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Fan features this year include hundreds of prizes to fans at the 12th hole anytime a pro makes a birdie; Hootie & The Blowfish concert Sunday, July 11 (included in price of golf ticket); golf swing analysis; long drive contest; and interactive Ford vehicle displays. PGA Champions Tour golfers expected to play include defending champ Craig Stadler, Gary Player, Lee Trevino, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Fuzzy Zoeller, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite, Tom Watson and many more.

**Tea for you**

Tea by any other name is just as great as long as you have friends and fun. That's what is in store for Tea Time Celebrations at the Bartlett-Travis House beginning June 26 through Oct. 16.

Each of the tea parties will have a theme and include food, drink and entertainment. If tea isn't your thing, how about scones with double Devon cream, lemon curd and homemade jams and tea sandwiches, fresh fruit and freshly baked bread?

The first of the teas, at 1 p.m. June 26 will be a chance for guests to get acquainted. The teas are hosted by Tyme Well Spent and Nancy Martin in cooperation with Canton Leisure Services. Tickets are \$20 and available at the Summit on the Park. For more information, call Jennifer Tobin at (734) 394-5484.

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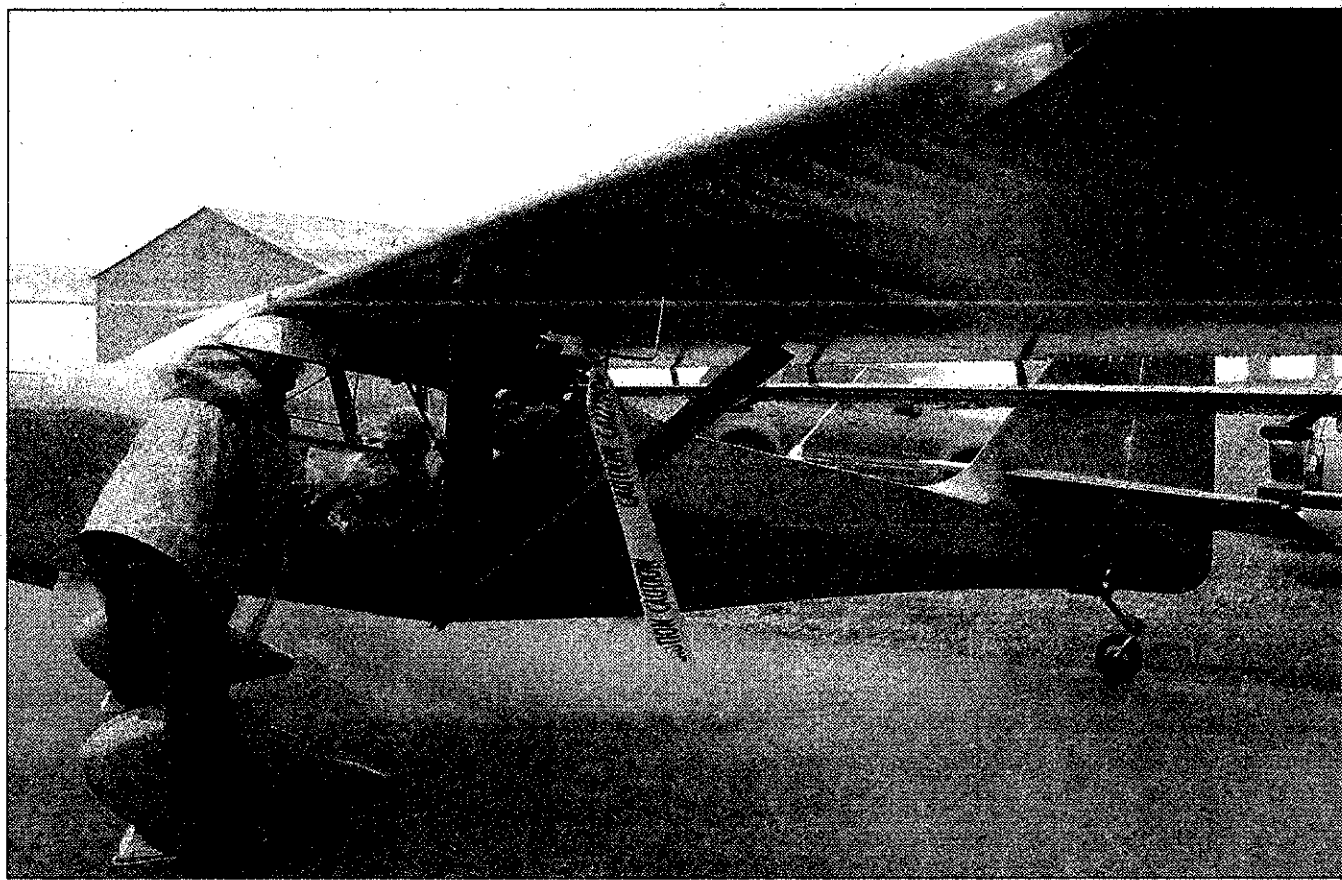
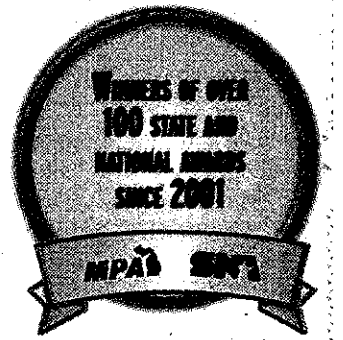
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**Up and away!**

David Kirk settles in the cockpit as he learns about navigation during the Experimental Aircraft Association's annual fly-in day for kids at Mettetal Airport. Pilots gave about 100 kids free plane rides Saturday. Turn to page A7 for the story and more photos.

## Liberty Fest promises good food, good times

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Heritage Park has undergone a major transformation.

"It's looking like a festival," said Bob Dates, Canton recreation supervisor, one of the movers and shakers behind Liberty Fest.

The 13th annual Canton festival opens at 6 tonight with strolling entertainment, the Kids Fun Zone, children's entertainer Chautauqua Express and finally, *Finding Nemo* - the Movie Under the Stars at 9:40 p.m. in the amphitheater.

"We started today putting up the big tents and floors," Dates said Wednesday.

The festival is expected - as usual - to draw thousands of visitors to the park and to Canton.

The festival, which runs through Sunday, June 20, in Heritage Park, is highlighted with the third annual Liberty Fest Parade. The

More information on the 13th annual Liberty Fest is inside *News*, Page Ax.

event, which will close down Canton Center Road, will feature floats, musical groups, marching bands, kids and horses.

Motorists are reminded that the new parade route will close the north-south route, from Ford to Palmer, from 8:30-11 a.m.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. after the Irish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race, which will start at 8:30 a.m.

Among the parade groups will be the famed Canton Public Library's Precision Book Cart Drill Team, which features 15 members. The team marches to music with a lot of twists and fun features.

"The friends group is doing this to raise awareness of the drill team and the

library," said Marcia Barker, library program coordinator. "I am the drill sergeant. I'm the one who shouts out the orders."

VIP bleacher seating tickets are \$5 for a family of four; children 3 and under are free, individual tickets are \$2. Ticket price includes coffee and juice, and bagel or doughnut. The bleachers will be located at the first drive south of Cherry Hill in the Farmer Jack parking lot. Seating will start at 9 a.m.

A limit of 200 tickets will be sold until 5 p.m. Friday, June 18 at the Summit on the Park. If tickets remain, they will be sold on site the morning of the parade beginning at 9 a.m.

For more information, please call Debbie Zevalkink at (734) 394-5188.

A Bike Decorating contest, sponsored by Canton Supervisor Tom Yack, is open to everyone. Residents who want to enter should be at the southwest parking lot of Meijer at 9 a.m., on June

19 with a decorated bike. Entrants will then ride their bikes in the parade. A \$100 savings bond will be presented to the winner.

Other contests held during the parade will be: Best of Parade, Best Youth Sports Group, Best Float, Best Auto, and Best Youth Entry.

The festival will offer a host of activities for adults and kids, including fine arts, car show, public safety demos, a chance to meet community services groups and the chamber of commerce, strolling entertainers, musical performances in the amphitheater and on the Village Stage.

Saturday will culminate with the fireworks display after dusk. "There should be plenty of parking at Heritage Park, the Summit and the library," Dates said. "The only time it gets crazy is at the fireworks because there are so many people."

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## Mardigian, Simescu claim Plymouth-Canton school board seats

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Voters who cast ballots in Monday's Plymouth-Canton school election were very decisive in their choices to fill two seats on the Board of Education.

Current board President Judy Mardigian of Plymouth Township, who has been on the board for six years, was the top



Mardigian



Simescu

vote-getter in winning her second four-year term with 2,094 votes.

Next in line was Barry Simescu of Plymouth, who collected 1,852 votes and will serve his first four-year term on the board.

Becky Moore of Canton Township, former Hulsing Elementary principal, received 861 votes. Will Gibbins, a Canton High School senior who graduated last week, gathered 377 votes.

Mardigian and Simescu

received the highest number of votes in all 18 precincts plus the absentee ballots, in an election which continues to draw very few voters to the polls. Only 2,756 residents - 3.8 percent of the district's 72,000 voters - cast ballots.

"I think experience played a big role, and the receptivity of the voters to what I had to say," Mardigian said. "Certainly, with the challenges the district is

facing .. experience, I think, is really critical. I think the work I've been doing has been recognized and affirmed, and I'm very happy about that.

"The bond issue is the next thing to be very excited about for our community because it will maintain our infrastructure and make our schools more desirable," she said. "You're

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## Nigerian native believes board needs diversity

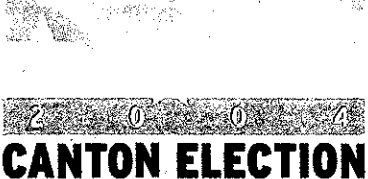
BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Godfrey Aguwa says if he's elected to the Canton Board of Trustees, he thinks he can bring some new ideas to the board that will help in the development of the community.

"It's time for some new people (on the board)," he said. "It's time for a mix. We're a diverse commu-



Aguwa



nity and diversity is very important." Aguwa, 42, a Democrat, is a rehabilitation counselor for the

Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. Prior to joining that agency he worked with the state Department of Corrections from 1985 to 2000..

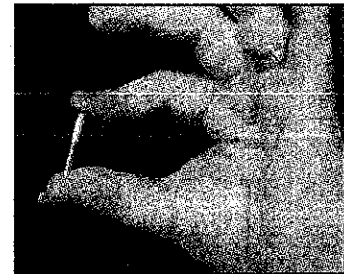
He's says his diverse background would be an asset if he's elected to the board.

A native of Nigeria, he's been a Canton resident for five years and serves on the parish council of St. Thomas a' Becket Church.

"The first year I came to Canton," he said, "I said I think I can be an asset to the community.

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Coming Sunday in your Canton Observer



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# Voters pick Schofield, Becher, McClain City to work on traffic

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER



Becher



Schofield



McClain

There will be another new face on the Wayne-Westland Board of Education in July with the election of retired school teacher Stephen Becher to a one-year term.

The Wayne resident upset incumbent appointee Teresa Robbins, garnering 818 votes to her 494 votes in the official results. He will serve the remaining year of the late Mathew McCusker's term.

Voters also favored incumbent Cindy Schofield and incumbent appointee Terrance McClain for the two four-year terms.

"I was really stunned," said Becher of his victory. "I thought I had a chance, but I thought it would be close."

Robbins, too, was surprised by the outcome. A former school board member who served from 1998 to 2002, she was appointed to fill the McCusker term until this year's

election.

"I was shocked not only by the loss, but the size of the loss," said Robbins of the election results. "I was blind-sided by it all. I thought I'd done everything right."

Becher won 16 of the district's 17 precincts as well as the absentee voting in the election. He credited the district's teachers, support personnel, custodians and bus drivers, as well as four members of the Wayne City Council in helping him win the election so handily.

"It's incredible and it's all do to the hard work of the people who supported me," he said. For Robbins, "life goes on."

"I've enjoyed it and I want to share with what a privilege and an honor it has been to serve in this capacity," Robbins said during her

final school board meeting Tuesday evening. "I've enjoyed being up here."

Schofield, who was seeking her second term, received 795 votes. McClain placed second with 652 votes, just 21 votes more than third-place finisher Chad Campbell who had 631. Finishing last in the voting for the four-year terms was former school board member Debra Fowlkes who received just 318 votes.

"I'm excited to start a second term on the board," said Schofield. "I want to thank the residents who came out to vote and voted for me."

Schofield added that she was excited about the voter turnout - roughly 1 percent of registered voters - which was up slightly from last year's election.

"I look forward to the next four years of working with the board, working through the teachers contract and budget and just being on the board," she said.

Schofield carried nine of the precincts and was top vote-getter in absentee voting. McClain was top vote-getter in three precincts, as was Campbell, and the two men tied with 36 votes each in Precinct 15 (Hoover Elementary).

McClain and members of his family waited at the Dyer Senior Center until 9:30 p.m. to make sure that the unofficial numbers were correct.

He narrowly stayed ahead of Campbell in the voting throughout the evening, and at one point, when the absentee

ballots were counted, had only a three-vote lead.

"I feel humbled to be honored," said McClain who admitted that the election was a little more intense than when he was selected to serve on the board last fall. "I want to thank all of the wonderful people who supported my campaign. I'm grateful, but I'm humbled."

McClain added that he is thankful for the support of his wife, children, grandchildren and the congregation of Annapolis Park Church of Christ and the voters for "giving me the opportunity to serve our district and our kids and use the gifts I've been blessed with."

"I look forward to continuing to work with the wonderful people of this district, the board people, Dr. (Greg) Baracy and the administration," he said.

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## City to work on traffic

Worsening traffic problems have created a dangerous gridlock along Cherry Hill Road from Newburgh west to the Canton Township boundary, according to residents and city officials. "It's a traffic nightmare," resident Roger Caldwell said Monday, during a Westland City Council meeting.

Caldwell spent 17 minutes one afternoon trying to maneuver a heavily congested, half-mile stretch of Cherry Hill from Norma Street to Newburgh. In stark contrast, he said, motorists treat Norma and Hix Road like a speedway and often ignore stop signs.

Driving conditions have deteriorated amid residential growth that has dumped more traffic in the neighborhood, city officials conceded. Moreover, Cherry Hill narrows from five lanes to two west of Newburgh, creating a bottleneck during peak traffic hours.

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# Plan your weekend around the festival

The following is a peek at some of the activities planned for the weekend:

## Friday, June 18

### In the amphitheater:

7:30-9 p.m. Tangerine Trousers (Featuring folk, rock and americana music) Funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.

### Village Stage:

7:30-9 p.m. That 80's Band (Featuring hits of the 1980's)

### Strolling Entertainment

6-8 p.m. Statue of Liberty  
6-8 p.m. Steve Ryder (Strolling Magic)

### Activities:

6-10 p.m. Kids Fun Zone  
6-9 p.m. Fine Arts Booths around the Pond

### Community Service Groups

### Concessions

5-9 p.m. Canton Firefighters Spaghetti Dinner  
5:30-9:30 p.m. Bingo

## Saturday, June 19

### In the amphitheater:

9:45 a.m. 5K Run Awards Ceremony

12-1 p.m. Sarah Lenore (youth/teen country performer)

1-1:30 p.m. Justine Blazer (popular music vocalist)

1:30-2:15 p.m. Iris (folk music vocalist)

2:30-3:45 p.m. Judy Harrison and High Impact (popular country music)

4:00-4:15 p.m. Tommi Williams (youth vocalist)

4:15-6 p.m. Phase III & Kortney Lenton (R & B music)

6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Ricky Smith and The Band (featuring country music)

8-10 p.m. Elmo THUMM (acapella musical variety group)

### Post-Fireworks

Entertainment—Justin Young (jazz musicians)

### Village Stage:

12-5 p.m. Canton Celebrates

its People (cultural performances)

5:30-6:45 p.m. Thornetta Davis (jazz/blues)

7-8:30 p.m. The Sax Maniacs (jazz/blues)

8:45-10 p.m. Two Blue Feet (blues/rock)

### Strolling Entertainment:

12-2 p.m. Statue of Liberty

12:30-2:30 p.m. Fermata Nowhere (barbershop quartet)

1-3 p.m. Super Wayne (juggling)

1-3 p.m. Phil Gram & the Krispy Krackers (Dixieland music)

2-4 p.m. Uncle Sam

### Stiltwalker

2:30-4:30 p.m. Mariachi Band (strolling music)

3-5 p.m. Steve Ryder

### (Strolling Magic)

3:30-5:30 p.m. Reel Happy String & Swing (Dixieland Music)

### Teen Area:

Teen Flag Football & Sand Volleyball Tournament

5 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Local Bands

### Activities:

8:30 a.m. Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race

10 a.m. Liberty Fest parade

10 a.m.-9 p.m. Fine Arts Booths around the Pond

10 a.m.-9 p.m. Community Service Groups

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wooden Fire Truck Building For Kids with Canton Firefighters & Home Depot

11 a.m. - Fireworks: Taste of Canton

11 a.m.-9 p.m. Kids Fun Zone

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Car Show

Noon: Public Safety's Jaws of Life Demo

Noon-6 p.m. Children's Hospital of Michigan and Kohl's Department Stores presents Kid's Safety Fest

11 a.m.-6 p.m. Chamber

### Business Expo

Public Safety Demos and Displays

10:15 p.m. FIREWORKS

## DISPLAY

### Sunday, June 20

#### Amphitheater:

11-11:30 a.m. The Josh & Roy Vaudeville Show (kids/family comedy act)

12-12:45 p.m. Plymouth Fife & Drum (historical/percussion music group)

1-3 p.m. Rennie Kaufmann (variety/family music)

#### Village Stage:

11-11:30 a.m. Nicole Meredith (country & pop music vocalist)

12-1:30 p.m. Annie Capps (acoustic/folk)

1:45-3:15 p.m. 94 East (comedy improvisation)

#### Strolling Entertainment:

12-2 p.m. Reel Happy String & Swing (Dixieland music)

1-2 p.m. Choi Kwang-Do (self-defense demo performance)

1-3 p.m. Fermata Nowhere (barbershop quartet)

1:30-3 p.m. Three Swing (acapella swing music)

2-4 p.m. Uncle Sam

#### Stiltwalker

2-4 p.m. Phil Gram & the Krispy Krackers (Dixieland Music)

2:30-4:30 p.m. Mark & Jake (yo-yo tricks & balloon animals)

#### Activities:

8-11 a.m. Canton Lions' Pancake Breakfast

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Community Service Groups

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Wooden Fire Truck Building For Kids with Canton Firefighters & Home Depot

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fine Arts Booths around the Pond

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Public Safety Demos and Displays



This is the hydrogen engine hybrid Ford Focus wagon that will be on display at the Liberty Fest.

