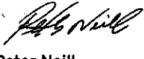


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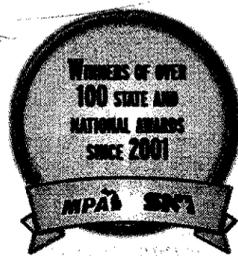
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Low Stevens honored in Washington

BY JACK GLADDEN
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"It was great ... a great experience. But we paid a high price for it." That's how Karen Stevens, widow of Canton Police Officer Low Stevens, summed up last week's ceremonies in Washington, D.C., honoring police officers from around the country who had been killed in the line of duty. Stevens' name was added to the wall of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, along with those of 144 other officers who were killed last year, and an additional 217 officers who had just been identified as having been killed in previous years. The names of more than 16,500 officers killed on duty are listed on the memorial.

Stevens was killed in July of last year when his parked patrol car was struck by a speeding motorist.

The Washington ceremony marked the culmination of weeklong ceremonies honoring fallen police officers.



Stevens

"They do a very nice job," Karen said. "They provided a lot of support sessions for the survivors - mothers, fathers, sisters."

Gordon Stevens, Low's father, was present along with other members of the family. "It was an impressive ceremony," he said. "We had all kinds of speakers. The president spoke for about 15 minutes, then walked around and shook hands with everybody. We even got our pictures taken with him."

In addition to Stevens' name being added to the memorial, a plaque produced by the Canton Police Department was also on display along with other mementos from the family.

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"The plaque and mementos will stay there for police week," said Karen. "Then they collect it and it goes into the memorial museum."

At a candlelight ceremony, the names of all of the fallen officers were read aloud.

"The candlelight ceremony was very emotional for me," she said.

The next day, at a ceremony on the Capitol grounds, events were impressive, but tiresome.

"It was 95 degrees," Karen said. "Because of security, we had to be on a bus at 8:30 in the morning. Once on the bus we were locked in. It was 10:45 by the time we got to the Capitol grounds. It was very hot."

"We had umbrellas, but we couldn't use them when the president was around because of security concerns."

Despite the heat and the security precautions, she was impressed with the ceremony and the conduct of President George W. Bush.

"He did his speech, then he came down with us and probably spent two hours talking to us individually," she said.

When she shook hands with Bush and had her picture made with him, she introduced him to her father-in-law, a World War II veteran.

"Bush asked him if he had been to the Veterans' Memorial," she said. "He was very nice."

In addition to Stevens' family, Police Officer Dave Bolgesic was Karen's official escort officer. And six members of the Canton department's honor guard also took part in the ceremonies.

Officer Davey LeBlanc and Lt. Rob Cripe also attended the ceremonies to pay tribute to their fallen friend and fellow officer.

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Heart of the Home
 The strawberry is main feature of cookbook compiled by high school students.

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Western fun

Canton seniors will hit the spotlight once again with this year's production of *How the West was Fun* by James L. Seay at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Summit on the Park.

"It's a farce, a comedy and a western all in one," said Dianne Neihengen, senior coordinator. "The story takes place at the Red Stocking Dance Hall in Prairie Dog, Kansas." The family entertainment, suitable for children, includes 14 cast members and 25 members of the Sounds of Canton band. Tickets are \$6. For more information, call the senior center at (734) 394-5485.



Parade of survivors

Alyssa Swanson, the youngest cancer survivor at the relay at age 7, is carried by her mother, Denise Swanson in the parade of survivors that began the weekend Relay for Life in Heritage Park. Please turn to page A6 for a story on the relay and more photos.

Shift in focus has students taking ownership

BY BRAD KADRICH
 STAFF WRITER

In the not-so-distant past, fifth-grade students would have been lined up in desks laid five across and six deep, listening dutifully as their teacher droned on through the day's lesson plan.

But it isn't your parents' fifth grade any more. Fast forward to 2004, and

Debbie Cortellini's classroom at Allen Elementary School in Plymouth is abuzz with interactivity, students and teacher making their way in a much more collaborative fashion through everything a student needs to know to advance to middle school. The days where the teacher stands in front of the room

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Today's Lesson



Today we continue a yearlong look at public education by going inside an elementary school classroom to see how teachers creatively adapt state standards and the local curriculum to the needs of students.

Canton Cinema 6 to become Cinema 7

BY JACK GLADDEN
 STAFF WRITER

After months of start, stop and start over, the Canton Cinema 6 won site plan approval from the Planning Commission Monday night to become the Canton Cinema 7.

The request now goes to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

Bob Goodrich, owner of Goodrich Theaters of Grand Rapids, said with the renovation of the present six-screen theater and the addition of a separate building for a seventh screen, the theater will be able to continue offering first-run movies to Canton audiences.

"With the renovation, we'll actually be reducing the number of seats," he said.

With the addition of stadium seating to the present auditoriums, the seating capacity will be reduced from 1,563 seats at present to 1,244.

While some commissioners expressed concern over the adequacy of parking, Goodrich said the theater has an agreement with Frank's Nursery next door to share parking.

"Even when you look at the number of seats," he told the commission, "you have to understand that we never have all auditoriums filled to capacity at any given time."

The project has been ongoing for several months, and was announced after Imagine Theaters got the go-ahead to build an 18-screen theater at Ford and Lotz, in the Home Depot center.

At a planning commission meeting in March to consider the special land use request for Cinema 7, representatives of Imagine and Goodrich got into a bit of a bickering match - among themselves and sometimes with commissioners - over the Cinema 7 project.

The debate was basically stirred by the competitive nature of the two operations. Imagine representatives were questioning whether the special land use for Cinema 7 was "a benefit to the community" by simply adding one more screen.

And they complained that Goodrich's "market coercion" with film distributors would not give movie-goers a chance to choose the theater in which they wish to view a movie, since the same picture would not be showing at both Imagine and Cinema 7.

But Commissioner Ron Lieberman said it was not the business of the planning commission to get involved in "competitor issues."

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PINK will be edited by Wendy White, a talented young journalist. She previously worked for our sister publications, *The Northville Record* and *The Milford Times*, before joining *The Daily Tribune* in Royal Oak. She's smart, alert, poised and "with it" - just what we think PINK will



Phil Power

convey to our readers. Why put out a new publication just now, especially one with such an edgy title? Simple. There's nothing like it now being produced in this area. Monthly sections in magazines really don't cut it, and the big downtown papers are so generic they have trouble making the connection with their readers in their own hometowns. PINK's colorful pages will focus on the looks of the season, fashion trends and bargains, decorating and entertaining

advice. It will profile women who are leaders in their fields and how they got that way, and at the same time it will provide a how-to guide for readers who want to cocoon and make a warm nest for their families. The business proposition is pretty sound, as well. Women in southeastern Michigan shop more malls, more stores and more often than men. According to the January 2004 *Scarborough Report*, women buy

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Feeding the mind
 On Sunday we'll continue our series on education by accompanying a high school student through a day of classes.



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Canton Library chief honored with Athena Award

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Her hands reached for her face in total shock.

"It was just wonderful being nominated," said a surprised Canton Public Library Director Jean Tabor, when it was announced she is the 2004 Athena Award winner. "It doesn't seem right to be awarded for something I love doing."

Tabor, who has led the library since 1985, was among five nominees for the award, this year, for the first time, hosted by the Canton Business and Professional Women's Association.

The award was established in Canton in 1991 and was annually sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

"You see why we had such a hard time picking the winner," said Clarice Killian, BPW membership director, after highlighting each nominee. In addition to Tabor, nomi-

nees were Gail Scott, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council; Cheryl McInerney, director of the Exploration Station at the St. Joseph Mercy Medical Building in Canton; Joan Noricks, Canton Community Foundation executive director; Tamara Natyev-Smola, co-owner of Central City Dance.

"We had so many women in the Canton community who are so appropriate for this award," said former Athena winner and financial planner Phyllis Wordhouse. "You are all role models."

Award recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Be a business owner/professional - man or woman - who demonstrates support and assistance to professional women.
- Display excellence in business or a profession.
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- Exhibit initiative and creativity which enhances the



Phyllis Wordhouse, a former Athena Award winner, congratulates this year's winner, Jean Tabor, director of the Canton Public Library.

efficiency of the business and profession.

community. Tabor has long been a mover and shaker in the library world and at the

Canton Library, in particular. She began with the Canton library in 1981 as the adult services-reference librarian and in 1985 was appointed director.

Tabor is chair of the MetroNet, a consortium of libraries, a volunteer with the University of Michigan School of Library Science and board member with the state library association.

Tabor also led the library's two renovations and instituted the library's first automated system.

But first, "she is a mother, wife and grandmother," Wordhouse said. And lots of fun. "There has never been a casino she doesn't love."

Canton Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter, who honored Tabor with a township board resolution, called the library director an inspiration, who is known for professional excellence and demonstrates all of the qualities of the Athena Award. Tabor reaches out and

encourages others to succeed and opens the way for their success.

"She is dedicated to the Canton community and is a true inspiration to all who come in contact with her," Kirchgatter continued.

Tabor also was awarded a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition from U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter.

Guest speaker Tess Marshall, author of *Flying by the Seat of Your Soul*, praised Tabor and the other nominees.

"Through your work you have made the world a more caring place," said Marshall, who has a master's degree in counseling psychology and works with executives and managers to reach goals. "These five women have shown us its possible to spread their wings over the gloom and doom."

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'Dedicated Cantonite' is about getting involved in the community

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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Clarice Killian calls herself a "dedicated Cantonite."

She's not even originally from here — but long before Canton was really on the map of suburbs, Killian drove all the way from Allen Park to shop at Meijer.

"A girlfriend moved here first," said Killian, long associated with the Canton

Chamber of Commerce and Business & Professional Women's Association.

Killian and her husband, Mike, followed in 1979. "I became a mom here," said Killian, mother of Colleen and Brian, both grown up.

That meant she got involved, a trait Killian obviously has maintained even after her kids became adults. But the Plymouth-Canton schools was where Killian

introduced herself to Canton. She served as president of the Fiegel PTO.

The school district remained her focus even after her kids grew and she decided to return to the business world. Retail and marketing were always her focus. She has a degree in both and after college became the youngest buyer in the history of the Macy Corp.

Born in Duluth, Minn., Killian's dad was career Coast Guard, who had been in Korea and later suffered a stroke at a relatively young age. But he had saved the life of a man who was from Toledo.

"He told my dad to come to Toledo and he would have a job," Killian said.

In 1957, her family moved. And Toledo is where she developed her love and her start in retailing at LaSalle's, a Macy's-owned store. "It was exactly what I wanted to do. I really wanted to get into a training program."

With a professor, Killian started the Toledo Retail Association, a forum that brought in guest speakers for



Killian

retailers. Killian married her college sweetheart, Mike, and his work with Blue Cross brought them to Allen Park. Motherhood

didn't totally keep Killian from the retail world. She sold Rubbermaid and worked at a women's clothing store in Southland mall.

Beginning in 1981, Killian worked under a grant through the school district for students with special needs — kids who needed to be trained for the job market. Until 1988, Killian worked with students at the Canton High School store, teaching them retailing, ordering merchandise, advertising and personnel. Years later she would teach night school, helping people learn how to start their own businesses. "I love talking with people and making them happy," she said.

Retail beckoned again and she headed to Toys 'R Us, as an assistant store director.

Long hours prompted yet another change.

"I like dealing with people," she said. "I loved working with the parents who came in and were going to adopt. They would hand over their American Express and say, 'Give me one of everything.'"

Thankfully, Killian was there and steered them straight: "I told them they didn't need everything now."

Cementing relationships is an art for Killian. Even the parents who worked with her through the toy store would come back with the babies they adopted.

"I especially loved working with the grandmothers," she said.

Tom Sullivan, former Canton planning commissioner, was president of Cleary College and she took over as director of purchasing and bookstore operations.

Now retired, Killian continues her work with the chamber and the BPW. "It is about women helping women," she said of the BPW, which was founded in Canton in 1981. The BPW's focus includes

providing scholarships to non-traditional students, such as women who return to college later in life. Another focus is the Reality Store, which travels to middle schools and helps students "learn how to get a handle on money and how to choose a good career," Killian said.

"The kids have to go through 14 stations of life," she said. "We are really able to influence kids," she said.

Killian talks about a boy who was really interested in becoming a chef. Killian told his mom about the culinary program at Schoolcraft College. "He then changed his career path at high school."

Besides plenty of retail work, Killian's resume includes a host of volunteer activities including the Lions Club, St. Vincent de Paul through Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, a bell ringer with the Salvation Army, working with First Step and Goodfellows.

"I think Canton is a wonderful community," Killian said. "I just like to give back to where I live."

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are long gone and that's good, according to Cortellini, a four-year teacher at Allen Elementary.

"The more we can do hands-on, the more they can be an active participant, the more they're going to get what we're teaching," said Cortellini, who returned to the teaching grind after taking time out to be a full-time mom. "If they're not involved, they don't take ownership."

In the Plymouth-Canton district, the kids take ownership right from the beginning of the day. Allen Elementary Principal Marcia Moore gets the school day started the same way Laura Ingalls Wilder might have — by ringing a very large bell. "We're so-o-o-o high-tech," she says with a laugh.

When the kids are settled in their rooms, one of the school's scout groups goes on the public address system to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, then goes out and raises the American flag. Student council officer Paige Goodwin then goes on the air with her daily "Words of Wisdom," the continuation of a practice the school started when it was going through its accreditation process.

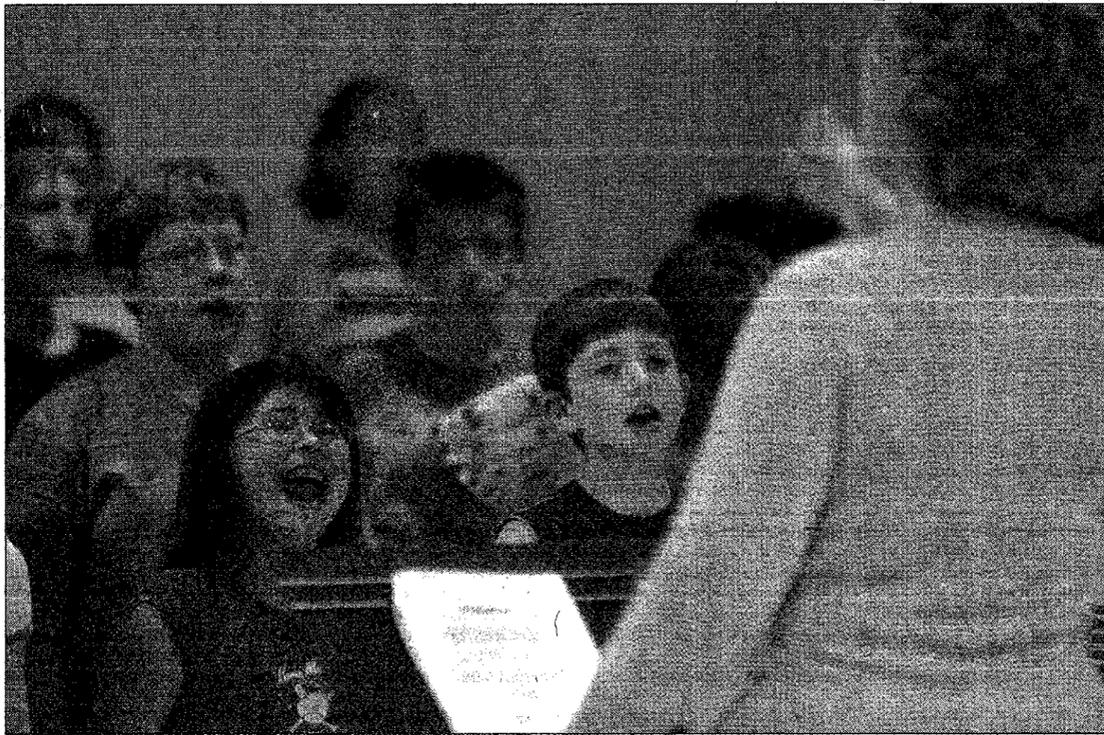
"We were using it to reach a goal of student participation," said Moore, Allen's principal for five years. "She picks through the choices and decides which one she's going to read. We were worried the kids weren't listening, but then she read one she'd read earlier, and the kids noticed."

Every class also produces a 10-minute news broadcast, aided by the school's media specialist, who broadcasts directly from the classroom. The broadcast includes weather, sports, school events and even a "Joke of the Day."

It's all a way to make use of technology Moore said was "under-used."

"We wanted to give our kids the opportunity to use something besides computers," Moore said. "It gives them ownership of school programming. It makes us feel more like a family."

Technology plays a big role at Allen, as it does in most schools these days. For instance, Cortellini and her students grade math papers



Allen Elementary fifth-graders, including 11-year-old Caitlin Caragay (left) and 10-year-old Ben Berger sing during rehearsals with music teacher Cathy Feldman for a musical performance students are scheduled to put on for their parents Thursday night.

together, and she moves to the computer to enter the grades directly.

Students do research, reading and Power Point presentations, the kinds of things their parents never had to do. With the percentage of homes with access to the Internet going up, Cortellini thinks the World Wide Web has become an invaluable source for students.

"I can't give them all this information; there's just too much," said Cortellini, who said she's taken "every computer course I could get" to keep up. "The kids can do pretty much any application. We usually have two or three kids who are better at it than me."

Brian Schwartz, an 11-year-old from Plymouth, might just be one of them. Brian said he got his first computer "when I was 5 or 6," and has used them "a lot" since then.

"There are a lot of different things you can do," said Brian, the son of Barb and Steve Schwartz. "You have a lot of power with a computer."

Even with the Internet, teachers still have to teach the

basics — reading, writing and arithmetic. Using a curriculum required by the state but tweaked by the district, students get an hour of "special" class time — music, gym, art or the library. They also get an hour of math and then the language arts — reading, writing and spelling.

But the classroom work is supplemented with journals and music performances and field trips, such as the recent one to 35th District Court in Plymouth, where judges took the time to explain the proceedings to the youngsters.

They also have their own little "mini-society" set up, where students take on a nickname and adopt a country, then build their own little community. Cortellini's class is "The Funky Monkeys," from *The Planet of the Apes*.

As such, they've developed "Monkey Moolah" and sell planetary products. Cortellini also uses the "Moolah" as a teaching method. For instance, she hands out money for chores well done and "fines" students when they don't follow instructions.

"It really gives them a lesson in how our world works," said Cortellini, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University.

All of that is designed to meet the needs of students in an increasingly technological learning environment in a society that caters to instant gratification.

"The paradigm has clearly changed," said principal Moore. "It's interactive and cooperative, to a large extent. It's hands-on. Many children do not learn by the lecture method. We need to make learning accessible in a variety of ways."

Cortellini, who uses a voice amplifier draped around her



Allen Elementary School fifth-grade teacher Debbie Cortellini quizzes her students on fractions during an interactive classroom session. Cortellini, who has taught at Allen for four years, says kids who are involved in the classroom take ownership.

neck so students hear clearly, enjoys the interactivity of it all. She puts study requirements on the blackboard in a priority list her students have come to expect.

She helps them organize their work, and their thoughts, through a hectic day of learning. She also draws smiles and cheers when she decides to end the school day by reading a story. All of which is fine with her students.

Puja Patel, a 10-year-old from Canton, says learning is her favorite part of the process.

"I love school," said Puja, the daughter of Rina and Hitesh Patel. "It has lots of fun activities and you learn while you're having fun."

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Federal mandates challenge districts

No Child Left Behind impacts already crowded schedules

When asked how the state of Michigan sets curricula for schools, Jeremy Hughes, chief academic officer for the Department of Education, said it's important to understand what curriculum means.

"To us it means the manner in which students are taught, the materials used ... The state of Michigan doesn't set curriculum, that's left to the school districts," Hughes said.

What the state does is provide a set of goals and standards for each subject at different grade levels.

"What happens is the state has a process in which educators, parents, business leaders set standards for what ought to be taught, what kids ought to know," Hughes said.

The Michigan Curriculum Framework develops benchmarks, defines an outcome for each subject and provides resources for local districts to develop their curricula. These standards are approved by the State Board of Education.

The introduction to the framework says, "The goal of the curriculum framework is to improve student achievement by aligning classroom instruction with core curriculum content standards and national content standards. It is designed as a process for the decision-making that guides continuous school improvement."

The standards are linked to the Michigan Education Assessment Program, the tests that were designed to measure the effectiveness of a school's program and have now become the test used for the state's compliance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

So even though Michigan does not "set" the curriculum for local districts, it effectively steers it through the MEAP tests.

"Right now the state has a powerful influence over curriculum through the state's assessment tests, which are based on the standards," Hughes said. "Teachers, knowing the standards which will be tested, will set the curriculum to match the standards."

Beginning in 2005, the No Child Left Behind Act requires that children be tested annually on math and reading in grades 3-8. Hughes said the Michigan Curriculum Framework had been designed to set standards for a cluster of grades — early elementary, upper elementary, middle school and high school. It is now being revised to set standards for each grade.

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent James Ryan said the NCLB tests have presented a challenge to local districts.

"The challenges for us have been in the required testing," Ryan said. "Trying to figure out how to do that and still get all the teaching you want to get in for the 180 days you have I think makes it more of a challenge."

"My major concern is how do you work those mandates into an already busy schedule that includes MEAP testing, Iowa testing (national achievement)," he added. "How do you make this happen in an already packed schedule?"

Hughes said school districts have concerns about the new standards because some subjects that were once taught at a higher grade level are now being required at a lower grade. School administrators have expressed concerns that students will not be able to meet the new standards. They

are also expressing concern about new tests based on standards that students are not yet required to meet.

"Children are doing these things in other countries," Hughes said. "International standards are playing into these standards. When you say an eighth grader can't do algebra, other students in other countries are doing algebra. We're not willing to back off."

Hughes said the state has been working to allay district concerns. He said beginning with the 2005-2006 school year the MEAP tests will have two parts, one will test on standards in place at the present time; the other will test on standards that will be in place in the next four to five years. The questions will be combined randomly and students won't know which questions are which.

Test scores and state school report cards will be based on the Part 1 questions but districts will be told how their students performed on Part 2 questions to help them in adjusting their curriculum.

In addition to the state's influence over curriculum, the federal government is also asserting an indirect influence through the NCLB requirements.

"They require, quote, each student should develop high, rigorous academic standards, unquote. The government holds a mirror up to you. They come and look at your assessment program," Hughes said. "In June they'll send a team to look at our MEAP tests. They don't review our standards but they do review our tests."

Hughes said Michigan falls somewhere in the middle when compared with other states based on the testing benchmarks used by the federal government.

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Ride of a lifetime

Ground Zero to D.C.
Canton officer pedals
for slain brethren

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

For Canton Police officer Andrew Curry it was the bicycle ride of a lifetime - 300 miles from Ground Zero in New York City to Washington, D.C.

The purpose of the ride - the Police Unity Tour - was to raise awareness and money for the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund for a memorial to honor all law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

This year's ride and ceremony had special meaning for Curry and for the family of

Officer Lew Stevens, who was killed last year when his parked patrol car was struck by a speeding motorist.

After the four-day ride, along with more than 400 other officers from around the country, Curry arrived in Washington in time for ceremonies at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Stevens' name, along with those of 144 police officers who were killed last year, was added to the memorial.

"It was a very moving ceremony," Curry said. "Lew's family was all there."

For his part, Curry had to raise \$1,500 in pledges to go toward the memorial fund.

"I raised well over that," he said. "Businesses and residents in the community were very generous."

The tour started in 1997 with

18 officers. This year more than 400 officers participated and, collectively, raised \$600,000.

"Planet Cycle was a big contributor for me," Curry said. "They let me borrow a road bike to ride in the benefit. And Varmint Police rented a 15-passenger van to take me and three other officers from the area to New York and back."

Curry said he also got support and money from Lighthouse Car Wash on Ford Road, the Rusty Nail, Cracker Barrel Party Store, Maria's Italian Bakery, High Velocity Sports, the Arctic Edge, Westland Car Care in Westland and the Amoco Station at Cherry Hill and Canton Center.

"And there was a lot of support from residents," he said. "It was a big success."

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Students take concepts beyond single subject area

It's a conversation that takes place in living rooms across the country every afternoon.

"What did you do in school today?" asks a parent, whose child gives the same answer almost every day: "Nothing."

The answer contrasts the constant motion in Mary Ernat's fourth-grade class at Westland's Schweitzer Elementary School.

To an outsider, the activity in the classroom looks random, even disorganized. But to Ernat, it is all part of the big picture, the yearlong curriculum which teaches the students mathematics, social studies, science and reading skills.

One day last week, the students were learning about probability, part of the six-week fractions mathematics unit. To help illustrate the concept of probability, they learned how to play a dice game.

In groups of four, the students were engaged in rolling dice and adding up their scores. Every group started by playing and having fun, but each at their own pace. The groups began to grasp the concept of probability, without really realizing they had learned the lesson quickly.

"Rachel, you have to roll again. That's two out of five chances you'll get ones or fives. C'mon and take the risk," said Ian D'Arcy, to his classmate, Rachel Kautz. Just like that, they understood probability.

After the game the students discussed how probability applies to their every day lives.

Whenever possible Ernat teaches concepts across the curriculum, so the reading selection for the day was a book titled *Do You Want To Bet?* The social studies lesson applied fractions and probability to the land and water unit, and the students discussed the ratios of land to water in Michigan.

"Math is a difficult subject, so I want the students to see that math is not just about math. It applies to other aspects of their lives," Ernat said.

Math is particularly difficult



Cody Allen and Lindsay Thomas listen to the lesson before trying their hand at a game to understand and learn about probabilities in Mary Ernat's fourth-grade class at Schweitzer Elementary School.

when the classrooms, which are not air conditioned, grow warm and humid, like they did last week.

"On a good day, the students can focus on one lesson for about 40 minutes. This group of students is really good that way, but I'm always watching for cues that they have had enough, and I don't have a problem with ending that lesson or activity and moving on to something else. We can pick up the lesson again later in the day," she said.

Similarly, when the students are engaged in a lesson, Ernat is not likely to cut them off to maintain the day's lesson plans. "We'll just keep going, and make up what we're missing in another subject later," she said.

Most of the lessons are taught in the classroom, but the students are assigned homework approximately three times per week, and they have reading goals of about 20 minutes per day, five days per week.

Teachers have a lot of influence in choosing curriculum, Ernat said.

Ultimately, the Board of Education adopts curricula, but the teachers serve on the curriculum council and on departmental committees which make recommendations to the

board, Ernat said.

"Lately we've been aligning the curriculum with Michigan standards and benchmarks," she said. "We have to choose a curriculum which will help the students to meet those standards."

She has been teaching the same science curriculum for five years, mathematics for four, reading skills for four and social studies for six years.

The new social studies unit, Michigan and the Civil War, began last week. Students read *Dear Austin: Letters from the Underground Railroad*, then Ernat tied the reading lesson into writing lessons in which students write opinion papers about the fugitive slave laws.

As much as the curriculum keeps the students busy - with four or five subjects being taught during an average school day - the day is packed with other activities, as well. Every day the students leave the classroom for a "special," a once-a-week lesson in music, media, art, physical education or life skills.

And there was the visit from the students' Lincoln Elementary pen pals, a cook-out, a spelling test and time for unstructured writing and reading.

No one injured during boxcar's lone journey

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Steve Faiman saw a sight Tuesday you don't see every day.

Faiman, a foreman for the City of Plymouth's Municipal Services Department, watched in surprise as a lone boxcar eased through a railroad crossing all by its lonesome.

The runaway boxcar, which police said was moving anywhere between 15-25 mph, traveled through Canton and Plymouth Townships before finally being stopped in Westland.

"I saw the car go through the Farmer Street crossing by itself at about 15 mph and head towards the Main Street crossing," said Steve Faiman, a foreman for the City of Plymouth's

Municipal Services Department. "I drove over to the Main Street crossing to make sure the gates went down, and then called it in to police dispatch."

Faiman said he raced over to the Ann Arbor Trail and Mill Street crossings to make sure the gates went down there, too.

According to Plymouth Township Det. Sgt. Bob Antal, some of the railroad crossing gates worked while others didn't, but no injuries were reported.

"They were able to get a locomotive connected with it, and got it stopped," Antal said.

No information was available as to why the boxcar broke free.

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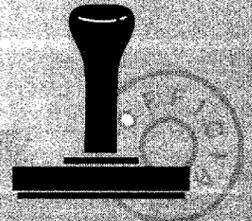
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Agnes M. Arndt, 72, of Farmington, died May 15.
- B**
Phyllis I. Bannan, 74, of Southfield, died May 16.
Percy Melton Bardy, of Livonia, died May 15.
- C**
Deeanna Joy (Tiedeman) Carmichael, of Holly, died May 18.
- H**
Hilton A. Henderson, of Livonia, died May 14.
James E. Holaday, 78, of Farmland, Ind., died May 16.
- W**
James E. Wing, 49, of Novi, died May 15.



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Mom charged in death of son will stand trial

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Jennifer Ann Avery, charged with murder in the drowning death her 11-month-old son last year, was bound over to Wayne County Circuit Court for trial last week after two different examiners found her competent to stand trial.

Avery has been charged with first-degree murder, felony murder and first-degree child abuse. An arraignment is scheduled in Circuit Court for May 28.

At her District Court arraignment last year, her attorney, Donald W. Teichman,

requested a competency exam and she was sent to the Ypsilanti forensics center for evaluation.

In March of this year prosecutors told the court the forensics center had found her competent to stand trial. At that time Teichman asked for an independent competency exam.

At last week's hearing that exam also found her competent.

Avery was arrested last October after calling Canton Police and telling them her son, Bryan, had slipped in the bathtub and was not breathing. He was taken to Annapolis

Hospital in Wayne where he was pronounced dead.

At her original arraignment in District Court Canton Detective Chad Baugh testified that Avery subsequently confessed to drowning her son.

"During an interview the defendant confessed that there was a good person and a bad person inside here," Baugh testified. "She said the bad person told her to hold her son under water until he stopped breathing."

After the arraignment Avery's father, Frank St. John of Berkeley, said that his daughter had a history of mental health problems.



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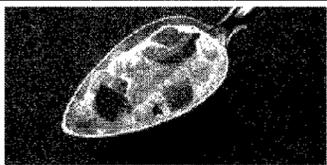


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Walk of Hope



One of the highlights of the Relay for Life is a walk by cancer survivors. Here supporters line the walkway, giving applause, support and plenty of high-fives.

Relay for Life breaks the \$200,000 mark

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Debbie Zevalkink was ecstatic and Sir Bittie McCloud was, well, he was just tired.

Zevalkink, who's the coordinator for Canton's annual Relay for Life, was thrilled because this year's event — the sixth annual one in the township — broke the \$200,000 mark in raising funds to fight cancer — \$207,418 to be exact.

"It was awesome," Zevalkink said after the weekend event. "We're just thrilled. It's such a great community event. We call it a party in the park with a purpose."

And Sir Bittie — or just Bittie for short — was tired because it was his first time to walk the track as a cancer survivor.

And that wasn't the only first. Bittie was the first dog ever to participate in the event.

Bittie is owned by Jeff and Jessie Lewis of Howell, who were walking in this year's relay with the team, That's Enough from Ann Arbor.

Bittie, 7½ years old, a Great Pyrenees, was diagnosed with



Entertainment during the 24-hour Relay for Life include a performance by Katie Schwalm who sang, "God Bless the USA" by Lee Greenwood.

bone cancer in his right front leg last year. The leg was amputated.

"He lost some weight," Jeff Lewis said. "But he survived. So we decided to bring him with us to the relay this year. This is the first one we've been able to make."

Bittie was the hit of the survivors' walk, which took place at 10 a.m. Saturday around the walking track in Heritage Park. Wearing a red survivors T-



Sue Bass, a cancer survivor, is helped by Ginnie Hauck, also a survivor during the Relay for Life.

With 54 teams breaking the \$200,000 mark, Curves for Women's team was the highest team fund-raiser, bringing in more than \$11,000.

shirt, he led Lewis on the walk. Lewis had a wagon for him but Bittie wanted to walk.

"He didn't want to get in that wagon," Zevalkink said. "I guess he was too proud." Bittie made it halfway around the track.

"Then he got tired," Lewis

said. "So we had to bring him back to the tent."

Bittie's appearance in the walk was a first, Zevalkink said.

"We usually don't let dogs in the park during special events," she said. "But he was special."

And so was the relay. With 54 teams breaking the \$200,000 mark, Curves for Women's team was the highest team fund-raiser, bringing in more than \$11,000.

The National Honor Society team from the high schools was the highest youth team fund-raiser, with \$9,500 in contributions.

And Zevalkink, herself, was the highest individual fund-raiser (for the second year in a row) with \$4,100 and still counting as of Monday.

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'That's Enough,' a group of family and friends of Dan Drouillard who died of cancer, have been attending Relay for Life for the past 4 years. Team captains are Tina, Drouillard's daughter, and Tom Jones. With them at far left is Lisa Merrill. The team has a medieval theme and raise money by having mock battles or jousts that kids or adults can participate in for a fee.

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Liberty Fest offers spaghetti dinner, raffle

During the annual Liberty Fest, the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, a nonprofit organization, will be conducting its annual all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. The event will be held on Friday, June 18, starting at 5:30 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. The cost also includes a dessert and a beverage. The foundation will also sell merchandise such as golf shirts, fleece tops, hats, and cookbooks during the dinner.

In addition to the dinner, the foundation will also conduct its annual Liberty Fest raffle. The

drawing will be held at the conclusion of Liberty Fest. The grand prize is a three-night, four-day all-expense paid trip for two to the Excalibur Resort in Las Vegas. Tickets will be available starting on Friday, May 14, at Fire Station One, the spaghetti dinner, and the Firefighter display during Liberty Fest. Ticket cost is 2 for \$5.

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Chiefettes share pompon expertise

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
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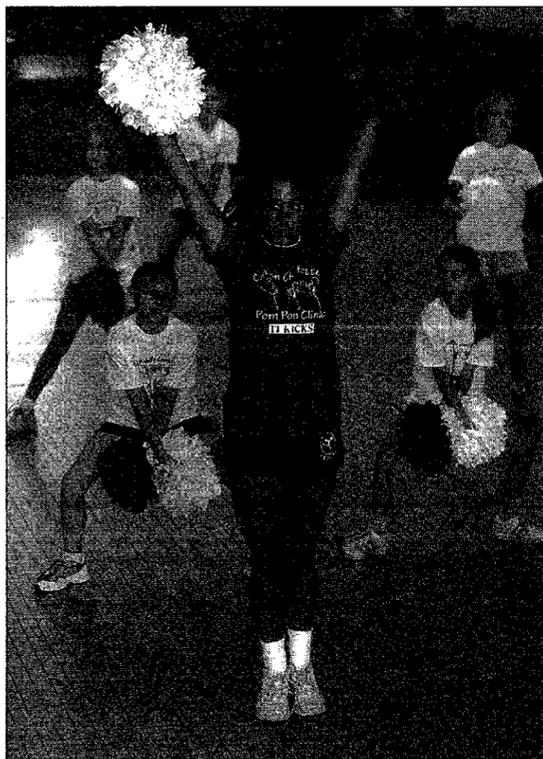
What could be better for a little girl than to learn pompon skills from the well-known Chiefettes?

"They come and learn a pompon routine and a dance," said CeCe Hinske, Chiefette director.

Every spring the Chiefettes host a clinic for younger girls to learn some basics - with an invitation to participate in the group's annual show in October.

Pompon involves a little dance, a little gymnastics and a whole lot of rhythm and precision. That's probably what draws so many young girls to the clinic. "So many of them these days are taking dance classes and gymnastics," Hinske said.

Unlike cheerleading, pompon squads do not do stunts and at all times, one foot must always be on the floor.



Canton varsity Chiefette Allison Ruda leads a group of young Chiefette hopefuls at an annual clinic. Just behind her are, (left) Samantha Juback, 9, and Leigh Collins, 9.

"Everything we do has to come off with a sense of precision," Hinske said.

The Varsity Chiefettes, who taught the younger girls at the clinic, include 28 members, while the junior varsity squad has 18 girls.

"At the end of the clinic, the girls get to show their parents what they learned," Hinske said.

While the varsity team led the clinic, the junior varsity team hosted a bottle drive to raise money for the Chiefettes.

Canton chief takes the helm of regional fire association

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Canton Fire Chief Michael Rorabacher was recently elected president of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs. He will serve as president for a period of one year.

Rorabacher has served on the executive board of this organization for the past three years.

The president is responsible for presiding over all business activities within the organization, appointing members to committees, and filling vacancies on committees when necessary.

"It's a networking group that meets monthly to discuss current topics," Rorabacher said.

"We provide a forum for chiefs to deal with issues of the day."

He said the area included in the association runs from Lansing and Jackson east to Detroit and from Bay City south to the Ohio border.

One of the main goals of the organization is to promote the advancement of fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical services, and other fire-related services for the preservation of life and property.

While the association is not political it does occasionally lobby in Lansing for issues that would seem to benefit fire departments.

"Right now there's a bill out of committee that would provide funding for fire department training," he said. "It

would place a small surcharge on house insurance that would be refunded to fire departments in the area. It's not a grant, but it would provide dedicated training funds for fire departments."

The association also sponsors an annual vendor show where fire truck and equipment makers get together in southeast Michigan to show off their wares.

"The communities (that) we serve expect a high level of service and yet we are faced with severe budget constraints and unfunded mandates," Rorabacher said.

"The SMAFC provides a forum for networking that allows fire chiefs access to many solutions for individual problems."

'Y' program matches volunteers with agencies

The YMCA Youth Volunteer Program was recognized by the Salvation Army at their annual Civic Recognition Dinner May 12.

The YMCA youth were honored for their participation — and extraordinary results — in the Salvation Army's bell ringing fund-raiser, during which 20 teens raised over \$450 by collecting donations at area businesses with a total of 40 hours of service.

The YMCA Youth Volunteer Program, funded by the Wilcox Foundation, matches Plymouth-area youth with community organizations.

"The program creates service-

learning opportunities for kids," explained Plymouth YMCA Director of Branch Operations Gina Peterson. "Our goal is to help every participant understand and believe in the difference their service can make in their community, the difference it can make within themselves."

A variety of agencies have partnered with the Y, including the Plymouth Cultural Arts Center, the Plymouth Chamber and the Plymouth Historical Museum. Service-learning projects range from sorting fliers for delivery to schools to providing leadership and encouragement in youth sports classes.

"Though the program

engages young people ages 11 to 18, adults also play a key role as activity captains," Peterson said.

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AROUND CANTON

TALK TO THE REP.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton will have office hours 3:30 - 5 p.m. Monday, May 24 at the Canton Township Library, 1200 Canton Center Road. LaJoy will answer questions and discuss current legislative issues with residents. No appointment is needed. Residents may call tollfree at 1-866-525-6921 for more information.

HISTORICAL ELECTION

The Canton Historical Society has two new trustees for 2004. Elected were Fred Bolden and Virginia Johnson, both of whom will serve three-year terms. Florence Bordine was elected to a second, three-year term. New officers also were elected. Dav Curtis will serve as president, Ronni Curtis as vice president, Terry Bennett as secretary and Kay Kuck, treasurer. Johnson and Bolden replace Bob Boyer and Marie Gentz, who will remain as society members. Johnson is a lifelong resident and longtime society member. Bolden and his wife Laura, moved to Canton in 1992. Bolden is also co-chair of the Liberty Fest Parade.

SALEM ROCKS

The annual Salem Rocks Football Golf Outing will be

Saturday, June 19 at Hickory Creek Golf Course. The scrambles format event starts at 11 a.m. and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch at the turn, dinner and prizes. The cost is \$85 per person. Optional games are \$10 per person. Dinner for non-golfers is \$20 per person. Register as an individual or team by June 12. For more information, call John Crabill at 734-459-9805.

A WINNER

Canton resident Officer Eric Marcotte, a graduate of Madonna University's criminal justice program in 2000 and former baseball player, was this year's winner of the "Your Choice" raffle prize, in which he selected a \$1,000 cash prize at the "Down Under" Dinner and Wine Tasting Auction Gala April 23. The event supports student scholarships at Madonna University.

HELP, PLEASE

Canton is looking for good volunteers to help with the annual Liberty Fest, Thursday, June 17-Sunday, June 20 in Heritage Park. The following help is needed:
 ■ Information Tent: Pass out balloons, flyers and information all weekend.

- Sports Den: Help with games all weekend.
 - Spaghetti Dinner: Help with set up and serving Friday night.
 - Taste of Canton: Help with set up and serving Saturday and Sunday.
 - Canton Historical Society: Help with tent, sell water Saturday and Sunday.
 - Village Theater: Help with activities all weekend.
- Volunteers will be asked to work four-hour shifts. If you are interested in helping, call Pat Van Dusen, volunteer coordinator at (734) 394-5193 ext. 5193 or Barb Adkins at (734) 394-5461.

VOCAL OFFERINGS

Witness the musical talents of P-CEP choir students at 7 p.m. May 26 when the Vocal Music Department offers the annual variety concert, Singation. In addition to the choirs, students will entertain with solos, duets, and a variety of combinations. This concert allows students to feature some of their favorite pop and rock music, and to show off their creativity in costuming, dancing and more. Singation also is an event to celebrate seniors in the program. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$4 for adults, \$3 for students or \$6 for a family.

Canton mother wants to stamp out eatery smoking

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Tina Allera felt sick to her stomach from the smell of cigarette smoke recently while she was having breakfast in a Canton restaurant with her two young children. "I couldn't wait to get out of there," Allera said. "I told everyone (her son Dan, 9, and daughter Emily, 7) to hurry up and eat. It's so unappetizing when you're trying to eat and you have to smell cigarette smoke. I know a couple of places I was going to change their policy and I wondered how I can find out."

That began a quest for smoke-free restaurants in the township. An Internet search lead to the SmokeFree Michigan Web site, at www.smokefreemichigan.org that lists 15 eateries: Boston Market, Chuck E. Cheese's, Dunkin' Donuts, Good Food Co Deli-West, Kmart Café, McDonald's, Meijer Café, Quizno's, Subway, Target Food Avenue, Wendy's and White Castle, all on Ford Road; and Dunkin' Donuts-31 Flavors, Subway and Wendy's on Michigan Avenue.

When told about those dining establishments, Allera sounded a little disappointed as she noted that most were fast food restaurants. If it were up to state Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor), there would be no smoking in any Michigan restaurant. He presented Senate Bill 186 three years ago, but hasn't been able to get a hearing on the bill.

Frustrated last January, Basham launched an online petition drive asking supporters to include their names at www.smokefreediningpetition.com. So far, he's gotten more than 30,000 signatures.

"It's a great response," Basham said. "This is the third session I have introduced the bill and I never got a hearing."

The Web site promotes signatures on the Michigan Smoke-free Dining Act Petition, to help "support efforts to ensure that you, your family, and fellow diners have the right to eat in a public restaurant without being exposed to second-hand smoke, a Group A carcinogen that contains 4,000 chemicals, including 43 cancer-causing chemicals," according to the Web site.

