You'll be sure to appreciate the fenced in Ig iot w/2.5 car gar with loft. (L10685)

LEXINGTON COMMONS CONDO Comfort & convenience at a great price! 3 BRs, 2 full & 2 half BAs, spacious rms thru-out, lower level is a fin walk-out. 2 car attd garage. Immediate occupancy. (R826)

BEAUTIFUL BROWNSTONE, CONDO Comfortable living on all 3 floors, Bay windows on 1st & 2nd floors, fireplace, hardwood floors, near shopping & restaurants. Must see to appreciate! (C677)

COMFY CAPE COD is this 3 bedroom brick home in Garden City. 2 full baths, 3 car garage. Lots of nice features: newer windows, doorwall

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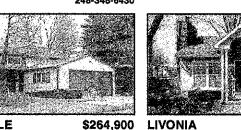
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to deck, double lot. (M319)

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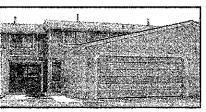
\$264,900 NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE BEAUTY One owner. Quality updates have been maintained. Two baths, cozy fireplace, home office and a lovely private yard. (32LAN2)

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\$212,900 RECOGNIZE FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP 3 BR, 1.5 BA brk colonial, tastefully decorated w/xtra special touches. Lg eat-in kit w/oak cabinetry, FR w/gas log FP, remodeled bath, hdwd firs & much morel (C9343)

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NORTHVILLE \$179,900 ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE 2 BR condo W/2 full baths + 2 half. Finished walkout BSMT. Updates Include: New carpet 03, roof in 03, furnace & A/C in 99, HWT in 03. 2 car attached garage. (Y856)

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NOVI \$154,800 RANCH DETACHED CONDO Great 2br carriage unit w/1 car direct access garage new windows, carpet, neutral decor. Very open floor plan. Move right in! (45PEL2)



WAYNE WAKE UP WITH A SMILE in this cute all brick

BEAUTIFULLY REDONE HOME New kitchen

top to bottom, newer carpet, remodeled bath, new interior & exterior drs. Neutral decor, 2 car det

gar w/220, privacy fenced yd. Immediate occupancy. (C5982)

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DETROIT

\$135,000 ranch. Beautiful updated kitchen, newer windows, doors & alum trim. Roof & A/C 8 years. 2 car garage. Home warranty. All appl included.

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WESTLAND \$109,900
GREAT LITTLE STARTER HOME! Everything
has been done for you. Newer crpt, newer
wndws, newer roof, newer kitchen flooring. Freshly painted. 2 car detached gar on a huge double corner lotl (23B35553)

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WESTLAND \$75,000 WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN! Affordable 1 BR, 1 BA condo w/freshly painted interior. New carpet, kit fir, dishwasher & blinds. Newer roof, huge walk-in closet. Patio faces beautiful pondi (95WOO2)

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HAWTHORNE HILLS SUB 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, finished beam, 10x14 Florida rm, 2 car side entry garage. All new items: rf, wndws, furn w/ac, hwh, kit. All appliances stav. B8600 P0070420 appliances stay. B8600

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NOVI **\$312**,900 EYE CATCHING RANCH ON GREAT LOT Comfortable home backing to woods, spacious GR w/cathedral ceiling & FP, 3 BRs, 2 full baths. pleasant kit & brkfst area,nicely fin bsmt & deck. (72PHI2)

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$249,900
VERY CLEAN & SPACIOUS TRI-LEVEL
Desirable area, 2400 SF, 4 BR, poss 5th BR, 2.5
BA, 2 car direct access gar, FP, wet bar. Lg
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\$194,900 NOV CONDO WITH A VIEW! Contemporary ranch condo on the water. 2 BRs, 3 BAs, finished LL, garage. Close to everything-what more do you need? Also comes w/ pool, cabana & tennis courts. (70EDG2)

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WESTLAND \$169,900 OUTSTANDING RANCH & GREAT LOCATION Great 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch w/many updates. Redone oak kitchen w/newer appliances that stayl Bath redone w/Jacuzzi. Full bsmt, 2 car att garage. (32TON2)

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GARDEN CITY APPEALING TO THE POCKET AND THE EYE 3 bedroom ranch, with 2 full baths and full finished basement, C/A & 2 car det garage. Remodeled kitchen w/oak cabs. Hdwd floors. (F286)