## Ford displays its hybrids at festival

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Rev up your amazement for three hybrid cars that will be on display - courtesy of the Ford Motor Co. - at the Liberty Fest.

"Ford is the only company globally that does the hydrogen, fuel cell and hybrid," said Arum Jaura, technical leader for hybrid vehicle development for Ford.

The three cars will include a fuel cell Focus sedan, a hydrogen engine hybrid Focus wagon and "the world's first SUV hybrid, the Escape," Jaura said.

The cars will be near the information tent at the Liberty Fest in Heritage Park 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 19.

"We are launching the hybrid Escape this summer," Jaura said. "We are the first to do this."

The fuel cell sedan converts power into electrical energy.

"This technology is somewhat far away, perhaps 2012," Jaura said.

The hydrogen engine is converted for gaseous fuel, which



This is the fuel cell Ford Focus wagon.

powers the car. It also has a hybrid transmission, which will make it the "cleanest vehicle on earth with good fuel economy and clean emissions," Jaura said.

The hybrid SUV uses a hybrid transaxle - motor, generator and battery - so when the car needs power, it takes it from the electric motor and assists the gas engine.

"When you stop at a red light, the engine stops," Jaura said.

"It has a little more dollar

value because of the components, but you can recoup it with the fuel economy.

"The performance of the hybrid Escape is on par with a V6. You will not notice any difference in the driving."

Ford is displaying the autos at the Liberty Fest, Jaura said, "because we have all the people who love the environment and we can showcase our technology."

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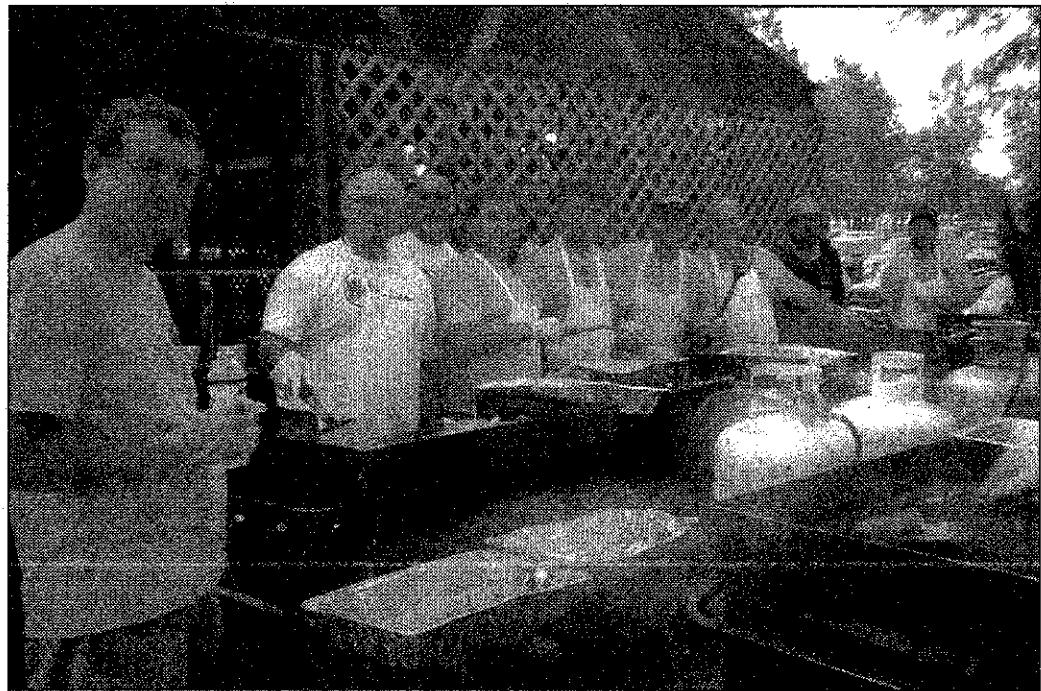
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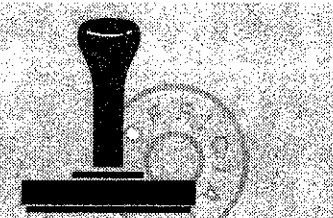
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### Flapjacks and fun

You're invited to the Canton Lions Club's fourth Annual Pancake Breakfast 8-11 a.m. Sunday, June 20 at the Liberty Fest in Heritage Park. Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, ham, eggs, milk, juice, coffee and tea, all for a \$5 donation. The breakfast will be under a tent, just in case of rain. Last year, the Lions served more than 1,500 guests. Flapjackers last year working over the grill included (from left) Hugh Gallagher, Larry Tabor, Mark Shapona (chair), Mark Hoover, Mitch Palarski, Tony Kwilos, Larry MacLeod, Larry Boyer and Mel Morris.

### FOR THE RECORD



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

- B**  
Nicola Bleggi, 71, of Livonia, died June 13.
- D**  
Bessie E. Dardas, 86, of Farmington Hills, died June 10.
- E**  
Olga Edwards, 82, of Farmington, died June 11.
- G**  
Arlene Green, 69, of Beverly Hills, died June 12.
- K**  
Harold John Kiekbusch 80, of Rochester died June 12.
- M**  
Lucienne L. Menendez, 91, of Farmington Hills, died June 10.  
Dorothy K. Mounsey of Livonia, died June 13.
- O**  
Anna M. Opitz, 103, of Farmington Hills, died June 11.
- R**  
Chester Robinette, 71, of Farmington Hills, died June 12.
- V**  
Regina Mary "Gina" Verros, of Clarkston, died June 13.
- W**  
Robert E. Williams, 82, of Farmington Hills, died June 14.  
Richard Grandon Westerman, 86, of

Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Birmingham, died June 9.

### POLICE

- Car kicked**  
A Westland resident told Canton Police that someone kicked the side of her car while she was parked on the street near her parents' home in the 4500 block of Danbury. The incident occurred between 5:15 p.m. June 12 and 10:30 a.m. June 13. Damage was estimated at \$350.
- Equipment stolen**  
An Ohio resident reported that

- someone broke into his trailer in the 3900 block of Lotz Road while he was staying at the Super 8 Motel. The thieves took two pumps and a portable tool chest valued at \$1,300. The incident occurred between 8:30 p.m. June 11 and 7:15 a.m. June 12.
- Theft from apartment**  
A resident of the 8000 block of Brookpark told police she left her apartment about 2 p.m. on June 13 and when her son returned to the apartment about 3:45 p.m. he noticed it had been broken into. Missing were a diamond ring valued at \$700 and \$208 in cash.
- Lamps stolen**  
A Woodbine resident reported that someone stole six solar-powered landscape lights from her front yard sometime between June 10 and June 12. She said she had just purchased the lights five days earlier. They were valued at \$50.
- Party pooper**  
A Plymouth resident told Canton police he was at a party on Cherry Grove Court recently when someone walked into his car and broke the windshield. Damage was estimated at \$150.

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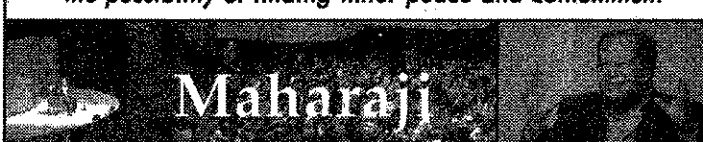
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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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., July 1st, 2004 for the following:

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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# Middle schoolers may pay \$50 to play sports

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton middle school athletes will pay a \$50 fee to play sports in 2004-05 if the Board of Education approves Tuesday a recommendation from Supt. Jim Ryan.

Ryan said the fee will help the middle school athletic program absorb a 10 percent — or \$32,000 — cut in its budget.

"We think there will be a thousand kids that will play, so the \$50 will let us continue the middle school sports programs," Ryan said.

"The money will also help us institute cross country, to see what type of interest there is in that lifestyle-type sport."

Students who receive free lunches will not have to pay the one-time fee, and students who are in the reduced-pay lunch program will only pay a portion of the charge.

Ryan said the middle school sports programs will remain intact next school year, but noted there could be a restructuring of sports in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades the following year.

"A lot will depend on our economic situation," Ryan said.

"We asked for the middle schools to take a look at the restructuring of the seasons. We know there are some gaps, and there are some programs that don't feed into the high school, like softball.

"There's also a concern for middle school swimming, which is our most expensive

sport," he said. "We've got five middle schools and three high schools trying to share three pools. We have an excellent Canton Cruiser swimming program, so it's not like our kids will be cut out of an opportunity."

Pioneer Middle School athletics liaison Chris Moore said he'd like to keep the current five-sport opportunities — softball, volleyball, basketball, swimming and track — at the middle school level.

"I hope the \$50 fee will allow us to keep the five sports we have now," Moore said. "It's a great opportunity for kids to participate who might not be able to at the high school level. It's a special program and run quite well."

Ryan said he will make recommendations to the school board June 22 on how to deal with reductions in the high school athletic program. He recently met with athletic directors and representatives of the various booster clubs to discuss \$400,000 in reductions in the high school athletic budget.

"I'm anticipating a higher pay-to-participate fee, cuts in the athletic director's pay and maybe a ticket price increase," Ryan said of possible ways to deal with the issue.

Ryan said next year the three athletic directors will take pay cuts totaling \$23,000. High school students pay \$125 to participate in the sports programs.

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## ELECTION

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At this time my spirit is telling me I'm ready to do it."

What does he think needs to be done in the growing community?

"We need to hire new police officers," he said. "The community is growing but there are not enough police to manage it."

Aguwa would like to see two or three police "sub-stations" scattered throughout the township and more fire stations.

"That visibility helps people feel more safe," he said.

He also thinks more sidewalks are needed.

"It's a big concern for people," he said. "We need more sidewalks for safety."

As to who should pay for them, he said it should be paid jointly by the township and Wayne County.

He also said he like to make it a community where people come to settle down for the long term.

"People build a house and within two to three years it's up for sale," he said. "They should be able to enjoy that house and stay for at least five or 10 years."

As for the congestion along Ford Road, Aguwa said the road needs to be expanded.

"Maybe that would have to be done just on one side," he said. "It's not wide enough to do both sides. But it's stop and go traffic all the time."

He'd also like to see another I-275 exit ramp.

On another issue, Aguwa said he thinks it time for Canton to become a city.

"We have the population, we have the financial resources," he said. "Improvements need to reflect growth. We should become a city so we can run ourselves."

What if that means higher taxes?

"If it means to increase our taxes, we have to do that," he said. "Residents would pay extra taxes, there would be extra costs. But they would appreciate the extra benefits."

Does he think the current elected leadership is managing growth well in the township?

"I think they're trying," he said. "It's a gradual process."

And as for how the township presently being managed, Aguwa said, "They're doing a good job. That's why they're there."

Calling himself a "people person," he said, "I've always been an advocate for the people. I'm a servant to the community. I listen to people and do what people want. I can empathize with people. I can help the community to grow."

Aguwa has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice from Wayne State and a master of arts in guidance and counseling from the University of Detroit Mercy.

He's single, but engaged to Ugochi Njoku. They plan a September wedding.

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## SEWER

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the lands that are currently undeveloped within the township."

He said improvements would also have to be made to the regional storage system — those big underground basins that are owned by WTUA — and the full expansion of the Ypsilanti plant will be necessary.

Faas said the study — which won't be completed for another eight weeks — is not at a point

where's he comfortable placing a dollar figure on it.

"But it's going to be costly to make these improvements," he said. "It wouldn't surprise me if we're looking at a price tag of \$30 million."

He said tap fees that the township collects whenever new homes are connected to the sewer system will help defray some of the costs.

But another problem — an even bigger problem perhaps — is the issue of footing drains, those downspouts on a house that are connected directly to the sanitary sewer system.

"Houses built before the

mid-'70s were built with footing drains connected to the sanitary sewer," he said. "We have 10,000 of those homes in the township — roughly a third of the existing homes."

He said that water goes to the wastewater treatment plant, where it is treated unnecessarily as sanitary sewage.

"Now is the time to examine the footing drain issue," he said. "A lot of communities are currently considering a footing drain disconnect program."

But there is a money issue involved there, since disconnecting a footing drain from

the sanitary sewer is not a minor project.

"The average cost is around \$6,000 per home," he said. "That times 10,000 homes comes out to \$60 million."


Since the drains are on private property, the cost would probably have to be borne by the homeowner.

"In an ideal world we wouldn't be mixing storm water with sewage," he said. "If (disconnecting those drains) is part of the solution, we need to give that some real consideration."

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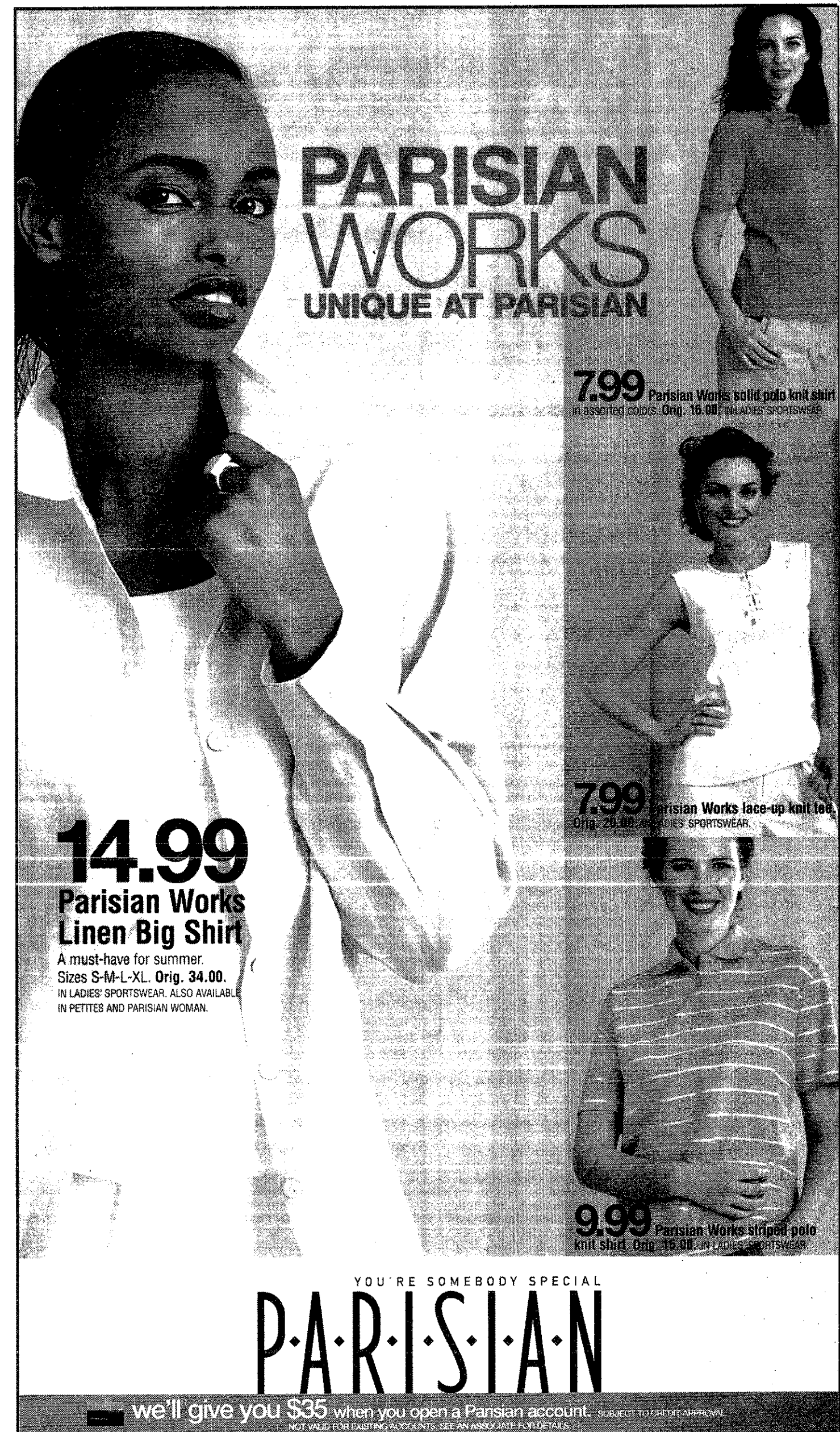
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**SEATS**

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going to see me get very involved in legislation action, more than I have been the last couple of years, and you're going to see me very involved in the bond."  
Simescu wanted to savor the moment after watching the vote totals at the Board of Education office. "I've got a lot of learning to do, and then we'll go to work," he said. "I bring an open mind, nothing preconceived and nothing prejudged at this point."  
"Obviously, we still need to keep the pressure on our legislators, that's the biggest part of our budget we need to take care of," Simescu added. "We need to keep the kids first..."

and the big job now is to get the bond passed."  
Simescu's first meeting will be July 7, at the board's reorganization meeting when officers are elected. Trustee Elizabeth Givens, who did not seek re-election after two terms on the board, will serve until the end of June.  
While only getting 377 votes, Gibbins said the experience will be a springboard for future aspirations.  
"The experience will be invaluable in the next election, when I give it a go," said Gibbins, who graduated from Salem High School June 6.  
"The biggest thing for me is that I got 377 votes because of people hearing about my views and agreeing with how I feel. It appears people do think I would be a good asset to the board."