Basham is hopeful that state Sen. Jason Allen, who chairs the Commerce and Labor Committee where the legislation is stalled, will grant a hearing this spring. In fact, Basham said, he was told he would have a hearing before summer.

"The legislation is a result of people coming to me complaining about second-hand smoke," Basham said. "This is not a partisan issue. It's not about just being a nuisance."

The bill is to protect people with lung and respiratory problems, as well as children with

developing lungs, Basham said. "There are many, many reasons there are warning labels on a packet of cigarettes," he added. "The governor, by the way, is going at it a different way by increasing the cigarette tax." Consider, he said, that 2,500 people in Michigan die every year from second-hand smoke and another 14,700 die from their own smoking.

It's interesting to note, Basham continued, that one of the opponents of a smoking ban in restaurants is the Michigan Restaurant Association. In California, where smoking is banned in restaurants, the restaurant association has become one of its biggest supporters. "They were against it at first, but now that it's in place they've found they're making more revenue," Basham said. "Nine states have dealt with the issue. Even the country of Ireland has, and Michigan refuses to pick up the issue. People need to contact their legislators and say they want this done. They need to contact their governor's office if they want this done."

Basham has charged that powerful tobacco lobbyists have also worked to keep the bill from getting a hearing.

Opponents argue that no smoking areas in restaurants have been required since 1989 and that seems to be a tough enough restriction.

Allera says she doesn't have specific health concerns, like asthma or other breathing problems, that necessitate her to avoid second-hand smoke. Allera says she just doesn't like dirty air wafting over her head, especially while she's eating.

And she doesn't avoid restaurants altogether if they allow smoking areas, but she does ask to be as far away from the smokers as possible.

Most of the time though, she added, the smoke and odor make their way to where she's sitting.

Other states, however, have been successful in smoke-free movements, such as California and New York, which have smoke-free laws for all public buildings. Delaware and Connecticut banned smoking in bars and restaurants last year.

Marx Cooper, a retired mortgage bank from Oak Park, heads the Michigan Coalition for SmokeFree Air.

He said earlier this year that it's ironic that the 75 percent of people who don't smoke have to put up with the effects of the people who do.

He also reported that 3,600 restaurants in Michigan ban smoking altogether without legislation.

Still, Allera would like to see the smoking ban law passed.

"I'm going to go on the Web site and sign my name on that petition," she said.

For more information about the smoke-free issue, go to www.smokefreediningpetition.com.

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Fowlkes: Experience will help lead district Campbell wants to give to district, community

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Campaigning for one of the two four-year terms on the Board of Education that will be filled in Wayne-Westland's June 14 school election was a decision Debra Fowlkes said was made after being asked to run again.

A former school board member — she served from 1993 to 1998 — Fowlkes had decided skip this year's race after her failed attempt to gain a board seat as a write-in candidate in 2003.

But several people encouraged her to run, citing her knowledge of "what it's like when a district goes down quickly."

"I want to be back on the board because it's going fine now, but they're going to have to make some tough decisions in the future," she said. "And they're going to have to take a lot of heat for those decisions. I can see down the road what's going to happen and think some members are not equipped to make the decision."

The Westland resident is married and has a married daughter.

She has a bachelor of arts degree in literature from Eastern Michigan University and master of science degree in health services administration from the University of Detroit-Mercy.

An employee of Care Choices HMO, she serves on the committee that planned the city's Martin Luther King Jr. observance and on the Westland Police and Fire Commission.

Fowlkes believes that it is her maturity that she would

bring to the board, if elected. In pursuit of her master's



Fowlkes

degree, she took a lot of finances classes and can now understand a spread sheet and contractual language.

She believes that the issues facing the district are the loss of enrollment and a need to continue to promote itself. Wayne-Westland, she said, has worked hard to be a class leader.

Fowlkes acknowledges that a lot of the district's money goes to such things as health care and teachers' salaries, but says she doesn't have a problem with paying those wages. You have to pay them, if you want to recruit the best people, she added.

"We have to make sure we get its name out there, get the good job the teachers are doing out there," she said. "They're doing a wonderful job. There used to be a time when the district didn't promote itself, but we have to move forward, we have to treat this like a business."

Fowlkes admits she would be inclined to do away with the state assessment test. She has never liked the MEAP test and believes it has served its purpose. If the state does away with the Merit Scholarship, then it needs to do away with MEAP.

"If the state does that, there would be no incentive to take the test," said Fowlkes, who favors the ACT test. "I dislike the fact that wealthier districts can opt out because the students don't need the scholarship money. If they keep

'I listen to the residents. I don't mind giving out my phone number to residents. I act on concerns, and rest assured that I will take care of issues within the power of being a board member.'

Debra Fowlkes
candidate

MEAP in the high school, they should do away with it in the lower grades."

According to Fowlkes, students do better, sitting in class learning. Taking the MEAP test, "throws them off." She also dislikes the fact that school improvement is tied to the tests.

She also would like to see the district put more into developing programs like offering a foreign language in the elementary schools as well as expanding the number of foreign languages that are offered.

Fowlkes believes her election will bring "a strong presence, knowledge, experience, maturity and class act" to the school board.

"I listen to the residents," she said.

"I don't mind giving out my phone number to residents. I act on concerns, and rest assured that I will take care of issues within the power of being a board member."

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The youngest of the six candidates in the Wayne-Westland June 14 school election, Chad Campbell is seeking one of the two four-year terms up for grabs because he wants "to give back to the community and to the school district."

"Wayne-Westland has given me so much, and now is the perfect time to give back," he said. "I'm a product of these schools, I went to these schools. I want to give back and be a role model for other students."

In his 20s, the Westland resident is a graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and Eastern Michigan University where he received a bachelor of business administration degree in human resource management. He currently is employed by BBDO Detroit as a project manager.

While he is new to campaigning for a seat on the school board, he has been a familiar face before the board. He has submitted letters of interest when the board filled vacancies last year created by the death of Mathew McCusker and by the resignation of Richard Eisiminger.

"I'm bringing myself to the public to see if they think I'm capable of filling a seat," Campbell said. "The board didn't want me, hopefully the public does."

Campbell said one attribute he would bring to the board is his youth. He believes he would breathe fresh air into the process.

"I'd bring a different, younger view on policy issues," he said. "I still remember studying for the MEAP. I have a relevant attachment to the schools and to the

people I would be representing."

He said his background in human resources also would be a plus along with his ability to work with various types of people, he said, adding that he is "not new to the concept of teamwork."



Campbell

As for issues, he would like to see the language of the state's sinking fund act rewritten to allow for the purchase of school buses and technology, but admits the biggest one facing the district is funding.

"It's going to be a serious issue in two years," he said. "We're in good shape now, and hopefully, we'll find creative ways to work with the situation. I hope we find something unique rather than do the usual fixes."

Like many of the other candidates, Campbell isn't a fan of the MEAP, but admits "we need a tool to measure improvement in the future."

"But whatever the test, it needs to be an accurate test to make sure we're making annual yearly progress," he said. "We need to make sure to keep it in line with what the state expects. We need some measure of what we do on a yearly basis."

But dumping the MEAP can't be a snap decision. According to Campbell, officials need to go to the affected parties and hear the pros and cons. Whatever would replace the MEAP has to be well thought out.

"There's classes now to prepare you for the ACT, but those who are not college-bound, we need to have some type of test for that group. We have to tailor

'I hope people will vote for someone who has a vested interest in the community. The community has a vested interest in me when I was in school and because of that I'd like to give back.'

Chad Campbell
candidate

the tests for the different interests of the children."

He believes the addition of a Junior ROTC program at the two high schools next fall is "long overdue" and a "great addition to our schools." He also thinks the high schools' freshman orientation programs, the partnering and pairing that go on are great.

"I remember going to high school and I remember being intimidated," he said. "Those programs identify and help out kids. If we do something that works, we need to implement it as soon as possible."

Campbell hopes his experience will help him get elected. He said that because he has never been involved in an elective office, he has no hidden agenda and that he is honest and trustworthy.

"I have worked extremely hard to be where I'm at today," he said. "I hope people will vote for someone who has a vested interest in the community. The community has a vested interest in me when I was in school and because of that I'd like to give back."

Firefighters host annual charity golf outing

The Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation, a nonprofit organization, is hosting its annual Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing at the Pheasant Run Golf Club on Tuesday, July 13.

The event will feature a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

The foundation hosts this event each year to raise funds to provide food, clothing, and shel-

ter to local families who have lost their home due to fire. In addition, funds raised during this outing are also contributed to organizations such as the Special Olympics, trauma and burn centers, children's hospitals and other local charities.

The cost of the outing is \$110 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, range balls, beverages, lunch, and a banquet with

open bar.

Hole sponsorships can be purchased for \$100 and banquet only tickets can be purchased for \$50.

For additional information about the Canton Firefighters Charity Foundation or to register for the Greg Unger Memorial Golf Outing, contact firefighter Mike Caruso at (734) 398-5262.

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Relay volunteers make it happen

Camaraderie, support, plenty of hugs and raising money for the continuing battle against cancer of all kinds annually draw hundreds of survivors, friends and family to Canton's Relay for Life weekend in Heritage Park.

The event that this year raised more than \$200,000 - a goal for local organizer Debbie Zevalkink - equally warms and breaks the heart. Besides raising money for the American Cancer Society, the Saturday-to-Sunday event brings cancer survivors together to celebrate, as well as to support those who are still battling the disease, and for all to mourn and remember those who have passed away.

Relay for Life also gives friends and family an opportunity to support their loved ones, a chance to express their feelings, and to do their part in raising money for the fight. Canton's proceeds this year put the community event over the top for all of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

The event - which this year drew a canine cancer survivor - wouldn't be possible, let alone as heartwarming, fun and financially successful without the dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly and with pleasure months in advance of the relay and throughout the relay weekend.

To be sure, many of the volunteers are survivors or family and friends of a survivor, or of someone who succumbed to the illness. Whatever the reason for drawing these amazing, hard-working volunteers, they must be thanked and praised.

Without these volunteers who give their heart to the relay and to all who participate, there would be no Relay for Life. There would be no Survivor's Walk, opening ceremony, lighting of luminaries or the raising of money.

These volunteers are the mold by which volunteers should be made. They give and give, and when the job is not quite done, they give again. Despite a weekend of being on their feet, of running here and there ensuring all who participate are comfortable and the relay runs smoothly, these volunteers are at work early Monday without a complaint of a lost weekend.

Canton is truly lucky to have caring people who are willing to give their hearts and their time to an incredibly worthy cause. And each year volunteers have more stories of the strength and determination they encounter with survivors and their families and friends.

A job well done. An effort well supported. These volunteers must be thanked and praised for opening their hearts, giving their time, and for opening their pocket-books, as well as encouraging others to do the same.

Make revitalized riverfront reality

"It's gonna happen."

That's the bottom line of Faye Nelson, a Troy resident who serves as CEO and president of the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. The Conservancy is the group that is spearheading the resurgence of the waterfront along the Detroit River.

Remember the days when it used to be said that the best view of Detroit and the Detroit River was from Canada? It won't be that way for long.

Detroit will soon join the likes of San Antonio and Chicago, which have found outstanding success with their river walks.

San Antonio, like Detroit, has a river with a rich history and built up its walkway with hotels, restaurants, a boat ride, craft center and plaza.

The vision of Nelson and the Conservancy for our river is wisely less intense.

It will include walking and bike paths, a GM plaza and promenade and a parking garage. In a big first for the state, the riverfront will include the new Tri-Centennial State Park and marina. It's the first urban state park in Michigan.

Notice that we called this our river. It belongs to Wayne County and Oakland, as well as Detroit.

"The suburbs have a lot, but we don't have the Detroit River," Nelson said.

Nelson said the Conservancy has had great success in receiving corporate support and a Kresge grant for the project. Now the organization is beginning its outreach to the public.

Now it's time for the public to get excited about the project, Nelson said, and you can have some fun doing it. There is a slogan contest under way called Rollin' Out the River. The intent is to come up with a slogan for the riverfront, with the winner being used in the opening event for the riverfront. E-mail slogans to www.detroitriverfront.org, or mail to Rollin' Out the River Contest, P.O. Box 02428, Detroit, MI 48202.



CELEBRATE MICHIGAN WEEK

Use discretion

This is in response to the article in the Filter - Pure Entertainment section of the *Observer* April 15.

The article was titled "Clown of Porn brings his humor to Magic Bag." Along with a large picture of Ron Jeremy is a rundown of his "credentials," if you will:

- The most well-known male porn star in the U.S.

- Was named Top Porn Star of All-Time by *Adult Video News*.

- He's an average guy whose job is having relations with beautiful women.

- He's starred in more than 1,600 films and directed more than 100.

I find it ironic that the subtitle of this newspaper section is "Pure" Entertainment.

When the evils of porn are so widely known in today's culture (statistically proven in cases of criminal sexual crimes; breakup of marriages, to name a couple), I cannot fathom how this kind of "entertainment" should be given such coverage. It's disgusting.

I hope you will use discretion in the future.

Barb Schmid
Canton

Best choice

My good friend Becky Moore is the best candidate for trustee of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

She has 25 years of experience as an educator, 11 of which she served as principal of Hulsing Elementary School in Canton. She is an outstanding leader and an honest citizen.

While serving as principal at Hulsing, she worked diligently to keep the lines of communication open between the school and parents. She vigorously encouraged parent participation at all grade levels. She was an extremely sensible disciplinarian. She strived to work with and conscientiously support teachers.

As a trustee, she will continue to uphold the highest level of leadership at that level. She has the trust and support of countless teachers, staff members, parents and students throughout the district. I hope that you'll come out and vote for her on June 14.

Michele Moran
Canton

Line item veto?

Wouldn't it be nice if the voters had the ability to use a line item veto on the proposed school bond for Plymouth-Canton? Short of this, I would like to see the bond issue split into several questions on the ballot. Residents should be able to vote yes or no on the items they think are truly needed at this time. I foresee the entire bond issue being voted down because of its high price tag including "nice to have" items that should be forgone under the current economic climate the school district faces.

While we may have schools that are in need of repairs, I question why we need to bring all schools to equilibrium with air conditioning at this time. I did not have air conditioning in my schools

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growing up, nor would I say my educational experience was significantly impacted from the lack of air-conditioned classrooms. I would consider this a nice to have luxury item when it is only used for such a limited time during the school year.

If money is so tight in the school district, where will we get the money to maintain the new systems and pay the utilities? Maybe a better way to save/raise money, and bring the schools to equilibrium, is to turn off the air conditioning in all the schools and auction off the units with any economic value.

I am also not convinced that a new elementary school is needed yet. Plymouth and Canton are growing communities, but is the school board asking for the money now just so they don't have to come back with a bond issue in a few years? Again, if money is so tight, where will the money come from to operate the new school?

Not more than 10 years ago, two new elementary schools sat empty for a year because the school district didn't have the money to operate them. I was under the impression that the school district is facing the worst financial crisis ever. Shouldn't the school district be avoiding the additional fixed costs of another school as long as possible?

If the school board had a good track record of asking for money when it is really needed, a few scars from some real belt tightening, and an economically justified bond request that correlates to the current economy, voters may be more inclined to accept the current bond issue.

Doug Broughman
Canton

Luxury tax

Five thousand dollars a year for water ("Locals query water-sewer officials," May 6)? Our (clean) family of four in Canton pays less than \$300. Assuming that the almost 1800 percent difference is down to landscape irrigation (and I can't think of anything else that would account for it), this is like driving an Abrams tank and then complaining that your fuel costs are too high.

Using treated drinking water for irrigation so you can grow unsuitable plants in your yard is not a fundamental need, it is a luxury. If you choose to waste it in that way, then it's fair enough that you should pay the price.

In fact, I would advocate imposing a luxury surcharge on non-essential uses of drinking water such as landscape irrigation. The revenues could then be used to improve efficiency and bring down the cost for the real essential uses. Anyone who objects to the additional charge can just turn off the lawn sprinkler. Simple.

Rachel McCormack
Canton

Justice over lies

My heart leapt for joy when I read your report about the Nehasil couple receiving justice and partial reimbursement in the jury trial over the moldy house they bought in Canton ("Family prevails in suit over moldy house," May 13).

They won against the Realtor, the previous owners and the home inspector who all denied responsibility. Of course, they wouldn't admit lying (or the legal terms "fraud" and "misrepresentation"). But it took a jury to see through the vague and weak laws created in Lansing which rarely protect the victims of owners who sell defective property only by lying.

And they get away with it after the typical lack of justice or compensation for the victims in this common, unscrupulous practice. The lawmakers care less. Granholm did nothing as the attorney general or governor. The representatives and senators ignore the complaints, too.

Apparently, we need more jury trials in civil cases. Hoping and waiting for efficient and strong laws is useless.

Beatrice Scalise
Plymouth Township

Mistaken identity

The Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit would like to set the record straight with your extensive readership as well as our many loyal contributors regarding the media reports within the last week of an alleged embezzlement by the president of the independent Goodfellow group in Harrison Township, Macomb County.

First and foremost, let it be made clear that the Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit is a completely separate and distinct organization from any and all other groups who use the Goodfellow name. We have no chapters, branches or affiliates anywhere.

The Goodfellow name began to be utilized by several suburban Michigan organizations as well as groups outside the state subsequent to our incorporation as the "Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit" 90 years ago. ...

We want to reassure everyone that our accounting systems and controls are as tight as they can be. ... Incidentally, as a practicing C.P.A. myself, I am completely comfortable that these procedures are necessary to provide the assurances to the public that our receipts and disbursements are proper and entirely within the scope of their high expectations of our organization. ...

Barry M. Grant, president
Old Newsboys' Goodfellow Fund of Detroit

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QUOTABLE

"They'd get frustrated when they had to go through the line again. It was a lot of fun. We learned about politics and how to vote. But I think the kids mostly liked getting out of class."

- Jordan Gorzalski, 13, a student at Canton Charter Academy at which students participated in a mock presidential election

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

There are plenty of cheers and jeers to go around

Cheers to Michigan State University President M. Peter McPherson, who announced last week his decision to retire at the end of the year. McPherson did a fine job for MSU during his 11 years as president (an unusually long term for anyone to head a major university these days.)

Recognizing that MSU had no business trying to ape Ivy League schools (let alone the University of Michigan), he focused attention on what Michigan State does best as a premier land grant university: applied research, service to the state (its agricultural cooperative extension program is among the nation's best) and relatively affordable access to higher education. A skilled political operator, McPherson figured out how to bring home the bacon from the state Capitol just down the road. But he also was a powerful spokesman for the needs of all of Michigan's universities, at a time when state budget makers seem to have far too little interest in preserving the quality of one of the nation's finest higher education systems. He will be missed.

Jeers to an apportionment process that has given us a Michigan congressional delegation so gerrymandered that not a single incumbent has any serious opposition, either in the August primary or in November. With no real choice of candidates in general elections, we appear to be moving toward a democracy in name only. Worse, the districts are now laid out so that they are either solidly Democratic or firmly Republican.

This means the real selection of candidates happens only in primary elections, which are almost always dominated by the most extreme partisans of either party, ultra-liberals for the Dems and right-wingers for the GOP.

The result is that most voters, who are relatively moderate partisans or outright independents, feel the political system in general and their representatives in Congress in particular are largely out of sync with their own views. And on top of all that, the sheer cost of campaigns also means that it is next to impossible to challenge an entrenched incumbent in a primary.

Cheers to Heidi Capraro, the Howell resident who teaches science to sixth-graders at Hillside Middle School in Northville. She was named the 2004-05 Michigan Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Department of Education. Capraro is one of those seriously engaged teachers you dream about: She's taught since 1990, was the recipient in 2002 of a national Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching and is president-elect of the National Middle Level Science Teachers Association. Great teachers make an enormous difference, and so it's very sad to observe the gradual deterioration in status and respect that teachers have received from

society over the past decade or so. I suspect many parents who complain about bad teachers are the same parents who regularly fail to get directly involved with their children's education by volunteering at school or even visiting a classroom from time to time.

Jeers to Bob LaBrant, a political operative for the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce. When I asked him recently if there was a deal between the chamber and Michigan Right to Life to jointly endorse state Rep. Clark Bisbee in the 7th Congressional Republican primary election, he demurred, saying, "The cabal theory is exaggerated." Turns out that's exactly what happened, just a week later. There is an old adage in the newspaper business: "You can always fool me. Once." Maybe LaBrant didn't outright lie, but he consciously misled your diligent reporter. He got caught and deserves to get called on it.

Sighs for the American soldiers in Iraq, so many of whom are serving with loyalty, professionalism and honor, but whose reputations have been smeared by the revelations of torture and abuse in Abu Ghraib prison.

This whole episode throws into sharp relief the parallels between the wars in Vietnam and Iraq. Both constitute wars of choice: Neither the Vietnamese communists nor the Iraqis under Saddam Hussein actually attacked us. President Lyndon B. Johnson chose to go to war in order to stop South Vietnam from going communist; President Bush chose to go to war in Iraq seemingly from the get-go, and subsequently produced a series of justifications, none of which were borne out by the facts.

Law, moral tradition and the teachings of most churches all sanction "just wars," which require a valid *casus belli* ("cause for going to war,") such as being attacked, as this nation was at Pearl Harbor.

The problem with Iraq is that the stated cause for going to war is now so muddled. War is a terrible business. Always it involves episodes of atrocities, torture, abuse, misjudgments. These can be tolerated by society as regrettable but inevitable, on balance legitimized by the moral authority of the original cause for going to war. But it is precisely the lack of an obviously just cause for the war in Iraq that has made the recent revelations so exquisitely painful and damaging to America.

But it is important to note, please, that Iraq is not Afghanistan and Abu Ghraib prison is not the Guantanamo Bay detention center. The Taliban took over Afghanistan and used it as a base to allow their al-Qaeda friends to plan the horrors of 9/11. That's just cause for going to war in my mind, and the Taliban and their terrorist friends deserve whatever they get.

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.



Phil Power

Local charities are hoping to cash in on the Ryder Cup

The Ryder Cup is coming! The Ryder Cup is coming!

So what, you say? What's the big deal, you say? The fact that one of the sporting world's marquee events is coming to the Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township this September is a huge deal, and not just for golf fans.

The Ryder Cup is big. Really big. A drive down Maple Road quickly proves the point, from the huge banner draped over the pedestrian bridge across Maple announcing its arrival, to the construction equipment transforming a portion of the club's north course into a bus depot, which will be used to transport an expected 30,000-plus people for each day of the tournament.

But the Ryder Cup, which pits the best golfers from both sides of the pond in team competition over three days (Sept. 17-19), will generate more than great golf and a chance to catch a glimpse of a past or current president, foreign head of state or famous athlete or entertainer.

For some 75 Michigan charities, the Ryder Cup represents a fund-raising bonanza in the form of coveted tickets to the event.

Four "official" fund-raisers sanctioned by the Ryder Cup and Professional Golfer's Association of America (PGA) to be held the week of Ryder Cup are expected to raise more than \$1 million for several designated charities.

The Ryder Cup Classical Drive will showcase the new Max M. Fisher Music Center while raising funds for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. The Legends Fore Children hopes to raise \$250,000 for the Oakland County-based Children's Charities Coalition by transforming the Somerset Collection in Troy into a tribute to Motown and the Motor City.

The other two events are golf outings featuring either past Ryder Cup participants or celebrities. Priced at around \$16,000 a four-some (hey, it includes tickets to the Ryder Cup), the outings are geared more toward corporate swells than the average fan.

As impressive as the marquee events are, a second wave of fund-raising will help gen-

erate badly needed cash for 76 additional charitable and nonprofit organizations.

Thanks to the folks who run Oakland Hills, the PGA of America agreed to donate a pair of Ryder Cup weekly passes to each of 76 local charities. Those charities, ranging from the YMCA and Mothers Against Drunk Driving to local Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, are free to use the passes in their own fund-raising efforts and get to keep all of the proceeds.

It is no secret that charitable giving has taken a serious hit over the past few years. And anyone looking for Ryder Cup tickets already has learned that they are long gone. The charities holding tickets are hoping the demand for them will help boost their supply of badly needed cash.

Most of the charities either are raffling the tickets or auctioning them off to the highest bidder. The idea is to get the biggest bang for the buck while keeping expenses tied to the fund-raiser at a minimum.

I have helped organize plenty of fund-raisers over the years. Typically, they are labor intensive, especially for smaller organizations, and related expenses eat up a considerable portion of the revenue.

The beauty of using Ryder Cup tickets for fund-raising is there is no work that needs to be done other than hustling the tickets, and there are very minimal expenses.

Take the Birmingham Rotary Club, of which I am a member, for example.

My club decided to raffle off our pair of week-long passes. We limited the number of raffle tickets to a maximum of 250 and set the per-ticket price at \$125. If all goes well, we will raise about \$31,000.

Better yet, since we aren't throwing a party or adding any extras, the fund-raiser is pure profit and the proceeds will give a big boost to the club's endowment fund, which makes grants to other worthy organizations.

I know \$30,000 may not sound like a lot when the four super Ryder Cup fund-raisers are expected to raise \$1 million, but for many smaller nonprofits the Ryder Cup tickets will help shore-up sagging financial bottom lines.

So if you want to go to the Ryder Cup and don't have tickets, take a chance in one of the raffles or auctions. Even if you don't snag tickets, you will be helping a worthwhile cause or charity.

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County, firm discuss wetlands operations

Ficano won't veto slave ordinance

A Canton Township firm has begun discussions with Wayne County about assuming control of the county's controversial wetland mitigation program, which has been plagued by poor planning and cost overruns since its inception in 1998.

Engineer Mike Darga, who was recently appointed manager of the county's wetland mitigation bank, said he has had preliminary talks during the last month with Michigan Wetland Development and Construction about the possibility of the firm taking over the bank.

The county began the wetland mitigation bank, which was the first of its kind in Michigan, to create wetlands and sell them to developers who, because of state law, need to replace, or mitigate, the wetlands they destroy.

Darga said there are a lot of details to be worked out with Michigan Wetland, but there is the possibility the firm would assume the county's responsibility of monitoring and maintaining the

existing 6.5 acres of wetlands the county has already built in Hines Park. The company would also construct several more acres of wetlands the county had plans for, but has put on hold as officials try to salvage the bank.

"They are not just interested in buying what we have out there, but they also want to complete the bank and make a profit," said Darga, who took over the bank in March after his predecessor lasted just one day on the job. "The biggest advantage for us is that they would complete the bank."

The county began the bank with a \$580,000 grant from the federal government through the Rouge River Wet Weather Demonstration Project. As part of the agreement, the county committed to building a minimum of 10 acres of wetlands. Because of design flaws and cost overruns, only 6.5 acres have been built, all within Hines Park.

The county not only exhausted all the federal funds, but also \$200,000 in county funds. To make matters worse,

developers haven't taken advantage of the program, and the county has only been able to sell less than an acre. To date, the bank is overdrawn by \$158,000.

Michigan Wetland, which started up in 2000, is the first privately owned wetland banking company in the state. The firm's first project was a 15-acre wetland bank in Huron Township near Willow and Waltz roads. Barry Horney, the former supervisor of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Land and Water Management Division in southeast Michigan, recently joined the firm. The DEQ is the agency that oversees all wetland mitigation issues in the state.

Horney said his firm is interested in taking over the county's bank, but a deal will be dependent on what the county can offer.

"Obviously we would have to get something from the county to make this worth our effort," he said.

Horney said his firm would complete

the bank. Originally, the county planned to build 17.8 acres. Michigan Wetland would cut costs by utilizing the existing plans, though Horney said those plans could be modified or improved to better utilize stormwater and create greater plant diversity.

"There are things we've learned with our project (in Huron Township) that could be used on their projects," Horney said.

Livonia environmentalist Bill Craig, who has been the county bank's biggest critic, said he is optimistic Michigan Wetland has shown interest in taking over the program. He is familiar with Horney, and even worked with him during efforts to prevent development on Humbug Island in the Detroit River.

"I never said wetland mitigation is the worst thing, just Wayne County's program. I'm encouraged to have Barry Horney in the fold. If this program can be saved, he is one the people that can save it. It would be done by a professional who cares," he said.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will not veto a slavery disclosure ordinance passed May 6 by the Wayne County Commission.

The ordinance will require that firms in business prior to 1865 who do more than \$20,000 in contracts with the county must disclose whether they "invested in, or supported or profited in some manner from the institution of slavery."

In a prepared statement Ficano said he had the county's corporation counsel research similar ordinances in other cities. Chicago and Los Angeles are among the cities which have passed a similar ordinance.

"Based on the research findings that the ordinance is not unconstitutional and will not negatively impact economic development decisions in Wayne County and after discussions with business leaders, I have decided not to veto the ordinance," the statement reads. "My office is strongly committed to enforcement of open, fair and equitable contracting practices. I support the decision of the Commission to pass the ordinance to collect data because it will not be punitive or restrictive in our efforts to competitively attract, retain and expand businesses to stimulate investment and create jobs in Wayne County."

The ordinance was approved by 10 yes votes and five commissioners abstaining.

Classes on using eBay will benefit Phoenix Mill

Wayne County Commissioner Lyn Bankes is sponsoring two upcoming eBay classes at the new VisTaTech Center on the Schoolcraft College campus. Taught by Donna Klein, the eBay Lady, the classes are scheduled 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, and Thursday, June 17.

The two-hour sessions are designed

to teach individuals how to safely earn a few extra dollars by selling items and how to knowledgeably purchase items, using the popular eBay auction site. Session specifics include:

■ Wednesday, May 26, class - Introduction, learning the basics of eBay and how to navigate through the site.

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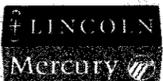
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Canton edges Stevenson in clash of titans

Making the most of your opportunities — that's something champions do well.

Monday's match between the state's top two teams, Canton and Livonia Stevenson, provided ample proof. Although the Spartans had more scoring chances, the Chiefs capitalized on theirs, resulting in a 2-1 triumph at Stevenson.

The win meant more than just bragging rights as the state's top team, a position Canton has held for the past couple of weeks. For the Chiefs, who are now 13-0-3 overall, it earned them the tiebreaker with Northville for the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title.

Since both Canton and Northville had identical division records (which included a 1-1 draw in their April 28 meeting), the first tiebreaker to decide the division championship was how each team fared against teams in the Lakes Division, starting at the top — Stevenson. Northville had tied the Spartans, which made Canton's game against them huge.

With the win, the Chiefs earn a rematch with Stevenson (now 11-1-3 overall) for the WLAA championship, 7 p.m. Wednesday at Stevenson.

"We clinched the division, so

now we get to play them again," said Canton coach Don Smith. "I thought we played well, but we've got to win more headers and we have to hang onto the ball better, create more scoring opportunities."

The Chiefs got the game's first two goals, Andrea Johnson scoring the first and Lisa Ealy getting the second. Rebecca Houdek assisted on both.

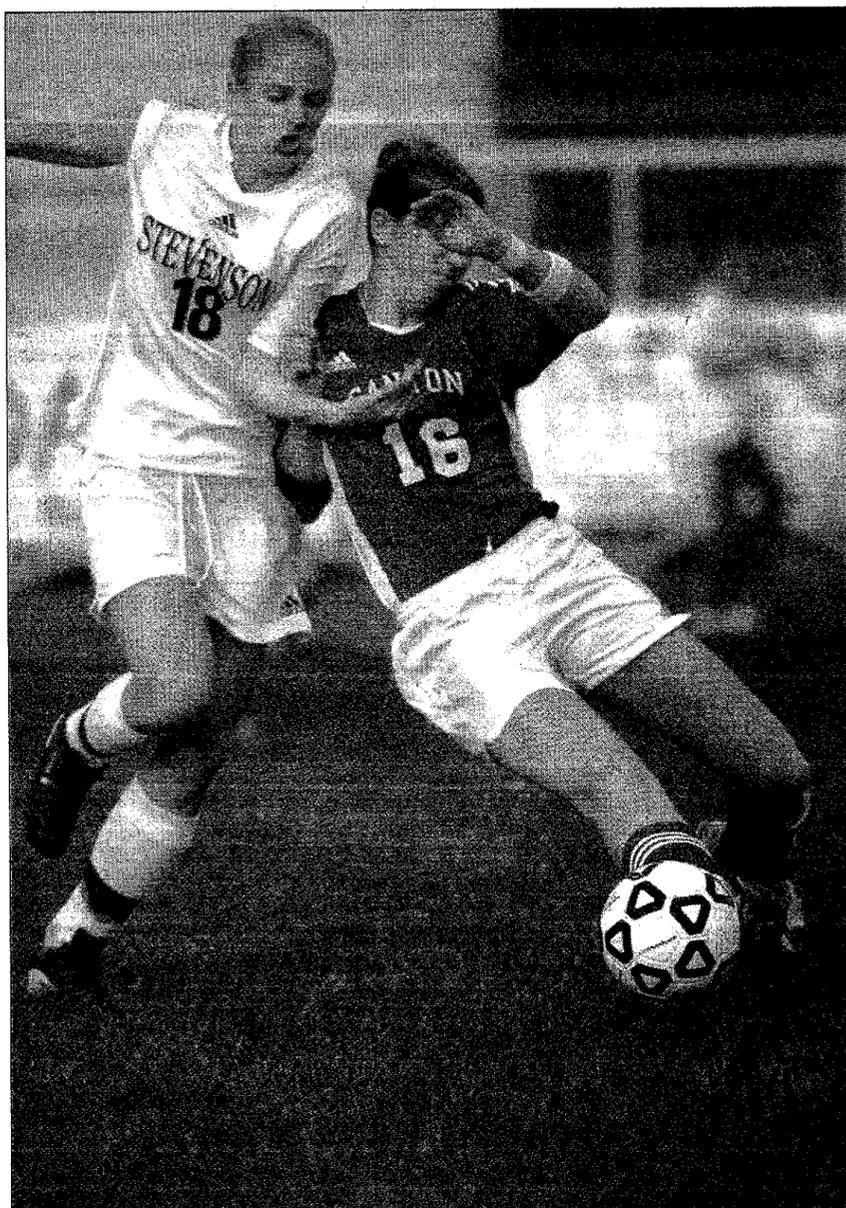
After that, the Spartans began to assert themselves, but they couldn't find a solution for Canton keeper Brittany Cervi. "We lost a game I thought we controlled," said Stevenson coach Chris Pinta. "They had two opportunities to score and buried them both."

"I told the girls I was very pleased with the way they played. We had chance after chance after chance, but their goalkeeper played very, very well. We definitely tested her."

But the Spartans couldn't beat her until just 3:27 remained. Melissa Dobbyn finally got one past Cervi, with an assist from Kate Howe.

"We definitely outchanced them and outplayed them," added Pinta.

But when it was all over, it was the jubilant Chiefs who were cheering like crazy from their team bus as it left the Stevenson parking lot.



Canton's Kathryn Esper (18) and Stevenson's Elizabeth Prost tangle in trying to gain control of the ball during Monday's match. The Spartans controlled the play more often, but the Chiefs controlled the scoreboard.

Sidelines

Golfers dream day

Area golf lovers should circle Saturday, May 22 on their calendars. That's when "Play Golf America Day" will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's Golf & Conference Center/Carl's Golf and Practice Facility in Plymouth.

What promises to be a fun-filled day features a special appearance by PGA & Champions tour star Craig "The Walrus" Stadler.

But there is much more on the agenda, including free golf activities for players of all skill levels, including children and newcomers to the game; on-site instruction from more than 30 area PGA professionals; clinics for all playing levels; golf contests; product giveaways; information on exciting area golf programs; and a "Getting Power From Your Swing" lesson by multi-year World Long Drive Finalist Mike Moulton.

"Play Golf America Day" is a growth of the game initiative backed by the premier associations throughout the golf industry, including the PGA of America, USGA, PGA Tour, NCGOA and LPGA.

There also will be a golf goody bag for all attendees. St. John's Golf & Conference Center/Carl's Golf and Practice Facility is located at 44045 Five Mile Road.

Picard picked

Madonna University outfielder Preston Picard, a Farmington HS graduate, became the first Crusader baseball player since 2000 to be named the the NIAA all-region team.

A sophomore, Picard led Madonna in batting average at .382, runs scored with 43, hits with 71, triples with five, home runs with eight, total bases with 117 and slugging percentage at .629. He also had 12 doubles, 32 RBI and 15 stolen bases in 21 attempts.

The Crusaders finished the season at 32-25 overall and were second in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 14-5 mark.

Flat Rock results

Two Canton residents fared well behind the wheel at Flat Rock Speedway Saturday night.

Harold Fair, Jr. finished second behind Dave Kuhlman in the Royal Truck and Trailer/G Tec Truck Equipment Gold Cup 100. Fair surged into second place on the race's 81st lap and fought off several challengers to earn runner-up honors.

Justin Schroeder also had a good night, finishing third in the 25-lap Subway Street Stock feature. Regan Ford raced to first and Clyde McKee finished second, just ahead of Schroeder.

Saturday's highlight will be the Auto Value/Bumper to Bumper Parts Store Scout Night, which will also feature a racers' reunion. The normal slate of Late Models, Figure 8's and Street Stocks will make up the schedule. Trials begin at 5 p.m., with racing starting at 7 p.m.

Rocks finish 2nd in WLAA; N'ville reigns

To nobody's surprise, Northville repeated as Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis champion.

The Mustangs, 11-0 during the WLAA dual-meet schedule, captured six of eight flights, including all four doubles titles, to score a team-high 28 points in 12-school tournament held Saturday at Livonia Stevenson.

But not to be outdone was the effort turned in by Livonia Franklin's Ryan Kingsbury, a sophomore who upended the top two seeds to garner the No. 1 singles title.

Runner-up Salem also had a good day, finishing with 18 points while making five finals, including a win at No. 2 singles by Pat Shaw, who outlasted Canton's Zach Hoerschmeyer, 6-2, 6-3.

Last year, Kingsbury took a back seat to two talented area players including the 2003 state runner-up at No. 1 singles, Stevenson's Brady Crosby (now at Western Michigan University) and WLAA runner-up and Division I quarterfinalist Jerry Murray of Livonia Churchill (now at Tennessee-Chattanooga).

Kingsbury fought off set points on four different occasions to beat Salem senior Mike Ware Jr., the second seed, in a tiebreaker, 6-3, 7-6 (8-6 after trailing 6-4).

In the semifinals, Kingsbury avenged one of his earlier season losses by defeating top seed Jason Spruit of Northville, 6-2, 6-4.

A week before preseason practice started, Kingsbury broke his wrist and then suffered a sprained left thumb, forcing him to lay off his two-fisted backhand for much of the year.

But on Saturday, Kingsbury was back in form.

"Today it felt fine, I've gotten progressively better as the season has gone along — it doesn't hurt anymore," said Kingsbury, who is

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Warriors top Chiefs in division showdown

The showdown Canton's softball team had been looking forward to — with Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division rival Walled Lake Western — didn't turn out the way the Chiefs had hoped it would.

Western's Lauren Talbot outdueled Canton's Molly Conlon as the Warriors edged the Chiefs for the second time this season, 2-1 Tuesday at Canton. The loss left the Chiefs at 15-7-1 overall, 4-2 in the division.

Talbot, who beat Canton 1-0 three weeks ago, allowed just three hits and struck out six. Conlon, who has tossed four no-hitters this season, gave up two runs on five hits and one walk, striking out eight.

The Chiefs had one extra-base hit, a double by Lauren Delapaz. They scored their only run in the bottom of the seventh.

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Western got a run in the first and clinched it with a run in the top of the seventh.

Salem sweeps

Salem hosted three teams in a mini-tournament Saturday and came away with three victories, stopping Saline 10-2; Grosse Pointe North 5-0; and Farmington 11-0.

The three nonconference wins gave the Rocks five straight, running their overall record to 14-5. They totaled 34 hits in the three games, something that had been a bit of a problem earlier in the season.

Kelli Szczepanski got the pitching win against Saline (now 9-14), allowing one run on three hits with no walks and two

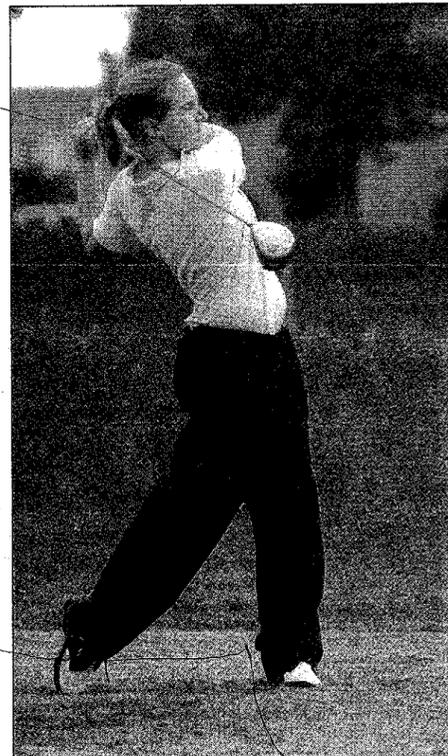
strikeouts over four innings. A pair of four-run innings, in the first and second, clinched the win.

Sarah Amann led the attack with a single, a double, a triple and two runs batted in. Cortney Edwards added a triple and an RBI.

In the win over North (11-5), Szczepanski tossed a two-hitter, with no walks and four strikeouts. Edwards led the Salem hitters with a double and a single.

Sarah Slebodnick was the winning pitcher against Farmington (12-15), giving up two hits and one walk with three strikeouts. Edwards led the 11-run onslaught with a home run, two singles and five RBI.

Szczepanski added two hits and two RBI. Alycia Murawski had a two-run double, and Maureen Bohr contributed a run-producing triple.



For the second-straight year, Salem sophomore Ashley Smith finished second at the WLAA Tournament, this time shooting a 78.

Salem takes 2nd at WLAA tourney

It was supposed to be a tight race for the top spot at Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association Girls Golf Tournament, with Salem, Livonia Stevenson and Northville all vying for the No. 1 spot at Canton's Pheasant Run.

It wasn't. The competition fell by the wayside as Northville turned the race into a runaway, winning the tournament by 24 strokes over second place Salem. Stevenson placed third, Canton was fourth and Livonia Churchill was fifth (see results).

The tournament outcome meant the Mustangs will reign as overall WLAA champs, scoring 22 points (determined by a combination of dual-meet results and placing at the conference tournament). Salem was second with 21 and Stevenson was third with 20.

Canton and Churchill tied for fourth with 16, followed by Livonia Franklin (12), Walled Lake Central

(10), Walled Lake Northern and Walled Lake Western (eight each), Wayne Memorial and Plymouth (five each) and Westland John Glenn (three).

"Northville had an outstanding day," said Salem coach Rick Wilson. "Take nothing away from them. There's no question they played head and shoulders above everyone else."

Stevenson coach John Wagner agreed. "They just lit it up," he said. "They were just awesome."

"It was 333, wasn't it? The last time I saw a score like that it was from Grosse Ile, the No. 1 team in the state."