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WESTLAND \$125,000 TOTALLY UPDATED 3 bedroom home. Livonia schools. Updates include new vinyl siding, carpet, electrical, closet & bedroom doors, bathroom, new floor in kitchen, new roof. (C7606)



REDFORD \$109,000
ENJOY SUNSET VIEW OVER THE GOLF
COURSE. Great starter home. Updated but still
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PLYMOUTH PLYMOUTH LEASE. Neat & clean 3 BR, 1.5 ranch w/2 car attached garage. Full basement. Fenced yard, sidewalks & school in sub. (24036291)

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PRESTIGE ESTATE SALE Fri/Sat April 30, May 1 18-4 2524 Timberwyck, Timherwyck, E. off Adams Rd. between Wattles & Long Lk. **MOVING SALE**

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May 7, 8, 9, 9-4PM, 20105 Olympia, off Beech Daly between 7 & 8 Mile, "Look for signs." Full house: Kitchen, livina. bedroom. dinina. garage. Don't miss! Assisted Moving. 734-751-5026 ROCHESTER 4/29 & 4/30, 9-

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TROY - 5201 Abington (Long Lk & Rochester Rd.) April 30 & May 1, 9am-1pm. Antiques, bedroom & dining sets, misc items, 248-689-6987

misc. April 29-30, 9-4, 170 W. Columbia (Huron River Dr. & Main, next to A&W). BEVERLY HILLS Sat., 10-5,

Sun., 12-4, 21655 W. 13 Mile, just E. of Lahser, +size clothing BIRMINGHAM - Sat. 9-3pm. 1090 Puritan, btwn Southfield & Cranbrook, N. off Maple. Furniture, household, etc.

HUGE SALE 1095 Lincoln Court (N off Lincoln/W of Woodward). Thurs-Fri-Sat, 9am-4pm. FURNITURE, TOYS LOTS of GREAT STUFF!!

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household. Wicker, clothes, toys, Christmas. Thur-Fri, 9-5.

Garage Sales 7110

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Huge garage sale,Thurs April 29 & Fri. April 30, 10-4, 6280 Dakota Franklin Circle, Maple &

BLOOMFIELD HILLS Moving all must go! Baby items, household goods, furniture, etc.Thurs. 9-4, & Fri. 9-4. 2656 Plum Brook, Square Lake & Opdyke. **BLOOMFIELD TWP**

April 30 & May 1, 9-5pm. 120 Vorn, near Maple/Lahser

BRIGHTON GARAGE SALE 7586 Setters Pointe Drive. 4/29 thru 5/2. Everything must go including large play house

CANTON - Thurs-Sat, 9-4pm. 41460 Stafford Court, NW of Palmer & Haggerty. CANTON 1250 Heritage Dr., N. of Palmer, W. of Haggerty. Fri & Sat., 9am-3pm. CANTON 39665 Koppernick

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Creek, W./275, off Ford, btwn Lilley & Sheldon, Th-Sat, 8am. CANTON Sat, 5/1, 10-4, 48250 Gyde, Joy Rd & Beck. Household, antiques, furniture. CANTON 2 Saturdays only April 24 & May 1., 10am-

mi. W/Beck, just N/Warren. CANTON - A Huge Sub Sale in Holiday Park. Apr. 29 - May 1, 9-4. S. of Joy, E. of 1275.

4pm. 7555 N. Ridge Rd. 1

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CANTON- Windsor Park Sub Wide Sale. Thurs April 29, 30 & May 1, 9am-5pm, N/Warren, btwn Lilley & Sheldon. CANTON: Many kids toys &

clothes. Furniture, misc. Fri. Apr. 30 & Sat. May 1, 9-4. 6629 Chadwick. N/Ford, **CLARKSTON Clarkston Ridge**

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS April

29-May 1, 9-5pm. 7100 Plainfield, S/Warren, E/Inkster 7100 Dearborn Hts: The Big One! 4 family! Plus size men's & women's clothes. Fri-Sun. 8013 Silvery Ln. Off Ann Arbor Tr., Beech/Telegraph. FARMINGTON HILLS Great

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FARMINGTON HILLS Quaker Valley Sub Sale April 30 & May 1, 9am-5pm. N/11 Mile & W/off Farmington. FARMINGTON HILLS - 32063 Bonnet Hill Rd. Kendallwood Sub, off 12 between Orchard Lk & Farmington Rd. Furniture. In & out, kitchen items, framed pictures, baby items, clothes

books, much more April 30 & May 1, 7am-5pm. Farmington Hills: Antiques. collectibles, tools, bunk beds, 4pm, 30165 Fox Grove, Canterbury Commons. 13 Mile & Orchard Lake.