**Exuberant Pistons fans turn out to celebrate**

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER  
Canton's just not a party town, like Royal Oak or downtown Plymouth. But that didn't keep loyal Pistons fans from celebrating their team's 100-87 win over the Los Angeles Lakers Tuesday night to gain the NBA championship.  
"This place was packed," said Russ Johnson, owner of the Rusty Nail on Ford Road. "I was here and it was jammed."  
How many people were there?  
"I don't know," he said.  
"Whatever it holds and more. It was the biggest crowd since St. Patrick's Day."  
The reaction to the game was exuberance, but not much beyond that.  
"If it had been a two-point game, it would have been bedlam," he said.  
Johnson's a longtime Pistons fan, who remembers going downtown to watch them play.  
"You could get in for just about nothing and then sit on the floor," he said. "Last night wasn't a ball game. They just dominated throughout. I was

yelling as loud as anybody."  
Bartender Marge Stinson wasn't working that night, but she watched the game from home.  
"I'm a huge Pistons fan," she said. "My reaction? Yea!"  
Longtime Canton resident John Schwartz and retired Van Buren Schools Superintendent Larry Tabor were having lunch at the Nail on Wednesday.  
Although they didn't watch the game at the bar, the two fans watched from home.  
"They played the scrubs," Tabor said. "The Pistons dominated throughout the series. I was very pleased for the city of Detroit."  
Schwartz loved the game.  
"I thought it was great," he said. "They could have finished 25 points ahead."  
He said he heard people shooting off fireworks in his neighborhood after the game was over.  
But he didn't like the announcers.  
"The announcers were all for L.A.," he said. "It was terrible."  
Down Canton Center Road, at the Crow's Nest, Tim Washenko of Plymouth was



Among those who gathered at Wayne and Ford Road in Westland to celebrate the victory were Meyke Phelps of Canton and Pete Aiff of Livonia.

just one member of the crowd that packed that bar on Tuesday night. He was having lunch there the next day.  
"I watched every game of the playoffs here," he said. "It was sort of like a tradition."  
And what did he think of the Pistons' performance in the series?  
"It was great," he said. "It reminded me of the '89-90 team."

While the enthusiasm in Canton was pretty much contained indoors, in Plymouth hundreds of teenagers descended on downtown to celebrate the victory.  
"Nothing significant has happened so far," said Plymouth Police Sgt. Al Cox. "Everyone is just having fun."  
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CONSIDERATION OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR  
WINGS TWELVE, INC.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 6, Section 6-32, of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To hear and take testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of Wings Twelve, Inc. for issuance of a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales and Official Food permits to be located at the former Cooker Restaurant located at 41980 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan 48188

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and will be offered an opportunity at said hearing to voice any comments they may have regarding this request. Written comments may also be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton Mi., 48188 prior to the hearing date.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Saltz Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until **3:00 p.m., Thursday July 1, 2004** at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

**Saltz Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project:**  
Project consists of constructing approximately 3,245 lineal feet of new 15-inch sanitary sewer along the south side of Saltz Road and east side of Ridge Road. Project consists of tree removals, installation of sanitary manholes, connection to the existing 15-inch sanitary sewer on the north side of Saltz Road, bore and jack, testing of new sanitary sewer main, driveways, and restoration.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Warner, Cantrell & Padmos, Inc. A non-refundable fee of forty-five dollars (\$45.00) will be charged for the bid packet. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, certified check, money order, or a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the proposal.

Bid Documents are on file for review at Warner, Cantrell & Padmos, Inc., Canton Township Department of Public Works Building, Construction Association of Michigan, F. W. Dodge, and Construction Market Data.

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.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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**NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE  
LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
(MICHIGAN AVENUE, SOUTH  
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SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT 2003-2  
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CANTON TOWNSHIP BOARD  
RESOLUTION # 4**

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

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

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

Take further notice that the property owner's included in the special assessment district have the right to appeal the special assessment levy to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. In order to protest the levy an appearance by the property owner, by mail, or by an agent of the property owner must be made at the public hearing held June 22, 2004.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on **Tuesday, the 22nd day of June, 2004**, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the special assessment roll.

Terry Bennett, Township Clerk

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**Travel the world at cultural event**

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER  
There's no better time than the Liberty Fest for Canton to celebrate its diversity.  
"With our growing community, it's a nice opportunity for friends and neighbors to come together and share each other's cultures," said Mina Jaura, chair of Canton Celebrates Its People.  
The event begins at 11:30 a.m. and runs through 5 p.m.

Saturday under a large tent near the soccer fields in Heritage Park.  
Performances by a variety of cultures, as well as displays and activities for children will be featured in Canton Celebrates Its People.  
The performance schedule includes:  
■ 11:30 a.m. Indian community members dancing classical and folk dances in native costumes.  
■ 1 p.m. Japanese perform-

ers will dance and sing.  
■ 1:30 p.m. Taiwanese members will perform the famous Lion Dance and folk dances.  
■ 1:45 p.m. Irish step dancing.  
■ 2 p.m. Members of the Canton Mosque and children from the Crescent Academy will perform songs of diversity with Abu Ratib, a well-known Nashed performer.  
■ 3 p.m. The Troupe Taamullat will perform N.

African and Far East dances. Dances include those from Tunisia, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Lebanon.  
■ 4 p.m. Chinese dances and performances on the guzheng, an ancient Chinese musical instrument, as well as martial arts performances and Chinese music.  
Kids also will learn how to do origami and receive henna tattoos. "It's nice to see all the enthusiasm for the event," Jaura added.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2004**

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Jeff Pardee, Financial Director of the City of Adrian, presented an award on behalf of the Michigan Municipal Finance Officers Association (MMFOA), and Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), to the Township for excellence in financial reporting for the publication of its annual comprehensive financial report. He then presented a "Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting" to Treasurer Ron Edwards.

Mr. Edwards thanked Supervisor Mann, Clerk Massengill, Accountant Ron Berry, and the staff of Plante and Moran for their involvement in gathering information for the financial report. He also presented a gift of appreciation to Deputy Treasurer Amy Hamnye and Joe Heffernan from Plante and Moran.

A moment of silence was taken in memory of late President Ronald Reagan.

Mrs. Massengill amended the agenda by removing Item H.1 under Community Development, Approve the Planned Unit Development Option for Application 1836, Proposed Residential Development-Plymouth Road, as requested by the applicant. She then moved to approve the Agenda for the June 8, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting, as amended. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to accept the Consent Agenda for the June 8, 2004, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Norma Funke of Newport Drive suggested a room be included in the proposed Township Hall that could be used by senior citizens or mothers and young children who reside on the southeast side of the Township.

Dan Jacobs of A3C informed the Board of his availability to answer questions during the item regarding the award of bid for architectural services for the Police/Fire and Township Hall Complex.

Project Engineer Rhett Gronevelt addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the Special Assessment District for Plymouth Gardens and Finch Subdivisions Paving. He also referred to a letter from Mr. Hotchkins regarding the paved approach to the adjoining subdivision being extended partially across his lot frontage. With questions remaining as to whether Wayne County would require removal and replacement of that portion, the lot is left in the S.A.D. because his lot and the lot across the street would derive benefit from the paving project. Mr. Hotchkins was informed, however, that if the pavement that approaches his driveway is not touched, he would have some consideration because his driveway has access to a paved road now.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

The following residents in the proposed S.A.D. district objected to the paving: Richard Desautel, Dan Smelzer, Michael Haselhuhn, Pat Brothers, and Mr. and Mrs. Jendruski. Concerns centered on the low percentages of signatures on individual streets such as Lakeland Ct. and Finch, the loss of trees, the possibility of increased traffic and increased traffic speed, and the loss of country charm.

William Hundley of Lakeland Court spoke in favor of the project.

There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution 04-06-08-24, authorizing the Engineer to complete final Engineering Drawings, to take bids, and have the Supervisor prepare final Special Assessment Roll for the Board's approval upon completion of the thirty (30) day waiting period provided no objections have been filed. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL: AYES: Massengill, Arnold, Herriman, Edwards, Mann NAYS: Curmi, Munfakh Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Application 1837, the P.U.D. Contract and Planned Unit Development Site Plan for the St. John's Complex for approximately 175 acres that are located east of Sheldon Road and south of Five Mile. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the acceptance of the bid from A3C for architectural services for the Police, Fire, and Town Hall Complex at a cost of \$500,000.00, as further explained in the cost proposal. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill.

The motion was amended by the maker and supporter to include Mr. Jacobs' statement that if there is any change in the structural and mechanical systems of the building that cause an increase in the cost of the project, A3C will not increase their fee.

Vote on the motion as amended: Ayes all.

Mr. Curmi asked Mrs. Massengill to retain the tape of this meeting for the record.

Mr. Herriman moved to approve Resolution 04-06-08-25, adopting the Capital Improvement Plans for the Charter Township of Plymouth. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL: AYES: Herriman, Arnold, Curmi, Edwards, Massengill, Mann. NAYS: Munfakh. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution 04-06-08-26, authorizing the sale of 2004 General Obligation Limited Tax Capital Improvement Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote, with Mr. Mann abstaining. Motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to award the bid for the 2004 Cleaning and Internal TV Inspection of Sanitary Sewers to Doetsch Industrial Services in the amount of \$156,338.00, and authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute the contract for same. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the appointment of Abe Munfakh, as recommended by the Supervisor, to the Zoning Board of Appeals as the Township Board's liaison and filling the vacancy created by Ron Griffith's resignation. Term ending December 31, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Herriman. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to establish July 13, 2004, for public hearing on the request from Loc Performance Products, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be installed within their facility located at 13505 Haggerty Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann thanked the public for attending the Lake Pointe Soccer Park ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier in the evening and thanked Township Engineer Bailey for his work on the project.

Mrs. Massengill noted she received many comments from individuals pleased to see the area developed and to see the Township moving forward on recreation for the community.

Mr. Mann agreed to check with Human Relations Director Joanne Coobatis regarding Mr. Curmi's health care questions.

Ms. Arnold asked if the soccer field bathrooms would be locked at night. She also stated how pleased she was with the type of picnic tables chosen for the pavilion.

Mr. Mann replied that the bathrooms and gates to the park are locked upon closing. Signs will be posted stating the Soccer Park hours.

In answer to Mr. Munfakh's question, Mr. Bailey said he anticipates the soccer fields will be ready for use this fall.

Mr. Hundley of Lakeland Court thanked the Board for their approval of the Special Assessment District for paving for the Plymouth Gardens and Finch Subdivisions.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann adjourned the meeting at 9:23 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 June 8, 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 June 22, 2004.

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# Up, up and away

## Kids make like eagles and soar into the clouds

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't a great day for flying, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the 100 or so Young Eagles who showed up at Mettetal Airport on Saturday.

Well, technically they weren't all Young Eagles, but they were young and they wanted to fly. And that's what the day was all about.

Sponsored by local chapter 113 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, the annual event gives kids age 8 to 17 the chance to take to the skies and learn what flying is all about - from the ground up.

The original goal of the program, which was started in 1993, was to get a million kids flying by the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight, according to Dave James of Canton, a member of the EAA and local sponsor of the Young Eagles.

That anniversary was Dec. 17, 2003.

"We hit the goal last October," James said. "I think now we're up to 1.1 million kids."

Even though the weather on Saturday was drizzling and dreary, the group managed to get about 100 kids in the air, in



David Gerrity and Alex Komar enjoy an aerial view of Canton during the annual fly-in day at Mettetal Airport Saturday.

planes owned and piloted by local pilots who volunteered both their airplanes and their time.

At one point James called a halt to the proceedings until a front blew through.

"At 2,400 feet it's pretty smooth," he said. "But above and below that it's really choppy."

That didn't matter to Heather Griffin, 16, of Plymouth who attends Canton High School and is an official member of the Young Eagles. "My dad's a pilot," she said.

"I've been up about three times with the Young Eagles, but I've flown a lot more than that."

Heather, son of Joseph and Lorraine Griffin, was waiting for the weather to clear just a bit so she'd get her turn aloft.

The first time she was offered the controls

when flying with her dad was a kind of memorable experience.

"I took the controls for about three seconds," she said. "Then I flipped out and let go."

Watching a reporter taking notes, she added, "You're not gonna put that in the paper, are you?"

But Abby Kirk, 9 3/4 (she said), a fifth-grader at Nankin Mills School in Westland, didn't seem concerned about how she came off in print.

She was there with her brother, David, 8, a third-grader who was there representing his Cub Scout Pack.

Watching the weather and waiting for her chance to go up (for the first time) Abby was cool and calm.

"I'm not afraid because my mom's a security guard at Metro Airport," she said.

And David said he wasn't scared, either.

"My dad used to fly," he said.

Alexander, 10, and Bradley Ryktarsyk, 12, of Livonia were old pros at the flying event.

"They've done it before," said their father, David Ryktarsyk. "This is their fourth time."

Bradley, an eighth-grader at



Abby Kirk, 9, takes hold of the controls in the cockpit as her brother, David, watches during the fly-in day at Mettetal Airport in Canton.

Frost Middle School, was matter of fact about the experience.

"It's like flying on any bigger plane, except it doesn't go as high," he said. "The last time I flew they let me take the controls and I was doing doughnuts over Walled Lake."

The only time Bradley was a little scared was when it came to landing.

"He was only scared because his little brother was driving at the time," said their father.

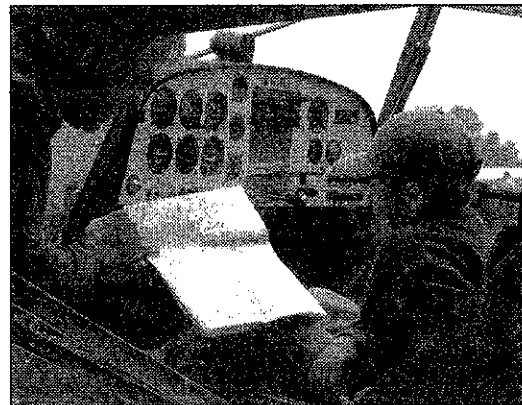
That would have been Alex, who said, yes, he'd like to be a pilot when he grows up.

Why? "Because it's fun to fly by yourself in the air," he said, "and drive the plane."

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Ian Smith, 2, of Canton, plays pilot in an airplane hangar at Mettetal Airport where kids learned about planes through coloring books, experimental aircraft displays and free plane rides Saturday.

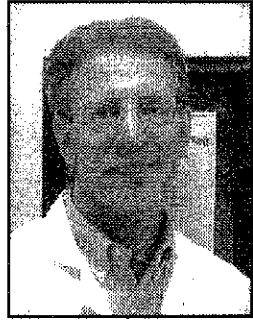


David Kirk settles in the cockpit of an experimental aircraft as he learns about navigation.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Township board offers key voice

In this edition, the *Canton Observer* staff will begin coverage of the 2004 primary election for candidates seeking seats on the Canton Township Board of Trustees.

A bit early? It may seem so. But an increasing number of voters are casting their ballots absentee. A lot of voters, consequently, are actually voting before the Aug. 3 primary election.

That's why we are beginning our coverage a bit earlier - to give our readers as much information about the candidates as possible. Our coverage will include face-to-face interviews with the candidates, as well as any public forums or debates that may be scheduled.

We will also give candidates an opportunity to provide us information about their campaigns, such as fund-raisers and endorsements as the season unfolds. The information will allow voters to know what candidates are up to and the type of campaigns they are running.

Additionally, we will publish campaign finance information prior to the August primary, as well as prior to the November general election to let voters know who is spending what and for what, and who is contributing cash and in-kind services to individual campaigns.

Voters are urged to take seriously the primary and general elections. While state and national politics may draw the most widespread attention, it is local government that remains closest to the people and the level at which voters can have the greatest impact.