Both Stevenson and Salem got some strong individual performances. The Spartans boasted the tournament medalist once again (Kristen Polanski won it last year) with junior Rachel McHenry earning that honor with a 73. Salem's Ashley Smith, a sophomore, tied

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Bucks, Fever battle ends in a 1-1 draw

The Michigan Bucks soccer team had to appreciate what it had accomplished going into its home-opener. However, they shouldn't have been too pleased with the results against the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever Tuesday at Berkley's Hurley Field. The Bucks and Fever battled to a 1-1 draw, each team scoring in the first half of this Premier Development League Great Lakes Division game. The tie left Michigan with a 2-0-1 record; the Fever is 1-0-1. The match also had ramifications for U.S. Open Cup qualifying, the loser certain to be eliminated from consideration. A total of 17 teams from the Great Lakes and Heartland Conferences are vying for two spots in the tournament. On Tuesday, Fort Wayne scored first, getting a goal from Dan Broxup in the 16th minute. The Bucks knotted it

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on a goal by Knox Cameron in the 24th minute; Erik Nelson drew the assist. Jeff Wiese made five saves in goal for Michigan. Christian Lopez had six for the Fever. The Bucks posted their second-straight impressive win in league play on Saturday when they crushed the West Michigan Edge 5-1 at West Michigan. Cameron enjoyed his second-straight two-goal game, Nelson and Joseph Kabwe drawing assists. Cameron now has five goals in three matches. Kabwe also scored a goal, with Mychal Turpin and Simon Omekanda finding the net as well for the Bucks. Lee Parnham scored for West Michigan. Peter Dzubay had three saves in goal for the Bucks.

Falcons rally, slip past Rocks, 7-5

A one-run lead against a tough Farmington team wasn't enough for Salem's baseball team Monday, which fell prey to a three-run Falcon rally in the seventh inning, losing 7-5 in a non-conference game played at Salem. Salem slipped to 12-10 overall. Farmington is 20-7. The Falcons capitalized on some sloppy play by the Rocks in the seventh inning. Two errors combined with three hits to make a three-run rally, allowing Farmington to overcome a 5-4 Salem lead. Tom Mitchell's single started the rally. Tom Scott tried to bunt the runner along, but the ball was thrown into right field and Mitchell scored, although Scott was thrown out at third base. Phil Scott scored the game-winning run after tripling to center field and coming home on an error on Burny Mitchem's grounder. Mitchem then scored on Steve Kish's single. Dom D'Aguzzo suffered the loss in relief, his first of the season. Drew Anderson was the winning pitcher in relief of starter J.J. Kiselis, with Jeff Fischer earning his fifth save of the season. Dylan Tobin slugged his second home run of the season to drive in two runs for

Salem, and Steve Cox, Cliff Thomas and Dave Cardenas each had single RBIs. The Falcons' Anderson helped his cause by going 3-for-3 at the plate with two RBIs; Phil Scott was 2-for-3. **CC 12-2, Wayne 2-1:** Redford Catholic Central's two wins against Wayne Memorial Saturday afternoon couldn't have been more contrasting. The Shamrocks rolled in the opener before narrowly escaping in the night-cap. The double-header sweep gave CC a 17-8 overall record. Wayne dropped to 14-10. "We hit the ball extremely well and after we committed an error on the first play of the game, our defense was solid, too," said CC assistant coach Kevin Walters, assessing the Shamrocks' five-inning, mercy rule-shortened game-one performance. CC erased all doubts about the outcome of this game when it put up eight runs in the second inning. Eric Vojtkofsky, who carried a hot stick all day, clubbed a two-run double to highlight the big second frame. CC outhit Wayne, 14-4, as four different Shamrocks collected two hits each in the game: Vojtkofsky (three RBI), Ryan

Gallagher, Derek Brooks and Nate Rzeppa (three RBI). The Shamrocks rode the stellar pitching of Greg Marrone, who pitched all five innings, striking out six while walking none. Both of the runs Marrone allowed were unearned. In game two, CC jumped ahead 1-0 in the first, and 2-0 in the third before hanging to nip the Zebras. Starting pitcher Matt Rodeghier earned the victory, yielding just two hits and two walks in the first four innings. Bobby Henderson, Brian Kirkendall and Mike Monterey pitched an inning each to close out the double-header sweep. Monterey threw the seventh and picked up his third save of the season. Both teams had five hits. The lone error of the contest was committed by the Zebras. CC's first-inning run scored when Vojtkofsky singled and scored on Monterey's double. The second run came on back-to-back doubles by Eric Simcox and Vojtkofsky, who finished the afternoon 4-for-6 with four RBIs. "We left a lot of runners on base in the second game," Walters said. "We didn't cash in on quite a few scoring opportunities."

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believed to be the first Franklin player in school history ever to win a league title at No. 1 singles. "My wrist was bothering me when I lost to him (Spruit) in three sets and I was just tapping the ball over the net to get a win." Kingsbury, ranked No. 6 in the Southeastern Michigan Tennis Association (SEMATA) Boys 16s, struggled in the second set to get past the gritty Ware, who does a Luke Jensen-like impersonation, serving right-handed and hitting left-handed. "I'm used to hitting to right-handers and I wanted to hit to his backhand, but for some reason I'd get confused and I couldn't hit it over there," Kingsbury said. Ware, sporting a 22-2 record, was one of four Salem players to reach the finals in

singles. The others included Chris Treadwell (No. 3) and Rob Wallen (No. 4). "Mike was sick, he had an ear infection and I was not sure he was going to play in the finals," Salem coach Bill Nelson said. "But he sucked it up and played well against Ryan." "We had five flights in the finals - including all the singles. It was an outstanding finish to conference play. Our guys have worked hard all year and they peaked at the right time." Churchill, which had gone undefeated in its final 10 WLA dual matches, placed third in the team standings with 13 points. The Chargers reached the semifinals in six flights, but couldn't get any of the six into the finals. Meanwhile, Canton was fourth with 12 points and host Stevenson finished fifth with 10. See complete results.

TENNIS STATS

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TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 28 points; 2. Salem, 18; 3. Livonia Churchill, 13; 4. Canton, 12; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 10; 6. (tie) Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western, 9 each; 8. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Plymouth, 5 each; 10. Westland John Glenn, 3; 11. Walled Lake Northern, 2; 12. Wayne Memorial, 1.

FINAL FLIGHT RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Ryan Kingsbury (LF) defeated Mike Ware, Jr. (Salem), 6-3, 7-6 (8-6); semifinals: Kingsbury def. Jason Spruit (N), 6-2, 6-4; Ware def. Dan Petty (LS), 6-2, 7-5.

No. 2: Pat Shaw (Salem) def. Zach Hoernschemeyer (Canton), 6-2, 6-3; semifinals: Shaw def. Jon Lee (N), 6-0, 6-1; Hoernschemeyer def. Nick Stojanov (LS), 6-4, 6-4.

No. 3: Brian Benette (N) def. Chris Treadwell (Salem), 6-4, 6-2; semifinals: Benette def. Mike Ligeski (LC), 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-0; Treadwell def. Chris Welch (LS), 6-4, 6-2.

No. 4: Chris Irvine (N) def. Rob Wallen (Salem), 4-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4; semifinals: Irvine def. Marwan Chamout (LS), 6-3, 6-3; Wallen def. Phil Salejmani (LC), 6-1, 7-5.

No. 1 doubles: Mike Lewicki-Jackson Knoll (N) def. Jeremy Romer-Alex Marinica (Canton), 6-0, 6-4; semifinals: Lewicki-Knoll def. Jean-Luc Delpey-Charlie Kim (WLW), 6-0, 6-1; Romer-Marinica def. Evan Be-Mike Layne (LC), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 2: Jason Reisman-Colin Ackerman (N) def. Josh Kay-Ryan Rzeznik (WLC), 7-5, 5-7, 6-0; semifinals: Reisman-Ackerman def. Blake Movitz-Matt Tugender (WLW), 6-1, 6-2; Jay-Rzeznik def. Casey Green-Pete Schroder (LC), 6-2, 6-4.

No. 3: Lance Dehne-Nate Mehill (N) def. John Schelchase-Dave Geick (Salem), 6-2, 6-0; semifinals: Dehne-Mehill def. Duke Kapelanski-Amul Patel (Canton), 6-0, 6-1; Stan Titov-Aki Fukuta (WLC), 6-3, 6-1.

No. 4: Varon Shekhar-Ashtyn Saltz (N) def. Brandon Bahr-Chris McEachney (LS), 6-3, 6-4; semifinals: Shekhar-Saltz def. Jason Oliver-Yoshi Niwa (WLC), 6-2, 6-1; Bahr-McEachney def. Rich Simkowiak-Kyle Anderson (LC), 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

FINAL DUAL MEET STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 11-0; 2. Salem, 9-1-1; 3. Stevenson, 9-2; 4. Churchill, 8-2-1; 5. Canton, 6-4-1; 6. W.L. Western, 6-5; 7. W.L. Central, 5-5-1; 8. Franklin, 3-7-1; 9. Plymouth, 2-7-2; 10. W.L. Northern, 1-9-1; 11. (tie) Wayne and Westland John Glenn, 1-10 each.

FINAL CONFERENCE STANDINGS: 1. Northville; 2. Salem; 3. Churchill; 4. Stevenson; 5. Canton; 6. W.L. Western; 7. W.L. Central; 8. Franklin; 9. Plymouth; 10. (tie) John Glenn and W.L. Northern; 12. Wayne.

CONFERENCE & WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPION: Northville.

LAKES DIVISION CHAMPION: Salem.

Warriors get big win against Grand Haven

The Plymouth/Canton Warriors got off to a bit of a slow start in their two games at the Lacrosse Day at Heritage Park Saturday, scoring just three goals in the first half against Grand Haven. But they made up for it in the second half, outscoring Grand Haven 6-4 to post a 9-6 triumph. In their second game Saturday, they romped past Romulus, 17-0. The win over Grand Haven was an important one for the Warriors, who improved to 10-4 overall and 8-1 in Division 4. Grand Haven is 10-2 overall, 6-1 in the Division. John Moylan had a big scoring day for Plymouth/Canton, collecting three goals and three assists in the win over Grand Haven. Tim Farrow also had three goals, Tom

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Casha scored two and Jeff Brandt had one, with Bobby Groat getting two assists. David Greene scored three goals for Grand Haven. The Romulus match was never close, the Warriors building a 7-0 lead by halftime. Phil Lake led the way with four goals, with Moylan contributing three goals and four assists. Other scorers for Plymouth/Canton: Brian Barton with three goals, Groat with two goals, Curtis Rose with two goals, Tim Schroeter with one goal and two assists, Farrow with one goal and two assists, and Chris Gould with one goal. The Warriors play at Okemos at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

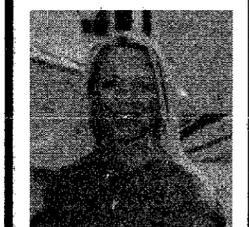
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- Livonia's Sheila Taromina, Olympic Gold Medalist Swimmer, 11-time NCAA All-American Swimmer, Top Ranked Team, U.S.A. Triathlete.
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- Troy Stevenson



THE WEEK AHEAD

- PREP BASEBALL**
Thursday, May 20
F.H. Harrison at John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Canton Agape at Zoe Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 21
W.L. Central at Salem, 4 p.m.
Churchill at Canton, 4 p.m.
Franklin vs. Northville (Ford Field), 4 p.m.
Wayne at Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Riverview, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 22
(all double-headers unless noted)
Taylor Baptist at Huron Valley, 10 a.m.
A.P. Inter-City at Luth. Westland, 10 a.m.
East Detroit at Redford CC, 11 a.m.
W.L. Northern at John Glenn, 11 a.m.
Canton at Clarkston Tournament, TBA (Livonia City Tourney at Ford Field)
Franklin vs. Stevenson, 10 a.m.
Clarenceville vs. Churchill, noon.
Consolation final at Stevenson, 2 p.m.
Championship final at Ford Field, 2:30 p.m.
- GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**
Friday, May 21
Division I regional at Canton, 1:30 p.m.
Division II regional at Grosse Ile, TBA.
Saturday, May 22
Division III regional at Erie-Mason, TBA.
Division IV regional at A.A. Greenhills, TBA.
- PREP BOYS TENNIS**
Thursday, May 20
Canton, Salem Division I Regional at Ann Arbor Huron, TBA
Friday, May 21
Canton, Salem Division I Regional at Ann Arbor Huron, TBA
Division I Regional at Stevenson, 9 a.m.
- PREP GIRLS GOLF**
Thursday, May 20
Canton, Salem at Division I Regional at Mystic Creek in Milford, 9 a.m.
Friday, May 21
Division I Regional at Riverview Highlands, 9 a.m.
Division II Regional at Raisin Valley, 9 a.m.
- PREP LACROSSE**
Friday, May 21
Plymouth/Canton at Okemos, 6:30 p.m.
Ladywood at Tecumseh, TBA.
TBA - time to be announced.
- BOYS TRACK & FIELD**
Friday, May 21
Division I regional at Canton, 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 22
Division III regional at Erie-Mason, TBA.
Division IV regional at A.A. Greenhills, TBA.
- GIRLS SOFTBALL**
Thursday, May 20
Southgate Anderson at Salem (2), 4 p.m.
Friday, May 21
Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Detroit CMA at Luth. Westland, 4 p.m.
A.P. Cabrini at Ladywood, 4 p.m.
Canton at Churchill, 4 p.m.
Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Wayne, 4 p.m.

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GOLF

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Northville's Alison Grant for second overall at 78.

Both earned all-conference honors, as did the Spartans' Jenny Kubert after shooting an 83. However, their scores fell off after that; their next best was a 101 by Chrissy McHenry, with Missy Bartnick carding a 105.

Three Salem golfers earned all-division accolades: Jamie Siedlaczek with an 88, Danielle Powers with a 95 and Amy Mitchell with a 96.

The Stevenson vs. Salem dual match had been washed out last week, so the result was determined at the tournament. Salem's 357 compared to Stevenson's 362 gave the Rocks the Lakes Division title.

"We got a good score from our No. 1 girl (McHenry) and our No. 2 (Kubert)," Wagner said. "The rest fell off a bit. But that's the way it goes."

Wilson got similar feedback from his team. "I think Jamie (Siedlaczek) thought she could have shot lower, but she did medal," he said.

"Give (Northville) all the credit in the world. We lost to a very good team."

Could the Rocks have played well enough to beat them on this day? "I honestly don't think so," admitted Wilson. "Not with a 24-stroke gap."

Stevenson and the other Livonia and Westland schools will compete in the Division I regional at Riverview Highlands Friday. Canton and Salem will be at the Division I regional at Mystic Creek on Thursday.



Canton's Natalie Slupek nearly holed this shot on her way to shooting a 92 and earning all-Division honors at Tuesday's WLAA Tournament.

GOLF RESULTS

WESTERN LAKE ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
May 18 at Pheasant Run

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Northville, 333 strokes; 2. Salem, 357; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 362; 4. Canton, 380; 5. Livonia Churchill, 389; 6. Livonia Franklin, 431; 7. (tie) Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Northern, 432 each; 9. Walled Lake Western, 485; 10. Plymouth, 485; 11. Westland John Glenn, 654; 12. Wayne Memorial, no team score.

ALL-CONFERENCE: Rachel McHenry, Jr., Stevenson, 73 (medalist); Ashley Smith, Soph., Salem, and Alison Grant, Jr., Northville, 78 each; Andrea Fillips, Sr., Northville, 79; Jenny Kubert, Jr., Stevenson, 83; Sam Sinclair, Sr., W.L. Central, 84.

ALL-DIVISION: Layne Scherer, Sr., Northville, 86; Jamie Siedlaczek, Jr., Salem, 88; Beth Treadwell, Sr., Canton, 89; Therese Juthage, Jr., Northville, and Kate Amrhein, Sr., Churchill, 90 each; Marie Snyder, Sr., Northville, 91; Natalie Slupek, Jr., Canton, Katie Hoeksema, Jr., Canton and Kim Haskins, Sr., Franklin, 92 each; Ashley Bint, Soph., Churchill, Danielle Powers, Sr., Salem, 95 each; Amy Mitchell, Sr., Salem, 96; Ashley Laws, Jr., Wayne and Andrea Heidt, Sr., Churchill, 98 each.

Final dual meet records: 1. (tie) Northville, Salem and Stevenson, 10-1 each; 4. Churchill, 8-3; 5. Canton, 7-4; 6. (tie) Franklin and W.L. Central, 5-6 each; 8. (tie) W.L. Northern and W.L. Western, 2-9 each; 10. Wayne, 4-7; 11. Plymouth, 2-9; 12. John Glenn, 1-10.

Lakes Division standings: 1. Salem, 5-0 (champ); 2. Stevenson, 4-1; 3. (tie) W.L. Central and Wayne, 2-3 each; 5. (tie) W.L. Northern and John Glenn, 1-4 each.

Western Division standings: 1. Northville, 5-0 (champ); 2. Churchill, 4-1; 3. Canton, 3-2; 4. Franklin, 2-3; 5. W.L. Western, 1-4; 6. Plymouth, 0-5.

Tournament results (by team)
Northville (333): Allison Grant, 78; Andrea Fillips, 79; Layne Scherer, 86; Therese Juthage, 90; Marie Snyder, 91; Lauren Grigsby, 99.

Salem (357): Ashley Smith, 78; Jamie Siedlaczek, 88; Danielle Powers, 95; Amy Mitchell, 96; Kristen Schwan, 101; Anna Ross, 111.
Stevenson (362): Rachel McHenry, 73; Jenny Kubert, 83; Chrissy McHenry, 101; Missy Bartnick, 105; Abbey Wolfe, 106; Christine Vance, 127.

Canton (380): Beth Treadwell, 89; Natalie Slupek, 92; Katie Hoeksema, 92; Heather Hughesian, 107; Camai Millwood, 129;

Emily Kenny, 146.
Churchill (389): Kate Amrhein, 90; Ashley Bint, 95; Andrea Heidt, 98; Christina Dahlin, 106; Sarah Walls, 115; Stacey Lewandowski, 127.

Franklin (431): Kim Haskins, 92; Jordan Cashwell, 109; Keely Mog, 105; Mariel Meyers, 125; Rebekah Zurenko, 127; Sarah Monarch, 148.

W.L. Central (432): Sam Sinclair, 84; Alex Carrico, 111; Ally Morrow, 117; Danielle Kello, 120; Ashley Archambault, 132.

W.L. Northern (432): Stephanie Shipley, 98; Grace Ackerman, 105; Alissa Jaster, 112; Kate Massey, 117; Erin Coulter, 120; Jaclyn Choi, 139.

W.L. Western (485): Jaysree Mahajan, 103; Krista Coolman, 124; Amanda Moore, 127; Danielle Miller, 131.

Plymouth (486): Liz Anderson, 113; Madeline Salvaggo, 118; Julie Rowe, 125; Elaine Lafayette, 130; Katy Ingraham, 133; Melissa Miller, 147.

John Glenn (654): Taylor Morgan, 142; Jessica Riggs, 149; Carrie Kulkowski, 154; Alexa Larimore, 209.

Wayne: Ashley Laws, 98; Brittany Hill, 101; Danielle Elswick, 107.

2004 CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS GOLF TOURNAMENT
May 18 at St. John's Golf Course

Team standings: 1. Livonia Ladywood, 356; 2. Farmington Hills Mercy, 362; 3. Harper Woods Regina, 391; 4. Bloomfield Hills Marian, 404; 5. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep, 426; 6. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 430; 7. Dearborn Divine Child, 444; 8. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 503.

Top individuals: 1. Andrea Warzyniec, Ladywood, 43-38-91; 2. (tie) Alex Martella, Mercy, 43-45-88; Kaitlyn Mardeusz, Mercy, 43-45-88; 4. Alaina Stefan, Mercy, 46-43-89; 5. Courtney Kersich, Regina, 46-44-90; 6. (tie) Sarah Thiefels, Gabriel Richard, 42-49-91; Lauren Dickerson, Ladywood, 48-43-91; 8. (tie) Angela Jamrog, Ladywood, 44-48-92; Lauren Doroghazi, Ladywood, 45-47-92; 10. (tie) Jen Lucas, Marian, 45-49-94; Caitlin Steele, Divine Child, 48-46-94; 12. Jenny Gwinn, Regina, 44-51-95; 13. (tie) Erica Jamrog, Ladywood, 50-47-97; Ashley Mascioli, Mercy, 46-51-97; 15. Lauren Mack, Mercy, 48-50-98; 16. (tie) Meghan McAllister, Marian, 48-51-99; Kelly Thomas, Ladywood, 45-54-99; 18. Sara Larson, Mercy, 49-51-100; 19. Katie McCarroll, Regina, 49-53-102; 20. (tie) Katelyn Martin, Marian, 53-50-103; Danielle Dominski, Notre Dame Prep, 48-55-103.

Freshman leads Ladywood to crown



Freshman Andrea Warzyniec of Livonia Ladywood was medalist Tuesday for the team champion Blazers at St. John's, carding an 81.

Andrea Warzyniec certainly didn't play like a ninth-grader in Tuesday's Catholic League girls golf tournament.

The Livonia Ladywood freshman turned in her best outing of the season with an 18-hole round of 81 to earn individual medalist honors. She also led the Blazers to their second consecutive league crown at St. John's Golf Course, edging Mercy by six strokes, 356-362.

And for the second straight year Ladywood won the league tourney after Mercy had beaten the Blazers in dual match.

Rounding out the field was Harper Woods Regina (391), Birmingham Marian (404), Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (426), Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (430) and Dearborn Divine Child (444).

On a soft, but playable course, Warzyniec shot 43 on the front nine (Mark) and 38 on the back nine (Luke).

"I knew Andrea would be good season, but this was her best round

by far," Ladywood coach Kellianne Nagy said. "This is the first time she's broken 40. She was making lots of putts and hitting it straight off the tee. It came all together for her today."

All six Ladywood players shot under 100 including senior Lauren Dickerson, 48-43-91; freshman Angela Jamrog, 44-48-92; sophomore Lauren Doroghazi, 45-47-92; senior Erica Jamrog, 50-47-97; and freshman Kelly Thomas, 45-54-99.

"We're excited," said Nagy, who takes her team to the Division II regional Friday at Raisin Valley in Tecumseh. "We were the only ones to have everybody under 100. We haven't done it all year — and we're still a young team."

Mercy was led by co-runner-ups Alex Martella and Kaitlyn Mardeusz, both shooting identical 43-45-88s, followed by Alaina Stefan, 46-43-89; Ashley Mascioli, 46-51-97; Lauren Mack, 48-50-98; and Sara Larson, 49-51-100.

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Madonna falls to Cornerstone in region final.

It was a long uphill road back to go up against a familiar foe — Cornerstone University, the team Madonna University had beaten once to win the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference softball crown.

The Crusaders got off to a poor start when they lost their opening game in the double-elimination NAIA Regional Tournament hosted by Bethel (Ind.) College last Wednesday. They won their second game and were up 4-0 against WHAC rival Aquinas College on Friday when rain caused play to be postponed until Saturday.

Madonna beat Aquinas 4-2, then followed that with a 9-6 extra-inning triumph over Indiana Wesleyan on Saturday. That put the Crusaders into the final round against Cornerstone, the team Madonna beat 4-3 on April 29 to clinch the conference championship.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Their luck would not hold up this time. Golden Eagles' pitcher Mary Mauro tossed a six-hitter, surrendering just one run, but the main damage was caused by all-WHAC third baseman Kendra Beckman, who slugged two solo home runs to ignite Cornerstone's 5-1 victory.

The Golden Eagles advance to this week's NAIA Tournament in Decatur, Ala., with a 37-17 record. Madonna's season ends with a 38-17-2 mark.

Beckman, who was 2-for-3 in the game with two runs batted in, was well known to the Crusaders. In their WHAC championship game in Livonia, she had hit a mammoth home run that hit the flag as it swayed in the wind 30 feet above the center-field fence.

Emily Knudson also had two hits for Cornerstone, with Mauro, Stefanie Polomeak and Cassie Longcore getting a hit and an RBI apiece. Mauro pitched all seven innings, allowing one earned run on six hits and one walk, striking out eight.

Kelly Nilson got the loss, giving up four earned runs on six hits and two walks, with five strikeouts, over five innings.

Emily Cunningham had two hits for Madonna. Kasey DeSutter had a hit and an RBI.

In the Crusaders' win over Wesleyan, they overcame their own mistakes — seven errors — to combine 12 hits with seven walks into nine runs, and a 9-6 win in 11 innings. Shannon Noder started, allowing five runs (one earned) on five hits with no walks over four innings. Nilson worked the last seven innings and got

the win, giving up one earned run on four hits (no walks) with five strikeouts.

Madonna trailed 5-3 entering the seventh inning, but scored three times on walks to Stacey Sexsmith and Kathy Day (from Livonia Ladywood), a passed ball and a two-out, two-run double by Arin Fowler. A double by Cunningham gave the Crusaders a 6-5 lead, but Wesleyan's Shannon Robinson homered to force extra innings.

In the 11th, Madonna's Sexsmith and Crystal Little (Wayne Memorial) both walked, and Fowler reached base on an error. A bases-loaded walk to Cunningham scored one run, and Krystal Shina (Farmington Mercy) singled in two more.

Fowler finished with three hits and five RBI and Cunningham and Shina each had three hits and two RBI.

In the win over Aquinas, the Crusaders scored four times in the fourth, two on a double by DeSutter, a third on a single by Day and a fourth on a sacrifice fly by Cunningham. Nilson made that stand up, allowing two earned runs on six hits and two walks, fanning six. The loss went to Tarin Foster, who drove in both Aquinas runs with a sixth-inning double.

Trout anglers have additional opportunity

Trout anglers in southeastern Michigan received a pleasant surprise when the Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources stocked 4,500 yearling brown trout in the Clinton River.

That's right — the Clinton River.

The plant was the exciting culmination, but not the end, of a bigger project called the Clinton River Coldwater Conservation Project (CRCCP). That project is a collaborative effort between the Clinton River Watershed Council; Paul Young, Challenge, Vanguard and Clinton Valley chapters of Trout Unlimited; DNR Fisheries; Oakland County Planning and Economic Development; and the city of Auburn Hills.

The CRCCP began last summer when 120 volunteers spent approximately 2,000 man-hours collecting river assessment data to determine if the upper Clinton River had the characteristics needed to support a managed fishery.

They set out 21 temperature monitors, conducted intensive invertebrate surveys, and assessed the physical characteristics of the river and the greenbelt corridor surrounding the river.

"Everything came back positive, so we put in a request for the fish and we got them," says DNR Fisheries Biologist Jim Francis. "We're pretty excited about the whole project."

Two weeks ago, DNR Fisheries personnel stocked 425 adult browns — between 12 and 18 inches in length — in the river to get the program started. Francis said he has been receiving calls from anglers since then telling him about their success.

The hope is that the stocked fishery will provide some quality recreational trout fishing here in southeastern Michigan and result in some limited reproduction as well.

"There are a lot of people down here in southeastern Michigan. The TU guys have been instrumental in getting this program going and developing a trout fishery down here," Francis says. "We already have one in Paint Creek, which is good, but we wanted to expand it." Paint Creek, which runs



Outdoor Insights

Bill Parker

between Lake Orion and Rochester, receives 5,600 yearling browns annually.

The fish stocked in the Clinton were released between Auburn Hills and Rochester. The water temperature in the lower stretch of the river, below the Yates Cider Mill, is too warm to sustain the trout fishery.

The biggest thing anglers should remember is that, even if there is some limited reproduction in the future, this is a limited fishery. It's not the Au Sable or the Pere Marquette, which essentially have self-sustaining populations that are augmented by limited stocking. The Clinton population is not self-sustaining.

With nearly 40 percent of Michigan's population residing in southeastern Michigan it would be easy to exhaust the resource. State fishing regulations allow anglers to keep five trout, but no more than three measuring 15 inches or longer. If everyone who fishes the Clinton keeps their limit the CRCCP will fizzle out before it gets started.

For trout to reproduce in the river and carry over through the winter they must survive the summer and fall fishing season. Enjoy the fishery, take home a fish or two to eat, but please don't feel compelled to "limit out" every time you go or the trout fishery in the Clinton River will disappear like the dinosaurs did.

Bass and muskie anglers fishing on Lake St. Clair have shown what a positive affect catch-and-release fishing can have on a resource.

Keep a couple trout, but release the rest and we'll all be able to enjoy another trout fishery here in southeastern Michigan for many years to come right.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009



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TRACK RESULTS

(GIRLS) SALEM 93
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 40
 May 18 at Salem
Shot put: 1. Anna Wilson (S), 34-feet, 3-inches; 2. Maggie Fisher (S), 30-0; 3. Carly Schwan (S), 25-5.
Discus: 1. Wilson (S), 106-8; 2. Schwan (S), 81-11; 3. Julie Brown (S), 76-7.
High Jump: 1. Moore (JG), 4-9; 2. Erin Freeman (S), 4-8; 3. Lynden Gault (S), 4-6.
Long Jump: 1. Brittany Howard (JG), 17-11 5/8; 2. Brittany Lockhart (S), 14-4; 3. Keiyana Arnold (S), 13-11 3/4.
Pole vault: 1. Allie Vraniak (S), 8-6.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Dana Eldred (S), 16:97; 2. Andrea Lang (S), 17-4; 3. Alyssa Cercone (S), 18:06.
300 hurdles: 1. Lang (S), 52:6; 2. Lisa Cercone (S), 54:6; 3. Adrienne Cercone (S), 56:15.
100 dash: 1. Toin'ia White (JG), 12:16; 2. Shailanda Webb (JG), 12:75.
200: 1. Howard (JG), 27:2; 2. Webb (JG), 28:32.
400: 1. Katy White (S), 1:05.47; 2. Alisha Moore (JG), 1:06.26.
800: 1. Laura Friedman (S), 2:29.0; 2. Marissa Carpinelli (S), 2:37.0.
1,600: 1. Lianne Griffiths (S), 5:56.0; 2. Chelsea Baldwin (S), 6:03.0; 3. Nicole Wildak (S), 6:11.0.
3,200: 1. Baldwin (S), 13:20.0; 2. Julie Brown (S), 15:02.0; 3. Amanda Barnett (S), 16:31.0.
4x100 relay: 1. John Glenn (Howard, Stephanie Foster, Webb, White), 5:29.
4x200 relay: 1. John Glenn (Foster, Howard, Webb, White), 1:51.04.
4x400 relay: 1. Salem (White, Gault, Lockhart, Vraniak), 4:21.79.
4x800 relay: 1. Salem (Vraniak, Allison Janda, Amanda Kassem, Friedman), 10:37.02.
Dual-meet records: Salem, 6-1 overall, 4-1 in the WLAAs Lakes Division; John Glenn, 1-4 overall, 1-3 in the Lakes.

(BOYS) SALEM 86
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 51
 May 18 at John Glenn
Shot put: 1. Ike Mbanugo (S), 43-feet, 1/2 inch; 2. Chauncy Jones (WJG), 42-1 1/2.
Discus: 1. Mbanugo (S), 138-10; 2. Eric Getkin (WJG), 136-1/2.
High Jump: 1. John Johnson (S), 5-6; 2. Williams (JG), 5-3.
Long Jump: 1. Brian Rumao (S), 19-9 1/2; 2. Matt Smitherman (WJG), 19-1.
Pole vault: 1. Chip Fisher (S), 11-0; 2. Codar Harper (JG), 10-6.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Matt Kappler (S), 15:6; 2. Tim Chew (S), 16:2; 3. Mark O'Neill (S), 17:9.
300 hurdles: 1. Chew (S), 43:4; 2. Kappler (S), 46:4; 3. O'Neill (S), 47:1.
100 dash: 1. Dan Daves (JG), 11:2; 2. Smitherman (JG), 11:3.
200: 1. Daves (JG), 23:7; 2. Nick Telenko (S), 23:9.
400: 1. Brian Barnes (S), 54:1; 2. Kevin Wesley (S), 56:1.

800: 1. Joe Crist (S), 2:04.1; 2. Rece Cox (JG), 2:07.0.
1,600: 1. Ross Heidenreich (S), 4:48.2; 2. Jimmy Walsh (S), 4:50.0; 3. Dan Kapadia (S), 4:54.3.
3,200: 1. Adam Warner (S), 10:51.0; 2. Scott Fysh (S), 11:27.0; 3. Mike Jahn (S), 12:06.0.
4x100 relay: 1. John Glenn (Smitherman, Ben Oliphant, Daves, Jones), 45.8.
4x200 relay: 1. John Glenn (Smitherman, Oliphant, Daves, Allen Lenz), 1:36.6.
4x400 relay: 1. John Glenn (Cox, Jim Wood, Terrell White, Oliphant), 3:49.2.
4x800 relay: 1. Salem (Brian Kutnick, Adam Kosteva, Jake Bennett, Dave Maryanski), 8:43.9.
Dual-meet records: Salem, 5-2 overall, 4-1 WLAAs-Lakes Division; John Glenn, 2-5 overall, 2-3 WLAAs-Lakes Division.

(BOYS) CANTON 115
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 22
 May 18 at Canton
Shot put: 1. Chris Snider (C), 44-feet, 9 3/4 inches; 2. Mike Toner (LF), 40-6 3/4; 3. Lester Booker (C), 40-4 1/4.
Discus: 1. Brad Waldmann (C), 152-7; 2. Snider (C), 127-0.
High Jump: 1. Waldmann (C), 6-4; 2. (tie) Joe Mielke (LF), Graham (LF), 6-4.
Long Jump: 1. Mielke (LF), 20-11; 2. Andy Rossow (C), 20-6 3/4; 3. Rodney Preston (C), 19-1.
Pole vault: 1. John Chapman (C), 13-0; 2. Rich Hensel (C), 12-0.
110-meter hurdles: 1. Preston (C), 15:4; 2. Waldmann (C), 15:5.
300 hurdles: 1. Preston (C), 41:2; 2. Corey Stewart (C), 41:5.
100 dash: 1. Brandon Reeves (C), 11:0; 2. James Kelly (LF), 11:7.
200: 1. Dave Callile (C), 23:6; 2. Kevin Burdette (C), 23:7; 3. Cyrus Azizi (C), 23:9.
400: 1. Rossow (C), 51:7; 2. Azizi (C), 53:2.
800: 1. Phaltiel Whitlock (C), 2:12.8; 2. Scott Reidsma (C), 2:16.5; 3. Sam Manees (C), 2:21.4.
1,600: 1. Scott George (C), 4:53.1; 2. Dave Otting (C), 4:54.2; 3. Kevin Rakovytis (C), 5:35.5.
3,200: 1. Nathan Phillips (C), 11:03.8; 2. Charles Wolfe (C), 11:26.7.
4x100 relay: 1. Canton (Burdette, B. Reeves, Callile, Devin Thomas), 44.8.
4x200 relay: 1. Canton (Rossow, B. Reeves, Callile, Thomas), 1:33.4.
4x400 relay: 1. Canton (D'Angelo Pitts, Joe Tonna, Burdette, Ray Eisbrenner), 3:42.4.
4x800 relay: 1. Canton (Eisbrenner, Manees, Mark Erchenbrecher, Whitlock), 9:18.0.
Dual-meet record: Canton, 7-0 overall, 5-0 in the WLAAs Western Division.

(GIRLS) CANTON 61.5
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 76.5
 May 18 at Canton
Shot put: 1. Hudy (LF), 32-feet, 9 1/2 inches; 2. Whalen (LF), 28-10 1/2; 3. James (LF), 28-8 1/2.
Discus: 1. Whalen (LF), 101-6; 2. James (LF), 89-

3; 3. Lovell (LF), 84-11.
High Jump: 1. Supplee (LF), 5-2; 2. Kmet (LF), 4-11; 3. Izabell Paszkowska (C), 4-9.
Long Jump: 1. Andrea Nyberg (C), 16-6 3/4; 2. Wilson (LF), 14-10 1/2; 3. Wendy Dishong (C), 14-5.
Pole vault: 1. Mina Pirzadeh (C), 14-5; 2. Kayia Coleman (C), 7-6; 3. (tie) Vockey (LF), Tiffany O'Brien (C), 7-0.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Lynett (LF), 16:6; 2. Pirzadeh (C), 18:1; 3. Leslie Olech (C), 18:5.
300 hurdles: 1. Olech (C), 50:4; 2. Paszkowska (C), 51:1; 3. Lynett (LF), 51:1.
100 dash: 1. Pam Bryant (LF), 12:8; 2. Wilson (LF), 13:1; 3. Amber Lee (C), 13:3.
200: 1. Wilson (LF), 27:5; 2. D'Angela Pitts (C), 27:7; 3. Bryant (LF), 27:7.
400: 1. Sarah Stobbe (C), 1:03.5; 2. Michelle Lager (C), 1:06.5; 3. Lee (C), 1:08.5.
800: 1. Marshall (LF), 2:37.7; 2. Becky McCormack (C), 2:39.1; 3. Ward (C), 2:44.1.
1,600: 1. (LF), 5:51.0; 2. McCormack (C), 5:54.0; 3. Anna Jimenez (C), 6:17.0.
3,200: 1. Tyler (LF), 12:15.9; 2. Annie Murphy (C), 13:43.0; 3. Saarela (LF), 14:06.0.
4x100 relay: 1. Franklin, 52.1.
4x200 relay: 1. Canton (Sumon Joyner, Pitts, Lee, Stobbe), 1:52.9.
4x400 relay: 1. Canton (Stobbe, Katie Cezat, Lee, Lager), 4:24.6.
4x800 relay: 1. Franklin, 10:50.0.
Dual-meet record: Canton, 1-4 WLAAs Western Division, 2-5 overall.

(GIRLS) LIVONIA CHURCHILL 104
PLYMOUTH 32
 May 18 at Plymouth
Shot put: 1. Jessica Jaskot (LC), 29-feet, 11-inches; 3. Adrienne Bellak (P), 26-2 1/2.
Discus: 1. Nia Henderson (LC), 122-1 1/2.
High Jump: 1. Lache' Wilkins (LC), 4-11; 2. Brittany Petty (P), 4-11.
Long Jump: 1. Chrystien Guyton (P), 15-1 1/4.
Pole vault: 1. Katalin Dugan (LC), 8-0.
100-meter hurdles: 1. Lauren Krupsky (LC), 18:0; 3. Guyton (P), 18:5.
300 hurdles: 1. Rebecca Fedrigo (LC), 49:2; 3. Petty (P), 54:1.
100 dash: 1. Breana Wallace (P), 12:92.
200: 1. Alyse White (LC), 25:8; 2. Wallace (P), 27:99.
400: 1. Christine Rothermel (LC), 1:04.3.
800: 1. Erica Hope (LC), 2:26.1; 2. Janet Hanchett (P), 2:30.9; 3. Jackie Beeler (P), 2:41.4.
1,600: 1. Kylene Cieslak (LC), 5:27.7.
3,200: 1. Gabi Gutierrez (LC), 12:55.6; 2. Hayley Kenney (P), 13:48.6; 3. Tiffany Burns (P), 13:50.0.
4x100 relay: 1. Churchill, 51.0.
4x200 relay: 1. Churchill, 1:46.4.
4x400 relay: 1. Churchill, 4:11.5.
4x800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Hanchett, Sarah Sherwood, Megan Early, Jackie Beeler), 10:30.7.
Dual-meet records: Churchill, 6-0 overall, 5-0 WLAAs-Western Division (clinched title); Plymouth, 1-4 in WLAAs Western Division.