FERNDALE - Garage, yard, craft show & sale, 11am to 6pm, Saturday, May 8 at 1620 Beaufield, near 9 Mile & Livernois. Get good stuff - art supplies, vintage clothes, music & more - for a steal. LIVONIA - Huge Sale! Fri. April 5, W. of Newburgh, 9am-5pm.

Mile & Newburgh. Apr. 29, 30, May 1 & 2, 9am-5pm LIVONIA 28437 Gita, Middlebelt & Lyndon. Sat & Sun, May 1 & 2, 9-4. Furniture,

LIVONIA 14911 Marsha, 5

household. Fri & Sat, 10-5. LIVONIA 4 Family Sale. 4/28-5/2, 10-5. Lats of stuff. 18982 Laurel, S./7 & W/Farmington. LIVONIA April 29-May 1, 9-3pm. 29738 Macintyre W/Middlebelt, N/W. Chicago. Macintyre. Garage Sales (7110)

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toys, older childrens clothing. May 7-8, 9am-4pm. 18643 Comstock (E of Newburgh, S

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lots of tools, large & small household, small appliances nousenord, sman appnances, adult clothes, garden, linnes, plano, 37 yrs. of stuff. 15164 Yale, S/off 5 miles, E/of Levan, Fri. 4-30, 10-6pm., Sat. 5-1, 10-4.

off Plymouth, W of Inkster LIVONIA Tool sale. Thurs-Sat. 9909 Fairfield, S/Plymouth W/Merriman. Shot guns, fish-

hold items, toys, clothes, antiques & collectibles, books. Corner !owa & Delaware. Thurs. & Fri. 9-5pm LIVONIA - Huge 5 family sale. Antiques, furniture, baby furniture, small kitchen appli-

ances, computers, lots more. April 29 & 30 May 1, 9am-5pm. 16476 Fairway LIVONIA - Sub Sale Galfview Meadows/ **Burton Valley** Sat. May 1st. 9am-5pm

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2 blks S. of 5, April 29-May 1 PLYMOUTH YARD SALE Sat. May 1, 9AM-2PM, 232 Ann, N/Penniman, 1 block W/Harvey Toys, clothes, household, office & more!

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REDFORD Friday - Monday, April 30 - May 3, 9-5. Huge 5 family! Something for everyone. Toddler boys & girls clothes, sizes 0-21, and girls clothes, size 7-8. Maternity, clothes, size 7-8. Materiny, adult clothes & plus size. Little Tykes step 2 fire truck bed, household, tools, toys, and baby furniture. 12890 Centralia, S/96, 1 blk E/Beech

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SOUTHFIELD - April 29-30. 9-4pm. 29539 Chelmsford, N. off 12 Mi., W. of Southfield Rd. SOUTHFIELD CLOTHES-OUT. Sizes 18-30 - shoes, purses, jewelry, furniture, appliances, linens, records, books, tools,

craft supplies & more. Thurs.-Sat, 9-5pm. 20253 Beechaven, W. of Evergreen bet. 12 & 13. TROY 3 fabulous garage sales! Thurs & Fri April 29th & 30th, 9-4, 3850 Beach Rd, 2529 Binbrooke, 2691 Binbrooke, S. off Wattles between Coolidge and Adams.

TROY 3 FAMILIES. Apr. 30-

May 1, 9am-2pm. 3376 Paddington, N/16Mi-E/Adams TROY April 30 & May 1st, 9-5, 5613 Folkstone. Long Lake & Livernois. Jewelry, collectibles, doils, die cast models, misc. TROY Block Sale, Locksley Ct. Apr. 30-May 1, Fri & Sat. 9-3.

Big Beaver/Dequindre TROY - Retired & new empty nesters, we don't need this stuff! Organ, luggage, kitchen sink, puzzies, stuff - come see. 6131 Beach Rd. Apr. 29, 30 & May 1, daylight hrs.

3pm. 1085 Brooklawn, cross-roads: 3ig Beaver & Adams. TROY - Garage/Estate Sale. Dishes, linens, small refriger-ator, misc. 4271 Brandywyne, Fri, 10-4pm. & Sat, 10-5pm.