Incumbent administrators Supervisor Tom Yack, Clerk Terry Bennett and Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter are without challengers. Vying for the four trustees seats are incumbents John Burdziak and Melissa McLaughlin. Karl Zarbo, who was appointed to fill the position left vacant by Phil LaJoy, who was elected to the state House, is also running. Political newcomers include Fred Bolden, Todd Caccamo, Jack Hakala, Todd LaJoy, Bill Rice and Vicki Welty.

If you have not yet registered to vote in the primary or general elections, do it now. For the primary election, the last day to register to vote is July 6. The last day to register for the November election is Oct. 4.

We trust this will be an interesting and lively political season. Voters should do their part by asking questions, seeking out the candidates and information about them, and getting involved in the political process.

# Fathers must learn their important role

Sunday is Father's Day. It doesn't get the attention of Mother's Day. It's often seen as an afterthought. After all we have a day for Mom, shouldn't we have a day for what's his name ...

Where the bond between mother and child begins in the womb and grows strong from the first caring moments, the relationship with Dad is slower to grow and often more prickly over time. We've designated Dad the disciplinarian, Dad the stalwart exemplar of masculinity, Dad the primary provider, especially in those early years when Mom takes time out from a career to be a mother.

Times have changed and the roles of mothers and fathers are less clearly defined. As women continue to take a more prominent role in the workplace, we have stay-at-home fathers, who welcome the opportunity to be a regular presence in their child's life. Many young fathers are determined to do better than their fathers at raising their children.

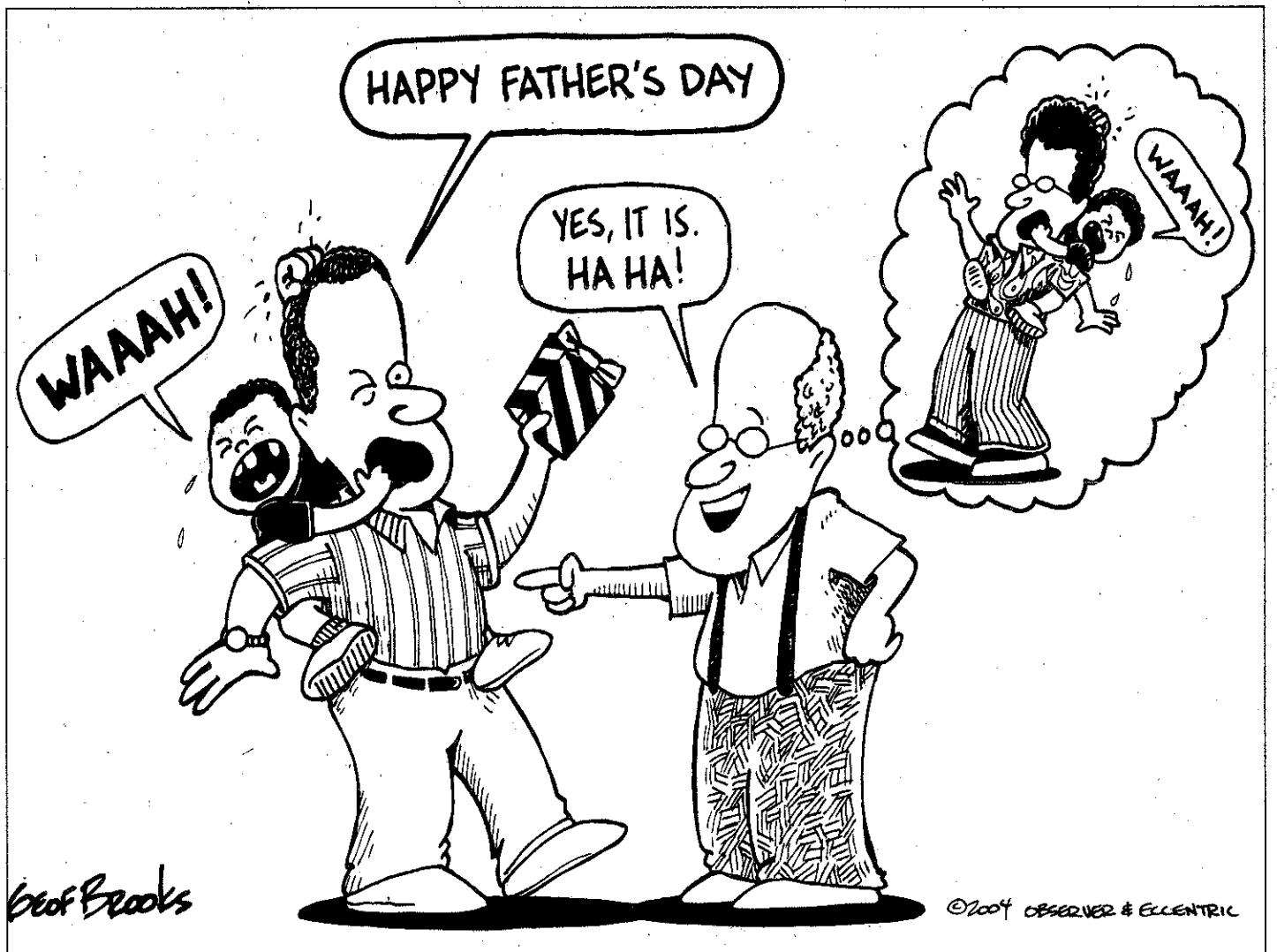
But we also have many single parent families, where the responsibility for raising the children usually falls on a young mother. Many young men walk away from their responsibility. And other fathers leave their homes, divorce their wives and do not properly provide for their children emotionally or financially.

Attorney General Mike Cox has made it a special crusade to go after deadbeat parents (predominantly fathers) who are not making their child support payments. Many of these children are in financial peril because their fathers will not live up to their responsibility.

Study after study shows that children do best in a two-parent household - a home where they are loved and nurtured by two people who love and respect each other.

It is important that every parent understand that no job they do is more important than being a parent.

While it is important on this day to honor our fathers, it is also a good day for fathers to reflect on what is really important in their lives and to honor their commitments to their children in money, time and, most important, in a loving presence.



Geoff Brooks

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## LETTERS

### A soap opera

I live in Nancy Spencer's neighborhood, but most certainly not in her world. I live in the world of reality.

Her bird feeders attracted 40-50 pigeons and created a neighborhood hassle. When the elementary children walked to the bus stop past her house in the morning they would be swarmed by these filthy creatures. Her half-hearted attempt to control this mess resulted in her placing a two-foot plastic rat with bared teeth and fake blood at its mouth next to the feeder. It didn't scare the birds, but it did scare the kids.

I appreciate the mass of support she received, but I ask this of you. Did you ever see what that house looked like? Did you ever drive down the street and wonder if you were witnessing a rerun of *The Birds*? The *Canton Observer* has offered a long-winded version of her soap opera and a soap box to stand on.

Did the editor ever consider what a nuisance she created? Or does the editor remember what a nuisance was created when she attracted hundreds of Canada geese to Heritage Park? This lady acts like she likes birds, but what she really likes is her own personal drama.

Cathl Ericson  
Canton

### Bootstrapping

Never have so few done so much for so many for such little reward (at least in monetary terms). By this paraphrase of Churchill, I am referring to Catholic priests, sisters and brothers. How many people have they educated over the centuries? How many hospitals have they run? How many hungry have they fed? I guess they couldn't help it, the Boss told them to before he left. And they know he'll be back.

Many of us are upset about Father Kelly and other good priests who have been so unfairly accused. It might do a little good to read *The King of Torts* by John Grisham to understand what has happened. Grisham describes the lengths that some lawyers will go to create a class action lawsuit and reap millions in fees. Three lawyers in the Detroit area are attempting to do just that. So they seek out anyone who had any connection to a priest, no matter how remote, and add them to their class. This practice is known as bootstrapping. The theory is simple: If you get a large number of weak cases, they will add up to a strong case. People will figure where there's smoke, there is fire. Grisham explains the process much better than I can. Keep the faith. I have no doubt that Father Kelly and the other wrongfully accused priests will be exonerated.

Tom Hartnett  
attorney at law, Canton

### She's included

In response to the letter from Rich Ham-Kucharski of May 27, 2004, I have no problem in stating that I voted for him twice. It is official and important that we know the agenda that Mr. Ham-Kucharski is going to promote is the "inclusion program." This program is designed to include even the most "dis-

Karen Huston  
Canton

### No apology

I am writing in response to the woman with the hyphenated last name who is demanding an apology to all women

abled children" into normal classrooms on the pretense that it will give the disabled child a "normal environment" and, therefore, promote their learning skills.

As a grandfather of a 10-year-old severely disabled child, I make no bones about it with Mr. Ham-Kucharski: what you call "inclusive" is another person's "intrusive." There is no program that is going to make my granddaughter read, write and do arithmetic. She is receiving all the love and care from her family. She attends a special education school that has wonderful teachers and classmates. No, Mr. Ham-Kucharski, my granddaughter is not "excluded." She already is "included." To imply that these disabled children are not receiving the best of care and attention is an insult to their parents and our teaching professionals.

It is unfortunate and regrettable that the disability of my granddaughter has to be used to champion your point of view. To think that because you say so, my granddaughter's life will have so much more meaning and be so much more rewarding under the programs that you advocate for her is not living in reality. To equate her disability with racism in order to promote your agenda is a reach. She is "included" remember? She goes everywhere her family goes. It's not like that under racism!

No. "Special education that segregates" is not the civil rights issue that needs to be addressed! You and your agenda are the issue that the good people of this community and state must address. You and your programs will not make my granddaughter "normal." The people must not be made to feel guilty that somehow these disabled children are not receiving the proper care and attention and not being "included," when they are. I do not want you or anyone else riding my granddaughter's disability to garner sympathy votes for your ill-conceived programs that you have your own personal issues about.

I voted for you before and now that I know who and what you stand for, I will not vote for you again.

Michael Fogie  
Canton

### Why only two?

I am writing this letter as a frustrated parent of a 10-year-old boy who desperately wants to play tackle football. Why are there only two football teams in the Plymouth-Canton area, both of which have long waiting lists?

Every other sport (soccer, baseball, hockey, etc.) have numerous teams and opportunities for children to join and participate. Why not football? The latest research shows that children are in danger of becoming obese from a sedentary lifestyle. I think we should have as many opportunities as possible for our youth to get involved in sports. Does anyone out there have any suggestions?

Karen Huston  
Canton

regarding the principal of Plymouth High School dressed as a woman in the yearbook.

When I read her article, my response was "You have got to be kidding!" Did that woman see the show where that was taken or is she judging by a 3-by-2 inch photo in a 500-plus page yearbook? I attended that variety show back in March of 2003 and thought that was one of the best acts that night. Funny, nobody complained a year and a half ago. It showed staff, students and parents what a good sport the administration is and how they can laugh at themselves. There was absolutely nothing offensive about it. Seems to me that the comedy act would have lost something if Dr. Bee and his two male backup singers sang *R.E.S.P.E.C.T.* by Aretha Franklin all in gender-correct three-piece suits.

No apology needed from Dr. Bee on behalf of this woman or my daughter. I personally think that woman should take her feminist soapbox elsewhere and focus her efforts on finding a little sense of humor. She certainly doesn't speak for the women in this household.

Sally Seippel  
Canton

### Enjoy a laugh

Has our community become so narrow-minded and cynical we can no longer enjoy an amusing act during a talent show? Has political correctness ruled out possible fun? Ms. Trombley-Richards owes all PCEP parents an apology for her aggressive attack not only on PHS Principal Dr. Bee, but also Park Assistant Principal Siegel and park police officer Smedley.

My daughter showed me the 2003 yearbook photograph in question. She laughed out loud about how much the kids enjoyed the act. Can we please return to the process of educating our children while providing a safe and enjoyable environment? I think enough, editorial shots have been aimed at Dr. Bee. He has been a positive role model for both our son and daughter while holding high expectations for the new high school.

James M. Fox  
Canton

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"We are headed to a crash in municipal government. It's going to happen to others before it happens to us. It is a train wreck waiting to happen."

- Canton Supervisor Tom Yack about the municipal finance system that affects local government in Michigan



# Reflections on Father's Day and a bluegill

A dozen years ago, Tim Richard wrote a wonderful column for our newspapers celebrating the conscientious fathering practiced by the male bluegill. Now retired and living in God's country (Up North) Richard was one of the best reporters I ever knew ... and an acute and thoughtful observer of nature.

Tim's column began:

*From the boat launch, I looked into the shallows and spotted him - less than seven inches long, hovering over a saucer-shaped depression.*



Phil Power

*Earlier in the spring, the bull bluegill had scooped out the nest, herded in a female, then fertilized the eggs she laid.*

*The bull bluegill, with his iridescent gill covers and yellow bowtie, will guard the eggs until they hatch. Let a minnow, beetle or another fish venture too near and the bull 'gill attacks, his sharp dorsal fin flashing. When a slovenly carp or idiot speedboater stirs up the bottom, the bull 'gill fans away the silt with his pectoral fins ...*

*Other fish, like muskie and salmon, scatter their eggs and spawn, then depart. Not the bluegill, who has an excellent reproduction rate and is one of Michigan's most widespread and successful species. The bull bluegill, though cold-blooded and pea-brained, is a better father than many human males. The importance of Father's Day isn't told in syrupy verses of Hallmark cards. It's found in the sociological statistics. Bad things happen to kids born into a household with no father.*

The situation hasn't improved for the human species since Richard wrote those words. Scientists, teachers, sociologists and cops all know it. Children who grow up in a household without a father:

- Have an infant mortality rate double that of their counterparts.
- Are likely to be raised in poverty. Around half the female-headed families in Michigan are below the poverty line.
- Disproportionately have difficulty in school, lack skills and don't do well in the workplace.
- Are three times as likely to wind up in prison as a kid from a two-parent home, according to a Michigan Department of Corrections study.
- Have trouble figuring out their social and sexual roles. Girls who grow up without fathers around have trouble dealing with boys and fatherless boys have trouble figuring out how to

be secure, capable men.

Certainly, kids who grow up in a household headed by men experience many of the same problems. But there are far more single-parent households headed by women than by men, so the bad effects of fatherless families are far more widespread.

Either way, human biology and developmental dynamics offer conclusive evidence that two-parent households seem better wired for success in raising children than single-parent families. Of course, there are countless examples of single parents successfully raising their children, but it's much tougher alone than with a partner. (I should know; I've been a single parent, and it's tough.)

I saw confirming evidence over the weekend as my wife, Kathy, and I watched a family of Canada geese at our place. The adult birds are by far the most capable and conscientious parents we've seen in years, and watching them working to raise their goslings to maturity in the face of all the threats excites our admiration and pulls on our heartstrings all at once.

There they go, swimming across the pond. Mom is in the lead, looking right and left for the big snapping turtles that like nothing better than pulling a gosling down, while dad makes sure the five goslings keep up and stay properly in line until they reach the shore. Once up the bank, mom eats while dad keeps alert watch for foxes and coyotes; then, on silent signal, dad eats while mom keeps watch.

Daily they go about training their goslings in the skills of being a successful adult goose: How to stay in line and in touch with the flock. How to drink from the pond: first a delicate sip and then head up for the swallow. How to eat pond weeds from the bottom, white tails vertical in the air. Just now, they're beginning flying lessons, which at this point consist in wing-flapping exercises and practice runs in the grass, but after a couple of weeks they'll be up in the air, working on turns and landings on water.

So for even a goose, growing up involves an awful lot to learn, and having two parents around to help seems an essential element. Just imagine how much more important two-parent families are for humans.

With feathers or without, fathers (and mothers, too) matter - far, far more than the folks at Hallmark imagine. They fully deserve their day of admiration and respect, something they earn every day of the year.

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.

## LETTERS

### Not art

The owners of Canton Big Boy claimed that the Big Boy statue is an icon. It is my belief that the word icon merely means image - no more, no less. It does not have any hierarchical authority. Religious icon serves religious purposes. Computer screens use icons to symbolize available functions. Commercial image (icon, if one insists) such as logo, serves as business signature for easy recognition or trademark to protect business interests. It is also used for business promotion.

If I open a burger joint called Big Guy across the street of the current Big Boy location and put a replica of the Big Boy statue in front of my establishment, I trust that I will be facing a major trademark infringement lawsuit. Thus, I believe the Big Boy statue is a registered 3-D business signature and it should abide by Canton sign ordinance.

Now, about Andy Warhol's Campbell Soup Can paintings, in my opinion the artist used commercial images to create his paintings, but the paintings were not intended to serve any commercial purposes for Campbell Soup business. The same holds true that a painting of a nude is not the same as a naked person.

I am a student of art for over 50 years and 35 of which served as a professor of art and design in university and college. I have exhibited my artworks nationally and internationally. I humbly submit my following observation.

Most serious artists, like authors or scientists, are curious people who try to keep an open eye and open mind to contemplate on their curiosity. Their curiosity leads them to observe, explore, inquire, investigate, examine, and discover in areas of humanity, nature, science and many, many more. The resulting recordings of such cerebral and physical activities are what I would consider as artworks.

Creative artwork often reflects a new discovery for the artist each time he or she explores and investigates. Making the same images repeatedly cannot be considered as creative artistic activity. It is because the replica shares no exploring process required of an artist. The replica, though looks identical to the original work, ceases to become a piece of artwork. The Big Boy statue does not seem to reflect the investigative process required of a piece of artwork. However, it does work great as a registered business logo

which protects and promotes a specific business. Thus, I think the statue should bound by Canton sign ordinance.