BEST GIRLS TRACK PERFORMANCES

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Shot put
 Nia Henderson (Churchill) 43-7.5
 Anna Wilson (Salem) 34-8.5
 Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 34-6
 Tiffany Clarke (Thurston) 33-0
 Jeanine Moise (Plymouth) 32-8
 Sarah James (Franklin) 32-4
 Bethany Jury (Ladywood) 31-9.5
 Maggie Fisher (Salem) 31-5
 Amy Bodnar (Stevenson) 30-7
 Marissa Marshall (Luth. Westland) 30-5.5

Discus
 Nia Henderson (Churchill) 140-7
 Alicia Krueger (Luth. Westland) 112-8
 Rachel Cooper (Garden City) 110-11
 Anna Wilson (Salem) 108-2
 Amy Bodnar (Stevenson) 104-0
 Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 101-6
 Angela Lightle (Churchill) 100-9
 Erin Lovell (Franklin) 99-0
 Jessica Jaskot (Churchill) 92-9
 Sarah James (Franklin) 92-0
 Kelly Barraco (Stevenson) 92-0

Long Jump
 Jennifer Anderson (Wayne) 18-9
 Brittany Howard (John Glenn) 18-0
 Aisha Moore (Wayne) 16-10.5
 Renita Price (Wayne) 16-10
 Andrea Nyberg (Canton) 16-6.75
 Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 15-7.5
 Sumon Joyner (Canton) 15-6
 Natalie Wasio (Thurston) 15-5
 Jenny Timm (Luth. Westland) 15-5
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 15-2

High Jump
 Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 5-4
 Kelsey Butler (Stevenson) 5-2
 Kelsey Ramthun (Luth. Westland) 5-1
 Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 5-0
 Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 5-0
 Chantal Moore (John Glenn) 4-11
 Lache' Wilkins (Churchill) 4-11
 Megan Kmet (Franklin) 4-10
 Kara Plorkowski (Churchill) 4-10

100-meter hurdles
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 16.5
 Jenelle Miller (Stevenson) 16.8
 Andrea Lang (Salem) 16.9
 J.Q. Williams (Canton) 17.0
 Kaitlin Armstrong (Stevenson) 17.0
 Dana Eldred (Salem) 17.0
 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 17.4
 Elyse Gieschen (Luth. Westland) 17.9
 Kristen Oltersdorf (Stevenson) 18.0
 Natalie Jedruszko (Churchill) 18.0
 Lauren Krupsky (Churchill) 18.0

300-meter hurdles
 Rebecca Fedrigo (Churchill) 49.2
 Kaitlin Armstrong (Stevenson) 49.5
 Leslie Olech (Canton) 50.4
 Andrea Lang (Salem) 50.7
 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 50.8
 Diane Burek (Stevenson) 51.0
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 51.0
 Izabella Paszkowska (Canton) 51.1
 Amanda Mondella (Franklin) 51.4
 Dana Eldred (Salem) 52.0

100-meter dash
 Toin'ia White (John Glenn) 12.1
 Alyse White (Churchill) 12.3
 Tiffany James (Wayne) 12.4
 Aisha Moore (Wayne) 12.4
 Lache' Wilkins (Churchill) 12.8
 Linda Montgomery (Stevenson) 12.7
 Stephanie Foster (John Glenn) 12.7
 Pam Bryant (Franklin) 12.8
 Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson) 12.8
 Kathy Carey (Ladywood) 12.9

200-meter dash
 Alyse White (Churchill) 25.8
 Linda Montgomery (Stevenson) 26.1
 Stephanie Foster (John Glenn) 26.6
 Toin'ia White (John Glenn) 26.6
 Tiffany James (Wayne) 26.8
 Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson) 26.9
 Kathy Carey (Ladywood) 27.1
 Lache' Wilkins (Churchill) 27.2
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 27.3
 Pam Bryant (Franklin) 27.3

400-meter dash
 Lache' Wilkins (Churchill) 1:00.7
 Linda Montgomery (Stevenson) 1:00.5
 Alyse White (Churchill) 1:01.1
 Christine Rothermel (Churchill) 1:02.0
 Natalie Wasio (Thurston) 1:02.6
 Sarah Stobbe (Canton) 1:03.0
 Janet Hanchett (Plymouth) 1:03.0
 Jennifer Anderson (Wayne) 1:03.0
 Katie Tuomi (Clarenceville) 1:03.2
 Lisa Arrowsmith (Stevenson) 1:03.5

800-meter run
 Kelly Gibbons (Stevenson) 2:23.0
 Laura Friedman (Salem) 2:25.6
 Erica Hope (Churchill) 2:26.1
 Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson) 2:27.0
 Amber Cicala (Stevenson) 2:28.9
 Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 2:29.7
 Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 2:30.0
 Amanda Sculthorpe (Stevenson) 2:30.0
 Kylene Cieslak (Churchill) 2:30.4
 Janet Hanchett (Plymouth) 2:30.9

1,600-meter run
 Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 5:18.5
 Heather Sirkko (Stevenson) 5:20.5
 Kylene Cieslak (Churchill) 5:20.8
 Kelly Gibbons (Stevenson) 5:23.5
 Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson) 5:25.2
 Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 5:25.5
 Amber Cicala (Stevenson) 5:29.8
 Amy Drinan (Churchill) 5:31.5
 Erica Hope (Churchill) 5:33.6
 Kristen Tedders (Wayne) 5:34.8

3,200-meter run
 Heather Sirkko (Stevenson) 11:20.0
 Kylene Cieslak (Churchill) 11:39.2
 Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 11:42.9
 Erica Hope (Churchill) 11:46.5
 Meghan Kulczyk (Stevenson) 11:59.6
 Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 12:05.0
 Stephanie Foster (John Glenn) 12:14.5
 Kirstian Tyler (Franklin) 12:15.5
 Amy Drinan (Churchill) 12:17.9

400 relay
 John Glenn 49.6
 Wayne Memorial 50.1
 Churchill 51.0
 Stevenson 51.6
 Franklin 52.1

800 relay
 John Glenn 1:44.3
 Churchill 1:46.4
 Stevenson 1:48.6
 Wayne Memorial 1:49.2
 Salem 1:51.5

1,600 relay
 Churchhill 4:10.0
 Stevenson 4:15.0
 Salem 4:19.0
 John Glenn 4:21.8
 Canton 4:24.6

3,200 relay
 Stevenson 9:40.6
 Churchill 10:01.4
 Salem 10:08.0
 Plymouth 10:30.7
 Ladywood 10:42.4

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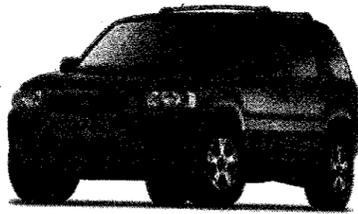
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Shot put	50-9	Jon Smart (Redford CC)
Paul Stradner (Garden City)	48-5	
Dan Haller (Luth. Westland)	47.5-25	
Phil Rucker (Churchill)	47-5	
Nick Barrett (Redford CC)	46-8.25	
Chuck Cannon (Churchill)	46-4.5	
Matt Sheleikis (Redford Union)	46-1	
John Franchi (Redford CC)	45-11	
Brian Nakonecny (Stevenson)	45-10.25	
Ryan Danescu (Redford CC)	45-9	
Discus	175-5	Raul Stradner (Garden City)
Chuck Cannon (Churchill)	157-0	
Brad Waldmann (Canton)	152-7	
Nick Barrett (Redford CC)	151-0	
Brian Nakonecny (Stevenson)	150-3	
Ryan Danescu (Redford CC)	146-8	
Ike Mbanugo (Salem)	138-10	
Eric Getkin (John Glenn)	136-15	
Alex Jachym (John Glenn)	135-7	
Adam Bogenshutz (Churchill)	129-11	
Long Jump	21-3	Julian Smith (Canton)
John Mitchell (Stevenson)	21-2	
Francisco Beltran (Churchill)	20-10.5	
Brian Rumao (Salem)	20-9.5	
Joe Mielke (Franklin)	20-11	
Matt Smitherman (John Glenn)	20-7.5	
Andy Rossow (Canton)	20-6.75	
Allen Lenz (John Glenn)	20-5	
Doug Haller (Luth. Westland)	20-3.25	
Aaron Anselmet (Stevenson)	19-11	
High Jump	6-6.5	Brad Waldman (Canton)
Matt Graham (Franklin)	6-4	
Joe Mielke (Franklin)	6-4	
Nick Reed (Stevenson)	6-0	
Andy Rossow (Canton)	5-10	
Matt McClellan (Canton)	5-10	
Mike Lanlus (Canton)	5-10	
Joe Gonzalez (Stevenson)	5-10	

Matt Smitherman (John Glenn)	11.0	Trevor Hearn (Stevenson)	53.1
Brandon Reeves (Canton)	11.0	Devin Thomas (Canton)	53.5
Cam Scharchburg (Plymouth)	11.1	Joe Mielke (Franklin)	53.7
Andre Thornton (John Glenn)	11.2	Chris Wade (Plymouth)	53.8
Andrew Crushshon (Wayne)	11.2	Ryan Zuhlike (Stevenson)	53.8
Blaine Simmons (Wayne)	11.2		
200-meter dash	22.2	J.J. Dillard (Wayne)	22.2
Devin Thomas (Canton)	22.3		
Darrian Miller (Wayne)	22.3		
Mike Palombo (Redford CC)	22.7		
Brandon Reeves (Canton)	22.9		
Eddie Brown (Thurston)	22.9		
Ben Moldenhauer (Luth. Westland)	23.0		
Erik George (Churchill)	23.1		
Donnie Carson (Clarenceville)	23.1		
Francisco Beltran (Churchill)	23.2		
400-meter dash	50.2	Ben Moldenhauer (Luth. West.)	50.2
Keith Hearn (Stevenson)	50.6		
Collin Hall (Stevenson)	51.0		
Andy Rossow (Canton)	51.5		
Cyrus Azizi (Canton)	51.6		
Brandon Kneefel (Stevenson)	52.3		
800-meter run	2:01.0	Joe Horka (Churchill)	2:01.0
Keith Hearn (Stevenson)	2:01.0		
Rece Cox (John Glenn)	2:01.3		
Matt Patra (Redford Union)	2:02.0		
David Lucas (Redford CC)	2:03.0		
Joe Crist (Salem)	2:04.9		
Collin Hall (Stevenson)	2:05.0		
Max Working (Redford CC)	2:05.9		
Brian Kutnick (Salem)	2:07.2		
Mike Kurtz (Redford CC)	2:07.7		
1,600-meter run	4:26.0	Dave Lucas (Redford CC)	4:26.0
Max Working (Redford CC)	4:31.0		
Dan Horgan (Redford CC)	4:38.5		
Matt Patra (Redford Union)	4:38.9		
Adam Warner (Salem)	4:39.0		
Keith Hearn (Stevenson)	4:41.9		

Scott George (Canton)	4:43.7	Churchill	4:55
Joe Horka (Churchill)	4:43.7	800 relay	
Alex Lumley (Salem)	4:44.1	Canton	1:31.8
Jimmy Walsh (Salem)	4:44.3	Wayne Memorial	1:33.6
3,200-meter run	9:52.2	Stevenson	1:33.7
Max Working (Redford CC)	9:52.4	Churchill	1:34.4
Dan Horgan (Redford CC)	10:06.0	John Glenn	1:34.9
David Lucas (Redford CC)	10:13.0	1,600 relay	
Jimmy Walsh (Salem)	10:17.3	Stevenson	3:24.0
Dan Warner (Salem)	10:19.0	Canton	3:31.4
Dan Kapadia (Salem)	10:22.1	Redford CC	3:36.1
Tim Howse (Churchill)	10:27.6	Lutheran Westland	3:36.9
Connor Schultz (Churchill)	10:27.6	Thurston	3:39.5
Scott George (Canton)	10:36.4	3,200 relay	
Dominic Piro (Redford CC)	10:37.0	Stevenson	8:21.0
400 relay	44.0	Salem	8:26.9
Canton	44.9	Redford CC	8:27.7
Wayne Memorial	45.0	Canton	8:37.5
Stevenson	45.2	Churchill	8:43.0

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., June 3rd, 2004 for the following:

MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL EQUIPMENT AND ACCESSORIES

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

Publish 05/20/2004

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LEGAL NOTICE

1954 PA 188 PROCEEDINGS NOTICE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT HEARING

Charter Township of Plymouth Wayne County, Michigan

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by the record owners of land whose front footage constitutes more than 50% of the total front footage of the hereinafter described Special Assessment District and the Township Board of the Charter Township of Plymouth proposes a road paving project in the Plymouth Gardens and Finch Subdivisions, and to create a Special Assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by Special Assessment against the properties benefited therein.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth has tentatively declared its intention to make the hereinafter described improvement:

The proposed improvements shall consists of a two lane asphalt pavement constructed over the existing gravel roads, as well as miscellaneous driveway and drainage work which may be needed to facilitate the placement of the asphalt road pavement. The project commences at the south right-of-way line of Five Mile Road and proceeds southward along Bradner Road approximately 1,400 feet to the north right-of-way line of Schoolcraft Road. The project continues along Lakeland Court from the east right-of-way line of Bradner Road approximately 1,600 feet up to the existing pavement. The project continues along Finch Avenue from the north right-of-way line of Schoolcraft Road approximately 500 feet to its intersection with Lakeland Court.

That it has further been tentatively determined that the following described lots and parcels of land will specially benefit from said improvements and will constitute a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement shall be assessed:

The district limit for frontage along Bradner Road, Lakeland Court and Finch Avenue consists of Lots 1 through 14, 16 through 26, 58, 59, 2b1, 2b2, 2b3a, 2b3b2 and 2b3b1, and parcels 01-0036-002, 01-0039-001, 01-0080-000, 01-0086-001 and 99-0001-001 located in the Southeast of Section 29, T.1S, R.8E, of Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall meet on **Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170**, for the purpose of reviewing said proposed Special Assessment District, and hearing objections to the improvement, creation of the Special Assessment District, and the assessment thereon. All persons may then and there appear and make any objections they may have to such improvement and assessment. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the amount, if any, of the special assessment to the state tax tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or agent thereof, may appear in person at the hearing, or may file an appearance or protest by letter. All parties or agents appearing in person at the hearing for purposes of protest should request the appearance be entered into the record of the meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the plans, specifications, estimates of cost and recommendations of the engineer for said proposed Special Assessment District have been filed with the Township and are available for public examination at the office of the Township Clerk. The estimate of costs of such construction is in the approximate amount of \$265,000.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that periodic redetermination of costs for the proposed Special Assessment District may be necessary and may be made without further notice to the record owners or parties in interest in the property.

Marilyn Massengill
Charter Township of Plymouth
42350 Ann Arbor Road
Plymouth, Michigan 48170
(734) 453-3840

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Canton Police Department 1150 S. Canton Center Canton, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been determined abandoned and will be sold at public auction May 25, 2004. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI 48185.

1992 CHEVY	CAMARO	GREEN	1G1FP28T7NL103521
1981 OLDS	DELTA 88	RED	1G3AN69YKBM130431
1993 CHEVY	CAVALIER	BLUE	1G1JC1446P7183431
1988 OLDS	CUTLASS	GREY	2G3AJ51R0J982212
1994 CHEVY	CAVALIER	BLACK	1G1JC1447R7145693
1990 FORD	T-BIRD	BLACK	1FAPP6043LH174303
1985 FORD	BRONCO	BLUE	1FMBU14S3FUB37574
1995 CHEVY	CAVALIER	BLUE	1G1JC1247SM100053
1994 FORD	ESCORT	GREEN	3FARP13JXRR120534
1996 GEO	TRACKER	BLACK	2CNBJ1365T6935694
1989 TOYOTA	CAMRY	SILVER	JT2SV21E3K3352788
1990 CHEVY	CORSICA	GREY	1G1LZ51T6LY135197
1996 PONTIAC	SUNFIRE	PURPLE	1G2JB1248T7515168
1991 FORD	ESCORT	RED	1FAPP11JXMY354818
1991 CHEVY	S-10	WHITE	1GCGS14ROMO201229
1990 MERCURY	MARQUIS	RED	2MECM74F2LX630562

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CE0216390

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by adding under New Business, Item J.5 Recommendation of Appointment to the Board of Trustees to Fill the Vacancy Created by the Resignation of Trustee Ron Griffith. She then moved to approve the Agenda for the May 11, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. AYES: Massengill, Edwards, Arnold, Mann. NAYS: Curmi, Munfakh. Motion carried.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the May 11, 2004, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Resident Don Schnettler voiced his objections to adding the nomination of a replacement for Mr. Griffith to the agenda at the last minute.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Application No. 1830/0204 for rezoning from R-1-E, Single Family Residential, to R-1-H, Single Family Resident, as described on the attached amended zoning map with the rezoning to be effective seven days after publication of the notice of adoption. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Application No. 1826/0204 for rezoning from R-1-S, Single Family Residential, to OS, Office Service, as described on the attached amended zoning map with the rezoning to be effective seven days after publication of the notice of adoption. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 04-05-11-17, granting a gaming license permitting Extreme Power Ministries, Inc., to conduct a raffle to raise money. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Munfakh moved to set the date for the Public Hearing of Necessity to May 25, 2004, and add this item to the agenda for that meeting. Further, to approve Resolution 04-05-11-18 scheduling Hearing of Necessity for the Plymouth Gardens and Finch Subdivisions Road Paving S.A.D. for May 25, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-04-01, an Ordinance repealing the Plymouth Township Massage Ordinance, Ordinance No. C-92-03. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Curmi moved to adopt Resolution 04-05-11-19, accepting maintenance responsibilities for the Streetscape Improvements along Ann Arbor Road from Haggerty Road east to Eckles Road. The Township reserves the right to contract out said work to any other government agency and/or private contractor. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to appoint Daniel Herriman to the Board of Trustees to complete the unexpired term of Ron Griffith, expiring on November 20, 2004. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. AYES: Edwards, Massengill, Curmi, Mann. NAYS: Arnold, Munfakh. Motion carried.

Mr. Mann reminded everyone of Hazardous Waste Day at Computware on Saturday, May 15, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Ms. Arnold requested that staff attend an upcoming Crisis in Health Care Seminar.

Mr. Curmi questioned the street light inventory and possibility of changing suppliers with lower costs.

Jim Karell expressed his objection to one person recruiting an appointment to fill the vacancy on the Board, although he understood selecting an individual who is not running for the office.

Don Schnettler once again registered his objection to the way the appointment to fill the vacancy on the Board was handled. He felt that placing an ad in the newspaper recruiting potential candidates should have taken place.

Mrs. Massengill moved that a closed session be called at 8:19 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Re: Plymouth Township v Mann, et al Settlement Offer. This is a permissible purpose under Michigan's Open Meeting Act, Public Act No. 267, Article 15.268, Section 8, paragraph (e). Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Massengill moved to return to open session at 8:39 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

Mrs. Massengill moved to authorize the Township Attorney to sign the settlement agreement for Case No. 03T3766. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, CLERK
Charter Township of Plymouth
STEVEN MANN, SUPERVISOR
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on May 11, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on May 25, 2004.

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Phone number (734) 354-3200 TDD units: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Services)

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for **Basic and Supplemental Group Life, AD&D, and Long-Term Disability Insurance Coverage**. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. For additional information, please contact Sharon Kolassa of the Personnel Department at (734) 416-3834. Sealed bids are due to the E.J. McClelland Educational Center located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI on or before 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, 2004. 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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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., June 3rd, 2004 for the following:

EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM INSTALLATION OF BOARD ROOM AND CABLE PRODUCTION SITE

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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SHURGARD STORAGE CENTERS

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 6/4/04 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the following locations:

Shurgard of Canton 2101 Haggerty Rd. Canton, MI 48187 (734) 981-0300	Shurgard of Taylor 9300 Felham Rd. Taylor, MI 48180 (313) 292-2950
Unit 5020 household	Unit 3031 household
Shurgard of Canton South 45229 Michigan Ave. Canton, MI 48188 (734) 398-5416	Unit 3052 household
Unit 4041 household	Unit 3079 household
Unit 4044 household	Unit 3093 household
Unit 4121 household	Unit 5012 household
Unit 4159 household	Unit 5070 household
Unit 4215 household	Shurgard of Plymouth 41889 Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 (734) 458-2200
Unit 4223 household	Unit 1019 household
Unit 4225 household	Unit 1035 household
Shurgard of Walled Lake 1901 East West Maple Rd. Walled Lake, MI 48390 (248) 869-4020	Unit 3033 household
Unit 2051 household	Unit 4030 household
Unit 3026 ranger truck	Unit 4068 household
Unit 3030 firebird car	Shurgard of Shfld @ Telegraph 24200 Telegraph Southfield, MI 48034 (248) 208-9000
Unit 3031 mazda rx7 car	Unit 1027 household
Unit 4023 household	Unit 1059 household
Unit 5036 household	Unit 2011 household
Unit 6038 household</	

An Amazing Story

—Chapter 1—

We could not believe it

Once upon a time (this spring) The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Michigan Education Savings Program (MESP) joined together for a *Pass it along Book Drive*.

The contest was open to all area elementary and middle schools.

Our hope was to persuade eight, or perhaps 10, schools to participate.

The list below tells the story: *31 elementary schools, two middle schools and 14,000 students made the book drive an overwhelming success with the collection of 60,890 new or gently-used books!*

—Chapter 2—

The Book Trucks Roll

The thousands of books were delivered to schools in Detroit and Pontiac. Many of the schools had few, if any, books. The students who helped unload them were excited and eager to choose their own special book from the boxes and cartons that were filled with adventure, wonder, knowledge and imagination.

The prize? Two prizes were awarded; one in Wayne County and one in Oakland with every school receiving a certificate for their participation.

Top winners in each County will enjoy a Bosco Pizza and Edy's Ice Cream party for collecting a combined total of 9,716 books.

We think that's a very happy ending to this amazing story.



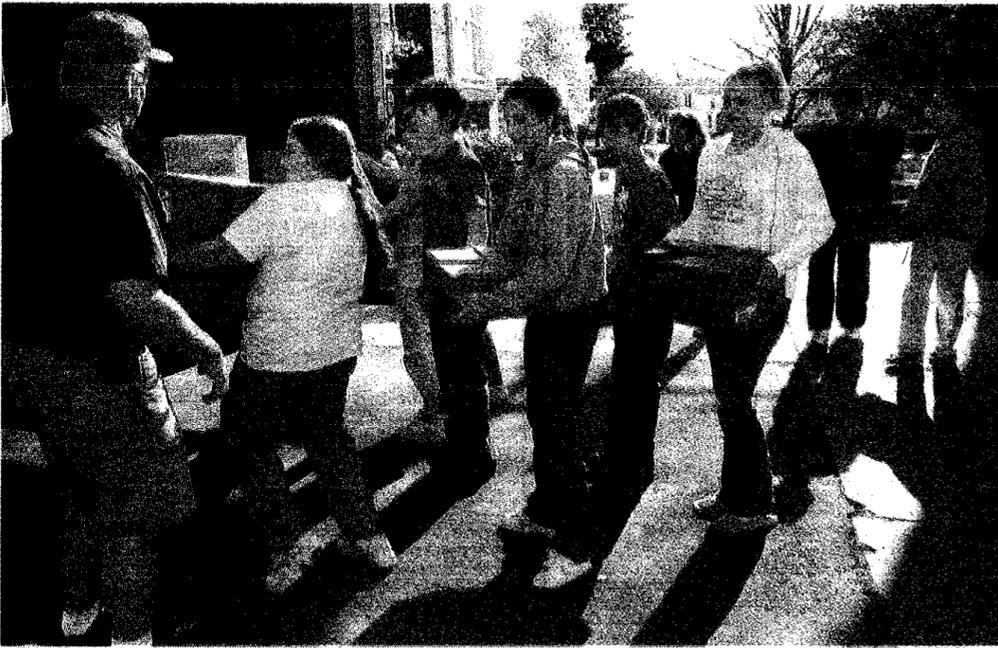
Douglas Elementary School, Garden City



West Maple Elementary School, Birmingham



Bentley Elementary School, Canton



Central Middle School, Plymouth

SCHOOL	CITY	BOOKS
Adams Elementary	Livonia	4,254
Bentley Elementary	Canton	3,157
Birmingham Covington School	Bloomfield Hills	1,078
Blanche Sims Elementary	Lake Orion	617
Central Middle School	Plymouth	589
Coolidge Elementary School	Livonia	3,300
Doherty Elementary	West Bloomfield	3,670
Douglas Elementary School	Garden City	6,046
Eastover Elementary	Bloomfield Hills	1,505
Farmington Elementary	Garden City	2,463
Frost Middle School	Livonia	814
Grandview Elementary	Livonia	747
Hayes Elementary	Westland	840
Henry Ruff Elementary	Garden City	1,539
Hoben Elementary	Canton	1,175
Holmes Elementary	Livonia	1,391
Kenbrook Elementary School	Farmington Hills	950
Kennedy Elementary School	Livonia	1,012
McGregor Elementary	Rochester	3,070
McKinley Elementary	Livonia	467
Musson Elementary	Rochester	1,323
Our Lady of Loretto School	Redford	1,000
Pembroke Elementary School	Troy	UNKNOWN
Randolph Elementary	Livonia	3,346
Scorpion Den pack 743, Allen Elementary	Plymouth	600
St Raphael School	Garden City	663
St. Edith School	Livonia	1131
St. Michael's School	Livonia	4,369
St. Valentine's School	Redford	616
Tonda Elementary	Canton	4,775
Walker/Winter Elementary	Canton	1,647
Washington Elementary School	Livonia	911
West Maple Elementary	Bloomfield Hills	1,825
Total		60,890

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PHOTO BY GAYE WILLIAMS
The cicada returns this summer for the first time in 17 years.

Grab your ear plugs: Cicadas to arrive

They're coming! Billions of periodic cicadas, the loudest of all insects, are about to descend on parts of the United States - including Michigan - after spending 17 years underground.

And when they arrive it will sound like a perpetual buzz saw has invaded your community.

Here are some facts from the National Wildlife Federation about these amazing and very noisy creatures.

■ The group that is emerging this year, Brood X, is thought to be the largest of all the 17-year cicada broods.

■ Periodical cicadas are found only in the United States east of the Great Plains. Brood X will affect Michigan, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

■ This year's brood will arrive in May and be around through mid-June.

■ Periodic cicadas look noticeably different from the dog day cicada that most people are familiar with. Periodic cicadas have red eyes and are mostly black with orange-veined wings.

■ The 17-year life cycle of the periodic cicada is the longest of any insect.

■ The noise you hear is the male singing to attract females. He makes the sound by vibrating membranes on the side of his body, underneath his wings.

■ Cicadas emerge when the soil temperature exceeds 64 degrees Fahrenheit.

When asked about the noise level that cicadas create, NWF entomologist Gabriela Chavarria said, "The noise you hear is the male cicada singing to attract a female mate."

"For these guys, mating only happens once in their lifetime, and they only have two weeks to do it after waiting 17 years. You would be loud too under those circumstances!"

The NWF clears up the following fiction about cicadas:

■ Fiction: Cicadas are locusts.

PLEASE SEE CICADAS, C5



Above, the two risers between the two levels on this deck can provide extra space for seating.

At right, screened-in porches are popular, according to Mike McCoy of Coy Construction. The floor here is made of cedar.



PHOTOS BY COY CONSTRUCTION

Party platform

Make ideal deck foundation for summer fun

A deck is a great way to enjoy the great outdoors.

"Everybody wants a deck," said Joe Dompierre of A.J. Dompierre Construction in Farmington. "It's where you gather in the summer for barbecues, parties."

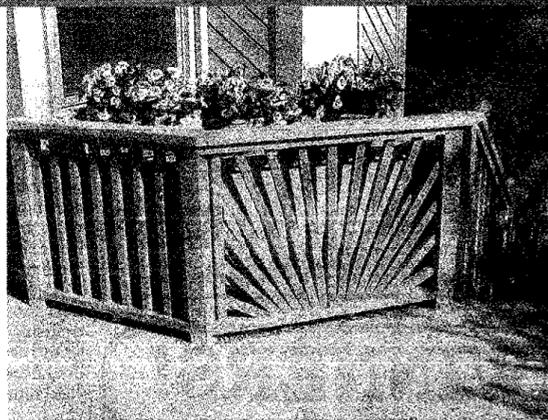
"(They) expand the living area to the outside," said Brad Upton, co-owner of Dillman & Upton in Rochester.

A deck can be as distinctive as a kitchen, Dompierre said.

The company has designed and built decks in all shapes and sizes, including with two or three tiers, and as high as 10 or 20 feet off the ground and as low as one foot, he says.

"Decks are getting like anything else," Dompierre said. "You can do what you want with them in terms of lighting, railing systems."

PLEASE SEE DECKS, C3



A.J. DOMPIERRE CONSTRUCTION

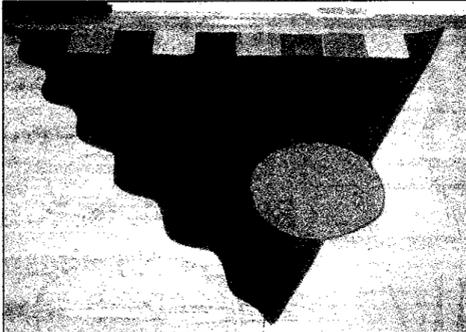
A sunburst pattern adorns this railing. The floor is made of Fantastic Images plastic.

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

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

Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.



Artistic furnishings

Rugs by Susan Cobb of West Bloomfield are among the works of art and crafts that will be featured at Fine Art at the Village Saturday-Sunday, May 22-23, at The Village of Rochester Hills shopping center.

The Village of Rochester Hills, at the northeast corner of Adams and Walton, will be transformed into an outdoor art festival for the event. More than 100 artists from across the United States and Canada will show their work

in every media, including ceramics, glass, painting, drawing, multimedia, sculpture, photography, fiber art, wood and jewelry. A panel of experts will judge the art work and award outstanding entries.

Along with enjoying the art and meeting the artists, visitors can stroll the tree-lined streets of the shopping center and go to the more than 50 shops and restaurants.

A playground and a free arts and crafts booth will be featured for

children.

A booth will show the work of emerging student artists now enrolled in Eastern Michigan University's How To Make a Living as an Artist program. Creative Arts Council, a nonprofit art group, is sponsoring the juried festival.

Hours for Fine Art at the Village are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call (248) 689-8734.

Accents

Adopt a cat

The Michigan Humane Society begins the month of June with a promotion for Adopt-a-Cat month at the Pet Supplies Plus store, 29493 W. Seven Mile Road, just west of Middlebelt in Livonia.

There will be cat adoptions 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 5, aboard the Michigan Humane Society's Mobile Adoption Unit where those in need of a friend can adopt one or two of the dozens of adorable, playful, pensive, quirky or frisky cats and kittens available.

There will also be a Garfield Look-alike Contest to promote the upcoming release by Twentieth Century Fox, *Garfield: The Movie* opening in theaters June 11. Bring your Garfield look-alike to Pet Supplies Plus in Livonia for a chance to win Garfield's favorite recliner from Ashley Furniture. Plan to arrive by 11 a.m. as judges will make their decision at noon.

Don't have a Garfield look-alike? Stop by anyway to get your free advance screening passes to see *Garfield: The Movie*.

Adopt-a-Cat month celebrates the wonders of our feline friends. Cats often enjoy the company of another feline and when you adopt two cats or kittens together, you'll receive half off the second adoption fee. Adoption fees vary.

In addition to companionship and unconditional love, you'll receive a comprehensive adoption package that includes spaying or neutering, age-appropriate vaccinations and more.

If you can't make it to Pet Supplies Plus, visit a Michigan Humane Society shelter in Detroit, (313) 872-3400, Rochester Hills, (248) 852-7420, or Westland (734) 721-7300. Or visit www.michiganhumane.org and click on "adopt" to check out photos and detailed descriptions of many adoptable cats and kittens.

Polling the kitchen

A national survey of more than 1,000 respondents conducted by IKEA North America revealed that kitchen design and consumer behavior - from our senses of style to whether or not we wear an apron or even drink directly from the milk container - tell a lot about our lives. In fact, kitchen décor and behavior patterns may even provide insight into people's interests regarding this year's political campaigning.

The survey found that people with televisions in the kitchen were more in tune with the news and world around them - 36 percent of people with televisions in the kitchen talked politics at the dinner table compared to only 21 percent of people without a television. And

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Create finished look with deck accessories

(NAPSI) - Millions of homeowners are enjoying the additional living space a deck or patio affords their families. In fact, 25 percent of American homes now have decks and that's 30 million decks.

As more and more families take advantage of the added living space, the traditional deck is becoming more upscale.

Homeowners are realizing that simple touches such as adding attractive, ready-made accessories can easily draw out a deck's charm.

Just as crown molding beautifies a home's interior aesthetics, finishing touches such as post caps and post base rings can do wonders by covering a deck's mechanical eyesores.

Post caps come in a number of styles ranging from angled peaks to flat top surfaces, for example. Post base rings can elegantly accentuate the inter-

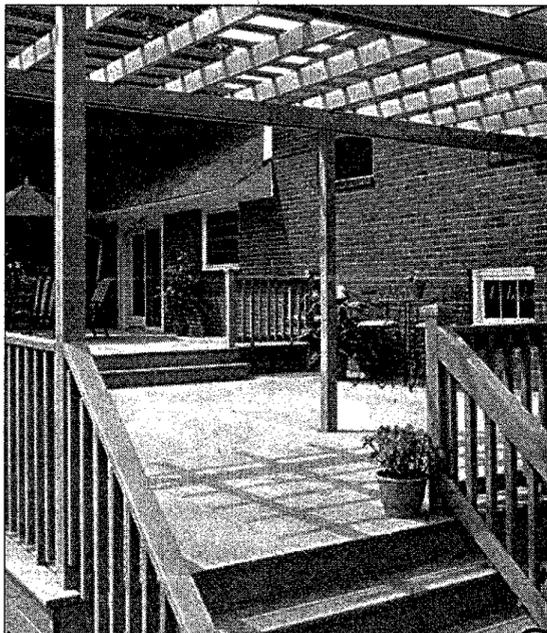
section between post and deck surface.

Another simple addition is "fascia," which conceals structural essentials such as unsightly screws and support beams of knotty southern yellow pine. Fascia is designed to complement existing deck design and create a smooth, finished look.

When choosing a decking system, it often makes sense to go with a style that is part of a complete decking and railing system. This ensures you that your deck - from floor planking to railing and accessories - maintains a consistent, finished look.

A deck can add much needed living space to a home. By adding simple exterior accessories, your deck can become your family's favorite living room.

For more information on building accessories or



The addition of simple touches can turn your deck into your family's favorite living room.

Boardwalk Composite Decking and Railing, visit www.certain-teed.com or call (800) 782-8777.

Use light spray when power washing that deck

Whether we're entertaining, cooking or just plain sitting in a comfortable chair and reading, one of our favorite places for these activities is on our deck.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

I thought I might use this time to share a couple of the most often asked deck maintenance questions I receive.

What's the best way to clean my deck?

Many factors determine how to best clean a

deck. Much depends on what material was used to build the deck, what kind of discoloration or soil is on the deck and the age of the deck.

Homeowners commonly clean all the cracks and crevices on the deck. Often this activity means getting down on your hands and knees and using a screw driver, putty knife or similar tool to remove dirt, leaves and debris from spaces between the deck boards.

That being done, it's time to clean the surfaces.

Though many are now saying to avoid power washers because they damage the wood, I still recommend this tool, but you should use only as much pressure as needed to clean the wood, and not scour it.

I suggest that you first use a cleaner made from about one pint bleach, one-cup detergent (dish washing or laundry), two or three scoops (comes with the product) Oxyclean and one-gallon water. Spread this around the deck and scrub with a stiff broom then power wash off. If there are green algae areas present on your deck (where the deck stays damp), increase the amount of bleach in the mixture. We've had very little problems with this mixture, but be careful if you are growing sensitive plants. Don't damage any plants with the power washer's spray.

Use safe procedures, including wearing eye protection

when using the power washer.

When you are done cleaning your deck, reset any nails or screws that have worked their way above the deck surface. Sand any area that has splintering wood.

Is a sealer needed on my wood deck and what one do you suggest?

Our deck was built in 1986 and we've never applied sealer to it. It does have a weathered look, but only to the extent that we like it. (I've not had to replace any boards on the deck, except for the ones I burned through while attempting the cook a goose for Christmas dinner on our outdoor grill I'll do a story some other time.)

If you wish to reduce weathering, or give your deck a different color, there are several fine products on the market. My particular favorites are those made by Performance Coatings under the Penofin brand name. These are great penetrating finishes available in several colors. If a more glossy, film type finish is one you desire, use Sikkens Cetol SRD. This one film-type finish really holds up well on wood decks. I've only heard of one person who has had problems with Sikkens and I believe they applied it on wet wood.

I strongly suggest staying away from the universal "water sealers" that can also be used on concrete, bricks even canvas, as they tend to attract and hold dirt. Our neighbors used one of the more popular brands on their deck only to find dirt the sealer held on the wood stuck to feet of people walking on the deck and deposited that dirt on their light-colored carpet.

Yes sir, it's hard to beat this time of year - sitting on the deck, Saturday morning with the newspaper and a cup of coffee.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Soothing sounds can help relieve stress

You know you have to eat right, exercise regularly and get plenty of rest.

However, finding ways to reduce stress is also an important part of living a healthy lifestyle. Some meditate through yoga or other physical activities, while others choose a relaxing hobby. Listening to soothing sounds, live or recorded, can also help you unwind at the end of a stressful day.

Fountains and other types of "water features" have become a common component of many backyard gardens. Many are stock items that can be purchased at a home improvement store or garden center that you can install at little expense. Not only an attractive addition to the landscape, they also produce sounds that we find peaceful and relaxing.

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Please your peas with a trellis

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Growing peas captures the essence of vegetable gardening because if you choose a good variety, then plant the seeds carefully in good soil, you are amply rewarded.

Few vegetables compare with freshly harvested, home-grown peas. Early sowing is a must to get the peas ripe before hot weather renders them tough and tasteless.

It's too late to plant peas, but it's a good time to think about trellising them. Pods are cleaner and easier to pick from trellised peas, and trellised vines yield more than sprawling vines.

The traditional pea trellis, which looks quite charming, is made by merely sticking

brushy twigs into the ground along the pea row. Pruning branches that stick out perpendicular to the row leaves a flat plane of twigs up which the clinging vines can clamber. This pea trellis, though, takes some time to set up and requires a lot of suitable twigs.

Here, then, is the second best pea trellis:

Pound an old piece of inch-thick iron plumbing pipe into the ground at each end of your pea row. The trellis itself is chicken wire, each end of which you attach to the pipes by just weaving each end of the roll of chicken wire onto the pipe.

The chicken wire then can be cut to the length of the row, or the excess can be left standing, rolled up, just beyond the pipe.

The chicken wire slides

down the pipes most easily if kept almost parallel to the ground, so attach one end part way on one pipe, then the other end part way on the other pipe, and keep going back and forth easing the mesh down to the ground.

At this point, the trellis will be quite floppy. Strengthen it with some of those inexpensive, fiberglass posts sold for electric fencing, weaving one of these posts into the chicken wire every 3 feet or so, and then push it into the ground.

Presto! In about 15 minutes you have erected a serviceable and inexpensive pea fence.

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DECKS

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Customers can choose from a variety of accent features, such as light towers, decorative finials for newel posts, glass panels and sunburst and other designs in railings, Dompierre and Upton said. Space between balusters can be narrow so that nothing larger than a tennis ball can get through.

"There's a lot of increased interest in screened-in porches," said Mike McCoy, owner of Coy Construction in Walled Lake. "They can be built right on top of a deck. They are really wonderful features."

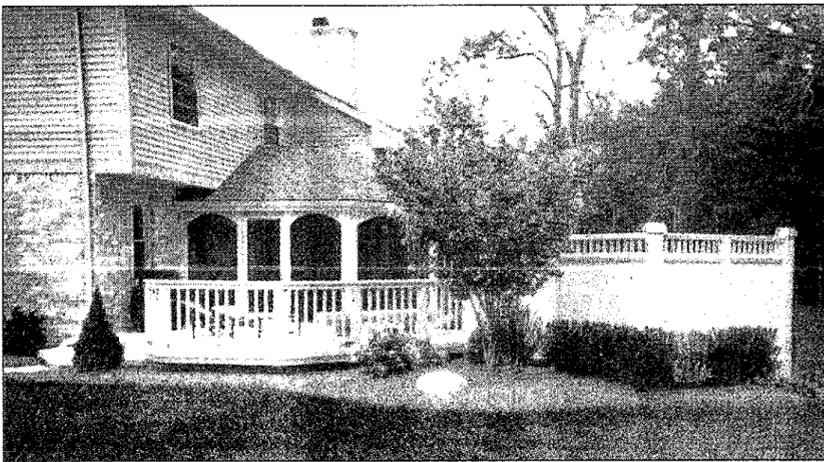
DESIGN

You want your deck to be a place where you can relax, but don't be lax when it comes to selecting the type you want.

McCoy emphasizes the importance of design. He recommends driving around to look at decks, making notes of what you like.

"The people that run into problems are those that try to design their deck themselves," McCoy said. "You should get the advice from a professional and get free designs and a free estimate. The people that really have the best decks are the ones that start this process with an open mind, take their time and think it through."

Misconceptions about deck design, McCoy said, include not wanting a railing by a window (assuming it will block



COY CONSTRUCTION

Paint vertical surfaces of your deck in a color to match the house. The deck should look as though it had been built with the house.

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Mike McCoy
Coy Construction

the view) and not wanting to build a deck over a window (assuming it will cut the amount of sunlight).

Think of a deck as an addition to your home, he said. The

deck should look as if it was built with the house.

All vertical surfaces — such as the railing, fascia and edges of steps and benches — should match the color of the house. Use the same product you put on the wood trim of your house, whether an exterior paint or solid stain.

Among McCoy's suggestions for design:

- Have two or more levels, two or more risers apart in elevation. The risers provide additional space for seating, if needed.

- Instead of planter boxes ("For nine months of the year you're going to be looking at dirt," he said), set out plants in clay or colorful pots. Put the pots away when the plants have finished blooming.

- Don't begin and end the deck at corners of the house. Avoid 90-degree corners.

- Don't put benches on upper level decks. These could be dangerous for children.

- On walkout decks — which usually have one level — develop an overall plan and work toward it in stages, as it fits your budget.

For example, a new trend is to make the underside of an upper deck attractive. Build the deck one year. The next year, use a vinyl undercoating system or trim the underside with cedar.

MATERIALS

Apply a clear sealer to the floor and to the tops of steps



A.J. DOMPIERRE CONSTRUCTION

Today's decks include nice touches and attention to detail. The railing here features glass panels.

and benches, McCoy said.

Different materials are available for decks: wood, composites (a combination of wood and plastic), plastic and vinyl.

"There have been a lot of new products introduced," Dompierre said. "Definitely research."

Makers of composite materials say their product is low-maintenance, not requiring staining or sealing.

Decks made of composites still must be cleaned.

Composite brands include Trex® and WeatherBest®, which each come in five colors.

Fantastic Images is an all-plastic product in a tongue-and-groove format. It comes in only two colors.

With vinyl, you must allow space for expansion and contraction.

McCoy recommends cedar,

which doesn't need to be chemically treated, he said. Cedar is naturally resistant to rot and insects.

"(Cedar) maintenance is cleaning and sealing," McCoy said.

Don from Extreme Decks in Waterford says to look for a product with oil in it.

"Total Wood Preservative, TWP, is good," he said. "It absorbs right in."

If you're going to a licensed builder, get referrals. "Get a couple of quotes," Upton said.

"Be sure you and the builder have the same scope of the project and the same type surface (in mind)."

"If you're going to spend \$5,000 to \$10,000 on something it should increase the value of home," McCoy said.

"You have so much possibility, take advantage of it."

Get the right gear for gardening

(NAPSI)-If you're starting to dig gardening, your interest and your garden are more likely to bloom with these suggestions:

- To achieve best results you need the right type of gear. To get started, you'll need a soaker hose, a hoe, fertilizer, seeds and gardening gloves.

- Start small. If you're not sure of how much time and effort you are willing to put into gardening, start by planting in containers or simply add a few rows to your flower garden to get your feet wet.

- Make sure to plant your new garden in a sunny area, one that receives eight hours of

sunlight a day. Plant vegetables that need a bit of shade such as cucumbers and lettuce next to tall tomato plants or trellises.

- Instead of trying to start your new garden with expensive seedlings, start out by planting vegetables from seeds into loose soil and follow the directions on the back of the seed package.

- Once everything is planted, make sure you spend an hour or two a week maintaining your hard work.

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Native plants add to beauty of gardens

On a Saturday morning in June last year, I attended a planting workshop for native shrubs at Riverside Park in Beverly Hills.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Fifth graders from Beverly Elementary School, neighborhood residents, and volunteers from the South Oakland County Water Authority's Healthy Garden program learned about planting shrubs that are pretty, as well as beneficial.

Jim McKinder, of Natural Organic Landscapes designed and participated in the planting, while the neighborhood homeowners association made all this happen with donations of plants and care of the plants. Before any planting could be done, old overgrown invasive species such as poison ivy, buckthorn, honeysuckle and wild roses were removed. The areas were then improved with good rich soil, and the planting began. Native shrubs that were planted included such species as Ninebark (*Physocarpus opulifolius*), that is pretty from the spring to fall. The branching habit makes it suitable for screening or massing. Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana*) is found in lightly shaded areas. The leaves change color during the seasons; white flowers appear after the leaves and precede the fruit loved by birds.

Chokecherry (Aronia



Lillian Dean, coordinator of the South Oakland Healthy Lawns & Gardens program (far right), explains the importance of using appropriate plants to fifth-grade students from Beverly Elementary School.

Melanocarpa) is a small shrub, likes wet conditions, but is adaptable in many site conditions. It has four seasons of interest; Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*), a large, multi-stemmed shrub or small tree found in moist forest sites. The fleecy white flowers merge early in spring when the leaves are half grown. The leaves change color during the seasons. The berries are most attractive to wildlife. Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*) is a tall shrub or small understory tree that tolerates a diversity of sites, excluding wet ones. This cultivar is deciduous and tiny, yellow, ribbon-like flowers are produced in the

fall. Also, Red-osier Dogwood (*Cornus stolonifera*) with deep red stems are beautiful in the snow or against a light colored wall or fence. The more sun it gets, the redder it gets. Fragrant Sumac (*Rhus aromatica*) grows well in dry prairies and old fields. It provides excellent wildlife food and is very suitable for filling in large spaces. It has yellow flowers in spring and wine red fruit and red purple leaves in the fall. American Cranberry Viburnum (*Viburnum trilobum*) is highly ornamental. The spring flower is a flat-topped cluster of creamy white blooms, which change into

scarlet, red, orange fruit loved by birds and other wildlife. The yellow green leaves are red to maroon purple in fall. This is just a few of our native shrubs that are suitable as well as attractive. When the plants get established, they are easy to care for and maintain. You can't just let them grow with no attention; they need some annual maintenance to maintain their health, vigor, and beauty. If you follow the following rules, your planting will provide years of beauty to the landscape. Consider the size of the mature shrub: leave space between young shrubs, taking account future growth. Prune

annually: slow-growing shrubs will require only occasional pruning for health and appearance.