TROY - Thurs.-Sat., 10am-

Sat., May 1, 8am-4pm. N of Long Lake bet. Rochester & Livernois. Lots of great stuff! W. BLOOMFIELD - multi family sale. Teaching supplies furniture, baby items, books, clothes, more. May 1, 8:30am-? 6910 S. Clumbury

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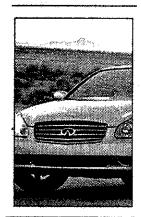
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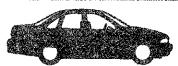
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The 2004 Hyundai XG350

Advertising Feature



BY DALE BUSS

For several years now, Korean carmakers including Hyundai and Daewoo have been trying to steal a page out of the Japanese playbook that succeeded so well beginning in the late Seventies.

Like Toyota and Honda, the Koreans entered the U.S. market with econoboxes, in an attempt to establish a market foothold in the Eighties. Since then, after having gained a certain amount of acceptance by American consumers, they've been filling out their product lineups with higher-quality small cars, mid-size sedans and, most recently, sport-utility vehicles. Hyunda, for example, manufacturers Accent and Elantra small cars as well as the Sonata midsize sedan and the Santa Fe, a midsized SUV that has drawn plenty of good reviews.

But beginning in 2001, Hyundai really upped the ante for itself and the entire Korean auto industry by boldly foraying into the near-luxury niche. It launched the XG300 sedan, which impressed some reviewers as a significant value for its mid-20s sticker price and as another notable step forward for Hyundai. Hyundai changed the car's name and engine size in 2002 by increasing the power plant to 3.5 liters from three liters.

For 2004, and the XG350, Hyundai has changed the car's exterior styling, upgraded the mechanics and added various interior-feature refinements - all without raising the price. But while XG350 certainly presents many of the attributes that must attend a car that calls itself near-luxury, in some other ways it still misses the grade. Make no mistake that there's still a gap between Hyundai and many of the vehicles that truly populate the near-luxury segment - and are priced to remind consumers of that.

Styling-wise, XG350 in its newest incarnation certainly looks more the part of a luxury car. It has a larger grill and sleeker projection-lamp headlights than earlier versions. Overall, the impression is of a vehicle exterior the way that Buick or Oldsmobile designers might have rendered one a few years ago,



The Hyundai XG350 is an especially roomy car by mid-size sedan standards.

with a touch of a Ford look thrown in. There's not a lot about the vehicle that is reminiscent of Japanese-owned luxury makes such as Lexus and

XG350 certainly drives nicely enough. There is substantial responsiveness from the 194-horsepower, dual-overhead-cam engine, which produces 216 pound-feet of torque at 3500 rpm, including not only dead-start situations but also acceleration on the freeway and around town. Shifting is smooth enough with the five-speed automatic transmission. There were times driving the car that I could have been forgiven for mistaking its performance for that of a near-luxury entry.

Inside, one of the most impressive things about XG350 was the copious sedating areas, both front and rear, and also the huge trunk. It's an especially roomy car by mid-size sedan standards. The leather seats are plenty comfortable, and the trim presents a bit of a sumptuous look, with burled wood and leather, that again can lead driver and passengers alike to mistake themselves for being aboard a much more expensive vehicle. A power sunroof and other accouterments add to the deception. There are even some nice touches that I'm not sure I've

seen elsewhere, such as the very sensible pairing of the interior switches to open both the trunk and the fuel lid - and the placing of them very conveniently on the lower driver-side front door.

At the same time, however, there are telltale indications – some of them very significant –that with XG350, Hyundai is more trying to simulate a near-luxury automobile for the price than actually to provide one. Some of the signs are small, but they add up to a subtle if significant feeling. For example, the CD player is a standard one-disk, in-dash model that lacks dynamic range - not the six-CD players that have become practically standard equipment in many near-luxury vehicles. And while much of the interior trim looks rich, the car's headliner material looked and felt ordinary at best. The instrument panel and controls clusters, while practically laid out for the most part, lacked any pizzazz or even stylishness. And the lack of any kind of navigation system was a glaring one.

Hyundai is getting closer to being able to provide near-luxury at standard prices. But it's still got a ways to go.

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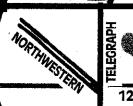


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