Lincoln T. Lao  
Canton

### He's not Bush

I am still amazed how some people still consider the current presidential campaign as a battle between liberals and conservatives. I am afraid that distinction can no longer apply.

The plan to invade Iraq was launched many years ago by a secretive cabal calling itself the Ne-conservative Club or something similar. They obviously convinced President Bush to accept and implement their plan to invade Iraq and create a new world order that would turn Muslim countries into democracies.

The terrorist's attack on 9-11 did not hinder the implementation of the plan. It actually helped convince the country that attacking Iraq was in our best interests. Nothing could have been further from the truth. President Bush lied about weapons of mass destruction as well as Saddam's connection with the al-Qaeda terrorist group. Saddam was not a threat to this country, period.

More damaging to our country was involving most of our military resources in Iraq while ignoring the real and present danger posed by Osama bin Laden and his terrorists in Afghanistan. Al-Qaeda, thanks to Bush's preoccupation with Iraq, is now back in full force and again ready to attack the U.S. We are now in a greater danger than we have ever been before the war on Iraq.

Because of President Bush's plan, Osama has now a second country to operate from: Iraq. Thanks to President Bush, Osama has more support than he ever had. Thanks to President Bush, the world now sees Americans as brutal, imperialistic invaders. We are even compared to the Nazis.

Lets not forget the countless American soldiers who gave their lives for what history will term Bush's Folly in Iraq.

No, this presidential election is not about liberals and conservatives. It's between sanity and insanity and returning this country to the control of real leaders, not a puppet controlled by others. Kerry may not be a great choice but he is no Bush and that is good enough for me.

Janusz M. Szyszko  
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# Organizations, businesses, team up with foundation for scholarships

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

In its almost 15 years, the Canton Community Foundation has awarded more than \$250,000 in scholarships for higher education.

"We exist to enhance life in the greater Canton area," said Joan Noricks, foundation executive director.

The foundation serves as the funnel for a number of area organizations that give scholarships annually. That way, the foundation can handle 32 scholarships through one application.

"We have also partnered with local universities for scholarships so we can award more scholarships," Noricks said.

Not all the scholarships that are awarded go to high school graduates heading to their first year in college. A number of the scholarships are given to adults who are returning to either start or complete their educations.

The following organizations, businesses or individuals awarded scholarships through the foundation for 2004-2005:

■ Canton Historical Society/ Bob Boyer Scholarship - \$500.

■ Boyer's Meat Processing Inc. Grant - \$500.

■ Canton Community Foundation-Schoolcraft College Foundation Grant - Two for \$500 each.

■ Meredith L. Whalen Memorial Scholarship (Meredith was killed in the World Trade Center, Sept. 11,



**Joan Noricks**  
Executive director

2001.) - \$500.

■ Canton Community Foundation/Youth Leadership Scholarship - \$500.

■ Canton Community Foundation/Eastern Michigan University Grant - Five for \$500 each.

■ Yazaki North America Inc. Grant - Two for \$2,000 each.

■ Harry C. Wilsey Scholarship - \$1,000.

■ Denski Family Scholarship - \$500.

■ Canton Garden Club Scholarship - Two for \$500 each.

■ Jack Demmer Ford Scholarship - \$500.

■ Canton Community Foundation Scholarship - Two for \$500 each.

■ Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast Scholarship - \$1,000.

■ Elizabeth Durack



Recipients of scholarships made available through the Canton Community Foundation gather for a photograph at Yazaki Learning Center in May.

Memorial Scholarship (sister of Dan Durack, Vanton Township administrative services director, who died from cancer). - \$500.

■ Canton Business &

Professional Women - \$400.

■ Penelope Hope Klei Scholarship - \$500.

■ Canton Community Foundation/University of Michigan-Dearborn

Scholarship - \$500.

■ Canton Community Foundation/Lawrence Technological University Scholarship - Two for \$1,000 each.

■ Harold Rosin Memorial Scholarship - \$500.

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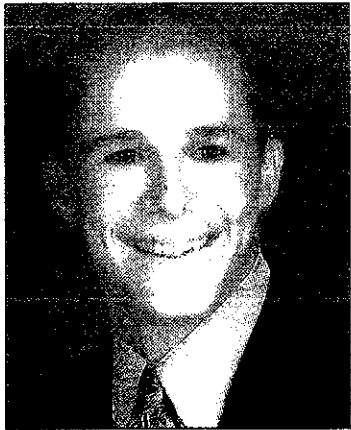
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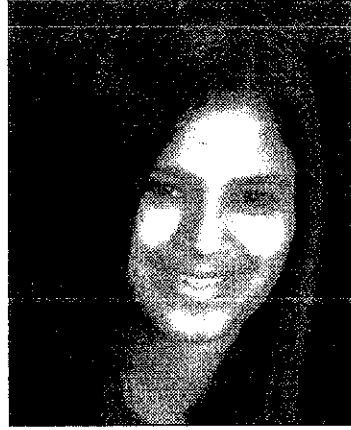
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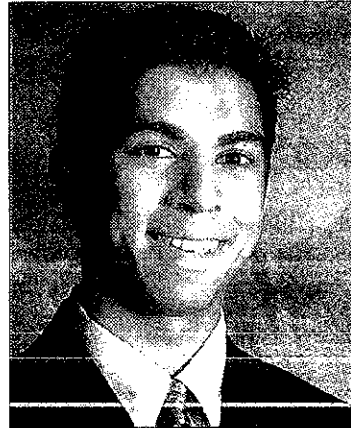
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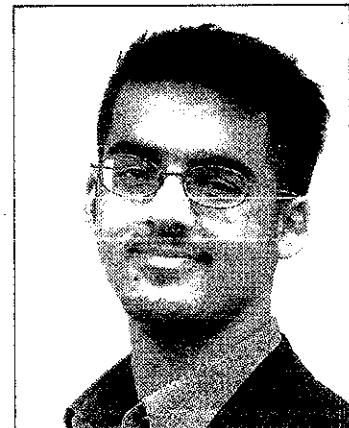
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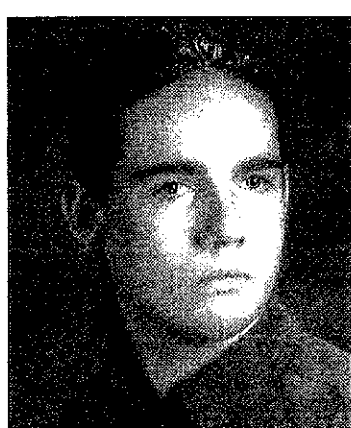
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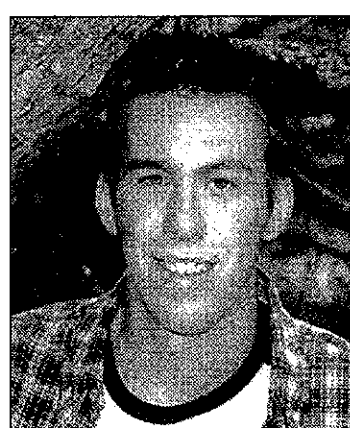
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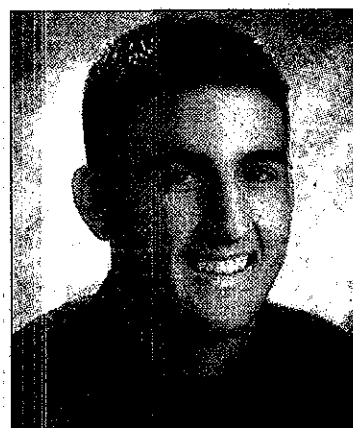
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## Plymouth ousted by Chelsea, but just barely

Saturday's Plymouth High-Chelsea Division 2 Regional softball game at Chelsea High School had Davey vs. Goliath written all over it.

The Wildcats (Davey) had a roster that was stocked with sophomores and freshmen, while the Bulldogs (Goliath) came into the contest with an impressive 33-1-1 record along with a No. 1 ranking in Division 2.

When it was over, Goliath, er, Chelsea won, 3-1, but not before the underdog Wildcats put up a heroic struggle.

Plymouth finished the season with a sterling 32-5 record.

"After the game, I told the girls to hold their heads up high because they gave it everything they had," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "They did nothing but positive things against Chelsea, and the entire season for that matter. I'm very proud of them."

Plymouth pitcher Claire Ostrowski was phenomenal, limiting the Bulldogs to just three hits. The game was tied 1-1 until the top of the seventh when Chelsea pushed across the winning runs on a pair of errors and a double. Ostrowski struck out 10 and yielded just one earned run.

"Claire did a great job, just like she did the entire season," Canfield said.

The Wildcats scored their lone run in the second inning when Madison Dresser singled and scored on Ashley Garrett's single. Those were the only two hits Plymouth could manage.

Plymouth advanced to the Regional brackets by upending Milan, 7-0, and New Boston Huron, 1-0, in the District tournament held at Carleton Airport High School. Ostrowski hurled a no-hitter in the win over Milan. Lauren Stemberger delivered the key hit, a bases-loaded double.



Canton catcher Heather Richardson tags Portage Northern's Kaprice Williams in the sixth inning of Tuesday's Division 1 Quarterfinal game. After a brief conference, the umpires ruled that Williams' run counted because a Canton defensive player interfered with her between second and third base.

## Chiefs derailed in quarterfinals, 4-2

Canton's softball team was five outs from advancing to the Division 1 semifinals Tuesday afternoon when an apparently incidental minor collision between a base-runner and shortstop evolved into a controversial, momentum-turning ruling.

After outplaying perennial powerhouse Portage Northern through five innings, the Chiefs eventually dropped a thrilling 4-2, extra-inning decision to the Huskies (36-5-1). Canton finished 27-9-1.

With the Chiefs in front, 2-0, the con-

troversial play unfolded in the top of the sixth when, with the bases loaded and one out, Husky first baseman Ginet Gelabert ripped a solid single to center. The runner on third scored easily, but the runner on second, Kaprice Williams, was thrown out by 15 feet at home plate by Chief centerfielder Erika Perkovich.

However, as the Chiefs celebrated Perkovich's outstanding defensive gem, the umpires huddled ominously in the middle of the diamond. After a three-

minute conference, the men in blue ruled that Williams' run would count because she was interfered with between second and third by Canton shortstop Lauren Delapaz.

"My shortstop was running out for the relay after the ball was hit, and she accidentally ran into the base-runner," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "It wasn't her fault at all; she was just doing what she

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## Lacrosse team falls in finals

The never-say-die Plymouth/Canton lacrosse team staged a dramatic comeback Saturday in the Division 4 state championship game against Mattawan, but fell short, 9-5, in the match played at Troy Athens High School.

The Warriors, who finished with a 16-5 mark, trailed 8-1 at halftime before making the game close in the second half.

Plymouth/Canton jumped ahead 1-0 on John Moylan's first of two goals. The Warriors threatened to double their lead 30 seconds later, but a shot hit the goal post and bounced harmlessly away.

Mattawan then took over the contest, tallying five consecutive goals to close out the first quarter, and three more in the second.

Plymouth/Canton showed signs of life early in the third quarter when it threw in two quick goals to cut its deficit to 8-3. Mattawan added its final goal later in the third before the Warriors poured in the final two.

The Warriors' offense was paced by Moylan, Tim Farrow (two goals) and Mitch French (one goal). Moylan also was credited with an assist to go along with his two goals.

Mattawan was led by Matt Compher (three goals), Pete Farnier (two goals) and Kyle Lemons (two goals). Nick Wichwander and John Klok had one goal each. Nick Schwander, Compher, Farnier and Caleb Ross all had assists for the Wildcats.

It was the second consecutive trip to the state final for the Warriors, who lost 19 players to graduation last year.

Plymouth/Canton advanced to the final game June 10 with a 11-4 win over Hartland.

Mattawan was the last team to defeat the Warriors earlier this season.

## Shamrocks advance to semis, 10-3

These two teams split their four-game season series and were tied 4-4 before a rainout June 9.

But in their boys baseball Division I quarterfinal game Tuesday at Carleton Airport High School, Catholic Central High School's varsity boys baseball team broke the season-long deadlock with Warren De La Salle Collegiate High School wide open.

C.C. scored four runs at their first at bat -- thanks to patience at the plate to draw walks and timely hitting.

The team in royal blue and white rode the lead to a 10-3 win, a 25-9 overall record and a spot in the state semi-final Division I game at 5:30 p.m. Friday at Bailey Park in Battle Creek.

Warren De La Salle Collegiate High School starting pitcher Darrin Desrosiers ran into some tough luck against the C.C. Shamrocks, as he didn't survive the first inning.

After the first two C.C. batters worked him deep into the count to draw opening walks, senior Ryan Gallagher's base hit loaded the bases. Junior Eric Vojtkofsky followed with a shot up the middle which struck Desrosiers in the lower back, sending him from the game as the Shamrocks scored their opening run.

Warren's Justin Mazur came on in relief, but the four first-inning runs were enough to win, behind the solid starting pitching of Mike Monterey.

"We got down early," said Warren Pilots Coach Brian Kelly. His team's record fell to 22-17. "We're a scrappy team, but we haven't been able to score runs in bunches."

Monterey threw a heck of a game;

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## Short-handed PCA upended in regional

The odds were stacked against Plymouth Christian Academy's baseball team Saturday prior to its Division 4 Regional match-up with powerful Southfield Christian at Allen Park Cabrini High School.

PCA was missing its two top offensive threats -- Aaron Ciborowski and Eric Immersall -- both of whom were back at the school taking their ACT's -- and starting catcher Drew Gallagher, who was home recovering from the flu.

"When the game started, I had just three players who were playing their normal positions," PCA coach Kurt Johnston admitted.

PCA played valiantly the first two innings, battling to a scoreless tie. However, the floodgates opened for Southfield in the third when it scored seven runs.

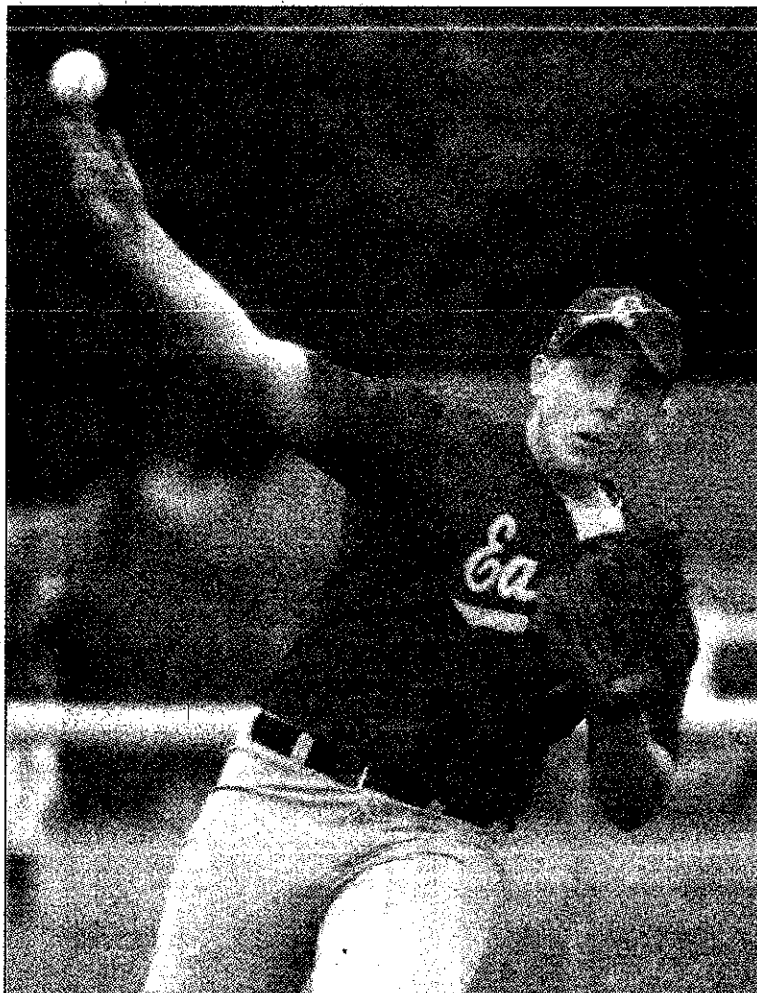
SC added nine more in the fourth and mercied Plymouth, 16-0. The Eagles failed to get a hit in the four-inning game.

PCA finished with a 12-6 record, which pleased Johnston.

"I thought we had a very successful season, especially considering we had 10 juniors and only three seniors on our roster," he explained. "We had three juniors who carried most of the pitching load, so we should really be strong in that department next year."

Andrew Shumaker started on the mound for PCA. He held the Eagles in check for the first two innings before getting victimized by errors and his own wildness in SC's seven-run third.

Dave Bahbah and Matt Saagman combined to pitch the fourth and final inning for PCA.



Canton Plymouth Christian's pitcher Andrew Shumaker tries to pick-off a runner at first base in Saturday's Division 4 Regional game against Southfield Christian.

## Sidelines

### Canton Quest roll

The Canton Quest '94 premier soccer team recently completed its spring season by finishing first in the WSSL Division 1 travel league with a 7-0-1 record. The Quest outscored their opponents, 45-3.