Remove dead and diseased wood and thin branches, Prune to enhance the natural shape and form of the shrub, as needed. Use compost as a top dressing, and add it around the base of the shrub and under branches. The compost serves as a slow-release fertilizer and helps keep soils healthy. Natural mulches such as shredded leaves, grass clippings, aged wood chips, and shredded bark help protect soil, hold moisture, and minimize weeds.

Apply a two- or three-inch layer around the shrub, making sure that water and air can still reach the soil and plant roots.

Native wildflower were planted last spring at the Martha Baldwin Park, located at the southeast corner of Maple and Southfield roads in Birmingham. This project was sponsored by the city of Birmingham.

Linda and Oz Forrester, community volunteers, were the impetus for this garden. The many participants created a Native Plant Learning Garden.

Now the plants are beginning to bloom, so it's a good time to go and see the beauty of many native plants. Both of these gardens as well as the Lathrup Community Rain Garden, at the city hall offices on Southfield Road, and the Native Landscape Educational Site at the headquarters of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority, 3910 Webster in Royal Oak, can be visited anytime.

The work goes on as many people are getting involved with these important projects. SOCWA offers a free package of native plant materials. Call (248) 546-5818 to request this information.

Carole Rubin will present an exciting and eye-opening program, 7-9 p.m. Monday, June 7 at the Birmingham Congregational Church, 1000 Cranbrook Road in Bloomfield Hills. The event is free.

Rubin, an acclaimed environmentalist, has written two books, *How to Grow Your Lawn & Garden Off Drugs*, and *How to Get Your Lawn Off Grass*, which will be available for purchase.

Rubin will share readings from her books, facts and figures about lawn and garden care, organic and native yard care, a history of the lawn and slides of gorgeous yards and gardens from all over North America. Her frank and funny presentation will challenge our beliefs about water purity and abundance, our use of technology and the myths and phobias we harbor about insects and weeds. She encourages us to take a new look at how we see ourselves and our gardens, in the world.

This informative program is sponsored by Oakland Wild Ones, Hardy Plant Society, and Harbour Publishing. For further information, contact Barbara Johnson at the Hardy Plant Society at (248) 589-2286.

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Learn more about spas before buying

BY AMANDA KNOLES

Most people love the idea of owning a spa but fears about maintenance and installation keep them from actually buying one.

The National Spa and Pool Institute advise consumers to shop around before investing in a spa. Ask pertinent questions, explore your options, and make sure you are getting the spa best suited for your family's needs.

A self-contained or portable spa is constructed with the electrical, filtration and heating systems contained in the spa's cabinet or exterior. They are usually installed above ground but many spa owners prefer to surround them with a deck, which results in a more attractive, built-in appearance. Self-contained units are the choice of many spa owners because they can be moved and reinstalled at a new location. Portable self-contained spas usually require no external plumbing, excavation or electrical work.

Non self-contained spas are installed in the ground, like a swimming pool, and may be part of a pool/spa combination. The electrical, heating and filtration systems are located away from the spa unit.

When shopping for a spa, it is important to analyze how you will use it.

If you have a large family or plan to use it for entertaining, a larger model with plenty of seating would be preferable. If you are seeking a spa for relaxation, a smaller spa with comfortable seating and lots of massage jets might be more suitable.

Accessories such as covers, deck surrounds, enclosures, special lighting and audio/DVD features can be



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selected to customize the spa to your individual needs.

The National Spa & Pool Institute recommends that spa owners purchase and use a locking safety cover. Alarm systems are also available to offer another level of protection.

When shopping for a spa, look for dealers who display strong knowledge of the various models and who are experienced with delivery and setup.

Ask how long the company has been in business and call your local Better Business Bureau to see if there are any complaints listed regarding the company.

Reputable dealers will be happy to show you all of their affiliations and refer you to customers and manufacturers who will provide references.

Get a detailed contract that includes a description of all equipment, the set-up date, an explanation of shipping and delivery charges, specifics about any after-care service and a copy of the warranty.

In-ground spas can be placed in an outside deck, sunk into a cement floor or installed semi-underground surrounded by a wood or tile deck.

Installation of in-ground spas requires plumbing, electrical and sometimes, gas work. And they may require a permit. Your dealer can usually arrange for all of these services or you can work with private contractors of your choosing.

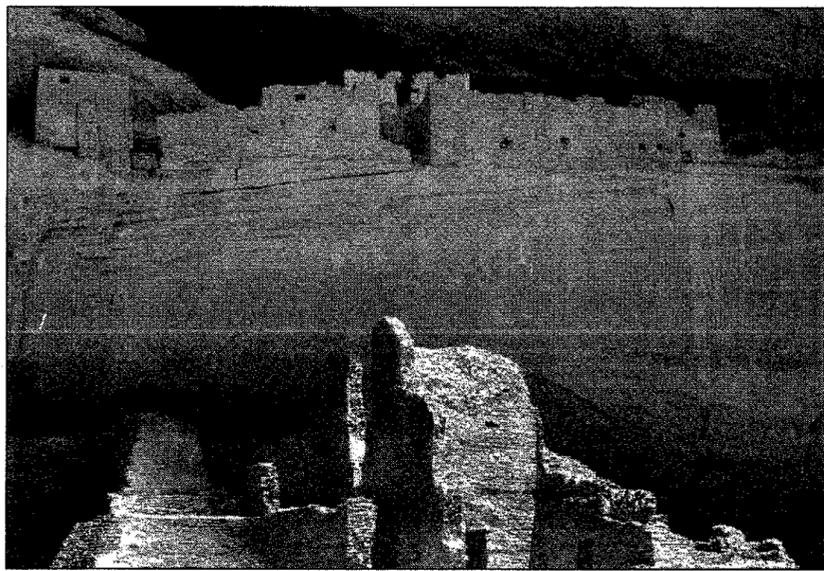
An in-ground spa is more costly than a portable unit but it may also add to the resale value of your home. Your dealer can answer any concerns you may have about the weight of a spa but most exert less stress per square foot than a refrigerator or large fish tank.

Spas are heated by electricity or gas (natural or propane). Portable models are usually heated using electric heaters ranging from 1.5 kilowatts to 11.5 kilowatts.

The higher the wattage of your heater, the quicker your spa will heat up. All spa heaters have a thermostat control.

In-ground spas may also use an electric or gas heating system. Gas heaters are more expensive initially but they cost less to run month to month.

Make sure the spa you select has a balanced filtration system and ask if the filters are top-loaded for easier access.



Here is the famous White House Ruins located in Arizona's Canyon de Chelly.

Great pictures are around every corner

People will often ask me where is my most favorite place to photograph in the world. Well, there are a lot of them. In fact, good photographs can be found wherever



Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

you are. But there are certain locations that are special and often in my mind whenever I reminisce about places I've been... places I could return to time and again. One of my favorites is the Four Corners area. This is the common meeting point where Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico all come together. In fact, you can stand on a plaque at this juncture and actually be

in four states at the same time!

No matter what direction you head from Four Corners, there are awesome subjects to photograph.

Head west along the Arizona/Utah border and you'll end up in the center of Monument Valley; home of the most majestic buttes and mesas anywhere. There are even sand dunes here, too.

Head north into Utah and you'll arrive at Arches National Monument which contains, among many rock arches, the famous Delicate Arch so often seen in pictures.

Head south into Arizona and there's Canyon de Chelly where spectacular Anasazi cliff dwellings are located. White

House is the most well known and most photogenic. Some of these ancient dwellings are well over 1,000 years old.

From Four Corners, head into Colorado to Mesa Verde, again wonderful ancient cliff dwellings. So whatever direction you head from Four Corners, you'll experience the beauty of the desert, the magic of ancient dwellings and the grandeur of mesas and buttes.

Don't get stuck in a corner... unless it's with your camera in Four Corners.

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CICADAS

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Fact: Locusts are migratory insects related to grasshoppers. Locusts are most closely related to aphids. Cicadas are NOT locusts.

Fiction: Cicadas are dangerous.

Fact: Cicadas don't bite, sting or otherwise attack humans. They don't carry disease and they don't swarm. They may bump into you just as they would a tree or stone as they go about their business of finding mates, avoiding predators, and laying eggs. Aside from the noise they make, cicadas shouldn't bother you at all.

Fiction: Cicadas will destroy your yard.

Fact: Young trees with small branches may suffer some damage as females lay their eggs, but you can loosely wrap these trees in cheesecloth to keep out female cicadas and prevent damage.

Here are five facts about cicadas:

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Life cycle of the cicada

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■ **Transforming** - Soon after, the cicada's skin splits down the back, and the shells are shed. The brown casings left behind are called "exuviae."

■ **Mating** - Male cicadas begin producing calling songs and form choruses to attract females.

■ **Laying eggs** - After mating, the female cicada makes a series of slits on the underside of a twig and lays her eggs.

■ **Hatching** - After they hatch, the young nymphs drop to the ground, where they burrow into the soil and feed on the sap of tree roots for the next 17 years.

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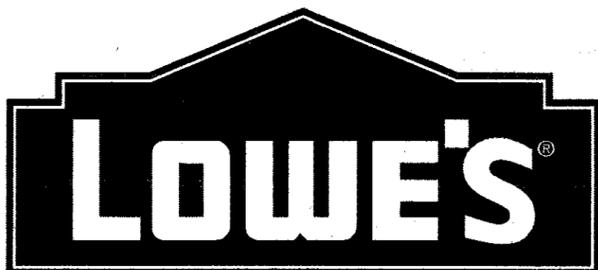
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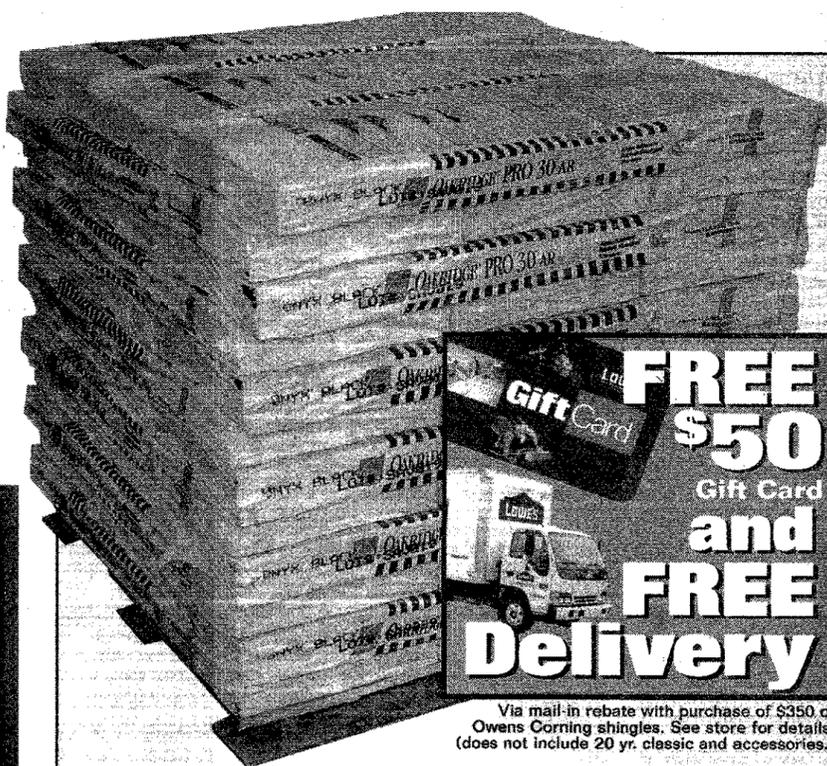
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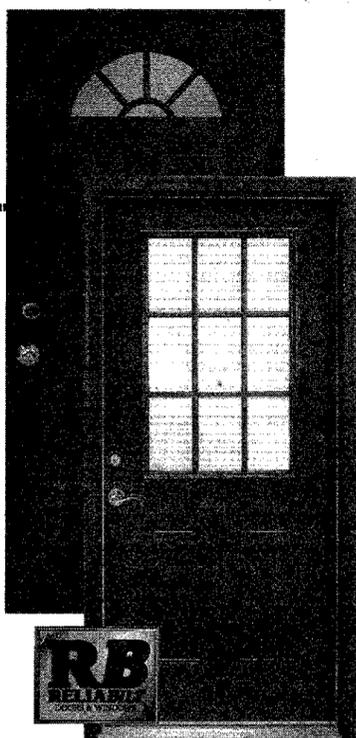
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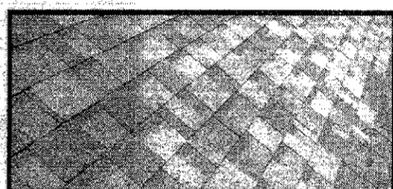
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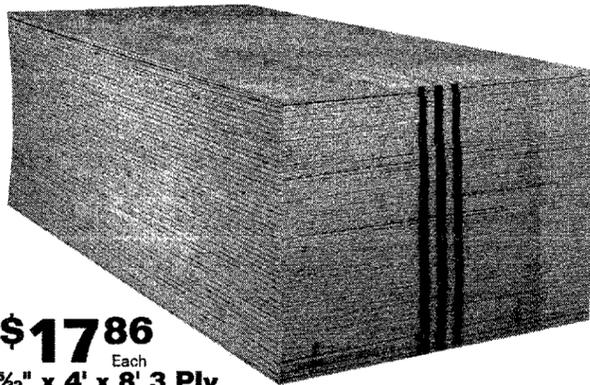
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GARDEN CALENDAR

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, May 21, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall, on the OU campus in Rochester. Lillian Dean of the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority will talk about Rain Gardens: A New Concept in Ecological Gardening. A silent auction of plants donated by garden club members will also be featured. Guest donation \$5. Reservations aren't required. For more information, call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Plant sharing

Attention, gardeners! Mark Saturday, May 22, on your calendars. That is the date for the Livonia Garden Club's Annual Plant Sharing. The event will take place, rain or shine, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Greenmead, Newburgh at Eight Mile in Livonia. Garden club members will share their plants as well as their expertise. Master gardeners from the club will also be on hand to answer gardening questions, including information about composting. Admission, plants and advice are free. Call (734) 261-4347 for more information.

Plant sale

The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will have its annual plant sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads.

Flower sale

The Hill and Dale Garden Club will have its Annual Flower Sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22. A wide variety of colorful annual flats, flowering baskets, garden boutique items and perennials for your home and garden will be featured. For more information or an advance order form, call Barb Joiner at (248) 737-5505.

Container demonstration

A free demonstration on container gardening will take place 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, at Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy. Learn which plants work well together and several ideas for maintaining healthy plants all season. Participants will watch Telly's staff create beautiful patio pots, window boxes and hanging baskets. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

Container gardening

Learn the methods of container gardening with guest speaker Sue Grubba 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 29, at Shades of Green, 496 E. Avon Road in Rochester Hills. Admission is \$15. Reservations must be made in advance through Rochester Community Services, (248) 726-3165. A drawing to take home a container garden will take place after the discussion for those who attend.

Sale

The Belle Isle Botanical Society Plant Sale will take place rain or shine 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 29, at the Belle Isle Greenhouses, across from the Aquarium. Perennials, annuals, herbs, miniature roses, geraniums, hostas, houseplants and heirloom tomatoes will be featured. Proceeds will benefit the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. Call (313) 852-4064 for more information.

Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will have its membership meeting and annual luncheon 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, at Fox & Hounds in Bloomfield Hills. Members only, due to space limitations.

Bouquets

Learn how to create three designs using bunches of flowers typically available at area florists, bucket shops or farmers' markets in Bouquets from the Markets, a class taking place 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Flower preparation, handling techniques and bouquet preservation tips will be covered by Jacqueline Carney, an experienced floral designer and teacher. Bring scissors, pruners and three different vases to class. Vases will also be available for purchase. Cost is \$16. The \$25 materials fee is payable to the instructor. To register or for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.community-house.com.

Perennials

Saguaro Nursery & Gardens, 470 W. Five Mile in Whitmore Lake, presents a series of free lectures by various gardening experts 1 p.m. Sundays. Reservations aren't necessary. Favorite May/June Blooming Perennials and How to Grow Them will be the topic May 23. Call (734) 449-4237 or visit www.saguaronursery.com for more information.

Rose presentations

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating spring with a series of free public programs. The schedule includes Succeed with Climbing Roses, 1 p.m. Sunday, May 23, or 11 a.m. Monday, May 24; and Insect and Disease Control for Roses, 1 p.m. Sunday, May 30, or 11 a.m. Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day). Succeed with Climbing Roses is a slide presentation and garden demonstration of selection, training and pruning. Insect and Disease Control for Roses is a slide presentation and tour of what the Lindleys call their "less-than-perfect" garden. Each presentation will last about an hour and will take place rain or shine. Dress for the weather. Reservations aren't required. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. A map is on the Web site, www.GreatLakesRoses.com. For more information, visit the Web site or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flyer.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes: Garden Design, Thursdays, May 20 to June 17, in Pontiac (fee is \$162); Attracting Hummingbirds and Butterflies, Saturday, May 22, in Pontiac (\$40); Photography Workshop, two Saturdays beginning May 22 in Livonia (\$82); Practical Gardening: So Many Ways to Grow, five sessions beginning Tuesday, May 25, or Wednesday, May 26, in Livonia (\$162); Focus on Design, Wednesdays, May 26 to June 16, or Thursdays, May 27 to June 17, in Livonia (\$132); and Ornamental Grasses and Alternative Lawns, Thursdays, May 27 to June 3, in Livonia (\$69).

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Faulty spark plugs are often the reason for engine problems so always keep the spark plug clean and a spare in your toolbox. A new plug every spring will keep your mower running smoothly and only costs around two dollars at your local hardware store.

KEEP IT SHARP

To ensure a healthy lawn, you should inspect, sharpen and balance the mower blade every two months to ensure that your grass is getting the cut it deserves. Be sure to discard and replace cracked or broken blades. A sharp blade not only makes mowing easier, it's also kinder to the grass. Dull mower blades don't cut grass; they tear it, rip it and shred it. Grass suffering from

physical damage and abuse becomes weak as it is always striving to repair itself.

Never attempt to sharpen the blade while it is still attached to the mower. The blade can usually be taken off by loosening a single bolt and always remove any debris before sharpening. Use a bench grinder or a hand file to sharpen the blade, or take it to your local hardware store to have it sharpened for under \$10

HOME CALENDAR

Coloring book

Children who visit Kids Castles in some Art Van Furniture stores Sunday, May 23, will receive a Spring Has Sprung coloring and activity book (while supplies last). The local participating Art Van stores are in Southfield (phone (248) 569-3770), Westland (phone (734) 425-9600), Novi (phone (248) 348-8922) and Shelby Township (phone (586) 566-1490), and on 14 Mile in Warren (phone (586) 939-2100).

Ceramics

The Ann Arbor Art Center presents a variety of workshops in May during Sundays @ 1, a weekly series in which art center staff members are on hand to provide instruction and projects that spark creativity for adults, children and families. Workshops take place 1-2:30 p.m. and are \$12 per class. Participants may register at any time previous to the beginning of the workshop. Drop-ins are welcome although space is limited. The schedule includes Box it Up, Please (May 23) which will decorate and glaze a ceramic box; and Great Plates (May 30), which will create unusual designs on ceramic plates. For more information or to register, go to the art center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor, call (734) 994-8004, or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

Home decorating

The Do-It-Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail in Shelby Township, offers hands-on home decorating classes. Each class is one session, 7-9:30 p.m., and costs \$35. Call (586) 739-6319 to register. EZ Build Bench (Tuesday, May 25) and No-sew Upholstery (Wednesday, May 26) don't involve any sewing or sawing. In the May 25 class, make an adorable rolled-arm bench that could go in an entryway or at the foot of a bed. In the May 26 class, reupholster a wing chair using the latest tools and products available. In No-sew Window Treatments (Tuesday, June 1), learn how to reproduce any window treatment using the latest "no-sew" products. If you can sew a straight line, you can learn to make a custom fitted slipcover. Students in Slipcovers for Beginners (Wednesday, June 2), will make a slipcover for a loveseat.

Indian Village tour

The 2004 Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 5. The neighborhood is on Seminole, Iroquois and Burns in Detroit, from Jefferson to Mack avenues, near Belle Isle. Each year, the event attracts several thousand visitors to this impressive, turn-of-the-century Detroit neighborhood that once was home to many of

the great auto barons and titans of industry. Today it stands as an example of impressive architecture, glorious gardens and hard-working community spirit. Seven homes, two gardens, one carriage house, five churches and two schools will be opened for tours. Three of the homes have never before been open to the public. Docents and master gardeners will offer expert commentary. Attendees will also have the chance to enjoy displays of classic cars, wander through the picturesque Indian Village Centennial Garden, and check out the event's popular Art Lot. Ice-cold lemonade will be available. For recorded information and a tour brochure, call the Tour Hotline at (313) 922-0911. Advance tickets (\$12 per person) may be bought by mail until Friday, May 28. Send a check or money order payable to Indian Village Home and Garden Tour (along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope) to: Advance Ticket Sales, Historic Indian Village Home and Garden Tour, P.O. Box 14616, Detroit, MI 48214. Tickets on tour day will be \$15 per person and on sale at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, and Waldorf School, 2555 Burns Avenue at Charlevoix (phone (313) 822-0300). Funds raised by the annual tour sup-

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Adopt a pet

Cats and dogs from the Michigan Humane Society will be available for adoption this spring. The society's Mobile Adoption Unit will be at Art Van Furniture, 6500 14 Mile in Warren, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 30.

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and Newburgh
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Sunday Worship.....10:45am
Sunday Evening.....6:30pm
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Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
734-453-1676

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Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
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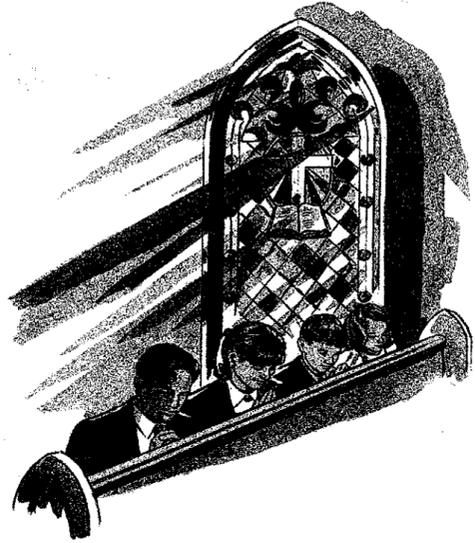
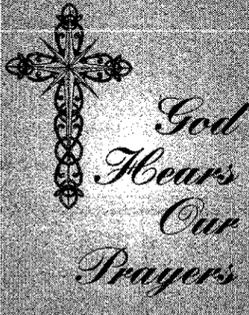
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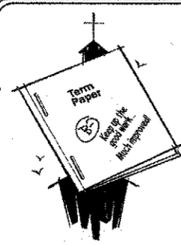
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It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

Water gardens add a splash to the yard Create a butterfly retreat outside

Do you love the look of water gardens, but aren't quite sure that you want to commit to a permanent pond in your backyard or simply don't have the space to build one?

Here's an idea: Try a containerized water garden. These miniature water gardens can thrive just about anywhere, and they'll definitely add a splash to your home.

The first thing you'll need to do is find a good, watertight container. Just about anything, from an old ceramic planter to a large half whiskey barrel, will do. Be sure the container is wide enough at the top and deep enough to sink one or two small aquatic plants.

(Tip: Use a dark-colored container to give the impression of greater depth, discourage algae growth and make any algae that does appear less obvious to the observer.)

Once you've selected a container, it's time to choose your plant material. There are a lot of great aquatic plants available. If a certain plant catches your eye, buy it and use it as the focal point for your garden. Select some other aquatic plants that will complement your first choice.

Remember to keep your plants in proportion to your container. That is, avoid using plants that are too big or too small for the area in which they will grow.

Getting your garden afloat is simple. First add water to your container.

You may use regular tap water if you allow it to sit for a few days so the chlorine in it will evaporate.

Aquatic plants are grown in separate pots. To keep maintenance minimal, use a good fertilizer to help your aquatic plants grow and develop. The pros recommend you use a slow release fertilizer, like Jobe's Spikes for Aquatic Plants. Fertilizer spikes for aquatic plants are easy to



A containerized water garden can be the ideal way to achieve the beauty of a water garden without the expense or the stress of building a permanent pond in your backyard.

use; just push them into the soil. Your plants will receive the exact amount of nutrients they need without promoting unwanted algae growth.

Once you've inserted the fertilizer spikes, place small stones on top of the soil to prevent the soil from escaping. Place the plants in your large water-filled container and enjoy - your

new water garden is complete. Place your garden in a sunny spot, as most aquatic plants need about six hours of sun a day.

To add a splash to your home, just head to your local gardening center for a variety of aquatic plants and the fertilizer spikes that you'll need to help them grow healthy and beautiful.

Create a butterfly retreat outside

Flowers and plants in your garden or window box may look lovely, but imagine the increased appeal if butterflies called your garden home. Making your garden inviting to these colorful, fluttering visitors involves just a little planning and selecting of butterfly-friendly foliage.

The basic needs of butterflies are relatively simple: food, water, sunlight and shelter.

A butterfly garden is best planted in the sun so that the nectar-producing plants butterflies love will be able to flourish.

The sun also regulates the temperature of a butterfly's body, enabling it to fly.

However, shadier areas should be interspersed so that the butterflies don't overheat.

Nectar-Producing Plants - Nectar is the primary food for hungry butterflies. Plants like Aster, Butterfly Bush, Daisy, Honeysuckle, Lilac and Phlox are just some of many nectar-producing plants.

Butterfly species in your local area may prefer specific plants, so a little research may be needed on your part.

Host Plants - Butterflies begin with caterpillars, and as such, the garden will also require host plants to nourish the growing larvae.

Local weeds, thistle, nettle and tree leaves are popular food sources for the caterpillars.

While not as pleasing to the eye, they are necessary to maintain a healthy species.

Water - Butterflies need water, but cannot directly "drink" from open water sources.

They prefer landing on moist soil, so place a shallow dish full of moistened sand at ground level.

Add style and flexibility to your landscaping

(NAPSI)-Many homeowners desire the high-end look of stone on their property's walks and driveways at more modest concrete prices.

One way to do this is with interlocking concrete pavers - a pavement type that is growing in popularity. Also called segmental paving, the basic technique is as classic as the roads of the Roman empire. Interlocking concrete pavers use high-strength, durable concrete units that interlock together to form a patterned surface which can be put into service immediately.

Pavers are manufactured in various shapes, textures and colors. A big benefit of pavers is that they can be removed

and re-installed, which reduces future service interruptions.

They are often used in walkways, patios, driveways, plazas and downtown renovations.

Concrete pavers are available in a wide range of styles. For instance, one is crafted to resemble Roman paving stones.

Paver units are often used in historic restoration projects, such as streets in historic areas.

Since paver units are uniform in size, they offer a smoother ride and are easier to repair than their historic cobblestone counterpart.

The popularity of pavers is expanding rapidly in the

United States and Canada. There is plenty of growth to go; in Europe there are 10 square feet of pavers installed per person annually, however, in North America it is not even two square feet per person. In the Netherlands most of the streets and sidewalks are pavers.

To learn more about using concrete pavers in a patio or driveway, visit the Web site of the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute at www.icpi.org.

Using interlocking concrete pavers to create an exciting, durable driveway relies on a technique that the Romans used to build their roads.



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ANNABELLE J. FUHRMAN

Age 87 of Ypsilanti, formerly of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Raymond. Dear Mother of Bonnie Jean Chrumka. Dear Mother-in-law of Nicholas R. Chrumka. Grandmother of Nicholas (Kim) Chrumka, Catherine Chrumka, and Elizabeth (Willard) DenHouter. Four great grandchildren also survive. Visitation, Thursday, May 20, 2004, 2-9 PM. Funeral Service, Friday, May 21, 2004, 1:00 PM, at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (between Sheldon & Beck). Interment at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

BEATRICE H. BULSON

Age 88, of Ann Arbor, died May 13, 2004. She was born Apr. 12, 1916, in Fulton County, Kentucky, to Sally (Hammond) and James Hamilton Holly. On April 1, 1932, she married Ivar McBride, and he precedes her in death. She worked in nursing at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor until her retirement and was a resident of Plymouth for 47 years. In September 1984, she married Charles Bulson and moved to Chelsea. Charles preceded her in death. In March 1996, she returned to Plymouth, and remained there until November 2000, at which time she became a resident in the independent living facility at Hillside Terrace Retirement Center, Ann Arbor. She is survived by her sons, Jerry (Sheryl) McBride of Lachine, MI, and James (Elaine) McBride of Ypsilanti; her step-son, David (Mary Ellen) Bulson of Chelsea; her brother, James Holly of Martin, TN; her sister, Lois Butler of Rome, GA; 5 grandchildren; 3 step-grandchildren; and 6 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her daughter, Patricia Silva. Funeral services were held on Mon., May 17, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth, with Pastor Bob Moulding officiating. Interment at Washtenong Memorial Park, Ann Arbor. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

BEULAH FRANCES IRVINE

Age 84, May 18, 2004. Loving mother of David (Alice) and Janet (Warren) Browne. Dear grandmother of Kimberly (James) Dunne, Steven, and David Browne. Great grandmother of Jonathan Dunne. Visitation Friday 2-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road (E. of I275), Livonia. Funeral 11am Saturday at the funeral home. Interment Grandlawn Cemetery.

ESTHER M. BLOODWORTH

Age 94, of Chelsea, Michigan; died May 16, 2004; beloved wife of the late George N. Loving mother of Marilyn G. (Karl) Goering of Northville, George H. (Patricia) of Georgia, Robert D. (Joyce) of Grand Rapids, and James N. (Kathryn) of Pennsylvania. Dearest grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 5. Dear sister of Edward Dyble of New Mexico. She was very active in First United Methodist Church clubs and organizations. She was a member of the Plymouth Council on Aging and past president of the 60-plus Club. Visitation Thursday 2-9 PM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Funeral Service Friday, May 21, 2004, at 11 AM at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth. Mrs. Bloodworth will lie in state at the church Friday 10 AM until time of service. Memorial contributions may be given to the Chelsea Retirement Community or the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

JEAN K. UNIECHOWSKI-RADOGOST

Jean, also known less formally as Jean Uniechowski or simply "Mrs. U", passed away quietly on May 8, 2004 at the age of 93. She is sorely missed by her daughter and son-in-law, Liz Radogost-Givens and T.S. Givens of Rochester Hills, her granddaughter, Alexis Radogost-Givens of Greenwich, Connecticut and her grandson, Ian Radogost-Givens of Whitefish, Montana and Henniker, New Hampshire. She is also survived and remembered by family members Ignacy Swieciecki and Barbara Swieciecka-Giebultowicz of York, Pennsylvania; Peter Swieciecki, Esq. and Dr. Susan Ward and their children Melani and Joseph of Dearborn; and many members of the Roxburgh, Browton, Mundy, Shallcross, Skager and Walford Families of England, Canada, Australia, Maine and California. After coming to America from England in 1948 with her late husband, Prof. Stanislaw Radogost-Uniechowski, Jean spent most of her professional life at the University of Detroit Library, eventually becoming its Associate Director. She also served as a Trustee of both the Troy and Rochester Hills Public Library systems and was President of the Rochester-Avon Historical Society. She was also active in the Quakers, the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association, the friends of the Rochester Hills library and many other civic and religious organizations. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in her memory to the library fund of the Montana Academy Foundation, 28 West California, Kalispel, Montana 59901 or the Friends of the Rochester Hills Library, 500 Olde Town Road, Rochester, Michigan 48306. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, May 22 in the chapel of the Holy Name Catholic Church, 630 Harmon Street, Birmingham, Michigan beginning with a visitation at 9:30 a.m., followed by the mass at 10:00 a.m. and a luncheon reception and further celebration of her extraordinary life at her daughter's home.

JEANETTE KOMENARSKY GOLDBERG

Of The Woodlands, Tx., and formerly of Jenkintown, Pennsylvania died Monday, May 17, 2004 at the age of 84. She was born in Philadelphia, Pa. on July 26, 1919 and graduated from Frankfort High School in 1936. She was past matron of OES Queen Chapter 239 and was extremely active in the American Red Cross Auxiliary, the American Legion, VFW, the Kenneth Israel Sisterhood, the Jenkintown Bandmothers Association, and JHS PTA. She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Herbert Goldberg and two brothers. She is survived by her three children, Charles Goldberg (wife Arleen) of The Woodlands, Texas, Lynn Goldberg Bobrowski (husband John) of Birmingham, Michigan, Paul Goldberg (wife Chung MI) of Seoul, Korea; five grandchildren Mara and Danielle Goldberg, John Herbert (Tripp) Bobrowski Kevin and Mark Goldberg as well as many extended family members and friends. Memorial services will be held at Congregation Kenneth Israel, Elkinspark, Pennsylvania at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 20, 2004. The family will receive friends and loved ones from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the home of Nancy Washburne, 269 Mather Road, Jenkintown Pa. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to The American Red Cross, The Humane Society or the Congregation Beth Shalom of The Woodlands. Condolences may be sent to: 4 Whispering Pines, Magnolia, Tx. 77354



MIGNONNE (MIN) LEGEL

Age 76 passed away May 15, 2004 after succumbing to bone cancer. Six months short of her 50th Anniversary. Survived by Dr. Robert Legel, long-time downriver dentist and 20 year Livonia resident. Three sons, Steve (Janet), Jeff (Jan), Eric (Collette). Three granddaughters Natalie, Shelby and Nicole and 1 grandson Justin. Two brothers Lionel and Paul and sister Gisele. A good Christian wife, she supported her husband in his professional, political and social fund-raising events. Memorial Contributions of requested but will be used by the family for their charitable preference. Visitation Monday 2-9pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, with a Scripture Service at 7pm. Prayers Tuesday 9:30am at the funeral home. Mass 10am at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



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the United States. Raffle drawing will be held on Wednesday, June 9th, 2004 @ 4:30 p.m. at Summit On The Park, Canton, MI. Need not be present to win, but if you would like to be present for the drawing, discounted dinner-only tickets are available for \$25.00 with the purchase of a raffle ticket. Proceeds will benefit St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. If you have any questions, please call St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Development Department at (734) 712-4040. Raffle License #R76154.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - May 11, 2004

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiazki to moved from open to closed session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously. Members Present: Bennett, Burdiazki, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Durack Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Burdiazki, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve the Regular Board Minutes of April 27, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Citizens' Non Agenda Item Comments: Mr. Robert McCausland, 17258 Hilltop Drive, Northville, inquired why the item G-5, Zoning Ordinance Amendments was deleted from the agenda at the April 27, 2004 Regular Board Meeting. Supervisor Yack stated that the Board is following State Law, the Zoning Ordinance Amendments was reviewed by the Planning Commission who then makes a recommendation to the Board, however if any Board member has a question or concern with any item, they bring that concern to the Supervisor who then deletes that item from the agenda and discusses any concerns or questions at a study session including the department who generated the agenda item. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Shefferly to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for May 11, 2004

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name and Amount. Total - All Funds: 1,181,671.28

Board Member Reports: Trustee Zarbo presented news articles regarding URLI Survey and U. S. Storage. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING OF NECESSITY FOR THE SALTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2004-3. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to open the Public Hearing of Necessity at 7:15 p.m. No discussion was heard by the public. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing of Necessity at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the Special Assessment Resolution Confirming District. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION CONFIRMING DISTRICT (Saltz Road Paving and Drainage SAD No. 2004-3)

Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in said Township on May 11, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Burdiazki, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Clerk Bennett, and supported by McLaughlin:

WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended and after notice to all of the record owners of land to be assessed in the proposed special assessment district, tentatively declared its intention to undertake certain public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements attached hereto in the special assessment district described in Exhibit A attached hereto: and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused to be prepared by registered engineers plans showing the public improvements and the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof; and

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

WHEREAS, after due and legal notice, the Township Board has met on May 11, 2004 at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, and heard all person interest therein at said first hearing with respect to the proposed public improvements and the special assessment district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The Township Board hereby determines that the public improvements described as Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Improvements from Canton Center to Beck Roads are necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the Township and that said public improvements shall be made and completed pursuant to aforesaid Act 188...

2. The Township Board hereby approves the plans and cost for the public improvements in the total sum of \$1,440,000 as prepared and presented by the Township Engineer. Of the aforesaid total cost of the project, the sum of \$943,220.09 will be spread against the hereinafter named special assessment district pursuant to the aforesaid Act 188. 3. The Township Board finally determines that said special assessment district shall consist of all the lots and parcels of land described in Exhibit A (attached) hereto and that the existence of said special assessment district shall be maintained until all special assessments payable on the roll hereinafter described, and any bonds issued in anticipation of such special assessments, have been paid. 4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Burdiazki, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 11, 2004 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk

EXHIBIT A

Table with 3 columns: Location, Parcel ID, and Area. Includes Cambridge Development Assoc., Livonia Builders, Sheffield Park LLC, Livonia Builders, Danny Veri, Livonia Builders, Turnberry Park, LLC.

Cambridge Development Assoc. 071-061-99-0006-706 19.32 acres Cambridge Development Assoc. 071-061-99-0006-707 24.63 acres Livonia Builders Sheffield Park LLC 071-064-99-0003-000 4.17 acre Livonia Builders, Danny Veri 071-064-99-0004-000 4.43 acres Livonia Builders Turnberry Park, LLC Parcel C1 2.99 acres PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 16 T2 S., R3 E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, THENCE S 89D 42' 17" W 1953.23 FEET ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE S 00D13'02" W 350.25 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF "MEADOWBROOK SUB. NO. 2"; RECORDED IN LIBER 105, PAGES 58-60 WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 00D 13' 02" W 761.95 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF "MEADOWBROOK SUB. NO. 2" THENCE N 89D00' 34" W 166.70 FEET; THENCE N 00D 13'02"E 788.46 FEET; THENCE N 89D 42'17" E 100.13 FEET; THENCE S 00D 13'02" W 15.56 FEET; THENCE S 79D 23'03" E 46.51 FEET; THENCE S 74D 28'25" E 21.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2,990 ACRES CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPROVE INTERFUND TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS ROAD PAVING. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of \$270,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund (acct# 101-959-965-4030) for road right of way acquisition costs. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND - WORKERS COMPENSATION FEES. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund, General Government

Department to increase the budgeted amount for workers compensation fees form \$100 to \$30,000. Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues: Appropriation form Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$29,900

Increase Appropriations: Workers Compensation Fees #101-200-720-0000 \$29,900

This budget amendment increases the General Government Department budget from \$669,915 to \$701,865, and the General Fund Budget from \$24,871,114 to \$24,910,014. Item 3. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate additional funds for Township membership dues for 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$25,700

Increase Appropriations: General Government Membership Dues #101-200-805-0000 \$25,700

(Rouge River Watershed Management Assembly) This budget amendment increased the General Government Membership dues from \$669,915 to \$695,615 and the General Fund Budget from \$24,871,114 to \$24,896,814. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR AN INDOOR RECREATION FACILITY FOR NITZSCHKE'S BLACK BELT ACADEMY (Parcel No. 008-99-0001-709). (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Nitzschke Black Belt Academy (Parcel ID # 008-99-0001-709)

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Ms. Kerri Nitzschke, has requested special use approval for Nitzschke Black Belt Academy, a private indoor recreational use, to be located on Lilley Road between Warren and Joy Roads; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor to conduct the special use for the proposed Nitzschke Black Belt Academy subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 2. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN FOR ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH EXPANSION. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Land Use and Site Plan for Abundant Life Church

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. James G. Morris, as requested special land use approval for a religious institution and site plan approval for the Abundant Life Church to be located on Hannan Road between Michigan Avenue and Palmer Roads, identified as tax EDP #097-99-0001-707; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the special land use request and site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request, including deferral of landscape installation for 1 year from occupancy if accompanied by a bond, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. James G. Morris, to approve the special land use and site plan for the proposed Abundant Life Church subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 3. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR FIRE STATION NO. 3. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following resolution. Ayes: Bennett, Burdiazki, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Shefferly Motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Fire Station No. 3

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Dennis Dundon, has requested site plan approval for Fire Station No. 3 to be located on Denton Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads (Tax ID # part of 067-99-0011-000); and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to APPROVE the request to grant site plan approval, as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Dennis Dundon, to approve the site plan for the proposed Fire Station No. 3 subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Item 4. SALE OF PROPERTY TO JB. DONALDSON, 3.25 ACRES, PART OF PARCEL 98-9-0028-001. (SUPERVISOR/CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiazki to approve the sale of a 3.25 acre parcel to JB Donaldson. (#98-99-0028-004), at a purchase price of \$4.10 times the actual square footage of the parcel, and approve the terms of the contract for the remaining parent parcel. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. INTERNATIONAL FARIN, LLC REQUEST FOR SPECULATIVE BUILDING STATUS. (SUPERVISOR) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECULATIVE BUILDING INTERNATIONAL DARIN, LLC

45065 MICHIGAN AVENUE, CANTON, MICHIGAN WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on August 28, 1990, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the South Central Canton Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owner; and,

WHEREAS, International Darin, LLC, property owner of 45065 Michigan Avenue, has filed a request to establish the building at that location as a speculative building identified in the attached Exhibit A and located within the South Central Canton Industrial Development District; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that the request from International Darin, LLC for a speculative building for the purpose of qualifying for future applications for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates for qualified businesses to be located within the South Central Canton Industrial Development District, to wit:

Parts of lots 3 through 7 inclusive, all of lots 11 through 13 inclusive and part of lot 14 of "R.N. Johns Little Farms" being the west, of the southwest 1/4 of Section 34 and that part of west, of the northwest 1/4 Section 34, Town 2 south, Range 8 east, lying south of Michigan Avenue, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 68 of Plats, page 81, Wayne County Records, described as follows: Commencing at the west 1/4 corner of Section 34, town 2 south, range 8 east; thence N 89°45'01"E, 690.01 feet along the east and west 1/4 line of section 34 to the easterly right-of-way line of Dewitt Road (width varies); thence N00°29'50"W, 266.85 feet along said line to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said easterly right-of-way the following three courses: N00°29'50"W, 64.82 feet, and N06°37'40"E, 80.82 feet, and N00°29'50"W, 160.71 feet to the southerly right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue/U.S. 12 (204 feet wide), also the northerly boundary of "R.N. Johns Little Farms" (Liber 68 of Plats, Page 81, Wayne County Records); thence N70°21'38"E, 376.59 feet along said line to the northeast corner of lot 11 of said "R.N. Johns Little farms," thence S00°29'50"E, 354.24 feet along the east line of said lot 11 to the northwest corner of Lot 7 of said "R.N. Johns Little Farms," thence N89°45'01"E, 84.47 feet along the north line of said lot 7; thence S00°29'50"E, 74.21 feet; thence S89°30'10"W, 450.24 feet to the easterly right-of-way line of Dewitt Road (width varies) and the point of beginning. Containing 3.1663 acres of land. Be and hereby established as a Speculative Building pursuant to the provisions of Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended.