The team also won the U-10 Platinum Division in the Memorial Day Tournament in Canton, finishing 4-0 to win the Canton Cup. The Quest outscored their foes 27-0 in the tournament.

The team consists of Nicole Ineich, Kristina Klusek, Abigail Livingston, Robyn Mack, Megan McCormack, Brianne Miller, Kaitlyn Murphy, Taryne Pagel, Mackenzie Rogers, Dominique Sarnecky, Jessica Scott, Emily Southern and Katelyn Watson. The team is coached by Jamie Scott and Steve McCormack and managed by Stacy Livingston.

### Gymnasts shine

The Eurostars Level 7 gymnastics team excelled at the state meet held May 8-9 in Rochester, placing sixth out of 30 teams with a score of 112.3.

In the 12-year-old division, Canton's Kelsey Stamm earned the state championship on the vault with a score of 9.55. Stamm placed second on the floor exercise with a 9.475, and was second all-around with a 37.525 total. She was also seventh on the uneven bars with a 9.45 and ninth on the balance beam with a 9.05.

Shirley Bradely of Canton placed eighth on bars (9.45), eighth on floor (9.25), 10th on the beam (9.05), 13th on the vault (9.15) and seventh in all-around (36.9).

In the 11-year-old division, the Eurostars' standout was Kaitlyn Betts from Canton. Betts was third in the state on the bars with a score of 9.6. She also finished fourth on the beam (9.3) and seventh in all-around with 36.9.

Allison Spitzley, 13, of Canton finished ninth on the beam (9.125) and 14th all-around (36.325).

Fourteen-year-old Linnea Nyberg of Canton was third in the state on the bars (9.45), fifth on the vault (9.3) and seventh all-around (36.7).

### Locals excel at GR

Five players from Plymouth and Canton played on the most successful junior varsity baseball team in Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard High School history. The Fighting Irish JV unit went 10-1 and captured the Catholic High School League C-D Division JV title.

Members of the team included sophomore Justin Aoun of Plymouth, freshman Andrew Chmielewski of Canton, freshman Jeff Little of Plymouth, freshman Jacob Mortiere of Plymouth and freshman Chris Waite of Plymouth. Little was also one of two freshmen to earn a varsity letter for their contributions.

Junior Joe Falvey of Plymouth earned his second varsity letter as the starting shortstop for Gabriel Richard.

# Blazers nip Brandon for school's 1st title

Time to make room for a new banner on the wall at Livonia Ladywood.

The Blazers earned their regional softball championship in school history Saturday by beating host Ortonville-Brandon, 1-0.

The win put Ladywood (21-16) in Tuesday's Division II quarterfinal at Hartland against defending state champion Chelsea (34-1-1).

"We didn't know what expect coming out of the districts," Ladywood coach Bob Lulek said. "We've never won a regional and it was pretty exciting for the kids."

"I don't think we played better defensive game all year. Brandon is an awesome team. They're not going to give it to you. You have to go out and beat them."

Ladywood pitcher Lauren Taylor allowed just three hits against the Blackhawks, who

bowed out with a 24-11 record. The freshman struck out five and did not allow a walk in seven innings.

"Taylor was not overpowering, but she threw strikes," Lulek said.

Ladywood scored the game-winning run in the fourth inning when Jill Schulz executed a hit-and-run singled with courtesy runner Kasey Sheldon, who scored all the way from first base after Stephanie Day had singled.

"We've been doing it (hit-and-run) quite a bit this year and I thought we'd take a chance," Lulek said.

The Blazers got three outstanding defensive plays from first baseman Julie St. Onge.

The big defensive play came in the sixth inning when Ladywood turned a double-play.

Schulz, the second base-

man, fired to St. Onge for the putout at first, who then, in turn, cut down the potential tying run at the plate with a strike to Day, the catcher.

Losing pitcher Laura Perry gave up six hits, struck out three and did not allow a walk for Brandon.

In the semifinals, Brandon eliminate Birmingham Seaholm, while Ladywood took five innings to mercy Detroit Crockett, 12-2.

Kaitlyn Huddas gave up just two hits, one being a 2-run homer by Lisa Jones, while striking out five and allowing no walks.

Amanda McClellan led the Blazers with three hits, including a solo homer and two RBI. Erin Hulett added two hits and three RBI, while Jess Blaesser contributed a 3-run triple. Schulz also had two hits and an RBI.

# CC survives field, Jags to advance

## Brooks makes key throw

To quote a lyric from an old John Lennon song, the Division 1 baseball regional staged by Allen Park could only be described as "strange days indeed."

On the eve of the state quarterfinal, Redford Catholic Central dodged raindrops, skirted a confusing two-day delay and averted an embarrassing coin flip Monday night to beat the host Jaguars for the title in dramatic fashion, 1-0.

CC (24-9) got a clutch throw from right fielder Derek Brooks in the top of the seventh inning for the game's final out.

The win gave coach John Salter his sixth regional crown and a spot in the final eight Tuesday at Carleton Airport against Catholic League Central Division rival Warren De La Salle (see related story).

With two outs, Allen Park runner Anthony Savone tried to score the game-tying run from second base after teammate Reid Cuddy singled through the right side of the infield.

That's when Brooks, the senior, came up big as CC catcher Eric Vojtkofsky took his throw on the fly and tagged out Savone by almost 10 feet.

"It was an exciting finish," Salter said. "Their coach had to send him (Savone). Brooks was playing more shallow than normal because of the (wet) field and he got on it quickly."

CC led 1-0 with one out and a Jaguar runner on second when play was halted for nearly two hours, 40 minutes because of a thunderstorm.

Unusually soggy field conditions caused the tournament to be delayed from Saturday. It was one of only three of 32 regional baseball tournaments throughout the state postponed until Monday because of inclement weather. The postponement call was made early Friday afternoon by tournament manager and Allen Park athletic director Mike Dawson.

Had the Allen Park regional not been completed by Monday, a coin flip would have determined which remaining team would move on to the quarterfinal.

CC scored its lone run in the opening inning off Allen Park starter Nick Prieur.

Leadoff batter Drew Amble walked and advanced to second on Eric Simcox's sacrifice bunt. Ryan Gallagher followed with a walk and Vojtkofsky singled home Amble with the game's lone run.

CC threatened again in the second as Brooks laid down a sacrifice bunt sandwiched between walks to Greg Marrone and Joe Dudzinski.

But that's when Allen Park coach Glenn Gulliver decided to make a pitching change, going to his bullpen. He brought in reliever Jake Richards, who kept CC off the scoreboard and yielded just two hits over the final 4 2/3 innings.

Meanwhile, CC was getting a sterling effort on the mound from junior left-hander Jeremy Henderson, who struck out five, walked four and allowed just four hits in 6 1/3 innings en route to the win.

But when the rain-delay occurred and city of Allen Park Department of Recreation maintenance workers labored while applying Diamond Dry, Salter elected to go with his ace pitcher Mike Monterey following the break.

"Jeremy threw 86 pitches and I asked how he felt and he seemed a little hesitant," the CC coach said. "To have Jeremy go back out and warm up again would have been kind of tough. It was really an easy decision. Jeremy pitched a great game and he picked off three guys. He's picked off about 20 kids this year. And nobody has ever screamed balk because he has such a great move."

Monterey fanned Allen Park DH Ricky Simms for the second out, but Cuddy followed with the potential game-tying RBI single, only to be denied by Brooks' timely and accurate throw to the plate.

"It was a strange one, I've never had that long of a rain delay," Salter said of the three-day ordeal. "They must have put down 50 bags of that dry stuff. It was playable, the field was not a factor."

Allen Park (27-9) defeated Wayne Memorial, 4-3 in eight innings in the morning semifinal. CC then breezed past Detroit Redford in the other semifinal, 19-0, in three innings (15-run mercy rule).

REDFORD CC 19, REDFORD O: The Shamrocks rolled in Monday's semifinal by scoring 18 runs in the second inning against Detroit Redford (6-9).

Drew Amble paced the CC hitting attack by going 2-for-2 with four RBI.

Ryan Gallagher, Mike Monterey and Greg Marrone also went 2-for-2 with two RBI each. Anthony Sabo was 1-for-1 with two RBI.


Winning pitcher Matt Rodeigher allowed three hits, walked three and struck out seven.

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Plymouth Christian Academy's Amanda Saagman steals second base in Saturday's Regional game as Southfield Christian's Ashley Ronketto's tag is too late.

## Southfield Christian ends PCA's season

The potent bats of Southfield Christian combined with its own defensive lapses proved costly to Plymouth Christian Academy's softball team in Saturday's Division 4 Regional game at Allen Park Cabrini.

The Eagles committed seven errors and yielded 12 hits to SC, which advanced to the Regional final game with a 9-1 victory.

SC scored single runs in the first and second innings and two in the fourth to secure a 4-

1 lead heading into the fifth. It was in that frame that the Eagles exploded with five runs - thanks in large part to three PCA errors - to clinch the win.

PCA, which played the game without key starters Liza Terkowski and Rachel Wiard - finished with a 14-8 record.

Amanda Saagman took the loss on the mound, despite holding SC in check for most of the game.

"Amanda threw a good game," said PCA coach Dan Hammar. "We committed a lot

of errors behind her, which didn't help. But even without the errors, we probably wouldn't have won because we scored only one run.

PCA managed just four hits - one each from Saagman, Carissa Elenbaas, Justine Cane and Laura Kordick. Elenbaas delivered the only RBI.

"Overall, I was very happy with our season. Our number one goal before the season started was to make it back to Regionals, and we managed that," Hammar said. "Every

game that we lost this year we were in all the way except for one. The seniors really provided a lot of leadership for the younger players and made it a fun year."

Hammar singled out seniors Saagman, Sarah Shumaker, Lindsay Pew and Kelsi Archibald as key performers for the Eagles in 2004.

"Three of the four years these girls played for us, we won district championships, so that says a lot about their contributions," Hammar said.

## Rams put together 3-game win streak

Bowling Green State's Nick Thurman stroked a 2-run double and pitcher Gary Zielke turned in six strong innings Monday as the Michigan Lake Area Rams evened their record at 4-4 with a 3-2 Livonia Collegiate Baseball League win over the Eagles at Ford Field.

Even Rodriguez contributed two hits and scored a run. Dan Dobberowsky also had an RBI.

Zielke, who played high school baseball at Livonia Stevenson and now attends Wayne State, allowing just two singles and one walk before giving way in the seventh to reliever Kyle Fedorka (Madonna University), who retired the side to pick up the save.

The loss drops the Eagles to 2-4-1.

### Rams sweep Storm

The Rams snapped a four-game losing streak Sunday in the LCBL by sweeping a double-header from the Michigan Storm at Ford Field, 3-1 and 3-3.

Ben Darga (University of Detroit Mercy) pitched a three-hit, complete game in the opener. He did not give up a walk.

Dan Dobberowsky (U-D Mercy) led the Rams offensively, going 2-for-2 with a walk and an RBI. Central Michigan's Brian Campbell, who prepped at Livonia Stevenson, added a hit and scored a run.

Catholic Central grad Kyle Crepeau (U-D Mercy), Bo Ford and Tom Wilkins had the only

hits for the Storm.

The Rams also got two hits and an RBI from Ryan Heath (Oakland University) to win the second game. Darga also knocked in a pair of runs, while Campbell and Evan Rodriguez (Albion College) each drove in a run.

Dobberowsky, the starter, pitched four innings to pick up the win. He allowed two runs on three hits and struck out eight. Stevenson's Gary Zielke (Wayne State) went two innings in relief and Paul Phillips (OU) closed out the victory as the Rams improved to 3-4 in the LCBL.

Dave Brumagin went 2-for-4 with an RBI for the Storm, who dropped to 1-4-1 in the league.

## Conlon leads Chiefs to district crown

Canton's softball team rode the "Conlon Express" to a district championship Saturday at Temperance-Bedford High School.

Molly Conlon, the Chiefs' standout junior pitcher, threw her sixth no-hitter of the season in the tournament-opening 8-0 victory over Adrian. She followed that with a five-hitter in a 1-0 triumph over the host Kicking Mules.

"Molly pitched outstanding, just like she has all year," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "And the rest of the team played well behind her, too."

Canton banged out 12 hits in the opener, scoring three runs in the first to set the tone for the rest of the game.

Brittney Scero laced a two-run double in the fourth. Two batters later, Heather

### SOFTBALL

Richardson stroked a two-run single.

Rachel Wade finished with three hits, two runs scored and one RBI. Richardson, Scero and Molly Przybylski all had two hits.

Canton was out-hit, 5-3, by the Kicking Mules, but triumphed behind Conlon's outstanding pitching and some air-tight defense behind her.

The lone run scored in the third when Jackie Perino led off with a single, advanced to third on Scero's hit and scored on a ground-out by Wade.

The two victories improved the Chiefs' record to 27-8-1 heading into Tuesday's Quarterfinal match-up against Portage Northern.

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Arrangements can be made to drop bottles off or have them picked up.

**PAL GOLF OUTING**

The Milford Police Athletic League (PAL) is sponsoring its 15th Annual Golf Outing on Wednesday, June 23, at the Lyon Oaks Golf Course in Wixom. The cost is \$90 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and dinner. Proceeds will benefit PAL and also Substance Abuse and Violence Education (SAVE). A 9 a.m. shotgun start will begin the festivities.

For more information, contact Rick Sharpe at (248) 684-1322.

**PLYMOUTH POM BOTTLE DRIVE**

Plymouth High School's varsity and junior varsity pom squads are having their annual bottle drive on June 26. To make a donation, please contact a Saberette or Judy and Jessie Bono at (734) 455-4318 to make arrangements for pick-up or delivery.

**PLYMOUTH VOLLEYBALL**

The Plymouth Volleyball Camp for grades 6-10 will be from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 26-28, at the high school.

For more information, call Kelly McCausland at (734) 454-0704 or e-mail bigju016@yahoo.com.

**WILDCAT GOLF OUTING**

The Plymouth Wildcat football golf outing is scheduled for July 31 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads. Registration is from noon until the 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Cost is \$100 per golfer, \$50 for dinner only. There will also be games and drawings.

Money and entry information may be sent to: PHS Football Golf Outing, 47450 Wallingford Ct., Canton, MI, 48818.

**CAR WASH**

The Plymouth HS varsity and junior varsity Saberettes are having a car-wash fundraiser at the Rite Aid on Ford Road and Canton Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 19.

**BASEBALL SCHOOL**

The Doyle Baseball School will return to Plymouth Christian Academy for two sessions this summer, from July 5-9 and July 12-16. Baseball and softball players between six and 16 years old will be instructed in hitting, throwing and fielding from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day during the five-day school.

Doyle Baseball, now in its 23rd year, conducts satellite schools all over the country and in Canada. More than 500,000 players have received instruction at the school, including several pro players.

Tuition is \$95 per player for payments received before June 18, \$115 for those received after that date. To register call PCA's Sandy Murray at (734) 459-3505, ext. 117 until July 10. After that, call PCA baseball coach Don Shumaker at (734) 416-0513.

**GOLF INFO**

Tryouts for Madonna University's men's and women's golf teams will be at 11 a.m. June 19, at noon on July 26 and at 10 a.m. on Aug. 6 at Whispering Willows, located at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

Scholarships are still available for both teams. For further information, call coach Bill Durham at (734) 564-5267 or contact via email at bill-durham@pga.com . . .

Crystal Mountain Golf School is now offering lessons for all phases of golf talent at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth. For more information, log on at www.foxhills.com or call (734) 453-7272.

**SOCCER SIGN-UP**

The city of Plymouth

Recreation Department will be taking fall youth soccer registration from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the month of June at the Recreation office, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

All first-time registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for those competing in under-six through under-eight divisions is \$60 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents. For under-nine and older divisions, the cost is \$65 for city of Plymouth residents and \$95 for non-residents.

For further information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or check its website at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

**HOOP CAMPS**

The dates are set for the Canton/Salem Girls Summer Basketball Camps, conducted by Salem coach Fred Thomann and Canton coach Bob Blohm.

For girls entering fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades

this fall, the camp will be from 1-3 p.m. June 21-25. All camps will be in the Canton gym.

Cost is \$70, checks made payable to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. For more information, call (734) 416-2937 or (734) 414-8156.

**COACHES WANTED**

Plymouth HS currently has openings for the following coaching positions: boys freshmen soccer coach and girls freshmen basketball coach.

Anyone interested in those positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700 or stop at the Plymouth athletic department, located at 8400 N. Beck Road in Canton to pick up an application.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Top 50 Junior Golf Tour, presented by the Michigan Section PGA, is seeking volunteers to help with its upcoming junior golf season. The tour is

a southeast Michigan golf tour designed to give boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 the opportunity to earn scholarship money to further their educations after high school while promoting the growth of the game.

"We have experienced tremendous growth in the tour throughout the signup period so far this spring," said tour director Dan Thomas. "Due to that growth, we could certainly use the assistance of anyone that could help us out."

"Anyone that likes golf and likes working with young people is more than welcome. We could use additional folks to help us by working as starters, for tournament registration and sign in, scoring and transportation."

Interested volunteers should contact Thomas at (248) 321-9900.

The Top 50 Junior Tour consists of 10 qualifiers and 10 tournaments, played on Michigan public and private courses between June 15 and Aug. 20.

**GOLF OUTING**

The annual Salem Rocks Football Golf Outing will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 19 at Hickory Creek Golf Course. The scrambles format event 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.

**PLAYERS NEEDED**

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Games are set for the Western Wayne and Oakland

County areas. The season begins June 7 — weekend tournaments too.

Please call coach Tom Chiatelas as soon as possible if interested in learning more on his cell phone at (810) 814-0579.

**WALKING CLUB**

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will offer a new Walking Club beginning March 29. Everyday, on a drop-in basis, people will meet at the Plymouth Cultural Center (located at 525 Farmer) and walk a variety of routes mapped out by the Recreation Department, or they can blaze their own trail. There are no fees or registrations involved. The morning start time is 9:30 a.m.; the evening start time is 6:30 p.m. For more information, call the city of Plymouth Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, ext. 302.

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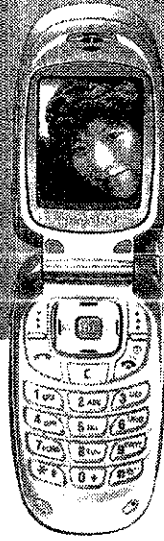
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was taught. But the umpire ruled runner interference, which means the runner gets at least one base. They gave her an additional base as well because they thought she would have scored without the collision."

The ruling became even more significant because Canton pitcher Molly Conlon retired the next two batters easily on a pop up to Delapaz and a strike out. If Williams would have been sent back to third base - as many of the Canton faithful thought she should have been - the Chiefs would have escaped the inning with a 2-1 lead. Instead, it was 2-2 and the Huskies had seized the momentum.

Canton failed to score in its half of the sixth and both teams went down in order in the seventh, setting up a dramatic eighth inning.

Northern catcher Shannon Smith led off the eighth with a hard-hit double up the left-centerfield alley. Three of the next four Husky batters reached on Chief errors, which resulted in two runs and a 4-2 Canton deficit.

Northern pitcher Mary Elise Gierke induced the Chiefs to hit into three groundouts in the bottom of the eighth to seal the win.

"I told the girls after the game to keep their heads up because they have

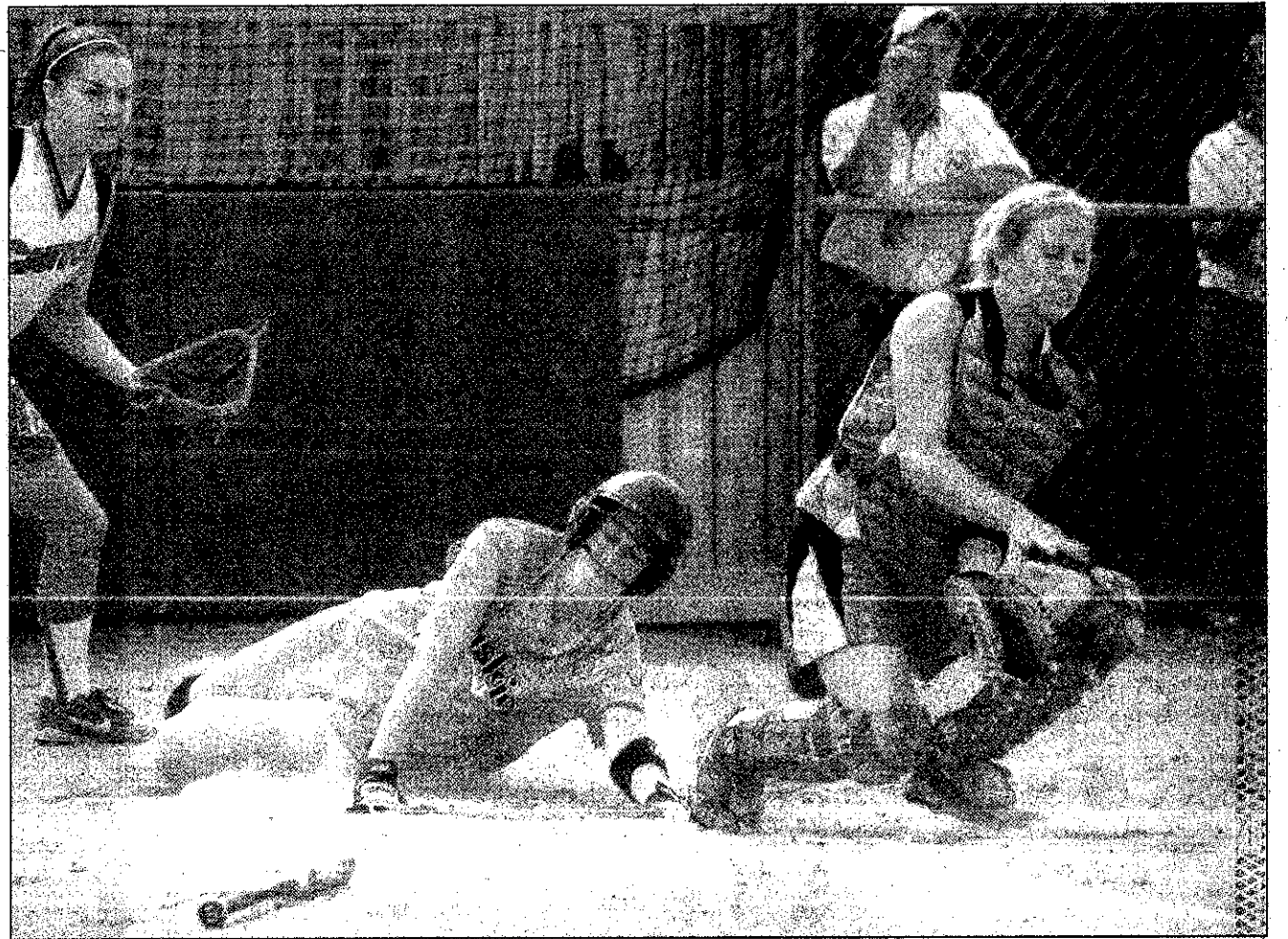
a lot to be proud of," Arnold said. "We were one of the top eight teams in Division 1 this year, and that says a lot. The girls never gave up all year and they have nothing to be ashamed of."

Canton's bats were hotter than the 80-degree game-time temperatures in the first inning. Lead-off batter Brittney Scero laced a double, advanced to third on a wild pitch, and scored on Rachel Wade's single. After Heather Richardson sacrificed Wade to second, Delapaz singled Wade to third, and Kathy Baker followed with an RBI single to center, giving Canton a 2-0 lead.

After Baker singled, Northern coach Tom Hamilton visited the mound and delivered a spirited pep talk to Gierke. She apparently got the message as allowed just two more base-runners the rest of the way - a walk to Anne Rosales in the second and a Richardson single in the sixth. Gierke finished with five strikeouts.

Conlon was equally effective for the Chiefs, giving up just two hits over the first five innings while striking out six. She finished with eight strikeouts.

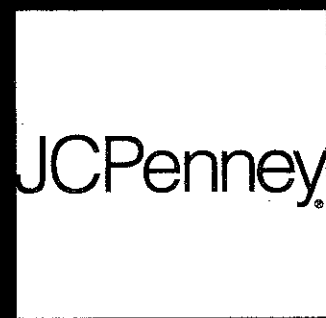
"I was very proud of my entire team this year, but especially my seniors," Arnold concluded. "They set the tone early in the year and carried on the tradition for the younger girls to continue. They did everything I could have asked of them."



Canton catcher Heather Richardson comes up with the ball too late as Portage Northern's Shannon Smith scores the game-winning run in the eighth inning.

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he kept us off balance."

Shamrocks Coach John Salter also praised his starting pitcher, and his team for improving their defense in recent weeks.

"Our guys are really focused this tournament. Mike Monterey had a heck of a game for us. He's got a fastball, curveball; he's got good control and doesn't get into trouble with walks."

Monterey allowed just one walk and had two strikeouts. He also just allowed three hits until the sixth inning.

With two out in the sixth, Warren struck back with two singles and a bloop double, to score their final two runs. Salter brought in centerfielder Greg Marrone in relief.

Offensive stars for Catholic Central included senior Drew Amble with a single and a double, Vojtkofsky with two singles and two RBIs, senior Joe Dudzinski with two doubles and an RBI, and Monterey with three hits, a walk and two RBIs.

"I thought Matt Lewis (two hits) had a good game," said Warren's Kelly. He also praised Josh Kirsten, who had two hits.

Warren answered C.C.'s opening rally with Lewis' lead off double in the bottom of the first. He advanced to third on an infield ground out, and came home on another ground out.

But C.C. kept coming, scoring two runs in the top of the third and four more in the fifth. In that inning, the plate umpire asked Salter to remove senior Nathan Rzeppa from the game, after he used his hands to push off Warren catcher Jose Bosch, who was blocking the plate as Rzeppa tried to score from third. Rzeppa was not suspended from the game.

Coming in to pitch in relief with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth inning, C.C.'s Marrone got the first batter to pop up to shallow right center.

Marrone allowed a hit and struck a batter in the bottom of the seventh, but a ground out force play ended the game.

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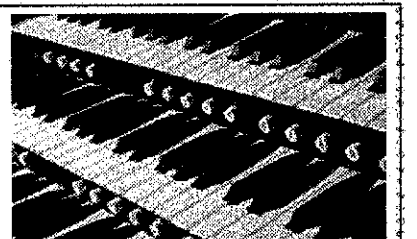
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The back yard of Donna and Jimmie Comer's home is highlighted by granddaughter Jasmine's garden.

## Farmington shows off its gardening talents

Donna Comer said she has gardened since she was a child. Today she watches all the gardening shows and says she loves to go to garden walks.

On Saturday, it's her turn to shine when the Farmington Garden Club's annual Garden Walk features her and husband Jimmie's yard along with five others.

"When the president of the North Farmington club came over and said she'd nominate me, I didn't think that they'd pick mine (for the walk)," Comer said. "But then they called me and I was just elated."

And she loves garden walks, anyway. "I love going on garden walks," Comer said. "I'm in seventh heaven."

The walk allows visitors a glimpse into the yards of a few green thumbs. But what does it take in the garden to get on a garden tour?

"The gardens should be better than ordinary," said Nan Reid, organizer of the Farmington Garden Walk 2004. "Some of them are exceptional. We like to have a mix of gardens, shade or sun."

The Farmington Garden Walk organizers like to have a good variety, Reid said.

"One garden is like 'I Spy,'" Reid said. Stone steps appear with a waterfall next to it, while a sculpture appears to be peering out. "It's whimsical and very beautiful, truly beautiful," Reid said.

Donna and Jimmie Comer's yard is described as artistic, with an abundance of harmonious color, texture and sounds and a wetlands as a backdrop.

The yard is a small-space garden, Comer said.

"We have lots of perennials, several rose bushes and clematis vines," Comer said. The yard also features a two-tier water garden, a side yard is highlighted with a garden of shade plants of hostas, hydrangeas and ferns.

Garden accent pieces include frogs in the pond, an iron angel, concrete urns and rabbits. "I have a collage of different things," Comer said.

Peggy and Roger Maggid's garden is also featured. "It's a cottage garden with a lot of color, flowers and garden," Peggy Maggid said.

The back yard contained nothing about 10 years ago when they moved into the home, and they started with two transplanted

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Gladys Gallagher tends to the pond in her backyard. Her property is one of the seven featured on the Greenmead Garden Walk on Saturday, June 26.

# Greenyards

## Greenmead homeowners open gates for tour

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
STAFF WRITER

A yard is to a gardener what an empty canvas is to a painter.

Just ask a few of the gardeners whose properties are featured in Livonia's 15th annual Garden Walk on Saturday, June 26. (See related chart.)

With a lot of hard work and creativity, Gladys Gallagher and Andrew Grifka transformed their separate yards into something from almost nothing.

"When my husband built our house 27 years ago, our property was a raw lot with a few tiny trees," Gallagher said.

And after 15 years of labor, Grifka turned his "overgrown" property into what he calls his "piece of paradise."

"I love seeing the results of my work," Grifka said. "I enjoy watching the stuff I put together, come together."

Gallagher now has a patio and a deck and the tiny trees are now big elm and maple trees. And the pine trees she planted from

gallon buckets 25 years ago are now 40 to 50 feet high. Included on her property are blue spruce trees, Japanese maples that she said are "spectacular," clematis, vines and a pond she put in this year.

One attraction is her trumpet vine — a vine with orange flowers shaped like trumpets that attracts butterflies and hummingbirds — that acts as a roof for her patio.

"I have been trimming it for years to make it look like a roof," Gallagher said.

Another is the weeping crab apple tree in her front yard that she trimmed to look like an umbrella.

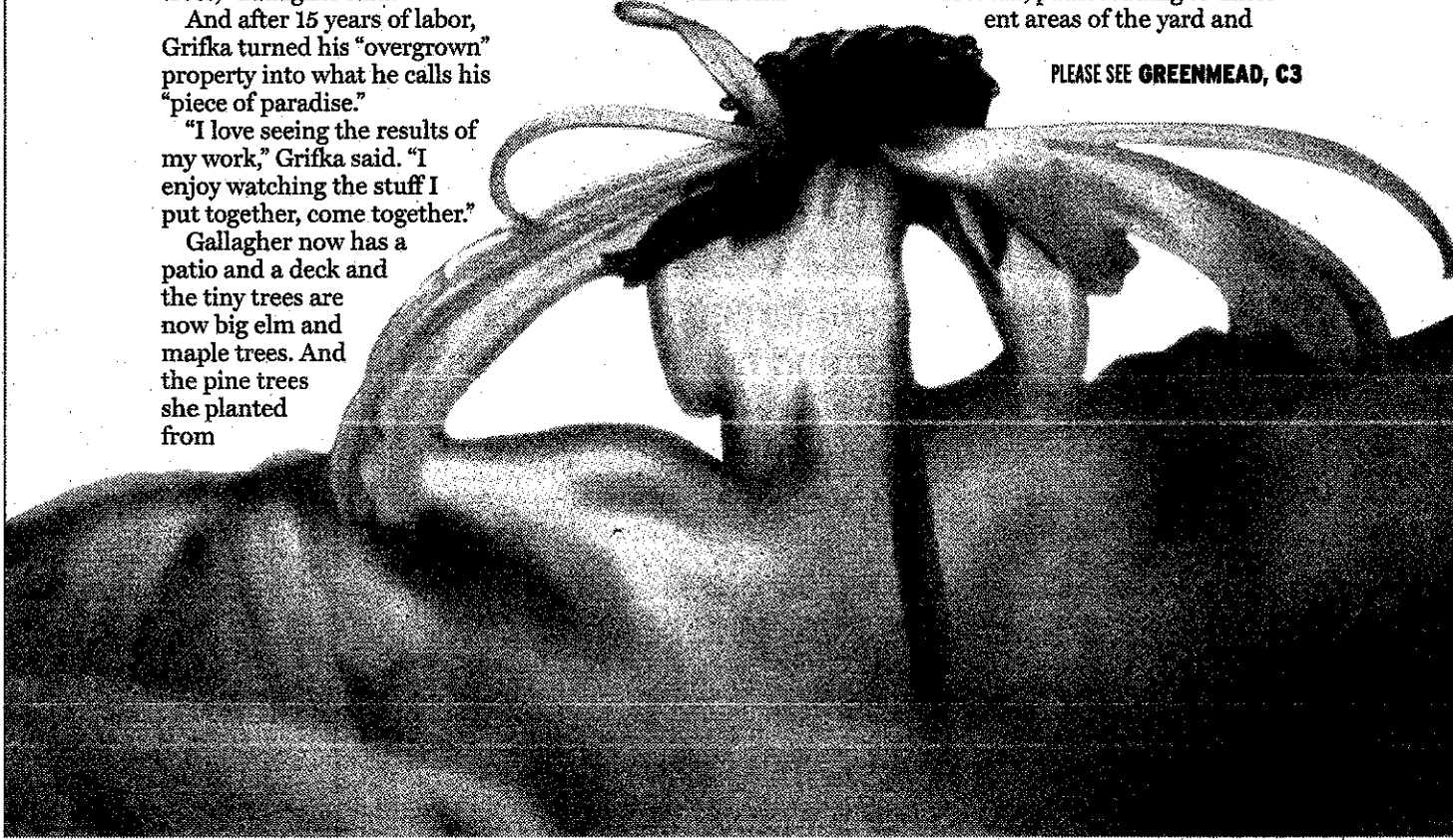
"My husband tells me I must love dirt because I am the happiest when my hands and face are dirty," Gallagher said. "I go out and dig and just forget about everything else."

Grifka said his yard has been a work in process.

In his front yard is a fountain, on the side of the house is little pond and hosta garden, and in the back yard is a three-tier patio, two large ponds, another fountain and Japanese koi fish, shade gardens, a raised rose garden and a large perennial garden.

Also in the back is a large Japanese maple tree about 60 feet tall, paths leading to different areas of the yard and

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Cost is \$39.95. Outdoor candle lighting is conducive to conversation, making everyone more relaxed and comfortable, says a Long Island-based interior designer. And candles are perfect for adding light to any table to highlight the food or for illuminating walkways. Placing candles between flowers in gardens or planter boxes allows homeowners to show off their garden at night. The candles create a softness, giving a nice, cozy mood to the atmosphere.