Item 6. TI DATA COMMUNICATION LINES - NEW CONTRACT. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the entering of a five (5) year contract with TDS Metrocom for the supplying of high speed data communication lines, Canton Softball Center, Acct. # 101-755-920-0000, Department of Public Works, Acct. # 592-441-920-0000, Fire Station #2, Acct. # 206-336-920-0000, and Performing Arts Center, Acct. # 101-760-920-0000. Funding has been budgeted for in 2004 and therefore there is no request for additional funding. It is desirable to enter into this new contract to obtain a more attractive monthly cost. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH FAIR HOUSING CENTER. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to award a contract in the amount of \$3,000 to the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit to provide fair housing services for the period July 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 (acct. # 274-666-810-2003, CDBG Administration). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A FORD F-450 TRUCK FOR THE WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY CONSORTIUM. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiazki to approve purchasing a Ford F450 truck (from Signature Ford of Perry, 3942 W. Lansing Rd., Perry, Michigan 48872) to be used by the Western Wayne County Consortium, under the following conditions: 1. The cost of the Ford F450 will not exceed \$30,137. 2. The Western Wayne County Consortium will waive Canton Township's annual \$5,000 consortium payment for six years and the seventh year's payment will be \$4,863. 3. The Ford F450 truck will be titled to Canton Township. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiazki to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund to re-appropriate 2004 funds for the purchase of a Ford F450 truck. Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Revenues: Fund Balance Appropriation #207-000-699-0000 \$30,137

Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Equipment #207-301-977-0000 \$30,137

Item 9. CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY CentiMark TO MAKE THE ROOF REPAIRS AT THE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY, LOCATED AT 4847 SHELDON ROAD. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the proposal submitted by CentiMark, 38750 Ford Rd., Westland, MI 48185 for roof repairs that include new gutter and down spouts at the Public Works facility located at 4847 Sheldon Road in the amount not to exceed \$77,250 (Public Works Water and Sewer Fund, Account Number 592-441-977-9999), and further to authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to enter into an agreement with CentiMark. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. CONSIDER AUTHORIZING PROPOSED VEHICLE REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the vehicle replacement schedule and forward copies to all affected departments. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. CONSIDER AWARDING THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A KENT MODEL KF6TLB HYDRAULIC BREAKER/HAMMER (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for the purchase of a Kent Model KF6TLB Hydraulic Breaker/Hammer to JDE Equipment Co. 56555 Pontiac Trail, New Hudson, MI 48165 in the amount of \$11,400 (account #592-000-154-0000, Item #812) that includes a \$500 trade in of a Stanley Model 580. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. CONSIDER PAYMENT OF YEARLY MAINTENANCE FEES FOR EXISTING ESRI (ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC.) SOFTWARE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize the payment to ESRI for Maintenance and Support from March 2004 to March 2005, for a total cost not to exceed \$7,944.65. Funds are available in the 2004 Budget for Planning Services capital account # 101-953-977-0000, Engineering Services account #101-447-740-0000 and Public Safety account # 207-301-977-2580. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER AND PAYMENT TO GAGLIO BROTHERS CORPORATION FOR 2004 EMERGENCY SIDEWALK AND DRIVE APPROACH REPAIRS THAT OCCUR DUE TO WATER MAIN BREAKS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to approve funding in the amount of \$20,000 in the form of a purchase order, to perform emergency sidewalk or drive approach repairs based on the contract prices for 4-inch and 6-inch taken from account number #592-441-933-0000 to Gaglio Brothers Corporation, 18385 Dix-Toledo Highway, Brownstown, MI 48192. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF CONFIRMING RESOLUTION, CONFIRMING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL OF DENTON ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SAD 2004-2. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the Confirming Resolution for the Denton Road Paving and Drainage SAD 2004-2. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Assessment Roll CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON DENTON ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SAD 2004-2

PROPERTY OWNER: Cherry Hill Investors, LLC

Table with 4 columns: Tax Year, Principal, Interest, Total. Rows 1-7.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON DENTON ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SAD 2004-2

PROPERTY OWNER: Uptown Investors, LLC

Table with 4 columns: Tax Year, Principal, Interest, Total. Rows 1-7.

CONFIRMING RESOLUTION Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Denton Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District No. 2004-2

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Summit on the Park in said Township on the 11th day of May, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Burdiazki, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett and supported by Kirchgatter. WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan has reviewed a special assessment roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. Said special assessment roll shall be designated "Denton Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment Roll," and the district against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment District No. 2004-2." 2. Said Special Assessment Roll, in the amount of \$1,500,000, is prepared and reported to the Township Board by the Supervisor, be and the same hereby is confirmed. 3. Said special assessment roll shall be payable as set forth in the Special Assessment Payment Agreements attached hereto and made part hereof (the "Agreements"). 4. The assessments made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected in accordance with the Agreements, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to the Township Treasurer, with the Township Clerk's warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the assessments therein in accordance with the directions of the Township Board with respect thereto, and the Treasurer is directed to collect the amounts assessed as the same become due. AYES: Bennett, Burdiazki, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 11, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk

Item 15. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR THE DENTON ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SAD 2004-2. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiazki to adopt the Resolution Approving Special Assessment Payment Agreement Contract for the Denton Road Paving and Drainage SAD 2004-2. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT

Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Denton Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District No.2004-2

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WHEREAS, the owners of properties situated within the District and subject to the special assessment have agreed to enter into a special assessment payment agreement with the Township; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The Special Assessment Payment Agreements by and between Cherry Hill Investors LLC, and Uptown Investors LLC, be and the same are hereby agreed to and approved. 2. The Township Supervisor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver said Special Assessment Payment Agreements in behalf of the Township. 3. All resolutions and parts of resolution in conflict herewith be and are hereby rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk

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WHEREAS, the COMPANY is present owner of real property in the TOWNSHIP situated in the District described below (the "Property") and requires the acquisition of certain paving and drainage improvements in order to develop and sell all or a portion of the Property; and

WHEREAS, the COMPANY has requested the TOWNSHIP to initiate proceedings pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended ("Act 188") to acquire and construct paving and drainage improvements and extend Denton Road between the north boundary of the east/west Detroit Edison easement to and through the Ridge/Saltz intersection; and

WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP acting in reliance of the Company's undertakings as specified in the Agreement and in conformity with Act 188 will create and establish the Denton Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District No. 2004-2 (the "District") and will confirm a special assessment roll therefore (the "Roll") by resolution substantially in the form of Exhibit B attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the special assessment as confirmed has been levied against the Property.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS: 1. The Roll will be confirmed in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. The property of the COMPANY located within the District and described in Exhibit A hereto has been assessed the sum of \$864,200.00.3. The COMPANY, agrees to pay the aforesaid assessment in total upon the sooner of (a) the sale or development of any portion of the Property upon the request of the TOWNSHIP or (b) at the conclusion of the seventh (7th) year after the completion of the improvements, together with interest at a rate equal to 6% per annum. Provided, however, if bonds are issued by the TOWNSHIP in anticipation of the collection of such assessments then interest shall be at a rate not to exceed 1% in excess of the rate borne by the bonds. 4. The COMPANY hereby agrees to the necessity of the Project, the costs thereof and the manner of assessing said costs and further waives notices of hearing and the conduct of hearing regarding the necessity of the improvement and the special assessment roll. 5. The TOWNSHIP hereby agrees to establish the Denton Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District 2004-2, confirm the roll and construct the Project. 6. Upon the COMPANY'S payment of the total amounts assessed against it, all assessment obligations imposed upon the lands assessed for the Project shall cease. 7. The date of the Project's completion and the manner of the Project's construction shall be determined solely by the TOWNSHIP and shall be completely within the TOWNSHIP'S discretion. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

By _____ Its Supervisor
By _____ Its Clerk
CHERRY HILLS INVESTORS LLC, a Michigan limited liability company By _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2004, _____ Notary Public
Wayne County, Michigan My commission expires _____

EXHIBIT A KIRCHGATTER TRUST EAST PROPERTY (PARCEL 2) PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN: THENCE, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, S.00E35°21' E., 1077.81; THENCE S.89D53°35' W., 1311.53; THENCE N.00D24°05' W., 427.01; THENCE, N.89D47°22' W., TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF RIDGE ROAD (66.00' WIDE) AS MONUMENTED, 442.52; THENCE, ALONG THE CENTERLINE OF SAID RIDGE ROAD, N.30D21°18' E., TO A POINT ON THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE OF SALTZ ROAD (66.00' WIDE); N.89D45°51' E., 1367.67 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 36.0941 ACRES. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN RIDGE ROAD AND THE NORTHERLY 33.00' (SALTZ ROAD), AND ANY EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD EXHIBIT B CONFIRMING RESOLUTION Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Denton Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District No. 2004-2

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SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENT THIS AGREEMENT, dated as of the date entered below, is entered into by and between the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, a Michigan municipal corporation (the "TOWNSHIP") whose address is 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan and UPTOWN INVESTORS, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company (the "COMPANY") whose address is 31731 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills, Michigan, 48334 WHEREAS, the COMPANY is the present owner of real property in the TOWNSHIP situated in the District described below (the "Property") and requires the acquisition of certain paving and drainage improvements in order to develop and sell all or a portion of the Property; and WHEREAS, the COMPANY has requested the TOWNSHIP to initiate proceedings pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended ("Act 188") to acquire and construct paving and drainage improvements and extend Denton Road between the north boundary of the east/west Detroit Edison easement to and through

the Ridge/Saltz intersections; and WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP acting in reliance of the Company's undertakings as specified in the Agreement and in conformity with Act 188 will create and establish the Denton Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District No. 2004-2 (the "District") and will confirm a special assessment roll therefore (the "Roll") by resolution substantially in the form of Exhibit B attached hereto; and WHEREAS, the special assessment as confirmed has been levied against the Property. IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS: The Roll will be confirmed in the amount of \$1,500,000.00. The property of the COMPANY located within the District and described in Exhibit A hereto has been assessed the sum of \$635,800.00. 1. The COMPANY, agrees to pay the aforesaid assessment in total upon the sooner of (a) the sale of the gas station and grocery store sites or (b) at the conclusion of the seventh (7th) year after the completion of the improvements, together with interest at a rate equal to 6% per annum. Provided, however, if bonds are issued by the TOWNSHIP in anticipation of the collection of such assessments then interest shall be at a rate not to exceed 1% in excess of the rate borne by bonds. 2. The COMPANY hereby agrees to the necessity of the Project, the costs thereof and the manner of assessing said costs and further waives notices of hearing and the conduct of hearing regarding the necessity of the improvement and the special assessment roll. 3. The TOWNSHIP hereby agrees to establish the Denton Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District 2004-2, confirm the roll and construct the Project.

4. Upon the COMPANY'S payment of the total amounts assessed against it, all assessment obligations imposed upon the lands assessed for the Project shall cease. 5. The date of the Project's completion and the manner of the Project's construction shall be determined solely by the TOWNSHIP and be completely within the TOWNSHIP'S discretion. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON By _____ Its Supervisor
By _____ Its Clerk
UPTOWN INVESTORS, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company By _____ Its

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2004 _____ Notary Public
Wayne County, Michigan My commission expires _____

EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION PHASE 2 EXCLUDING GAS STATION AND GROCERY STORE PART OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 18, T.2S., R.8E., CANTON TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN; THENCE N.00°35'21"W, 60.00'; THENCE N.89°58' 42" W, 59.99' TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING FOR THE PARCEL HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF CHERRY HILL ROAD (VARIABLE WIDTH), THE FOLLOWING THREE COURSES, N.89°58' 42" W, A DISTANCE OF 281.51 FEET; AND S.00°00'00" W, A DISTANCE OF 10.00 FEET ; AND N.89°58'42" W, A DISTANCE OF 452.69 FEET; THENCE N.00°01'18"E, A DISTANCE OF 82.27 FEET; THENCE N. 26°55'56" E, A DISTANCE OF 88.11 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'02"E, A DISTANCE OF 96.66 FEET; THENCE N.26°55'55"E, A DISTANCE OF 86.81 FEET; THENCE N.63°04'05" W, A DISTANCE OF 126.99 FEET; THENCE S.30°58'50" W, A DISTANCE OF 17.90 FEET; THENCE N.59°01'10" W, A DISTANCE OF 80.25 FEET; THENCE N.89°58'42"W, A DISTANCE OF 254.89 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.89°30'55" E, A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 3.107.50 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°57'26", A DISTANCE OF 61.92 FEET; THENCE N.01°26'32" E, A DISTANCE OF 137.24 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE LEFT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.01°38'44" W, A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 4,045.50 FEET; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 00°01'39", A DISTANCE OF 1.95 FEET; THENCE N.88°22'55"W, A DISTANCE OF 11.84 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 4,627.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 02°12'48"; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 178.74 FEET; THENCE N.00°56'09"W, A DISTANCE OF 60.62 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 1,308.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 13°56'18"; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 318.32 FEET; THENCE N.08°00'42"W, A DISTANCE OF 53.68 FEET; THENCE N.00°40'21"W, A DISTANCE OF 89.50 FEET; THENCE S.89°14'13"E, A DISTANCE OF 388.06 FEET; THENCE S.81°05'42"E, A DISTANCE OF 315.90 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 434.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 07°59'32"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 60.54 FEET TO A POINT OF REVERSE CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 25°23'19"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC, A DISTANCE OF 67.58 FEET; THENCE N.81°30'31"E, A DISTANCE OF 57.91 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 152.50 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 24°57'21"; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 66.42 FEET; THENCE N.56°33'10" E, TO THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 34.09 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), S. 33°26'50"E, A DISTANCE OF 84.71 FEET; THENCE S.56°32'13"W, A DISTANCE OF 53.80 FEET; THENCE S.05°00'01" W, A DISTANCE OF 318.63 FEET; THENCE N.90°00'00"W, A DISTANCE OF 157.70 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIUS OF 75.00 FEET AND A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 101°03'44" THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG THE ARC A DISTANCE OF 132.29 FEET; THENCE S.11°03'44"E, A DISTANCE OF 35.61 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVE OF A NON TANGENT CURVE TO THE RIGHT, OF WHICH THE RADIUS POINT LIES S.76°09'37"W, A RADIAL DISTANCE OF 920.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE ARC, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 14°05'38" A DISTANCE OF 226.31 FEET; THENCE S.00°00'57"W, A DISTANCE OF 48.30 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E, A DISTANCE OF 264.50 FEET; THENCE N.00°00'00"E, A DISTANCE OF 17.51 FEET; THENCE S.89°59'03"E, TO THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), A DISTANCE OF 252.57 FEET; THENCE, ALONG THE SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PROPOSED DENTON ROAD (120' WIDE), S.00°32'02" E, A DISTANCE OF 157.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONTAINING 662,848 SQUARE FEET OR 15.22 ACRES. SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

EXHIBIT B CONFIRMING RESOLUTION Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Denton Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District No. 2004-2

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Summit on the Park in said Township on the 11th day of May, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo The following preamble and resolution was offered by Bennett, and supported by Burdziak: WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan has reviewed a special assessment roll prepared for the purpose of defraying a part of the cost of certain road and drainage improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board deems said special assessment roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll shall be designated "Denton Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment Roll", and the district against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment District No. 2004-3." 2. Said Special Assessment Roll, in the amount of \$1,500,000, as prepared and reported to the Township Board by the Supervisor, be and the same hereby is confirmed. 3. Said special assessment roll shall be payable as set forth in the Special Assessment Payment Agreement attached hereto and made part hereof (the "Agreement"). 4. The assessments made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected in accordance with the Agreement, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to the Township Treasurer, with the Township Clerk's warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the assessments therein in accordance with the directions of the Township Board with respect thereto, and the Treasurer is directed to collect the amounts assessed as the same become due. AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 11, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk

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1. Said special assessment roll shall be designated "Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment Roll," and the district against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment District No. 2004-3." 2. Said Special Assessment Roll, in the amount of \$1,440,000, as prepared and reported to the Township Board by the Supervisor, be and the same hereby is confirmed. 3. Said special assessment roll shall be divided into ten (10) equal annual installments, the first installment to be due on December 1, 2005, and the following installments to be due on December 1 of each and every year thereafter. Said installments of the special assessment roll shall bear interest from and after December 1, 2004 at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum, per annum; to be payable annually on each installment due date; provided, however, that if bonds are to be issued by the Township in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments, then said installments of special assessments shall bear interest at a rate equal to one percent (1%) above the rate of interest borne by said bonds to be issued by the Township. 4. The assessments made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to the Township Treasurer, with the Township Clerk's warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the assessments therein in accordance with the directions of the Township Board with respect thereto, and the Treasurer is directed to collect the amounts assessed as the same become due. AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk

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Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1	\$37,637.19	\$22,582.31	\$60,219.50
2	\$37,637.19	\$20,869.04	\$58,506.23
3	\$37,637.19	\$19,052.97	\$56,690.16
4	\$37,637.19	\$17,127.93	\$54,765.12
5	\$37,637.19	\$15,087.40	\$52,724.59
6	\$37,637.19	\$12,924.43	\$50,561.62
7	\$37,637.19	\$10,631.68	\$48,268.87
8	\$37,637.19	\$8,201.37	\$45,838.56
9	\$37,637.19	\$5,625.24	\$43,262.43
10	\$37,637.19	\$2,894.54	\$40,531.73
TOTALS	376,371.90	134,996.91	511,368.80

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SALTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SAD 2004-3 PROPERTY OWNER: Cambridge Development Assoc.

Tax Year	Principal	Interest	Total
1	\$47,981.57	\$28,788.94	\$76,770.51
2	\$47,981.57	\$26,604.78	\$74,586.35
3	\$47,981.57	\$24,289.58	\$72,271.14
4	\$47,981.57	\$21,835.46	\$69,817.02
5	\$47,981.57	\$19,234.09	\$67,215.66
6	\$47,981.57	\$16,476.64	\$64,458.21
7	\$47,981.57	\$13,553.74	\$61,535.31
8	\$47,981.57	\$10,455.47	\$58,437.04
9	\$47,981.57	\$7,171.31	\$55,152.87
10	\$47,981.57	\$3,690.09	\$51,671.66
TOTALS	479,815.69	172,100.09	651,915.78

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SALTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SAD

Make your home cool with trees

Trees add instant beauty to any home, but did you know a well-placed tree can actually help cut air-conditioning costs?

Trees help your home stay cooler in the summer by soaking up the sun's heat while simultaneously transpiring cooling moisture into the air.

If you're looking to cool your house or business, plant a tree this year.

It's best to plant shade trees to the south and west sides of the structure. Choose a good site in those areas and make sure your tree has room to grow.

Look around your neighborhood and see what types of trees seem to thrive there.

Broad-leaf deciduous trees are always a good bet for shade; they block the sun well.

In the winter, they drop their leaves, allowing sunlight to warm your house.

Once you've selected a tree and a place to plant it, start digging. The hole for the tree should be only as deep as the root ball. For the width, it's a good idea to make the hole two to three times wider than the root ball.

After your tree is planted, be sure to water and fertilize it well.

Jobe's Fertilizer Spikes are ideal for trees, as they feed them at the roots where they need it most. The best thing about the spikes is they're easy to use.

All you do is hammer them into the ground around the tree's drip line.

Once the spikes are in, you're set for three months. The slow-release formula will provide

your new tree with a continuous supply of the nutrients it needs.

Jobe's Spikes come in three different formulas: trees and shrubs, evergreen trees and fruit and citrus trees.

Stake your tree during the first few years of growth, especially if it has a weak trunk. Jobe's TreeStakeKit contains everything needed to anchor a tree in one package - rope, protective tubes and stakes. When the tree begins to be self-supporting, the stake can be removed.

Another way to ensure that your tree has the best possible start is to wrap the trunk to protect the tender bark from pests and insulate it against extreme temperatures that cause cracking.

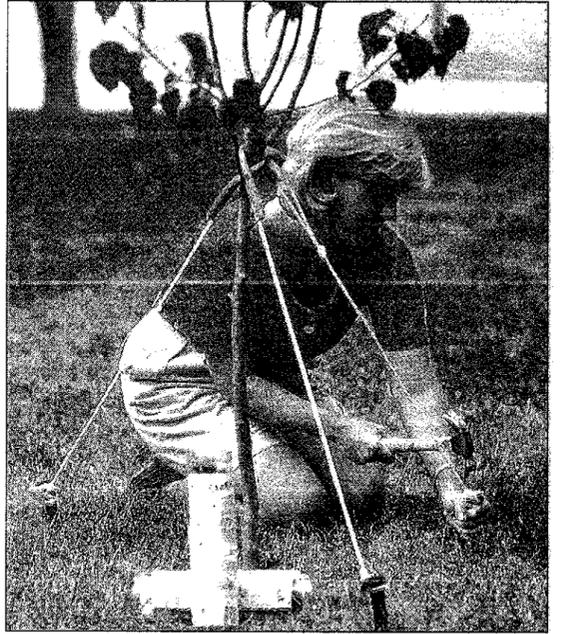
Arborists recommend using tree wrap the first two years of

a tree's life.

A great tree wrap is Jobe's TreeWrap, which is made with patented material that stays put yet stretches as the tree grows. The wrap goes around the base of the tree in overlapping spirals and is weather-resistant to provide years of protection.

You can also protect your tree's trunk from trimmer and mower injury by using Jobe's BarkGard. It's a flexible plastic shield that conforms to the trunk and expands with growth. Like TreeWrap, it also prevents insect and rodent damage.

To plant a tree and start conserving energy this year, you need a little know-how and the right products. Jobe's products can be found at most garden centers and hardware stores, by calling (800) EASY-INC. or by visiting www.easygardener.com.



Lower energy bills by planting shade trees on the south and west sides of buildings.



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Stretching helps avoid injury in the yard

BY VIRGINIA LINN
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

The cold weather has broken and you're finally back in the garden - digging, scooping, hoeing, raking, pruning, bending, kneeling, pulling, pushing, lifting and hauling.

Have you warmed up?

As gardening writer Dan Hickey explains on the National Gardening Association's Web site, www.garden.org:

"Turning compost is essentially lifting weights. Raking is like using a rowing machine. Pushing the mower is similar to walking on a treadmill.

"Our exercise machines are post-hole diggers, shovels, rakes, push mowers and wheelbarrows. Our running track is the yard and garden."

In fact, the January 1995

issue of *The Physician and Sportsmedicine Journal* included gardeners on its list of 10 occupations with the highest rates of carpal tunnel syndrome, a painful, sometimes disabling inflammation near the base of the hand.

Beyond warm-up exercises, here are some other suggestions to prevent injury:

- Wear gloves. Bacteria and fungus live in the soil and a small irritation or cut can develop into a major hand infection. Thick, leather or suede gloves may protect your hands from thorns, cuts and scrapes.

- Keep your hands and arms covered to protect yourself from poison ivy or garden varmits.

- Take a break every hour or switch to another activity to prevent repetitive motions.

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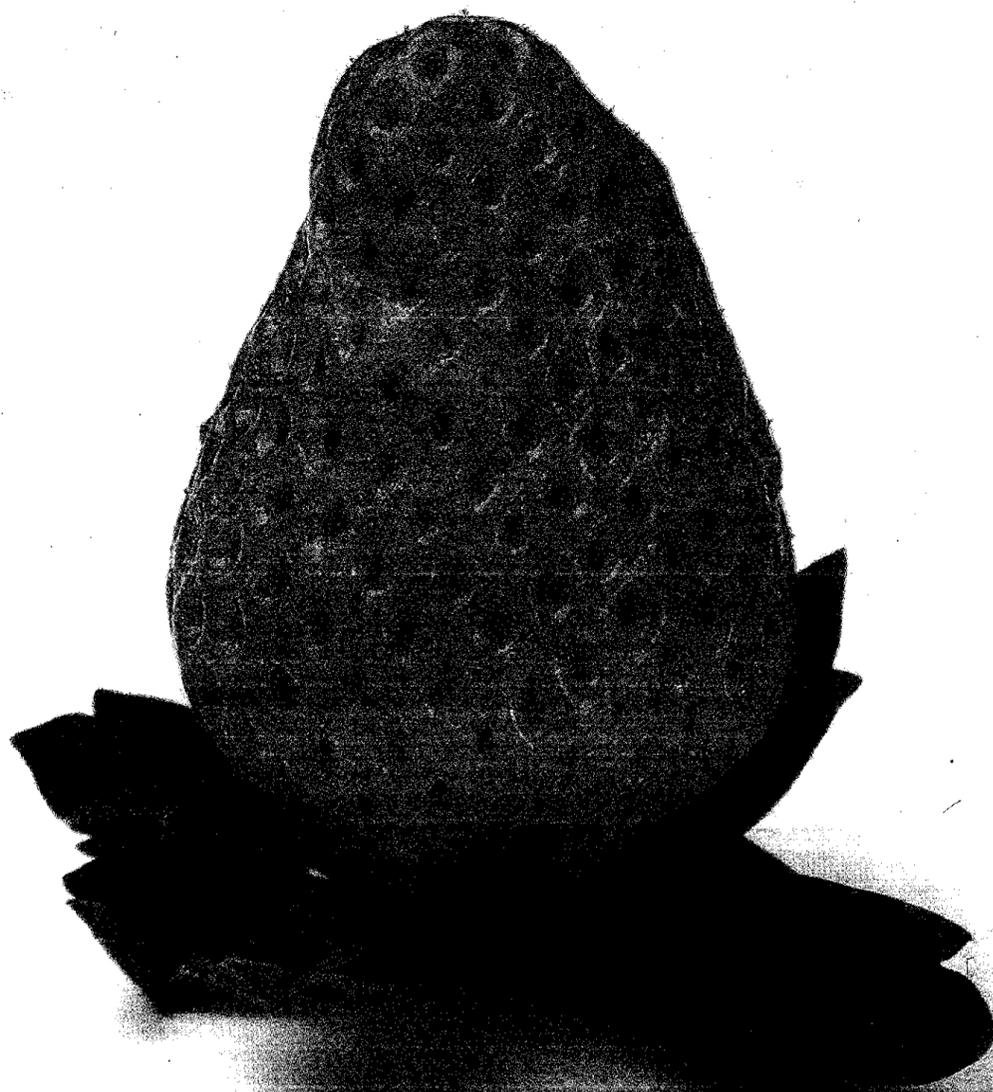
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StrawVerry

The strawberry — or “strobe-berie,” as it was identified prior to 1538 — has found favor with many who have tasted it.

In Greek and Roman times, the strawberry was a wild plant and a symbol of Venus, the goddess of love, because of its heart shape and red color. According to legend, if you break a double strawberry in half and share it with a member of the opposite sex, you will fall in love with each other.

“One of my students did a report on strawberries as an aphrodisiac,” said Sue Nash, a life management teacher at Birmingham Groves High

School. “This fact makes making dishes with strawberries popular with the students.”

A strawberry may not bring love into your life, but it is the main ingredient in strawberry glaze pie, a delicious dessert that you can share with someone you love.

The recipe for this pie, contributed by Nash, is among those found in the *Heart of the Home Recipes* cookbook, a collection offered by the Groves community. (See related item.)

“We decided that a cookbook, with contributions from students, staff and Groves families,

PLEASE SEE STRAWBERRIES, D6

Story By Sandra Daika-Prysbj
Correspondent



The finishing touches are applied to a strawberry pie.

Side dish

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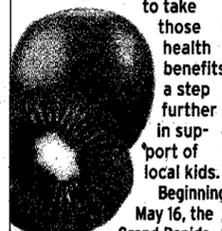
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Produce for Kids

Eating plenty of fruits and vegetables is important for good health, but now Meijer stores hope



to take those health benefits a step further in support of local kids. Beginning

May 16, the Grand Rapids-based retailer is participating in Produce for Kids, a campaign bringing the produce industry together to benefit Children's Miracle Network-affiliated hospitals.

Produce for Kids is sponsored by several produce industry companies including RealSweet Vidalia Onions (Shuman Produce Inc.); Santa Sweets Grape Tomatoes (Santa Sweets, Inc.); Dole Fresh-Cut Salads; Del Monte Gold Extra Sweet Pineapples; T. Marzetti Salad Dressings; and Stemilt Growers Cherries. During the promotion, the sponsors will make a donation to Children's Miracle Network for selected produce shipped to Meijer, with all funds directly benefiting Children's Miracle Network-affiliated hospitals in areas where Meijer has stores.

All 158 Meijer stores in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio will participate in the program, which runs through June 12.

Produce for Kids will be promoted in all Meijer stores with posters, point-of-sale materials and recipe brochures. In conjunction with the campaign, Produce for Kids will offer an online Give One, Get One

Sweepstakes, where one randomly selected winner will receive a Sony PlayStation 2, and a second one will be donated to a local children's hospital in the winner's name.

“Funds donated by the produce sponsors will go directly to hospitals in our local communities,” said John Zimmerman, director of community and customer relations for Meijer.

For Children's Miracle Network, which represents 170 children's hospitals providing state-of-the-art, life-saving care, it's an opportunity to partner with a local company to raise much-needed funds for local affiliated hospitals. Michigan hospitals involved in Children's Miracle Network include: DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, and William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

More information on Produce for Kids may be found at www.produceforkids.org.

Catfish Institute kicks off national fish campaign

America has a national anthem, a national flower, and even national pastime, but what about a fish? In honor of the 2004 election, The Catfish Institute invites everyone to get into the voting spirit by backing U.S. farm-raised catfish as “America's Fish.”

To learn more about this “candidate” and sign a petition to support U.S. farm-raised Catfish as “America's Fish,” visit www.vote4catfish.com.

Web site visitors will find a pledge from the “candidate” and an opportunity to learn and weigh in on the campaign “platforms.”

They also can order free items, such as a new cookbook and U.S. farm-raised catfish seasoning blends.

Catfish recipes can be found inside Taste, Page D2.

Additionally, visitors to the site will be able to share stories and recipes and order campaign gear to fully show their support.

The petition closes July 31, and results will be announced during August which is National Catfish Month, according to The Catfish Institute.

Chefs nationwide have “hit the campaign trail,” according to The Catfish Institute.

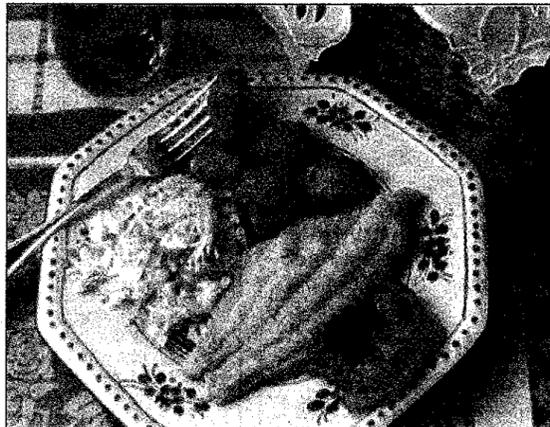
“Farm-raised catfish couldn't be a better choice for America's fish, from the integrity that is instilled in raising it to its

amazing versatility,” says chef Paul Prudhomme, owner of K-Paul's Louisiana Kitchen in New Orleans, La., and namesake of Chef Paul Prudhomme's Magic Seasoning Blends.

Catfish, a favorite of Southerners, has migrated to kitchens and restaurants across the United States. The epitome of made-in-America products, this fish is adaptable to a variety of seasonings and preparation styles.

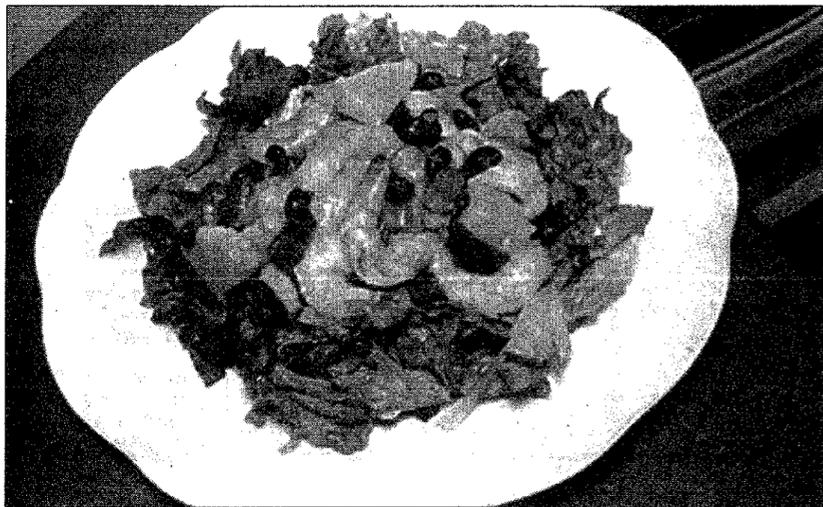
“We want Americans to know that, although catfish hails from the South, U.S. farm-raised catfish can be found on plates from California to New York and all the way to Washington,” said Roger Barlow, president of The Catfish Institute.

“It truly is America's Fish.”



THE CATFISH INSTITUTE

Hit the skillet with Southern fried catfish and jalapeño hush puppies.



Shrimp adds great flavor in salads.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Cook shrimp in the shell for flavor

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

America's favorite seafood is shrimp, yet most people know little about them other than they come in sizes from small to jumbo.

Although wild fresh shrimp is sometimes sold at fancy fish stores, 90 percent of the shrimp sold in the United States is farm-raised, frozen and imported. This includes the sweetest, most tender shrimp you eat in restaurants.

Hundreds of shrimp varieties exist, but just four major categories are sold in this country: white, pink, brown and tiger. Tigers, mostly farmed in Asia, have a distinctive banded shell and are the most popular. They are also usually the blandest and toughest. White shrimp from Latin America are usually the sweetest and firmest, but whites from China can be watery and mushy. If white

shrimp's origin is not posted with the price, ask. Brown shrimp, the most popular in the South, can taste of iodine, and pinks, although pleasant, might also have a tinge of iodine flavor.

As for size, jumbo shrimp look impressive but medium-size shrimp cost less and go further in a meal. Since virtually all shrimp is frozen, why not save further by buying it that way?

Frozen shrimp can be excellent if defrosted in the refrigerator.

CARIBBEAN SHRIMP SALAD

- 1/2 pounds medium shrimp
- 2 large plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 mango, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1 small jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped
- 1/2 cup fresh orange juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 cups loosely packed (6 large) red lettuce leaves

Bring 2 quarts of water to boil in large saucepan. Add shrimp and cook until they turn pink and curl, 3 to 4 minutes. Drain and peel.

Halve shrimp crosswise, and place in a mixing bowl.

Add tomatoes, beans, mango, onion, jalapeno pepper and the orange and lime juices.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Tear lettuce into bite-size pieces and divide among 4 plates. Top each with one-fourth of the shrimp mixture and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 162 calories, 2 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 20 g. carbohydrate, 16 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 294 mg. sodium.

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

Cook a low-fat meal with miso-glazed salmon

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's an affectionate credit line for a miso-glazed salmon recipe in *Good Housekeeping Light and Healthy Cookbook: 375 Delectable Recipes for Everyday Meals* (Hearst, 2003, \$24.95).

The recipe would fit a low-fat eating plan nicely, since it packs only about 7 grams of fat per serving. In addition, it takes only about 20 minutes to prepare.

MISO-GLAZED SALMON

- 1/2 cup white miso

- 5 teaspoons sugar
- 4 teaspoons seasoned rice vinegar
- 3 teaspoons water
- 2 teaspoons minced, peeled fresh ginger
- 4 salmon steaks, 1 inch thick (6 ounces each)
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced diagonally

Preheat broiler. Lightly spray rack in broiling pan with non-stick cooking spray.

In small bowl, mix miso, sugar, vinegar, water and ginger; set aside.

Place salmon steaks on rack in broiling pan. Place pan in

broiler at closest position to heat source; broil salmon 5 minutes. Remove pan from broiler and spread half of miso mixture on salmon; broil 1 minute longer.

Remove pan from broiler; turn salmon over and top with remaining miso mixture. Broil salmon until miso mixture is bubbly and salmon is opaque throughout, 3 to 4 minutes longer. Sprinkle with green onion before serving.

Makes 4 main-dish servings.
Nutrition information per serving: about 260 cal., 35 g. pro., 13 g. carbo., 7 g. total fat (1 g. saturated), 86 mg. chol., 870 mg. sodium.

CATFISH RECIPES



THE CATFISH INSTITUTE

The Catfish Institute is promoting U.S. farm-raised catfish to be "America's Fish" and invites the public to visit www.vote4catfish.com/discussionboards to post recipes.

WEST COAST GRILLED CATFISH WITH STRAWBERRY SALSA

- 4 catfish fillets (6 to 8 ounces each)
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

STRAWBERRY SALSA

- 2 cups ripe strawberries, hulled and chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint leaves, chopped
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons dark rum
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Put a little seasonal fruit onto your plate with West Coast grilled catfish and strawberry salsa.

powder and 2 teaspoons salt to 1 cup of cornmeal.

To prepare hush puppies: Combine first five ingredients in a bowl; stir in milk and egg until just combined.

Preheat cooking oil to 350 °F in a heavy skillet or deep fryer. Drop small spoonfuls of batter into hot oil.

Turning hush puppies frequently, cook until golden brown on all sides, about 3 minutes. Remove with slotted spoon. Drain on paper towels. Yields about 2 dozen.

SOUTHWESTERN CATFISH SALAD

- For the Catfish:
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
 - 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro (or 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander)
 - one-half small jalapeno pepper, finely chopped (or 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper)
 - 1 garlic clove, minced
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 cup olive oil
 - 2 catfish fillet, cut into strips

- For the Salad:
- 6 cups salad greens, washed and torn into bite-size pieces
 - 2 ripe tomatoes, cut into wedges
 - 1 ripe avocado, peeled and sliced
 - 1/2 cup fresh, frozen, or canned corn

To prepare catfish: To prepare the catfish, mix lime juice, cilantro, jalapeno or cayenne pepper, garlic, salt, and olive oil in a non-corrosive, small bowl. Mix using a wire whisk until well blended.

Place catfish strips in a shallow dish, pour half of the lime juice mixture over catfish. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes to marinate.

Reserve the other half of marinade to use for salad dressing.

Preheat the broiler. Place marinated catfish strips on broiler pan rack and broil for 4 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

To assemble the salads, line 4 salad plates with salad greens.

Arrange catfish strips, tomato wedges, and avocado slices over greens and top with corn.

Drizzle reserved marinade over each plate and serve. Makes 4 servings.

"PLAIN GREAT" CHEESEY CATFISH

- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon Spanish paprika
- 2 pounds catfish fillets

Preheat oven to 400 °F. Place margarine in a 13-by-9-inch baking pan and place in the oven to melt while oven is heating.

Remove pan from the oven. Mix Parmesan cheese, cornmeal, flour, pepper, and paprika in a plastic bag. Add catfish fillets, one at a time, and shake to coat with the Parmesan mixture. Arrange fillets in a single layer in the prepared pan, turning once to coat with margarine. Sprinkle remaining cheese mixture over fish. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes or until golden brown and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Makes 4 servings.

NORTHEAST CATFISH WITH CABERNET AND GREEN PEPPERCORNS

- 10 tablespoons butter
- 2 large mushrooms, cut into julienne strips
- 2 tablespoons finely diced shallots
- 1 teaspoon green peppercorns, slightly crushed
- 1 cup cabernet sauvignon or other dry red wine
- salt to taste
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- freshly ground black pepper
- 4 catfish fillets (4 to 6 ounces each)

Melt 1 tablespoon of the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat.

Add mushrooms and sauté until golden brown. Add shallots, peppercorns, and wine; simmer until almost all of the liquid has evaporated. Using a wire whisk, mix in 7 tablespoons of the butter over low heat. Season with salt to taste. Set sauce aside and keep warm. Melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter in large skillet over medium heat.

Fry the fillets two at a time in the hot butter for 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until browned, and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Spoon some sauce onto each serving plate and top with a fillet. Makes 4 servings.

Recipe courtesy of The Catfish Institute.

SOUTHERN CLASSIC FRIED CATFISH WITH JALAPEÑO HUSH PUPPIES

- 4 catfish fillets (4 to 6 ounces each)
- 1/2 cup yellow corn meal
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- vegetable oil

To prepare catfish: Combine cornmeal, flour, salt, cayenne pepper, and garlic powder. Coat catfish with mixture, shaking off excess.

Fill deep pot of a 12-inch skillet half full with vegetable oil and heat to 350 °F. Add catfish in single layer; fry until golden brown, about 5 to 6 minutes, depending on size.

Remove and drain on paper towels. Makes 4 servings.

JALAPEÑO HUSH PUPPIES

- 1 cup self-rising cornmeal*
- 1/2 cup self-rising flour
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup minced onion
- 1 tablespoon minced jalapeno pepper
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Philip J. Mayer, MD, spine surgeon

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Acute low back pain strikes 80 percent of the population. This pain can radiate down into the legs and is usually accompa-

nied by weakness and sometimes numbness. Often the sufferer is unable to stand up straight and will either be bent over or favors a side. If the symptoms occurred suddenly, they are called acute and usually last a couple of days. If an episode lasts longer than three months, it is a chronic condition.

A majority of back pain sufferers, 80 to 90 percent, will recover with non-operative treatments. Such methods may include anti-inflammatory medicine, muscle relaxants, short periods of rest and sometimes physical therapy.

If further measures are needed, diagnostic options are utilized through x-rays, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or computed topography (CT) scan of the spine. This allows the physician to look at the anatomy to determine if an abnormality can be identified.

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Dr. Mayer is a board certified, fellowship trained spine surgeon at Oakwood Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. He has been in private practice since 1996 serving western Wayne County. Dr. Mayer completed his orthopaedic residency at the University of Rochester and completed fellowships at Harvard Children's Medical Center and the University of Hong Kong.

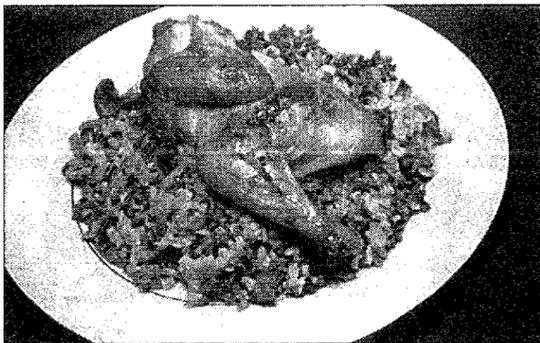
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To round out the menu, add some colorful vegetables that will add a festive touch as well as extra nutritional benefits. You might want to think in terms of variety. Using a variety of vegetables maximizes the nutritional punch and reinforces the idea that this is a special meal.



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Enhance vegetables with a drizzle of the same melted orange marmalade that is used to baste the Cornish hens.

tender. Transfer cooked rice to a bowl, draining any excess liquid, if necessary.

While rice cooks, heat oil in a non-stick pan over medium heat. Add onions and sauté until soft and translucent.

Raise heat to high. Add mushrooms and almonds, stirring constantly to prevent burning.

Sauté about 3 minutes or until nuts are golden. Combine mixture with cooled rice. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Preheat oven to 375°F. Season cavities of hens with salt and pepper.

Stuff with rice mixture. Season skin with salt and pepper.

Place hens on rack in a shallow roasting pan, breast side up. Roast hens, basting with broth every 15 minutes until done, about 75 minutes. If breast meat becomes brown before cooking is completed, cover lightly with foil.

Meanwhile, gently heat marmalade stove-top or in a

microwave oven at low power until melted. Stir in lime juice. Baste hens with mixture to glaze during the last 30 minutes of roasting. When hens are done, remove and let rest 15 minutes. Hens are done when, after pricking a thigh with a fork, the juices run clear.

Cut hens in half, lengthwise. Transfer any pan juices to a small cup and skim off fat. Divide stuffing among four plates.

Place 1/2 hen on top of. Gently heat de-fatted pan juices in a microwave oven.

Pour over hens. Serve with cooked vegetables.

*Fines herbes is a commercially prepared mixture of dried herbs that typically includes parsley, chervil, tarragon and chives.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 213 calories, 9 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 18 g. carbohydrate, 18 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 769 mg. sodium.

CORNISH HENS WITH WILD RICE

4 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth, divided
 1/2 cup wild rice, rinsed well
 1/2 cup brown rice
 2 teaspoon fresh or 1/2 teaspoon dried tarragon
 1/2 teaspoon fines herbes*
 Salt and freshly ground pepper
 2 teaspoons canola oil
 1/2 medium onion, finely chopped
 4 ounces mushrooms, sliced thin
 1/4 cup slivered blanched almonds
 2 Cornish hens, rinsed and trimmed of excess fat.
 1 cup fat-free reduced-sodium chicken broth
 4 tablespoons Seville orange or regular orange marmalade
 1/2 tablespoon fresh lime juice

In a large pot, bring 3 cups of broth to a boil.

Add rice, tarragon and fines herbes. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer about 45 minutes or until rice is almost

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Shortcuts makes beginners look like pros

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A true gourmet would never cut corners by using prepared foods, but pastry can be such a tricky proposition that it's sometimes worth sacrificing pride for a timesaving shortcut.

"Here's a recipe that makes you look like an experienced baker when you fear making pastry dough from scratch," says Diane Morgan, a cookbook author based in Portland, Ore.

By layering gingersnap cookie crumbs, pear slices and apricot preserves atop prepared puff pastry dough, this recipe saves time without sacrificing taste.

"The pastry puffs and flakes, surrounding warm sweet pears with a glistening, sugarcoated crust," Morgan says.

INDIVIDUAL PEAR AND GINGER TARTS

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry from a 17.3 ounce package
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon water
- 7 crisp gingersnap cookies (about 1/2 inches in diameter)
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon apricot preserves (without chunks)
- 2 firm but ripe Bosc pears, peeled, halved lengthwise, cored and cut lengthwise into thin slices
- Powdered sugar for dusting

Remove one sheet of pastry from the package and thaw the pastry at room temperature for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, beat the egg with 1 tablespoon of water and set aside.

Place the cookies in a heavy lock-top plastic bag and using a rolling pin, crush the cookies to make fine crumbs. Or, crush the cookies in a food processor. Set aside. Combine the sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl and set aside.

Have ready one rimmed baking sheet, preferably nonstick. If you don't have a pan with a nonstick finish, line it with parchment paper or a nonstick mat.

Unfold the pastry sheet and arrange it on a cutting board. Using a sharp knife, cut the pastry into quarters, creating four 5-inch squares.

Place the squares on a prepared baking sheet, about 2 inches apart. Fold the sides of each pastry square about 1/2 inch toward the center, so the edges will be a double thickness. Use your pinky finger to make indentations about 1/2 inch apart around the edges of the pastry, creating a fluted effect. Place the pastry in the refrigerator for 15 minutes.

Position an oven rack in the center of the oven and preheat the oven to 400° F. Place the apricot preserves in a small bowl and microwave just until melted, about 10 seconds. Set aside. Prepare the pears.

Remove the pastry from the refrigerator.

Using a pastry brush or your finger, brush the pastry with the beaten egg mixture.

Place a rounded tablespoonful of the cookie crumbs in the center of each pastry and use your finger to spread it around, keeping the crumbs off the edges. Lay slices of pear in a tight overlapping fashion over the cookie crumbs.

Sprinkle the pears with the cinnamon sugar mixture. Brush a bit of the melted preserves over the pears.

Bake the tarts until the crusts are beautifully browned, 30 to 35 minutes. Let cool slightly and serve warm dusted with powdered sugar.

The tarts can be made up to 8 hours ahead.

Set aside at room temperature. Serve the tarts with a scoop of your favorite ice cream. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's note: Double the recipe if you are making these for a party of 8 people.

Arrange the oven racks in the center and upper third of the oven and bake the pastries on two rimmed baking sheets, switching the position of the baking sheets halfway through the baking time.

These tarts can also be made in a convection oven set to 375° F. Check the pastries after 25 minutes for doneness.

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com

Low Carb Tastefest

Learn what low carb lifestyles are all about and sample low carb foods (pizza, pasta, ice cream, snacks, soups, cookies and muffins) at the Low Carb Tastefest 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at the Low Carb Depot, 32622 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia (between Merriman and Farmington). Products and information for diabetics and gluten intolerant dieters will be available. Product giveaways, recipes and discounts will be provided, along with registration for a Low Carb Support Group. For information, call (248) 476-3064.

More Indian dishes

Have you enjoyed exotic chicken dishes at an Indian restaurant and wondered how you could impress your friends and family when you create them yourself? You will learn to cre-

ate authentic chicken dishes in different regional styles of India from instructor Simi Advani at this class scheduled 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 25 at Berkshire Middle School, Room 108, 21707 West 14 Mile Road, Beverly Hills. Many dishes will be prepared and served. Please bring a dishcloth and a \$15 supply fee to be paid to the instructor. The class fee is \$39. To register call 248-203-3800 or register on line www.communityed.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 features Hiding in Plain Sight: Second Label Bordeaux on June 2 at No. VI Chop House, 27790 Novi Road in Novi. Call (248) 305-5210 for information. The next Monday special sit-down wine tasting, The Legends - The Wines You've Always Wanted to Taste, is scheduled for Monday, May 17 at Shiraz, 30100 Telegraph. Call (248) 645-5289 for information.

Tart Art

Learn the art of making beautiful tarts as well as sweet and savory fillings from Patricia Ivery, owner of a special occasion cake and dessert company, at this class 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 7, at From Scratch, 29831 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Learn to make blueberry lemon tart, sinful chocolate pecan tart, bouquet of vegetable tart and wild mushroom tart. Class fee is \$35. To register call 248-203-3800 or regis-

ter on line www.communityed.net

Breakfast in Bombay

Transport yourself to Bombay for an exciting breakfast experience. Instructor Simi Advani will take you step by step to create breakfast fare popular in Bombay at this class 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Berkshire Middle School, Room 108, 21707 W. 14 Mile, in Beverly Hills. Great for brunch and entertaining. Come hungry and bring a dishcloth to class. A \$12 supply fee is payable to the instructor in class. The class fee is \$39. To register call 248-203-3800 or register on line www.communityed.net

Memorable meal

Learn how to make a fantastic restaurant dinner in your own home in A Night To Remember, a cooking class offered 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Mixed greens with pears, blue cheese and balsamic vinaigrette, mushroom-stuffed chicken breast in marsala sauce with creamy polenta, and

vegetable sauté and cinnamon apples in a phyllo purse will be featured. Peter Engelhardt is the instructor. Cost is \$29.

To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Cooking Classes

Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get "hands-on" experience preparing vegetarian, whole foods cooking with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson.

Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include: a Summer Cooking Series on June 16 and 23. Wilson also offers a four-week Beginning Series which she says is the best place for students to start. Dates for the beginning series and all other classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are held in Garden City and the fee for each class is \$25, visit the website or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

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Rachel Lodge (left), Amy Roehl and Nicky Albertson make a strawberry pie at Birmingham Groves High School.

STRAWBERRIES

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was a good way to raise funds for student clubs and activities," said Debbie Damman of the school's attendance office, a member of the cookbook committee.

"This strawberry pie is one of the students' favorite recipes to make because it's not too difficult and it tastes good," Nash said.

And, she added, it offers some nutritional value at approximately 120 calories per slice: "Ounce for ounce, the strawberry provides more vitamin C than citrus fruits."

According to one of Nash's students, junior Amy Roehl, strawberries offer other benefits, such as helping to whiten teeth. "They contain an acid

COOKBOOK AVAILABLE

The Heart of the Home Recipes cookbook is \$10 and available at Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills. For information and school hours, call (248) 203-3500.

that helps take away the plaque," she said. "And they taste good, too."

Junior Brigit Gilliatt agrees and enjoys eating them right from the plant.

"We grow them at home so we get to eat really fresh strawberries... whatever is left after the wild rabbits get into them," she said.

Nash said that Native Americans were already eating strawberries when the colonists arrived.

The sweet berries were crushed and mixed with cornmeal and baked into strawberry bread.

America's first settlers went a step further and developed their own recipe for this sweet treat and created strawberry shortcake.

No matter how this fruit is used, whether in recipes or alone as a healthy snack, the strawberry — which is the only fruit with seeds on the outside rather than the inside — continues to grow in popularity.

Because of this, there are four recipes in the Groves cookbook that use strawberries.

See related recipes.

STRAWBERRY RECIPES

STRAWBERRY GLAZE PIE

- 1 (9-inch) pie shell
- 6 cups fresh large strawberries
- 1 cup smaller strawberries
- 1 cup water
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- Red food coloring
- Whipped cream or Cool Whip

Bake and cool pie shell. Wash berries and remove hulls. Crush 1 cup of smaller berries. Cook with water about 2 minutes. Drain with sieve; reserve juice. Add water if needed to make 1 ½ cup juice. Discard cooked berries. In saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch. Stir in berry juice. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and clear. Stir in about 5 drops food coloring.

Spread about ¼ cup of the glaze mixture on bottom and sides of shell. Arrange half of strawberries, stem side down, in shell. Spoon half of remaining glaze over berries, making sure each berry is well coated. Arrange remaining berries, stem side down, on top of first layer. Spoon on remaining glaze, coating each berry. Chill 3 to 4 hours. Garnish with whipped topping.

Recipe from Sue Nash.

STRAWBERRY MAGIC CAKE

- 1 (10-oz.) package miniature marshmallows
 - 1 package Duncan Hines Moist Deluxe Butter Recipe cake mix
 - 1 (3-oz.) box strawberry Jell-O
 - 1 (16-oz.) package frozen strawberries, slightly thawed (do not drain)
 - ¾ cup cold water
 - Whipped topping for garnish
- Spread marshmallows evenly



Strawberries are cool and sweet, especially in a pie.

over bottom of greased 9- by 13-inch pan. Prepare cake mix according to package directions and spread evenly over marshmallows. Sprinkle Jell-O over top. Spoon berries here and there over Jell-O. Drizzle water over top, but do not stir. Bake at 350°F for 45 to 55 minutes. Let cool in pan. Garnish with whipped topping. (This cake freezes well.)

Recipe from Dolores and Greg Kolb.

ANGEL STRAWBERRY DELIGHT

- 1 (6-oz.) box strawberry Jell-O
- 2 cups boiling water
- 2 (10-oz.) packages frozen strawberries
- 1 angel food cake
- Whipped topping and fresh strawberries for garnish

Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Add frozen strawberries. Stir until strawberries unfreeze. Pour small amount into bottom of 9- by 13-inch glass pan. Break up angel food cake into pan. Pour remaining mixture over cake. Chill until set. Garnish with

whipped topping and strawberries.

Recipe from the Groves Parent Teacher Student Association.

STRAWBERRY PRETZEL SALAD

- First layer:
- 2 cups crushed pretzels
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 3 tablespoons melted butter

Mix together and put into bottom of 9- by 13-inch pan. Bake at 350°F for 8 minutes.

- Second layer:
- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese
- 1 tub (8-ounces) Cool Whip

Mix together and spoon on top of pretzel crust.

- Third layer:
- 1 (6-ounce) package strawberry Jell-O
- 1 cup boiling water
- 2 (10-ounce) packages frozen strawberries

Dissolve Jell-O in boiling water. Add frozen strawberries. Place on top of cream cheese and Cool Whip layer. Refrigerate for 2 hours.

Sizzle up spring with chicken fajitas

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sometimes making a fast meal involves throwing in less than desirable ingredients, sacrificing a bit of nutrition in the process.

Well, here's a recipe that can be made from scratch in under half an hour without resort to ingredients of dubious nutritional value.

It's a chicken fajita dish that sings with sizzle and flavor, and it's from the "keep it simple" section of Health magazine's May issue, which offers "healthy week-night meals in 30 minutes or less."

Suggested side dish: jicama and orange salad (recipe follows).

SIZZLIN' CHICKEN FAJITAS

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 cup bell pepper strips
- 2 cups thinly sliced onion
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon chili powder
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut into 1-inch strips
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- Four 8-inch flour tortillas
- ¼ cup shredded Mexican-blend cheese

Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add bell pepper, onion, salt, cumin, chili and black pepper; saute 10 minutes or until vegetables are

tender. Remove mixture from skillet.

Heat 1 teaspoon oil over medium-high heat. Add chicken; cook, stirring constantly, 5 minutes or until chicken is done. Return vegetable mixture to skillet. Stir in juice; cook until chicken mixture is thoroughly heated. Heat tortillas according to package directions. Place 1 cup chicken mixture down center of each tortilla; sprinkle each portion with 1 tablespoon shredded cheese, and roll up.

Makes 4 servings (serving size: 1 fajita and 1 cup chicken mixture).

Nutritional information per serving: 377 cal., 12 g total fat (4 g saturated), 69 mg chol., 30 g pro., 36 g carbo., 4 g fiber, 484 mg sodium.

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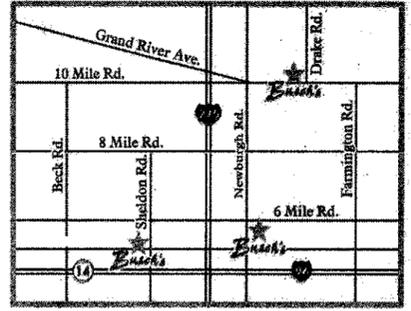
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1. The Special Assessment Payment Agreements by and between Cambridge Development Associates, Livonia Builders Sheffield Park LLC, Livonia Builders, Danny Veri and Livonia Builders Turnberry Park LLC, be and the same are hereby agreed to and approved. 2. The Township Supervisor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized directed to execute and deliver said Special Assessment Payment Agreements in behalf of the Township. 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and are hereby rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 11, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, dated as of the date entered below, is entered into by and between the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, a Michigan municipal corporation (the "TOWNSHIP") whose address is 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan and LIVONIA BUILDERS SHEFFIELD PARK, LLC, Michigan limited liability company ("Sheffield"), LIVONIA BUILDERS TURNBERRY PARK LLC, a Michigan limited liability company ("Turnberry") and DANNY VERI d/b/a LIVONIA BUILDERS ("Veri") (Sheffield, Turnberry and Veri together the "COMPANY") whose address is each 4952 Dewitt Road, Canton, Michigan. WHEREAS, the COMPANY is the present owner of real property in the TOWNSHIP situated in the District described below and has agreed that certain paving and drainage improvements are necessary in order for the COMPANY to fully utilize the site; and WHEREAS, the COMPANY and the TOWNSHIP have agreed to initiate proceedings pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended ("Act 188") to acquire and construct paving and drainage improvements on Saltz Road between Beck Road and Canton Center (the "Roll"); and WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP acting in reliance of the Company's request and in conformity with Act 188 will create and establish the Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District No. 2004-3 (the "District") and will confirm a special assessment roll therefor (the "Roll") by resolution substantially in the form of Exhibit B attached hereto; and WHEREAS, a portion of the special assessment as confirmed has been levied against the property of the COMPANY located within the District. IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS: 1. The Roll will be confirmed in the amount of \$1,440,000 based upon engineering estimates of cost. 2. The property of the COMPANY located within the District and described in Exhibit A hereto has been assessed the sum of \$87,032.52 consisting of construction costs plus a pro rata share of issuance costs and contingencies of the total cost of the estimated Project costs. Said assessment shall be divided as follows: Sheffield: \$31,313.85; Turnberry: \$22,452.66; and Veri: \$33,266.01. 3. The COMPANY, agrees to pay the aforesaid assessment in ten equal annual installments, together with interest at a rate equal to 6% per annum. Provided, however, if bonds are issued by the TOWNSHIP in anticipation of the collection of such assessments then interest shall be at a rate not to exceed 1% in excess of the rate borne by the bonds. The installment shall be due as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto. 4. The COMPANY hereby agrees to the necessity of the Project, the costs thereof and the manner of assessing said costs and further waives notices of hearing and the conduct of hearing regarding the necessity of the improvement and the special assessment roll. 5. The TOWNSHIP hereby agrees to establish the Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District 2004-3, confirm the roll and construct the Project. 6. Upon the COMPANY'S payment of the total amounts assessed against it, all assessment obligations imposed upon the lands assessed for the Project shall cease. 7. In the event the Project costs increase and pursuant to Act 188 the Roll is correspondingly increased and the assessment levied thereunder are similarly increased, the COMPANY by this Agreement agrees to pay such increased assessments. 8. In the event the Project costs are reduced and are less than the amount assessed against the COMPANY on the Roll and the Township elects to reduce or refund assessments levied on the Roll, then the TOWNSHIP shall be completely within the TOWNSHIP'S discretion. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON By Its Supervisor By Its Clerk LIVONIA BUILDERS SHEFFIELD PARK LLC, a Michigan limited liability company LIVONIA BUILDERS TURNBERRY PARK LLC, a Michigan limited liability company DANNY VERI d/b/a LIVONIA BUILDERS By Danny Veri STATE OF MICHIGAN) COUNTY OF WAYNE) The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____th day of _____, 2004, by _____, who is _____ of a Michigan _____, on behalf of _____ Notary Public County, Michigan My Commission Expires: _____ STATE OF MICHIGAN) COUNTY OF WAYNE) The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____th day of _____, 2004, by _____, who is _____ of a Michigan _____, on behalf of _____ Notary Public County, Michigan My Commission Expires: _____ Thomas J Yack and Terry Bennett, who are Supervisor and Clerk, respectively, of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, a Michigan municipal corporation, on behalf of the municipal corporation. _____ Notary Public County, Michigan My Commission Expires: _____

EXHIBIT A

Table with 4 columns: Location, Parcel ID, Area, and Notes. Includes Cambridge Development Assoc. (071-061-99-0006-706, 19.32 acres), Livonia Builders Sheffield Park LLC (071-064-99-0003-000, 4.17 acres), and Livonia Builders Turnberry Park, LLC (Parcel C1, 2.99 acres).

PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 16 T2 S, R8 E, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, THENCE S 89D 42' 17" W 1953.23 FEET ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE S 00D13'02" W 350.25 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF "MEADOWBROOK SUB. NO 2" RECORDED IN LIBER 105, PAGES 58-60 WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 00D13'02" W 761.95 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF "MEADOWBROOK SUB. NO. 2" THENCE N 89D 00' 34" W 166.70 FEET; THENCE N 00D 13'02" E 788.46 FEET; THENCE N 89D 42'17" E 100.13 FEET; THENCE S 00D 13'02" W 15.56 FEET; THENCE S 79D 23'03" E 46.51 FEET; THENCE S 74D 28'25" E 21.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.990 ACRES

EXHIBIT B CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District No. 2004-3 Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Summit on the Park in said Township on the 11th day of May, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett and supported by McLaughlin: WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan has reviewed a special assessment roll prepared for the purpose of defraying a part of the cost of certain road and drainage improvements; and WHEREAS, the Township Board deems said special assessment roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. Said special assessment roll shall be designated "Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment Roll," and the district against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment District No. 2004-3." 2. Said Special Assessment Roll, in the amount of \$1,440,000, as prepared and reported to the Township Board by the Supervisor, be and the same hereby is confirmed. 3. Said special assessment roll shall be divided into ten (10) equal annual installments, the first installment to be due on December 1, 2005, and the following installments to be due on December 1 of each and every year thereafter. Said installments of the special assessment roll shall bear interest from and after December 1, 2004 at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum, said interest to be payable annually on each installment due date; provided, however, that if bonds are to be issued by the Township in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments, then said installments of special assessments shall bear interest at a rate equal to one percent (1%) above the rate of interest borne by said bonds to be issued by the Township. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a

resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 11, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SALTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SAD 2004-3 PROPERTY OWNER: Livonia Builders Sheffield Park LLC

Table with 4 columns: Tax Year, Principal, Interest, Total. Shows tax details for 2004-3 for Sheffield Park LLC.

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Table with 4 columns: Tax Year, Principal, Interest, Total. Shows tax details for 2004-3 for Turnberry Park, LLC.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, dated as of the date entered below, is entered into by and between the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, a Michigan municipal corporation (the "TOWNSHIP") whose address is 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan and CAMBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, Michigan General Partnership (the "COMPANY") whose address is 21790 Coolidge Highway, Oak Park, Michigan 48237, WHEREAS, the COMPANY is the present owner of real property in the TOWNSHIP situated in the District described below and has agreed that certain paving and drainage improvements are necessary in order for the COMPANY to fully utilize the site; and WHEREAS, the COMPANY and the TOWNSHIP have agreed to initiate proceedings pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended ("Act 188") to acquire and construct paving and drainage improvements on Saltz Road between Beck Road and Canton Center (the "Roll"); and WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP acting in reliance of the Company's request and in conformity with Act 188 will create and establish the Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District No. 2004-3 (the "District") and will confirm a special assessment roll therefor (the "Roll") by resolution substantially in the form of Exhibit B attached hereto; and WHEREAS, a portion of the special assessment as confirmed has been levied against the property of the COMPANY located within the District. IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS: 1. The Roll will be confirmed in the amount of \$1,440,000 based upon engineering estimates of cost. 2. The property of the COMPANY located within the District and described in Exhibit A hereto has been assessed the sum of \$856,185.59 consisting of construction costs plus a pro rata share of issuance costs and contingencies of the total cost of the estimated Project costs. Said assessment shall be divided as follows: Sheffield: \$31,313.85; Turnberry: \$22,452.66; and Veri: \$33,266.01. 3. The COMPANY, agrees to pay the aforesaid assessment in ten equal annual installments, together with interest at a rate equal to 6% per annum. Provided, however, if bonds are issued by the TOWNSHIP in anticipation of the collection of such assessments then interest shall be at a rate not to exceed 1% in excess of the rate borne by the bonds. The installment shall be due as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto. 4. The COMPANY hereby agrees to the necessity of the Project, the costs thereof and the manner of assessing said costs and further waives notices of hearing and the conduct of hearing regarding the necessity of the improvement and the special assessment roll. 5. The TOWNSHIP hereby agrees to establish the Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District 2004-3, confirm the roll and construct the Project. 6. Upon the COMPANY'S payment of the total amounts assessed against it, all assessment obligations imposed upon the lands assessed for the Project shall cease. 7. In the event the Project costs increase and pursuant to Act 188 the Roll is correspondingly increased and the assessment levied thereunder are similarly increased, the COMPANY by this Agreement agrees to pay such increased assessments. 8. In the event the Project costs are reduced and are less than the amount assessed against the COMPANY on the Roll and the Township elects to reduce or refund assessments levied on the Roll, then the TOWNSHIP shall be completely within the TOWNSHIP'S discretion. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON By Its Supervisor By Its Clerk CAMBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, A Michigan general partnership Its General Partner STATE OF MICHIGAN) COUNTY OF WAYNE) The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____th day of _____, 2004, by _____, who is _____ of a Michigan _____, on behalf of _____ Notary Public County, Michigan My Commission Expires: _____ STATE OF MICHIGAN) COUNTY OF WAYNE) The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____th day of _____, 2004, by Thomas J Yack and Terry Bennett, who are Supervisor and Clerk, respectively, of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, a Michigan municipal corporation, on behalf of the municipal corporation. _____ Notary Public County, Michigan My Commission Expires: _____

EXHIBIT A

Table with 4 columns: Location, Parcel ID, Area, and Notes. Includes Cambridge Development Assoc. (071-061-99-0006-706, 19.32 acres), Livonia Builders Sheffield Park LLC (071-064-99-0003-000, 4.17 acres), and Livonia Builders Turnberry Park, LLC (Parcel C1, 2.99 acres).

PART OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 16 T2 S, R8 E, CANTON TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN. MORE FULLY DESCRIBED AS COMMENCING AT THE EAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 16, THENCE S 89D 42' 17" W 1953.23 FEET ALONG THE EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 16; THENCE S 00D13'02" W 350.25 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF "MEADOWBROOK SUB. NO 2" RECORDED IN LIBER 105, PAGES 58-60 WAYNE COUNTY RECORDS TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE S 00D13'02" W 761.95 FEET ALONG SAID WEST LINE OF "MEADOWBROOK SUB. NO. 2" THENCE N 89D 00' 34" W 166.70 FEET; THENCE N 00D 13'02" E 788.46 FEET; THENCE N 89D 42'17" E 100.13 FEET; THENCE S 00D 13'02" W 15.56 FEET; THENCE S 79D 23'03" E 46.51 FEET; THENCE S 74D 28'25" E 21.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.990 ACRES

EXHIBIT B CONFIRMING RESOLUTION

Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment District No. 2004-3

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Summit on the Park in said Township on the 11th day of May, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett and supported by McLaughlin: WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan has reviewed a special assessment roll prepared for the purpose of defraying a part of the cost of certain road and drainage improvements; and WHEREAS, the Township Board deems said special assessment roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. Said special assessment roll shall be designated "Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Special Assessment Roll," and the district against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment District No. 2004-3." 2. Said Special Assessment Roll, in the amount of \$1,440,000, as prepared and reported to the Township Board by the Supervisor, be and the same hereby is confirmed. 3. Said special assessment roll shall be divided into ten (10) equal annual installments, the first installment to be due on December 1, 2005, and the following installments to be due on December 1 of each and every year thereafter. Said installments of the special assessment roll shall bear interest from and after December 1, 2004 at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum, said interest to be payable annually on each installment due date; provided, however, that if bonds are to be issued by the Township in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments, then said installments of special assessments shall bear interest at a rate equal to one percent (1%) above the rate of interest borne by said bonds to be issued by the Township. 4. The assessments made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to the Township Treasurer, with the Township Clerk's warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the assessments therein in accordance with the directions of the Township Board with respect thereto, and the Treasurer is directed to collect the amounts assessed as the same become due. AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 11, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SALTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SAD 2004-3 PROPERTY OWNER: Cambridge Development Assoc. Table with 4 columns: Tax Year, Principal, Interest, Total. Shows tax details for 2004-3 for Cambridge Development Assoc.

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Item 18. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE SALTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT, BECK TO RIDGE ROAD. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to adopt the Resolution Regarding Reimbursement Agreement for the Saltz Road Paving and Drainage Improvements, Beck Road to Ridge Road. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Summit on the Park in said Township on the 11th day of May, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo. The following preamble and resolution was offered by Bennett, and supported by McLaughlin: WHEREAS, Founders Woods Associates, Livonia Builders Sheffield Park LLC, and Fellows Creek LLC, ("Developer") has requested the Township to undertake the paving of Saltz Road (the "Project") and has negotiated a Reimbursement Agreement with the Township wherein Developer agrees to pay part of the cost of the Project; and WHEREAS, the aforesaid Reimbursement Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Township's staff. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby determines that the paving of Saltz Road is reasonable and necessary in the interests of the public welfare of the Township and accordingly approves the Reimbursement Agreement with Developer substantially in the form attached hereto and made part hereof. 2. The Township Supervisor and Clerk be and are hereby directed to execute and deliver the reimbursement agreement substantially in the form attached hereto on behalf of the Township. AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on May 11, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk

19. RENTAL OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT FOR 2004 ELECTION CYCLE. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to enter into a lease agreement with Fidler Election Company for the lease of five (5) AccuVote Ballot Boxes, Tabulators, and Memory Cards for the 2004 August and November Elections at the cost of \$800.00 per unit per election, totaling \$8,000 plus the cost of shipping. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following fund transfer in the General Fund, Election's Department for the lease of voter equipment: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations; Equipment Rental-Elections #101-191-940-0000 \$8,000 Capital Outlay-Elections #101-191-977-0000 (8,000) Total\$ 0

This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the 2004 Election's Department budget. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Treasurer Kirchgatter stated that the Relay for Life is this upcoming weekend. Trustee McLaughlin stated that George Demopoulos, Chairperson for the Memorial Day Canton Soccer Tournament, indicated that 443 teams from all over the Midwest are coming to Canton that weekend. Supervisor Yack stated that Jim Cisek will be giving a presentation at an upcoming study session to engage the community to get involved in assisting homeowners maintain their property when they are unable to do it themselves. Next Study Session will be May 18, 2004, 7:00 p.m. and the topic will be the Zoning Ordinance Amendments. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn. Supervisor Yack adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm - 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.

Omelets spring back on the menu

Nutrition experts agree – the once avoided egg is back on the menu for even the most health-conscious Americans.

Labeled as high in cholesterol and fat, eggs were once something adults were advised to reduce their consumption of or instead use egg whites or substitutes in place of the real thing. However, the recent surge in the popularity of protein-laden diets, such as the South Beach or Atkins varieties, have welcomed the egg back to our plates.

Celebrate this simple, easy-to-prepare food with the complementary addition of its irresistible, all natural cheese. Whether you're interested in on-the-go breakfasts or refreshing salads, or planning a menu for a holiday brunch or other family celebration, sargento.com offers recipes for any meal occasion.

As busy adults prepare for spring festivities it is important to capture the excitement of the season – a few simple, creative touches can make the occasion unique, memorable and extra-special.

For spring entertaining, a casual and relaxed setting is the order of the day. Vases of fragrant tulips, daffodils, lilacs or lilies placed on the table and throughout your home provide visitors with a cheery, welcome reminder of spring's renewal. Create your own whimsical, memorable placecards by purchasing small, inexpensive bird's nests at your local craft store. Personalize plastic eggs (using paint pens) with each guest's name and place the eggs inside the nests.

Choose a light, easygoing menu that requires minimal preparation to allow you plenty of time to relax and shower your guests with attention. Offer fruit salads, finger sandwiches, sliced and cubed cheeses and a warm entrée option to complete the menu. Try this protein-rich Western Omelet chock full of deli ham, Sharp Cheddar cheese, green pepper and onion.

WESTERN OMELET

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper

- 4 eggs
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 3/4 cup (3 ounces) plus 2 tablespoons sharp cheddar shredded cheese or fancy sharp cheddar shredded, divided
- 1/2 cup cup chopped deli ham

Melt butter in medium non-stick skillet over medium heat. Add onion and bell pepper; cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Beat eggs, salt and pepper together in small bowl. Stir eggs into onion mixture in skillet; cook 2 minutes or until eggs begin to set on bottom. Lift edges of egg mixture with spatula to allow uncooked portion of eggs to flow to edges and set.

When eggs are almost set, spoon 3/4 cup cheese and ham over egg mixture. Fold one half of omelet over filling. Sprinkle remaining cheese over omelet. Reduce heat to low; continue cooking 2 minutes or until eggs are set. Divide omelet in half.

Tip: When making a large batch of omelets, keep them warm by placing already made omelets on a baking dish in the oven on low heat until you're ready to serve them.

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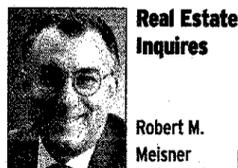
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

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I am a developer who is considering doing a condo development for the first time. What are some of the concerns that I should have in putting together a condominium project?

Unfortunately, space limitations do not allow a comprehensive answer to your question. However, the first thing you should do is to consult with a knowledgeable condominium lawyer who can tell you the types of documents which you will have to have established in order to meet the requirements of the applicable condominium statute. You should also retain the services of a good surveyor/civil engineer to assist you with your subdivision plan documents as well as a good management firm to assist in the operation of the condo association. Your attorney should be working together with your engineer and management agent to facilitate the establishment of the condominium project and the operation of the condominium association. It is up to you, of course, to do a good job in constructing the condominium units and the rest of the condo project.

Can an easement be extinguished by adverse possession?

Yes, it is possible that an easement can be lost by adverse possession, which means that the person over whose property the easement lies obstructs the easement for the statutory period with complete non-use of the easement during that period. Usually, the courts will impose a stringent burden of proof on the person on whose property the easement is established. Another alternative is to take advantage of the legal term "abandonment." Typically, the person who has the easement can lose it by voluntarily relinquishing ownership.

Can you tell me whether a concept of adverse possession applies to public lands?

If the property is a "public ground" as defined by the Michigan statute, there is no statute of limitations as it relates to adverse possession since one cannot claim public property by means of adverse possession, which was enacted by the Legislature by statute in 1907.

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. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

House is a gift

With strings attached

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

OK, let's say that your child is turning 21, having some other milestone birthday, graduating college, or just being a wonderful person.

It's time for a special present. Well, how about a house?

Is it possible to do that? You know, buy a house and give it to someone for a gift?

Well, it certainly is, according to tax and real estate law experts. But you have to be sure that you know what you're doing, said Ann Howard, a real estate attorney in Southfield.

MORTGAGE

One issue to consider carefully, Howard said, is the mortgage, if there's money owed on the house.

"If the mortgage is going to be in the name of the givers," Howard said, essentially they would be keeping the debt on the property and giving away the equity.

Who's supposed to pay for the mortgage? If no money is owed on the house, Howard said, all you have to do is sign a quit-claim deed and you're done.

The whole process, Howard said, "is easy, but have it done by professionals."

Tax attorney, CPA Thomas Schellenberg also cautions about legal and tax entanglements that can result from a gift house.

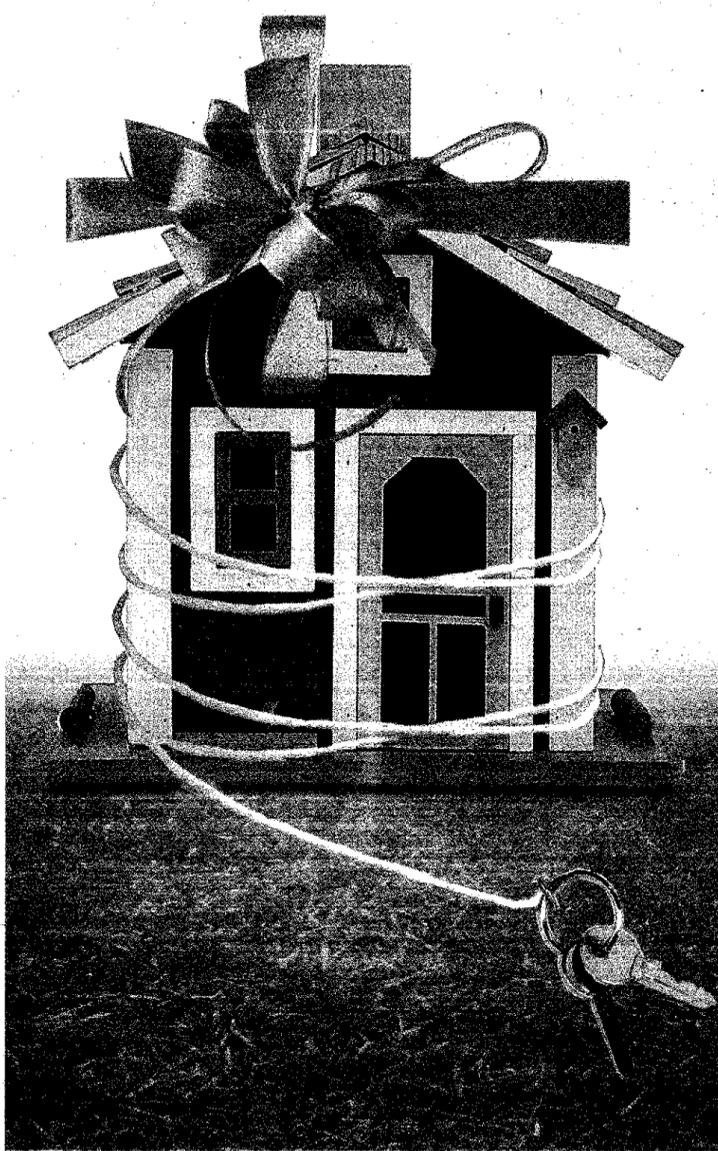
Schellenberg, of Schellenberg & Associates, Birmingham, said there are annual and lifetime exclusions for gift and estate taxes. Gift-givers ought to know where they stand with the limitations, he said.

OTHER ISSUES

The recipient, Schellenberg said, probably doesn't have tax issues because "the gift isn't income; it's the tree, not the fruit."

That situation can change, Schellenberg said, if the recipient sells the house.

"When you start talking taxes everything is an exception and everything is statutory. There is no logic whatsoever,"



he said. "Laws change every day, by courts and Congress. You must look it up."

On the other hand, if you want some reasons to give your 21-year-old a book or barbecue grill instead of a house, consider a recent report in *Realty Times*, an online real estate publication.

"Suppose you give the house to your son and his job goes belly-up and he declares bankruptcy.

"Or he's found liable in an auto accident and a judgment is placed against all the real estate he owns.

"Or he dies, leaving everything to his wife, who remarries."

And there's also the question of how much ribbon you'll need to make a decent bow atop a gift house.

'When you start talking taxes everything is an exception and everything is statutory. There is no logic whatsoever. Laws change every day, by courts and Congress. You must look it up.'

Thomas Schellenberg
tax attorney

Median house price on Maui tops half a million

(AP) - The median price of a single-family home in Maui County has soared past the half-million dollar mark, more than double the median price five years ago.

The new median price of a single-family home, based on 288 sales through March 31 of this year, is \$513,500, up from \$401,586 a year ago, according to statistics from Realtors Association of Maui.

In 1999, the median price - the point where half of all sales are for more, half for less - was \$250,000. With many homes in the millions, the average price is \$684,020.

Fred Haywood of RE/MAX Maui real estate, said prices are rising so quickly that sellers are starting to hope that buyers fall out of escrow.

"We've had things sell for more when they fall out," he said. The cheapest house he's sold this year went for

\$360,000, "and a month later it's up another \$50,000."

Typical deals are "in the 600s," Haywood said, while the most expensive home he brokered this year sold for \$3.2 million.

"Buyers have to be very, very careful what they're getting," Haywood said.

With only ultra-expensive homes available, many first-time buyers are being frozen out.

"I miss very much selling to people about to purchase a home for the first time and seeing the look in their eyes," said Moana Andersen, principal broker at Equity One Real Estate.

CONDO PRICES

Condominium prices on Maui are advancing nearly as fast as for single-family houses, with the average price this

year topping \$437,288, up from \$384,325 a year ago.

The median price for a condo is \$292,000, also up from \$239,575 a year ago.

The highest-price community in Maui County so far this year is Kapalua, where the median reached \$1.9 million, based on two sales. The lowest is \$207,000 on Lanai, also based on only two sales. The median price for a house on Molokai is currently \$843,500, but that also is based on just two sales.

Central Maui's median price, based on 68 sales, is \$377,500, up from \$320,000 a year ago, while the average price there is \$395,853, up from \$316,593 a year ago.

Andersen, past president of the Maui Board of Realtors, characterizes the current Maui real estate boom as a bubble, though one not yet ready to burst.

"It's been horrible for some

time" from the point of view of buyers, she said.

The county median income is around \$60,000 a year, and Housing and Urban Development affordability guidelines include only people making up to 160 percent of the median - a bit over \$90,000.

Low interest rates have helped some buyers to stay in the market by increasing the amount they can borrow.

At current available mortgage rates, a family with income of \$90,000 could likely qualify for a mortgage of close to \$400,000. A proposed condo project in Kahana is pegging its top affordable units at \$425,000.

ON THE NET

Realtors Association of Maui: <http://www.maui-board.com/index.html>

Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

Penny saved is actually 'two' pennies earned

Heed these words as they may change your life. (I hope you will pass this information to your family and friends so it can help them, too.)

Benjamin Franklin meant well when he stated that "A penny saved is a penny earned." However, he could not have comprehended the situation in which we Americans find ourselves today. As sharp as he was, Poor Richard (a.k.a. Ben) would have had to bend his mind to understand that in our world today, a penny saved is actually "two" pennies earned.

MANAGING DEBT

As a mortgage banker, I consider myself more than just a lender for home purchase and refinance money. I am a debt manager and strategist. Sure, a family's mortgage is normally their largest debt, but understanding and managing debt - all types of debt - is a critical part of creating and preserving family wealth.

For the average person to service one dollar of debt, they must earn much more than one dollar. In fact, the most expensive dollar that a person can possibly spend is the one that's currently in his pocket because that dollar has already been taxed many times in many ways.

Additionally, most people must spend time, effort and usually money in order to "earn" their wages. Today, it's really not a stretch to say that you must earn about two dollars to keep one for yourself.

On the flip-side, it takes very little time and effort to save a dollar. It usually takes commitment and a simple plan to do so. Saving just one dollar means you did not have to earn two, and saving \$10 means you did not have to earn \$20.

In the mortgage world, this is a huge concept because of the magnitude of the potential savings. Saving \$100 dollars a month on your mortgage payment is almost the same as giving yourself a \$2,400 annual salary increase because a penny saved is two pennies earned.

Take time to make sure your mortgage is fine-tuned to optimize your savings. Even in light of rising mortgage interest rates, refinancing still makes sense for thousands of homeowners.

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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1383 Aberdeen	\$235,000
7342 Andover	\$520,000

43608 Appomattax	\$202,000	1731 Centennial	\$205,000
6749 Ardsley	\$143,000	1372 Colonade	\$161,000
43985 Arlington	\$213,000	46524 Crosswick	\$385,000
41602 Bedford	\$152,000	45040 Fox Pointe	\$279,000
2500 Bramble	\$330,000	43572 Fredericksburg	\$198,000
2481 Brookfield	\$240,000	49621 Garfield	\$93,000
1125 Brookline	\$235,000	48266 Greenwich	\$95,000
652 Brookmill	\$373,000	48267 Greenwich	\$94,000
45757 Bryn Mawr	\$292,000	48298 Greenwich	\$95,000
50496 Burr	\$58,000	48299 Greenwich	\$90,000
1944 Cedar Valley	\$169,000	43168 Hanford	\$225,000
1403 Centennial	\$206,000	2383 Hogan Way	\$309,000

45129 Horseshoe	\$197,000	8868 Cardwell	\$144,000
4598 Hunters	\$152,000	11951 Cardwell	\$122,000
1331 Kensington	\$339,000	14222 Cavell	\$148,000
7357 Kingsbridge	\$240,000	29504 Clarita	\$107,000
2053 Knollwood	\$173,000	18052 Country Club	\$350,000
2089 Knollwood	\$168,000	8829 Denne	\$155,000
2107 Knollwood	\$171,000	35582 Elmira	\$180,000
2125 Knollwood	\$201,000	16966 Farmington	\$186,000
47168 Larchmont	\$343,000	15442 Fitzgerald	\$235,000
1865 Lone Wolf	\$187,000	20500 Gary	\$385,000
46515 Maben	\$259,000	29860 Grandon	\$170,000
41271 Maplewood	\$234,000	14020 Hillcrest	\$158,000
41301 Maplewood	\$230,000	14473 Hix	\$223,000
6789 Marshall	\$293,000	14554 Huff	\$181,000
2661 N. Woods	\$333,000	9217 Inkster	\$110,000
41352 Northwind	\$123,000	18530 Irving	\$186,000
1807 Pebble Creek	\$255,000	3628 Jamison	\$198,000
745 Princess	\$187,000	32452 Joy	\$160,000
273 Queens Way	\$210,000	15213 Knolsion	\$223,000
49356 Townsend	\$483,000	38990 Lapham	\$244,000
47680 Vistas Circle	\$325,000	17377 Laurel	\$319,000
1945 W. Franklin	\$136,000	27640 Lyndon	\$178,000
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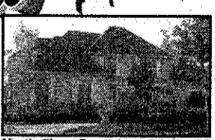
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9284 Northern	\$174,000	35248 Bakewell	\$125,000
49423 Plymouth Way	\$171,000	1262 Barchester	\$170,000
49730 Plymouth Way	\$182,000	37550 Barkridge	\$110,000
49515 Pointe Crossing	\$164,000	38620 Belliveau	\$347,000
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41133 Russett	\$190,000	34044 Blackfoot	\$146,000
1365 Sheridan	\$322,000	34037 Cambria	\$77,000
394 W. Ann Arbor	\$207,000	34025 Cambria	\$83,000
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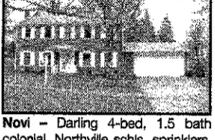
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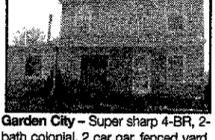
Farmington Hills - Light, bright, open condol. Pool, tennis C/A, refrigerator and stove included. Sprinklers, large master bedroom, balcony overlooks woods, secure upper unit, carport. Great location! Pool & tennis. \$83,000 (15FOU)



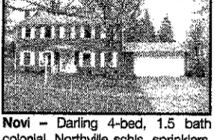
Northville - Prestigious 5-bed, 4.5 bath home with a deck overlooking an inground pool and Teal Lake. Gourmet kitchen with granite counters, 18" ceramic tile floors and eat in nook. Basement, sprinklers central vac, garage, sound system and more! \$950,000 (72CLA)



Novi - Darling 4-bed, 1.5 bath colonial. Northville schis, sprinklers, 2 car gar, hrdwd flrs, natural frpic. Newer roof, furn & front porch. Basement, central air, 1800+ sq. ft. \$284,900 Call Stephanie Gutierrez @ 734-377-7474



Garden City - Super sharp 4-BR, 2-bath colonial. 2 car gar, fenced yard. Home warranty, remodeled kit & BA's. Wood burning stove in GR, vaulted beam ceiling, newer roof, siding, cement, hwd flrs, anderson windows. \$159,900 (55BLO)



West Bloomfield - Gorgeous 3-bed, 2.5 bath condo. Vaulted ceilings, skylights, basement with wet bar and sauna. Great room with fireplace, 2 car garage, appliances stay, pool & tennis. \$194,900 Call Jim Mariani @ 734-709-7777 (JM73WIL)



Livonia - Sharp 3-bed ranch built in 1994. Bsmt w/office or playroom, 2 car garage, gas flr, bay window new storm doors, freshly painted, above ground pool. Large great room with cathedral ceilings, ceramic foyer. \$239,900 Call Cindy O'Halloran @ 313-570-2353 (CO49PAR)



Garden City - Beautiful 3-bed, 2 bath ranch. Newer windows, doors & oak kitchen. Basement has office, full bath and family area with gas fireplace. Wrap around deck, hardwood floors, contemporary lighting. \$164,899 Call Charlie Frias @ 734-673-2415 (F30FA)



Livonia - Fantastic updated colonial. 3 full beautifully updated baths, 5 bedrooms, basement, 4 car garage with apartment upstairs, gas remote fireplace, most new carpeting. Freshly painted, bay window, central air. \$199,000 (27HAL)



Livonia - Walk to the park & school. 3-bed, 1.5 bath brick ranch. Newer windows, furnace & C/A. New bath & hardwood floor. 2 car garage, bsmt, home warranty. \$189,999 Call Jim Mariani @ 734-709-7777 (JM88HIL)



Livonia - Perfect 3-bed ranch! Fenced yard, great room, freshly painted, neutral decor. Remodeled kitchen, bath, tile floors in kitchen and hallway. New windows, roof and carpet. Very clean and shows like a model! \$129,900 (40CAF)

31715 Alvin	\$128,000	9093 Melvin	\$138,000	17341 Five Points	\$116,000	32126 Harvard	\$95,000
32158 Balmoral	\$133,000	31468 Merrivood Park	\$212,000	17421 Five Points	\$113,000	32441 Hazelwood	\$109,000
6816 Belton	\$119,000	9400 Middlebelt	\$150,000	18256 Fox	\$130,000	36030 Hazelwood	\$80,000
28455 Birchlawn	\$106,000	34696 Middleboro	\$260,000	17434 Glenmore	\$142,000	36656 Hivley	\$160,000
32580 Bridge	\$137,000	18572 Milburn	\$133,000	12120 Hemingway	\$119,000	8325 Hugh	\$137,000
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27605 Cambridge	\$140,000	30230 Oakview	\$231,000	17318 Kinloch	\$128,000	2215 Minerva	\$170,000
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3174 Cherry Hill	\$136,000	8877 Oxbow	\$110,000	19173 Lexington	\$35,000	6935 N. Hix	\$154,000
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31951 Donnelly	\$138,000	35900 Pinetree	\$179,000	18277 MacArthur	\$123,000	8447 N. Middlebelt	\$110,000
29167 John Hawk	\$60,000	29748 Puritan	\$246,000	18616 MacArthur	\$124,000	5701 N. Parent	\$96,000
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33231 Sheridan	\$152,000	15884 Swathmore	\$265,000	24305 Orangetawn	\$132,000	35815 Roif	\$131,000
29631 Winter	\$146,000	18057 University Park	\$140,000	25431 Pembroke	\$128,000	1376 S. Crown	\$125,000
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		28876 Westfield	\$162,000	14412 Salem	\$158,000	34690 Sheridan	\$131,000
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		32481 Wisconsin	\$175,000	9352 Sioux	\$157,000	1639 Shoemaker	\$102,000
		14386 Yale	\$193,000	26776 Southwestern	\$113,000	30763 Steinhauer	\$122,000
				26933 Southwestern	\$132,000	214 Surrey	\$150,000
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Couple profits from rising condo prices

(AP) - For sellers like Ed and Barbara DeMarco of New Jersey, skyrocketing real estate prices are a good thing. Two years ago, they spent \$265,000 bought a three-bedroom condominium at Harbour Cove. Next month, they will sell it - for \$475,000. "It's not like we're real estate geniuses," said Ed DeMarco, 57. "It just kind of happened." Like many parts of New Jersey, this community just outside Atlantic City has seen a dramatic

increase in home prices. In the past five years, home prices have increased by 91.1 percent, according to Fiserv CSW, a real estate research company that reports on housing prices in metropolitan areas. Prices in Somers Point, which has a median of \$192,500, will rise another 15.7 percent next year, according to CSW. "I can tell you we've experienced incredible growth here," said broker W. Casey Stillman. "Most people are scrambling to

buy something before they can't afford it anymore," Stillman, manager of Help-U-Sell Shore Properties, told The Press of Atlantic City. Increasingly, coastal communities are seeing the most dramatic housing price increases. The DeMarcos, whose condominium was on the market for less than a week, plan to use the proceeds from the sale to buy a smaller home in Somers Point and a winter home in Jupiter, Fla.

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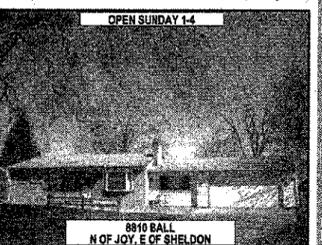
NORTHVILLE
This home has all that you need to enjoy the golf community lifestyle. Stair entry from kitchen & foyer. Granite counters & pullout drawers in cabinets. Intercom system w/radio & cd. Across from 7th fairway.
734-455-6000 EP33ME 24036314 \$665,000



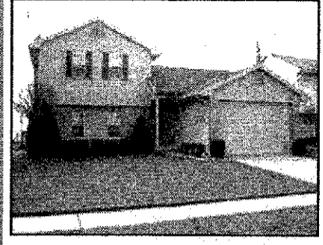
LIVONIA
Many updates in this meticulously maintained Colonial in much sought after Nottingham Woods. Custom new kitchen, new ceramic tile and refinished hardwood floors. Beautiful sunroom looking over a park like setting.
734-455-6000 EP618A-24045403 \$399,900



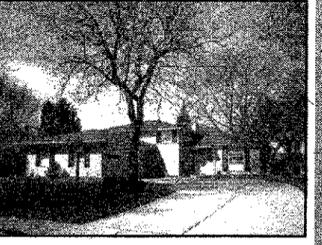
PLYMOUTH
Expect to be impressed! Vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, in this beautiful detached condo in Plymouth. Finished basement with full bath & additional 2 bedrooms & rec area. Neutral and ready to move in.
734-455-6000 EP00NO-24051802 \$379,900



PLYMOUTH
Ranch home located in township close to downtown, lower taxes. Good sized fenced lot, above ground pool, windows replaced in '95. Extra insulation in attic & walls. Partially finished basement. All appliances stay.
734-455-6000 EP10BA 24028357 \$194,900



CANTON
Owner transferred, bring offers on this spacious 3 bedroom 2 full bath quad in great Canton area. Formal Living Room & Dining Room plus family room w/fireplace & library & lots of storage. Perfect for the growing family.
734-455-6000 EP27RA-24037628 \$226,900



LIVONIA
Excellent location and condition for this 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home. Hardwood floors and newer carpet. Open spacious floor plan. Shade tree for summer patio enjoyment. Replacements: furnace, A/C and roof.
734-455-6000 EP33WE-24052185 \$274,900

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PLYMOUTH TWP.
A LOT OF HOME FOR THE \$\$, Brick ranch boasts 4 BR & 2 BA on main floor. Open floor plan, FR w/plc, hwd flrs, bsmt, 2 car gar. Neighborhood park. Immediate occupancy! \$198,900 (P64HAM)



PLYMOUTH TWP.
PRIVATE, NEARLY-AN-ACRE, W. OF RIDGE RD., 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch home. Enjoy an updated oak kit, spacious liv rm w/natural flcs, family rm w/ceath ceiling, formal din rm, bonus rm, and a full part-fin bsmt. Room to expand at just \$319,900 (P00JOY)



PLYMOUTH
SOUGHT AFTER PLYMOUTH MEADOWS. 3504 sq. ft. plus 2,250 in LL. 4 bdrm, w/master site on main flr. New kit counters & stovetop! Inground pool w/ waterfall. Brick paver patios, 3 car gar. Too many amenities to list. Priced to Sell! \$695,000 (P78KAT)



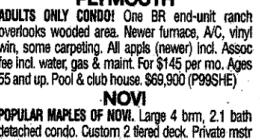
PLYMOUTH
ARTS & CRAFTS BEAUTY! Original owners. This never before offered home is truly special. Step back in time and enjoy things as they were in a more relaxed world. Call for details. \$269,850 (P10MIL)



NORTHVILLE
GORGEOUS! SIMPLY GORGEOUS 4,293 sq. ft., 5 bdrm, 4.5 bath w/granite, marble, huge WIC's, 3 flpcs, fin w/o w/wet bar, FR, game area, 5th bdrm, full bath w/steam shower. Located on highly-rated 18 hole Arnold Palmer Golf Course overlooking 9th hole & pond. \$1,099,000 (P49TOU)



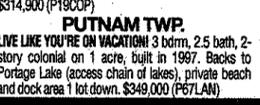
GARDEN CITY
WESTWOOD PARK SUB RANCHO! Great 3 BR ranch. Ready for new owners. Newer kit, updated main bath. Hwd flrs under carpet. Fin bsmt w/1/2 bath. Large 2 car gar, nice lot. Close to schools! Owner sez let's sell it! \$139,900 (P29GIL)



NOVI
POPULAR MAPLES OF NOVI. Large 4 brm, 2.1 bath detached condo. Custom 2 tiered deck. Private mstr ste, vrd ceilings, FR to 2nd level. Painted & carpeted. \$314,900 (P19COT)



GARDEN CITY
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Buying a home
Seminar hosted by Garrow-Loftis GMAC and Garrow Mortgage, 7 p.m. today at the Club House of Forester Square Condominiums, 3999 Forester Square, Auburn Hills, west off Adams, south of M-59. Learn how simple home ownership can be. Discussion topics include credit reports, prequalifications, zero down and "cash back" programs. RSVP at (248) 656-7200, ask for Donna.

Neighborhood open house
Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Over 30 homes, listed from \$250,000 to

\$380,000, in a one-mile area to be open for viewing. Meet next to the West Bloomfield Aquatic Center on Kingsfield Road, west off of Farmington Road. Kingsfield is between Maple and Walnut Lake Roads. This neighborhood is very popular and a great value. Register for door prizes, free hot dogs and refreshments. Onsite pre-approval available, compliments of Lisa and Brian Boettcher, The Mortgage Partners @ Centerbrook Mortgage. For more information call (248) 432-1359 or e-mail info@themortgagepartners.biz.

Golf
Give it your best shot - 2004 RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship, local qualification event, noon to 4 p.m. June 6 and June 19 at Tri-Kor Golf and Country Club, 5994 Gotfredson, Plymouth Township. The cost is \$30 for six golf balls. Try for Open and Senior Divisions. \$20 for Super Senior and Women's Divisions and \$20 for juniors. Six balls are rec-

ommended for one "try" and each competitor may enter as often as time permits. The event is open to all professional and amateur golfers. The Open Division is open to golfers of all ages. The Senior Division is open to golfers 45 and older. There is also a Super Senior Division for those 55 and older. Women can compete in the Ladies Division and the Junior Divisions are for boys and girls 17 and under who will not reach their 18th birthday by Oct. 22. The 2004 RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship takes place Oct. 23 in Mesquite, Nev., at the Palms Golf Club. A total purse of \$400,000 will be available to world finalists.

Basement remodeling
Livonia Community Education with Oakland Builders Institute will offer an eight-hour Basement Remodeling seminar 6-10 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, May 24 and 26 at Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia.

Learn how to make better use of your basement. Instructor will explain the many facets of basement remodeling including planning, meeting building codes, insurance, estimating cost of materials, home construction basics, and working with subcontractors. The cost is \$99 plus an \$8 textbook fee. Register by May 20, call (734) 744-2602.

Selecting, financing a home
Standard Federal Bank will hold a free seminar on how to select and finance a home 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 22, at the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, 196 Cesar E. Chavez Ave., third floor, Pontiac. An experienced lending officer will provide tips on the home buying process from how to set a housing budget, understanding credit reports, defining home and neighborhood checklist and the mortgage application process. To register, call (800) 643-9600, Ext. 22532, or (248) 209-2690.

Mortgage rates are increasing

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on 30-year mortgages rose sharply as signs of a strong economy and concerns about inflation added to Wall Street's speculation that the Federal Reserve might act sooner than anticipated to raise interest rates.

The mortgage company Freddie Mac reported May 13 that rates on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages climbed to 6.34 percent. It was the eighth consecutive weekly increase since rates hit a low for the year of 5.38 percent the week of March 18.

A national survey of rates showed that the increase from 6.12 percent left 30-year mortgages at their highest level since they averaged 6.44 percent the week of Sept. 5.

A government report last week that payrolls grew robustly in April "reaffirmed market expectations that the Fed will move sooner now rather than later," said Freddie Mac's chief economist, Frank Nothaft.

That helped push bond rates up, causing long-term mortgage rates to rise.

Recent economic reports, including one May 13 showing wholesale prices jumped in April, suggested that inflation is rising. "The focus of concern shifts away from the lack of job growth and toward inflation as a deciding factor for the Fed in determining the timing of future action," Nothaft said.

Some economists believe the first rate increase in more than four years could come as early as June.

Other mortgage rates rose as well this week.

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<p>OPEN FLOOR PLAN. Immaculate 3 bedroom ranch featuring fresh paint, newer furnace and central air, newer windows, carpet and Pergo floors. Beautiful 3 season room, extra large garage and award winning Plymouth Canton School! \$189,900 (601AL)</p>	<p>BEAUTIFUL BRICK RANCH. In Westland & in awesome condition. Updates include Berber carpet, six panel doors, HWH, window, hardwood floors, vinyl siding, tile bath with jetted tub, finished basement & more. You're room, play room and glass block welcome to come and see. \$139,900 (556BR)</p>	<p>SPARKLING BRICK RANCH. Clean as can be! Neutral carpet with hardwood underneath, vinyl insulated windows, updated electrical, copper plumbing, nicely finished LL with half bath, living room, play room and glass block windows. Home warranty included. \$160,000 (520FA)</p>	<p>STUNNING WOODED LOT. Beautiful Pulte Windsor model w/ many upgrades. Extra large bedroom brick ranch has a full premium lot, 9 ft ceilings throughout w/crown moldings, recessed coves & lighting, hdwd firs, dual sided FP, study, gourmet kit, formal dining & excellent schools! \$439,500 (698GL)</p>	<p>HEAD TO TOE BEAUTY. Extremely well maintained 3 finished basement giving living space. Numerous updates add to the charm. Extra deep fenced lot and a big garage. \$142,900 (147FR)</p>	<p>WEST BLOOMFIELD Lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial with over 2000 square feet of living space. Private park like setting close to shopping, schools and freeways. Award winning Bloomfield schools. \$263,900 (925K)</p>	<p>SHARP CONDO IN TAYLOR! Former model home with 2 bedrooms and 1 bath completely renovated in 1999. Open floor plan, solid oak doors and oak kitchen, vaulted ceilings, bath with dual sinks and whirlpool tub. Brick patio and nice landscaping. \$126,900 (433K)</p>
<p>BACKS TO BEAUTIFUL PARK. Wonderful 3 bedroom Canton colonial featuring a new kitchen, windows, furnace and central air. Family room w/fireplace, formal living & dining, huge master with jetted tub, big deck and a private yard for endless enjoyment. \$249,900 (496BE)</p>	<p>ABSOLUTELY PERFECT! Prime lot backs up to a commons area. Beautiful 3 bedroom home with a huge 1st floor master, finished basement with an office, entertainment area and guest room. Family room with fireplace and doorwall to the patio. \$223,900 (609BR)</p>	<p>DEARBORN HEIGHTS RANCH. Neat and clean brick ranch that has been tastefully updated with an oak kitchen, remodeled bath, new windows, finished basement with a full kitchen and bath. Really nice, call for details. \$145,000 (283FE)</p>	<p>ELEGANCE AND STYLE. A Colorado home comes to Michigan! Great architectural detailing, skylights, extra high cathedral ceilings, open floor plan, french doors to the cabana room with a fantastic view of the woods, walkout basement fully prepped for kitchen, bath and laundry. Extraordinary. \$485,000 (233N)</p>	<p>INVESTORS LOOKING IN LIVONIA. This 3 bedroom brick ranch still has the original owners and needs your decorating touches. Home offers new windows and roof, large fenced yard with room for a garage, hardwood floors under carpet. Good solid home at a great price. \$149,900 (790HE)</p>	<p>TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY! 42740 Lilley Point, North of Cherry Hill, West of Lilley. Popular Lilley Pointe Condos in a quiet location. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceilings, great room floor plan, laundry room, all appliances will stay and more. Bring your best offer. \$126,900 (740LI)</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH - CANTON SCHOOLS. Beautifully done 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. Family room with cozy fireplace, exceptional master w/raised ceiling, private bath & skylights. Convenient 1st floor laundry, attached 2-car garage, back yard with privacy and more. \$325,000 (959BA)</p>
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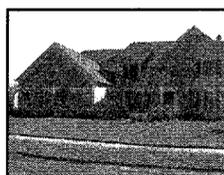
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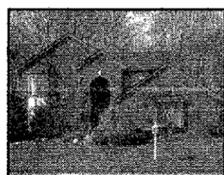
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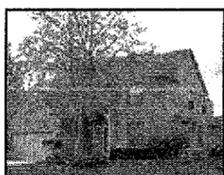
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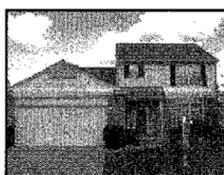
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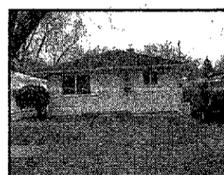
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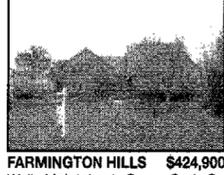
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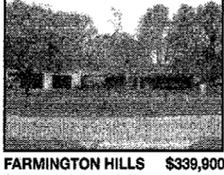
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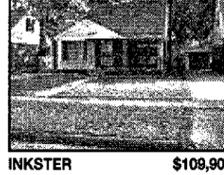
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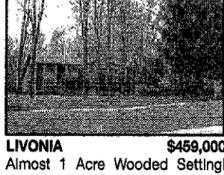
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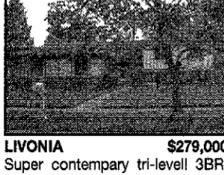
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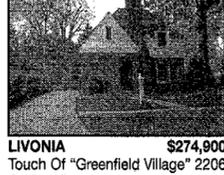
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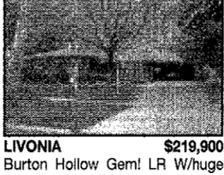
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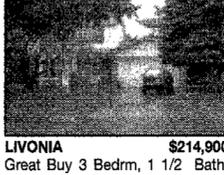
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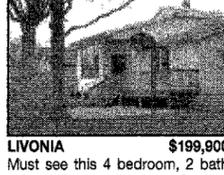
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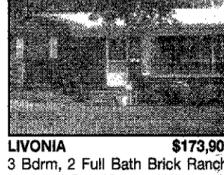
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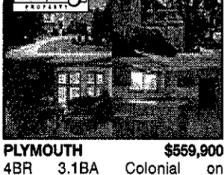
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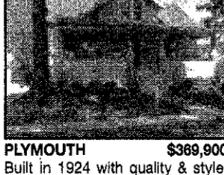
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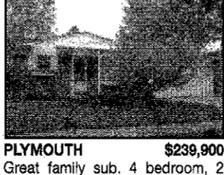
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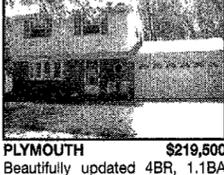
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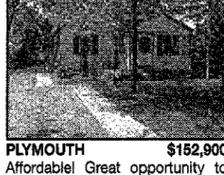
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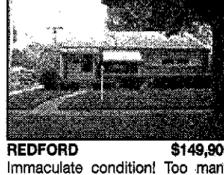
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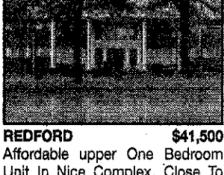
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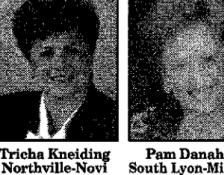
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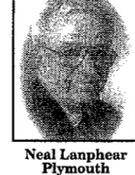


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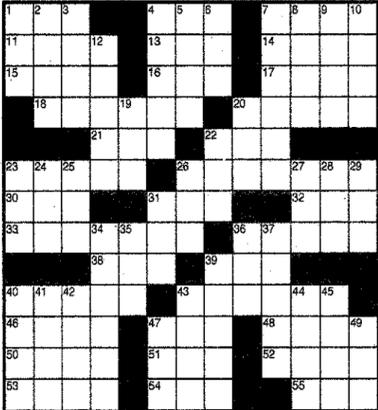
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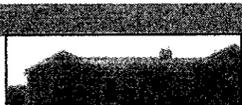
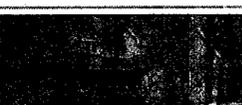
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 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$206,999 1877 Dutcher Norton Rd. W., go S. on Pingree, W. on Lange, S. on Dutcher. Come see this terrific 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch 1400 sq. ft. 40x24, pole barn w/water and elect. All this on 4 fenced acres. More land can be leased. MLS# 23104988 Hostess: Elaine Hawkins, Ext. 250</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-3 PM HOWELL AREA \$232,000 2701 Turnberry 4 BR, 2.5 BA. Immaculate 1810 sq. ft. home w/a beautiful, large fenced yard w/2 story shed. Liv. Rm w/fireplace. Spacious master suite. Fin. LL. Oak kitchen/Dn Rm. Extensive decking, landscaping & patio. Hostesses: Tricia Gray / Linda Strang Ext. 320 / 252</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$209,900 425 Lillyview Court 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Immaculate quality condo w/10,000 view of scenic Lake George. Quiet bldg. at end of cul-de-sac. Grand River N. onto Latson, 1/2 mile R. onto Aster L. onto Lillyview. MLS#23080694 Host: Ray Tisch, Ext. 382</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-3 PM HOWELL AREA \$199,000 710 E. Clinton 3 bedrooms 1.5 bath. 2400 sq. ft. Victorian in downtown Howell. Grand River to National St., National North to Clinton, Clinton West to home. Host: Chalice Nicholas, Ext. 231</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$369,000 1805 Fisk 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Beautiful ranch home on secluded 7.45 acres, close to expressway and town, but still in the country. Take D-19 South of 96 to Francis to right on Fisk to home. Hostess: Vikki Loveland, Ext. 266</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$259,900 4845 Preston Rd. Plant your garden on 3+ acres. This spacious home features: over 2000 sq. ft., 3 1/2 BR, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, LR, FR w/stone FP, large deck, patio, 12x16 shed, breezeway, coats of storage, 2 car garage and lots of room to roam. MLS# 24026151 Hostess: Connie Pikkarainen, Ext. 342</p>
 <p>OPEN HOUSE 2-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$305,500 220 Summer Shade 4 BR, 2.5 BA. 195 to Pinckney Road, North to Mason, left about 3 miles to Maple Farms Sub. on left. City water & sewer in this country sub. Lovely 4 bedroom home, hardwood floors, 1st floor master, immediate occupancy. MLS# 24024292 Hostess: Marcia Geise, Ext. 246</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4:30 PM HOWELL AREA \$259,900 4069 Hampton Ridge 2 BR, 2 BA. A must see-best value in Hampton Ridge condominium unit. Grand River to Latson north, East on Hampton Ridge to first drive. Host: Ron Laroche, Ext. 257</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$434,900 228 N. Truhn 6 BR, 4.5 BA. Sprawling country ranch on over 5 acres, with mother in law suite in walkout lower level. Easy x-way access! I-96 to Burkhardt Rd. South to Mason, West to Truhn, turn North on Truhn to house. Hostess: Cynthia Zimmerman, (810) 923-5230</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-3 PM HOWELL AREA \$228,000 1518 Autumnview 3 BR, 2 full baths, 2.28 acres, treed, private lot, 96 to Burkhardt South to Norton West to Pingree South to Lange West to Autumnview. Hostess: Karen Wing, Ext. 630</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$139,999 608 Curzon 3 BR, 2 BA. 1400 sq. ft. Huge first floor, newer condol W. of Michigan Ave. S. off M-59 into Burwick Glens follow to Curzon Ct. MLS# 24036507 Ext. 291</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-3 PM HOWELL AREA \$289,999 1417 Forest Ponds 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Beautiful newer home in great neighborhood. Neutral decor, dual fireplace, reverse osmosis 14x14 sun-room, professionally landscaped w/waterfall, pool, treed lot. MLS# 24011555 Hostess: Rosie Hart, Ext. 309</p>
 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-3 PM HOWELL AREA \$136,000 6280 Crandall 3 BR, 2 BA. A great view from the 2nd level deck - like living in the tree tops. Finished basement - walkout - 4th bedroom? Master suite. Burkhardt NB to Allen WB to Crandall - turn right. MLS# 24053454 Hostess: Eileen Crockett, Ext. 319</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 2-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$259,900 2122 Argentine 3 BR, 3 BA. Spacious traditional colonial on 2+ acres. Oceola typ. Howell schools. Partially finished basement, 3 car garage. Pole barn. Argentine Rd just North of M-59. MLS# 24053053 Hosts: Angela Bushor / Ken Vanord Ext. 637 / 353</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-3 PM HARTLAND AREA \$267,329 9541 Townley 3 BR, 2.5 BA. Kitchen lovers dream! Lovely home across my golf course! Townley runs West off Old US23, just South of Clyde. MLS# 24056688 Ext. 269</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$162,500 725 Village Dr 3 BR, 2.5 BA. If you swooze...you lose! Affordable living in this (shows like new) 2 story. Features: +/- 1218 sq. ft. open fl. plan, neutral decor, 1st fl. laundry, full basement, 14'x16' deck and a 2 car garage. Enjoy the lifestyle of living in a small town. MLS# 24076708 Hostess: Connie Pikkarainen, Ext. 342</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 12-4 PM PINCKNEY AREA \$194,900 777 Cricket Crossing 3 BR, 2.5 BA. 2000' living space ranch home built in 1997 in Village Edge Sub. Located off D-19 and Village Edge and watch for signs. MLS# 24042023 Hostess: Konnie Shaw, Ext. 643</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM PINCKNEY AREA \$224,900 334 Unadilla 3 BR, 1 BA. Walk to downtown Pinckney from this country style charmer. Beautiful original trim and hardwood floors. New garage and roof, large kitchen, 2100 sq. ft. in a great neighborhood. M-36 West to D-19, North to Unadilla. Host: Dennis Strasser, Ext. 337</p>
 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-5 PM PINCKNEY AREA \$169,900 2226 Spartans Tr. 2 BRs, 1.5 BA. M-36 W. to McGregor intersection, turn R. on Broadway to back of sub to Spartans Tr., Village Court at Haycrek in Pinckney adult community. 1 owner, must be 55 years old. Homes are landscaped & have maintenance free exterior. MLS# 23032765 Hostess: Donna O'Hara/Elaine Hawkins, Ext. 270</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM PINCKNEY AREA \$264,900 7735 Pettysville 3 BRs, 2 BA. Beautiful Ranch on almost 1 acre. Manicured yard, large deck, finished bsmnt., move in condition. 1/2 mi to Pettysville, 2 miles North to home. MLS# 24047532 Host: Tim Sinclair, Ext. 293</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-2 PM BYRON AREA \$123,900 326 N. Ann St. 2 BRs, 1 BA. Great starter on a double city lot in Byron. 2 beds, possible 3rd, 1 bath. Also features one car detached garage. Byron Rd. N. to Silver Lk. W. to Emmett N. to property. MLS# 24018996 Hostess: Karl Corser, Ext. 688</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 11-3 PM COMMERCE TWP AREA \$169,999 6323 Golf Lane 3 BRs, 1.5 BA. Great Home! Golf Lane runs West off Commerce Rd., just North of Union Lk. Rd. (10 minutes). MLS# 24014778 Ext. 639</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM LIVONIA AREA \$204,999 34117 Six Mile Rd. 3 BRs, 2 BA. This lovely Ranch is priced below market value. Home is at corner of Whitley & Six Mile Rd., between I-275 & West of Farmington. MLS# 24014593 Ext. 649</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM NEW HUDSON AREA \$219,000 29575 MartIndale 4 BRs, 2.5 BA. Excellent location. 2 acres, large mature trees, huge pole barn, 240x2 pool, heat & elec, above ground heated pool, volleyball court, sat dish, garden already tilled, close to everything, 95 shopping, schools, Kensington Park. MLS# 24049551 Host: Craig Jones, Ext. 330</p>
 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM LAKE CHARLENOIS/PINCKNEY AREA \$589,000 7153 Driftwood 5 BRs, 2.5 baths. Lakfront with 189 feet of incredible frontage. Take Old US-23 north to Faussett west to McGuire north to dead end. Turn left then right on Driftwood. Hostess: Cathy Johnson, (810) 691-0272</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 2-5 PM PLYMOUTH AREA \$209,900 9314 Sheldon Road 3 BRs, 2 baths. Priced to sell! Open floor plan, hardwood floors, fireplace, cedar closet and much more. All appliances included. One year home warranty. Sheldon Road, South of Ann Arbor Road. MLS# 24008999 Host: Dennis Swaney, Ext. 398</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM SOUTH LYON AREA \$229,900 11073 Sandy Creek Drive 4 BRs, 4.5 baths. Waterfront and wooded, all in one, access to 3 lakes within minutes from your private dock. Almost 5,000 sq. ft. of luxury living. North on Marshall Rd. from Nine Mile. Special Open House MLS# 24047913. Host: John Grant, Ext. 283</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM WHITE LAKE AREA \$149,500 9949 Sedlock St. 2 BRs, 1 bath. Charming white picket fence home is a must see. Entire inside of home was just remodeled. All appliances stay. M-59 to s. on Teggedrine E. on Elizabeth Lk. S. on Avon Dale. Host: John Miskowski, Ext. 301</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 1-4 PM HOWELL AREA \$329,500 Coon Lake Rd., Sundance 4 BRs, 2-1/2 baths. 3 wonderful new spec homes to see from 2-5 p.m. Homes in the \$320-350 range. Ready for your family. Tennis & basketball park. D19 S. to Coon Lk. Rd. W 1/2 miles to Sundance. Host: Jeff Stamm, Ext. 225</p>	 <p>OPEN HOUSE 12-4 PM BRIGHTON AREA \$399,500 6888 White Pines 4 BRs, 3.5 baths. Large custom brick home featuring 1 acre plus lot, professionally finished walkout basement w/full bath and kitchen and fr. Florida room, 1/4 mile S. of Mt. Brighton ski lodge. Host: Nick Natoli, Ext. 810-844-2278</p>
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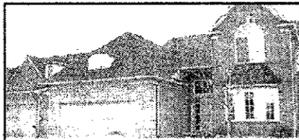
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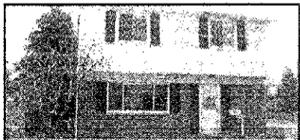
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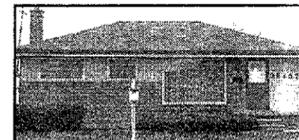
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3 bedroom, finished basement w/5 bath, 2.5 car attached garage, double lot, many updates, sprinkler system. C/A.
(E46WES) 734-455-5600 \$142,000



LIVONIA Expand Your Comfort Zone
Bright cheerful ranch home w/3 BR, 1 BA, Newer kitchen - all appliances stay. Furnished finished basement w/wet bar. Newer roof, fenced lot, 2 car detached garage. Near beautiful Hines Park.
(E18ELM) 248-349-5600 \$179,900



GARDEN CITY Outstanding
3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on beautiful lot. Nicely finished basement w/family room & study. Two car garage. Large eat-in kitchen. Living room & kitchen just freshly painted. Hardwood floors under carpet in bedrooms.
(E57KAT) 248-349-5600 \$152,000



WESTLAND Livonia Schools Ranch!
Updated 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, finished basement home. Remodeled kitchen. Many updates.
(E61ROS) 734-455-5600 \$169,899



PITTSFIELD Exceptional Condo
1st floor end unit w/a balcony overlooking commons area. Open flowing floor plan w/lots of windows. White Marriot cabs complement a great kitchen. Detached garage.
(E99MIL) 734-455-5600 \$167,500



ALLEN PARK Total Dollhouse
2 bedroom ranch w/garage enclosed porch, deck, newer kitchen, bath, roof, hot water heater, windows & C/A. A real must see.
(E37KEP) 734-455-5600 \$110,500



NORTHVILLE Quiet Wooded Lot
Approx. 1.2 acre. Stream & koi pond enhance the site for this immaculately maintained residence featuring 3 car garage w/entry of room for family & friends, 4 bedrooms, library/home office, formal dining & more.
(E87ELM) 248-349-5600 \$419,000



REDFORD Clean Brick Bungalow
This one is move-in ready. 3 bedroom, 1 bath home waiting for you. Newer windows, furnace, A/C, hardwood floor, appliances. Updated kitchen cabinets, newer roof, walk to elementary school. Workshop in basement. Tons of storage. Home warranty included.
(E44KIN) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



DEARBORN HGTS. Open Floor Plan
Offers many amenities & updates. Totally remodeled kitchen w/marble cabs & Pergo flooring. FR w/Berber carpet & gas log trpic, recessed lights. Fin bsmt & 2 car att gar. Newer windows, doorwall, furn, C/A & roof.
(E42SIM) 734-455-5600 \$297,500



LYONS Architectural Elegance
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial presents 3 car attached garage, basement, 4 fireplaces, dining room, family room, first floor laundry, library and a dream garden w/pond. A real showpiece.
(E74WAL) 734-455-5600 \$399,500



WHITE LAKE Lakewood Village Beauty
All sports lake privileges. Spacious 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch. Updated kit oak cabs, snack bar, oak bow window, newer roof, septic field, 2 car att garage. Full bsmt. Due to seller allergies. \$2,000 floor allowance.
(E20ART) 248-349-5600 \$224,900



BEVERLY HILLS Elegant Country Setting
Gorgeous 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial, sitting on over an acre lot. Features: newer roof, beautiful oak floors, dramatic library. Finished basement w/wet room, 2 fireplaces, 1st floor laundry, open flowing floor plan & fantastic views.
(E25EMB) 248-349-5600 \$419,900



STERLING HEIGHTS Incredible Ranch
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on large lot w/privacy & backs to woods. Fireplaces in family room. Remodeled bath, newer roof, walk to elementary school. Workshop in basement. Tons of storage. Home warranty included.
(E18MAR) 248-349-5600 \$194,900



ROMULUS Don't Miss This One!
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch home in great location offering 5 baths off master bedroom, finished basement w/lots of storage & 2 car garage. Enjoy the spacious covered deck. Numerous updates & some appliances.
(E00OAK) 734-455-5600 \$115,000



FREEDOM TWP. Custom Built Home In 2000
20+ acre offers this wonderful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car garage, walk out basement. Garbwall barn, stone fireplace in family room, cedar deck & panoramic views.
(E10BET) 734-455-5600 \$479,900



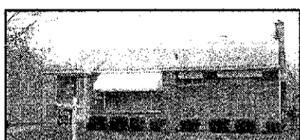
SOUTH LYON 55+ Walkout Ranch
3 bedroom, 2 full bath, 1-story. Newer kitchen, windows, filter system, C/A, Florida rm. Large family room. Bedroom #2 is used as formal DR. Enjoy the view of DNR property creek & lake. Bring fishing pole & suit.
(E40CAM) 248-349-5600 \$149,000



DEARBORN HGTS. Great Buy
For this great starter home. Newer Wallside windows. Full finished basement. Hardwood under carpet. Fresh paint. Large garage and fenced-in yard.
(E08ETO) 248-349-5600 \$89,000



HOWELL Cozy Ranch Near Town
3 bedroom home w/large kitchen eating area & dining room open to kitchen. Basement & room for garage or carport. Fence of trees in back and side. Home warranty included.
(E10MAS) 248-349-5600 \$138,000



DEARBORN HGTS. Very Clean Ranch
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, all brick ranch in walking distance to Hines Park. Hardwood floors & neutral paint throughout. 1.5 baths on main level. Full basement & 2 car garage.
(E15COL) 734-455-5600 \$154,900



CANTON Resort Like Living
Best location on pond. Impressive 2 story oak floor foyer w/wagon staircase, GR w/fireplace & wall of windows, basement w/daylight windows, all appliances, 2 car attached garage, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo.
(E01HOG) 734-455-5600 \$248,900



GREEN OAK Centennial Farms Ranch
Fabulous 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit with a newer kitchen, including all appliances. Larger MBR w/walk-in closet. Lower level FR with a fireplace. Florida room. 55+ community. It's a must see.
(E98CAM) 248-349-5600 \$129,000



WESTLAND Great Starter Home
3 BR, 1 BA ranch. Large eat-in kitchen w/ceramic tile. First floor laundry. Large fenced in yard. Neutral throughout. Newer carpet. Newer roof - 5 years. Large fenced in yard.
(E35FOR) 248-349-5600 \$120,000



NORTHVILLE Move Right In
3 bedroom, 3.5 bath condo. Large eat-in kitchen w/Island & all appliances. Formal dining room. Great room w/fireplace. Wonderful finished basement w/full bath. Pool & clubhouse. 2 car attached garage. Nirve. Schis.
(E77MIL) 248-349-5600 \$285,000



DETROIT 3 Bedroom Bungalow
Newer furnace, hot water heater + finished basement, beautifully maintained & decorated! Makes an offer! Great starter home.
(E88FIV) 734-455-5600 \$97,000



WAYNE Why Rent When You Can Buy?
Nice 2 bedroom ranch w/garage, nice kitchen, large screened porch, fenced yard, newer carpet & freshly painted.
(E35FLE) 734-455-5600 \$79,900



WESTLAND Ranch Condo On Quiet Court
2 BR, 2 BA w/2 car gar & full bsmt. First floor laundry, neutral carpet and walls. Ceramic tile in foyer & vaulted great room ceiling. Eating area in kitchen with white cabinets. Walk in closet and deck.
(E92CON) 248-349-5600 \$167,500



NOVI Vista Hills Colonial
Wonderful immaculate 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home. 2-story LR with a beautiful fireplace. Professionally painted. Master suite w/WIC. Wonderful landscaping. A turnkey home.
(E5HEA) 248-349-5600 \$345,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Stylish Private Townhome
Own a home for less than a rental. Very clean and neutral decor - looks brand new. 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths (including master bath). All appliances stay. Access to pool, clubhouse and exercise room.
(E58NAN) 248-349-5600 \$133,900



DEARBORN Seller is Motivated
Charming 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in a great neighborhood. Large rooms in a very spacious laid out ranch. Family room w/wood burning stove. Oversized 24x22 attached garage. All on a corner lot.
(E19SIL) 734-455-5600 \$199,900



SOUTHFIELD Check Out This One
Almost new condo w/neutral walls & carpet across from park setting w/vaulted ceilings, 2 skylights, great room & 21x13 loft area, kitchen w/white cabinets & all appliances & attached garage with opener.
(E50STO) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



UTICA Enjoy Historic Colonial
3 BR beauty - built in 1980. Gorgeous refinished woodwork. All new windows '03, siding & new kitchen floor/DR '01. Corner lot. Florida room. All newer windows. Enjoy study/lib. Formal DR. Vintage home.
(E11DAV) 248-349-5600 \$164,900



DEARBORN HGTS. Beautiful Home
3 bedroom 2 bath brick home. Many newer updates include: roof, furnace, hot water heater, drive, windows and fireplace. Fenced yard. 2+ car garage.
(E12HIP) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



SOUTHFIELD Views Of Your Own Forest
Beautiful 1999 built 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath raised ranch w/DR, FR & large eat-in kitchen. MBR w/master bath w/DR in gas fireplace in FR. 2 car garage. Sliding doorwall off the dining room. Backs to natural forest.
(E51NIN) 248-349-5600 \$234,900

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