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## Accents

### Rose shows

Everything will be coming up roses at the Detroit Rose Society Spring Rose Show scheduled for Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20, at Universal Mall, 12 Mile and Dequindre in Warren.

The Metropolitan Rose Society Rose Show also has a show Saturday-Sunday, June 19-20, at Macomb Mall, 32233 Gratiot in Roseville. Rosarians will be available to answer questions about roses.

### Seminars are free

English Gardens hosts free gardening seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

In Shade Gardening (June 23), learn how to create a beautiful, colorful garden that will bloom year after year in the shade. Some of the most popular perennials for shade, as well as tried-and-true favorites, will be discussed. You'll learn how to select plant materials, and combine colors and textures to design a beautiful garden.

In Guide to Daylilies (June 30), learn about one of the favorite perennials, including popular varieties, dividing tips and care information.

The stores are at 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple, in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506); 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak-Troy (phone (248) 280-9500); 22650 Ford at Outer Drive in Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433); 44850 Garfield at Hall in Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100); and 22501 Kelly at Nine Mile in Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200). For more information, visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).

### Tour

This new tour explores the gardens of Meadow Brook Hall and architectural structures surrounding the Hall. Tours are available at 12:45 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Admission is \$8 (free for ages 2 and under). Call (248) 370-3140.

### More about roses

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating summer with a series of fast-paced programs that will enable Michigan gardeners to succeed with roses in their gardens. The schedule includes Roses for Michigan, 1 p.m. Sunday, June 20 (Father's Day); and Japanese Beetle Control for Roses, 1 p.m. Sunday, June 27, or 11 a.m. Monday, June 28. These programs are free and reservations aren't required. The June 20 program is a slide lecture and book signing with Nancy Lindley, author of the only rose book focused entirely on success with roses in Michigan.

Each presentation will last about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather.

Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. For more information, visit [www.GreatLakesRoses.com](http://www.GreatLakesRoses.com), or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flier.

# Redford garden bursts with color

A small back yard in Redford is home to the lovely garden of Ginny Hoffman and Tony Morris. The lot is long, deep and narrow and they have used the space to create a garden filled with many colorful plants. Their choice of color is outstanding. The beds line all the sides of the garden and gracefully undulate as one section leads to another. As I walked around this peaceful setting, I was astounded at the variety. Annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees all add their beauty. A wooden fence provides privacy on three sides; the garage the other. Flowering clematis



**Garden Spot**  
**Marty Figley**

and a pink rose grow on the fence. A pink rose of Sharon growing in a corner, adds height.

White and pink phlox, pink astilbe, coneflower, bright yellow black-eyed Susans (surrounded by ferns), orange and yellow zinnias and deep blue ageratum are just a few of the plants, along with gray-green

pulmonaria that blooms in pink and blue in the summer, light pink geraniums and blue impatiens. A lot of heliotrope adds a thread of purple throughout the beds. Grasses add their magic touch as do New Guinea impatiens and coleus with their deep rich colors.

Flower colors are repeated throughout the gardens that give it a settled look, not at all cluttered. One plant gets a lot of attention. "Many people want to know what it is," Ginny said. Its bright yellow rays with deep orange/mahogany centers are striking. It's Sneezeweed, Helenium autumnale a relative of the sunflower.

In a shady corner near the patio an 'old snow ball bush' is arrayed with Christmas lights and a dogwood tree grows nearby. Sweet woodruff, ferns and hostas all grow well together in this area. The patio, which Tony installed, is made of sandstone.

When I visited in early September, most of the flowers mentioned were still blooming. As the weather becomes cooler, the sedum will continue to go from pink to a deeper shade, pink chrysanthemums and purple asters will bloom.

There are pleasant surprises such as little figures and a tiny pond nestled in a bed where a tiny gold fish swims.

Many containers are filled with flowers and are placed strategically in and around the garden. Some lead to the back

door, others are tucked in with those in the beds. Long boxes on the front porch are full of pretty flowers as are other containers. The walk from the driveway that leads to the porch is made of flagstone, also Tony's handiwork.

The couple has plans to build a water garden beside the garage next year that will add a pleasant sound to this restful garden.

Ginny says, "This garden is a work in progress, we plan and work in it equally."

## HARDY PERENNIALS

Make your reservation today to attend a seminar on hardy perennials 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Gerych's Nursery, 713 Silver Lake Rd, Fenton. Tickets are \$25; check or money order accepted. A light lunch is included. The program will feature Michael Saint, owner of Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design of Clarkston, who will discuss the newest trends in landscape architecture. These trends favor time and resource conservation.

Saint will discuss how to mimic nature in your own backyard; with examples of tried and true perennials he has personally found to be true winners in the Michigan landscape. For information, call (248) 620-7188.

## LEARN ABOUT BONSAI



The garden of Ginny Hoffman and Tony Morris is a work of art.

Are you interested in bonsai? If so, plan to attend the annual meeting of the Four Seasons Bonsai Club of Michigan Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20 at the Washington Square Building at Washington and Fourth in Royal Oak. Hours are 10 a.m.- 9 p.m. June 19, and 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. June 20. Admission is \$3; free for under age 12.

The art of bonsai is an ancient craft that began in the Orient, most probably in China. Thousands of years ago in ancient China, people went into the woods and countryside and found small trees that they took back to their homes and nurtured; maintaining the dwarf size by careful pruning of the roots and limbs.

Ongoing demonstrations will be conducted, bonsai plants, pots, tools and supplies will be for sale. Questions? Call (248) 585-9916.

Father's Day is just around the corner, so here's a couple of suggestions that may be per-

fect for the man of the hour.

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An herb garden adds a little flavor to the Harrison family's historic haven.

**GARDENS**

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bushes. She doesn't know all the names of perennials and shrubs she planted.

"I'll buy a plant because I like how it looks," she said.

Trips to England helped inspire the homeowners.

"I like the cottage look, I like color and I like shapes," Maggid said.

"When you look at it, we wanted to feel good. We wanted a happy yard."

Five other gardens are featured.

The yard at the home of Karla and Tim Miller contains a circular elevated patio and waterfall which anchor the backyard.

The 60-year-old yard is completely screened from the street.

The creativity of the garden at the home of Peggy, Roger and Ryan Maggid is reflected in the English Cottage Style garden with ideas gathered from past trips to England.

Joan and Mike Harrison enjoy an herb garden, "Grandma's Garden of Roses," hardy shrubs and perennials and container plants along with a pool.

Richard and Tina Jensen's yard is highlighted with three seasons of color, scores of bulbs, perennials and annuals to attract butterflies and birds.

Dennis and Sue Antishin planted colorful annuals through a woodland setting, that opens to a sunny corner of perennials at the rear of the yard.

Funds raised by the Farmington Garden Club have helped support civic beautification, Habitat for Humanity, Farmington Goodfellows, Farmington Community Library Junior Gardeners program and Farmington Public Schools Schoolyard Habitat program.

"It's extremely generous of the residents," Reid said.

"They are all so proud of their gardens, and they are honored for all their hard work."

**TOWN AND COUNTRY TOUR**

**What:** A Town and Country tour, the Farmington Garden Club's Garden Walk, features six gardens, and includes entry form to win planting from Steinkopf Nursery.

**When:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., rain or shine, Saturday, June 19

**Tickets:** \$7 in advance from Steinkopf Nursery, Farmington Road, north of Eight Mile. On the day of the tour, tickets will be sold at Heritage Park Visitors Center (Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Road) Refreshments will be served. Through arrangements with its sponsor, Steinkopf Nursery, the Farmington Garden Club Garden Shop offers special plants and unique garden decor.

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seating areas. And all throughout his property are a variety of statues.

His 15- by 15-foot raised rose garden is stocked with a variety of hearty roses in all different colors, and his perennial garden is designed so that different flowers bloom at different times throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Grifka said his property in old Livonia, on which his 1935 "castle house" sits, is a natural setting that is "very peaceful and very pretty."

"There's a lot more beautiful places in the world, but in the summer there's no place I'd rather be than in my yard," he said.

Janet Bennett, president of the Friends for the Development of Greenmead, the group presenting the walk, said she can't pick just one highlight.

"That would be like a mother picking which child she likes best," Bennett said.

The walk has a good variation this year, she said.

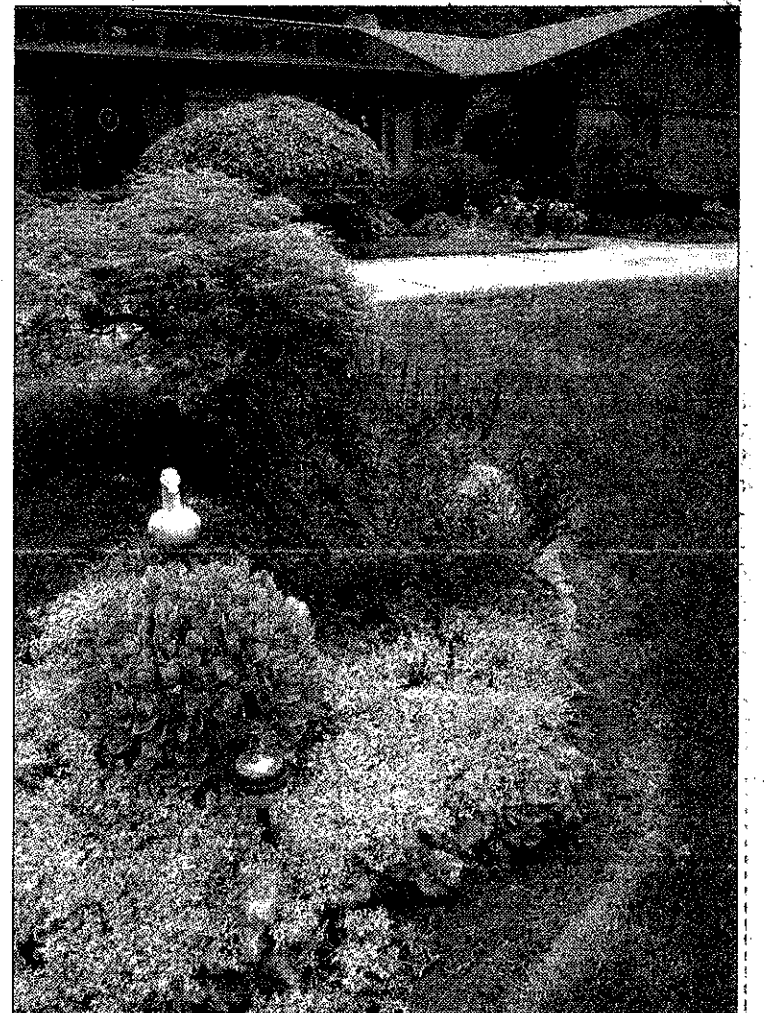
And the walk is not only for those who love gardening, but also for those who just want to see the fascinating things people do with their yards, she added.

Rosita Trimble's yard has a unique twist that may fascinate garden walkers; it has been certified by the National Wildlife Federation, an organization that promotes habitats for birds and small animals.

For certification, Trimble said her yard has to have certain water and shrubs in order to create a habitat for wildlife.

"I call it my 'God-beautiful' garden," she said. "It brings me great joy." Trimble has shrubs birds can nest in, a pond animals can drink from and trees with berries the animals can eat.

Also, she has Japanese koi fish in her pond, many perennial and annuals, islands throughout the property providing "splashes of color" and



Although Gladys Gallagher's property was once an empty lot with a few tiny trees, it is now filled with color and beauty. Her front yard is highlighted by one of the beautiful gardens.

benches to sit on.

Trimble said gardening relieves stress and is great exercise, too.

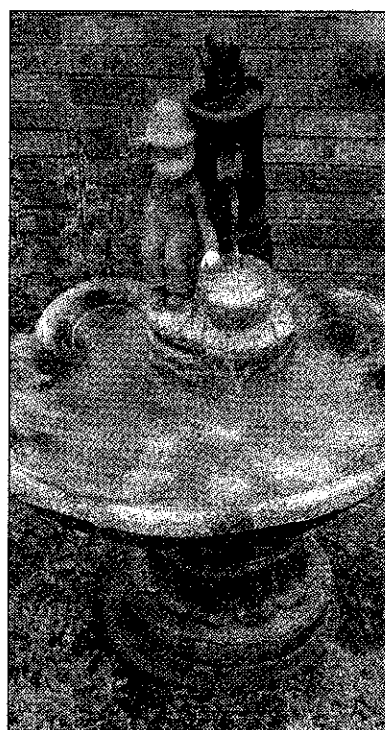
"I just love it. It's my passion," she said.

Marian Renaud, program supervisor for Greenmead Historical Park, said the walk is one of the biggest opportunities to aid in saving Livonia history.

Livonia used to be a farming community, she said, and as the city developed elements were lost, but are now preserved at Greenmead.

Garden lovers can enjoy the walk and the beautiful

yards, but they also can support Greenmead by raising money for restoration projects and increasing public awareness of the historical restoration.



A fountain adds color and creativity to the Gallagher front yard.

**15TH ANNUAL GARDEN WALK IN LIVONIA**

**What:** Seven featured gardens and yards of homes throughout Livonia. All proceeds of the event benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26

**Where:** Tickets can be purchased at the Greenmead office located at Greenmead Historical Park at 20501 Newburgh Road, just south of Eight Mile, or the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall, at Five Mile Road east of Farmington Road, or at any of the Livonia public libraries.

**Tickets:** \$9 in advance, \$10 the day of event. Maps of the walk will be available the day of the event.

**For more information:** call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855.

**GARDEN CALENDAR**

**Hill and Dale**

The Hill and Dale Garden Club will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Heritage Park Visitor's Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. The evening will include a meet and greet and installation of new officers. The public may attend. For more information, call Linda Talacki at (248) 646-4374.

**Oriental gardens**

Eric Grant will show you how to bring a bit of the Orient to your own garden in Gardens of the Orient, a slide presentation scheduled 10 a.m. Saturday, June 19, at Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy. Learn about the plants and elements traditionally used, and how to design proper placement for an effective "place of peace." Highlights of Telly's recent expedition to China and some internationally known Chinese and Japanese gardens will be included. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

**Tropicals**

The Michigan School of Gardening will offer a class, Tropicals in the Landscape, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, at Goldner Walsh

**Nursery**

559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Fee is \$40. Register early. Seating is limited. Call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michiangardening.com. The class, which was rescheduled from February, will be taught by writer and advanced master gardener Martha Ferguson. Learn how to use all the bold foliage and exotic look of tropical plants in your garden.

**Iris club**

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais (three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile; phone (248) 246-3900). Admission is free. The public may attend. Reblooming irises will be discussed. Attend the meeting to learn the answers to such questions as: What are reblooming irises? Where do I buy them? How do I grow them? Why won't my rebloomers rebloom? For more information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

**Hostas**

Learn about caring for and using hostas in your garden 10 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy. Perennial sales manager Tom Guibord, who attended the National Hosta Convention, will share numerous slides of hosta gardens and new varieties for a shade garden. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

**Fresh garden**

Learn many of the simple tricks used by professional gardeners in Keeping Your Garden Fresh, a class offered at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The class will take place 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, June 30. Cost is \$20. Instructor Sue Grubba has been designing residential and commercial landscapes for 15 years. She is the owner of Creative Scapes, a landscape and flower garden design firm, and is an advanced master gardener and senior instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit www.communityhouse.com.

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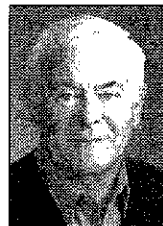
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## Fix up that frosty refrigerator

I don't know if I'm receiving more emails each week because more homeowners are purchasing computers than ever or because more readers and radio listeners are tuning in.



**Appliance Doctor**

**Joe Gagnon**

This one comes from Bill who has spent a lot of time trying to figure out what is wrong with his refrigerator. "I bought a Kenmore refrigerator in 1999 with an ice and water dispenser. About 10 days ago we noticed that the freezer was warm and the ice maker stopped working. I checked the hose on the inside that feeds the ice maker and found it was not frozen. (I have had this happen in the past.) I cleaned all the dirt and dust under the refrigerator to make sure that wasn't the problem. Then, I took the back off the inside of the freezer and noticed a lot of snow (frost) built up in there. With the door opened I could see that it was thawing pretty quick so I left it opened until the frost melted.

"Later I reinstalled the back wall and connected the electrical plug back into the wall socket and decided to let it run over night. Lo and behold, when we

woke up the next morning, the freezer was cold again and the ice maker was working. This feeling of pride lasted about seven days and then the thing stopped freezing and the ice maker quit making ice.

"Does this sound like something I can fix myself or should I call for service? Regards, Bill."

You cleaned the condenser under the refrigerator which is the most important aspect of maintenance that can be performed by a homeowner. That should save you a lot of money in operational costs every year and add years of life to the compressor. The "snow" you observed behind the back inside wall is the culprit that's causing all the problems. The evaporator coil is filled with it, won't let air travel through it and consequently, cold air is not being dispersed throughout the inside of both the freezer and refrigerator. When you left it open for a long time, the snow melted and then air could move through that evaporator coil.

This problem is created by a failure to self defrost and I believe you can fix this yourself. Take the model and serial number off the refrigerator and visit your local appliance service shop and have them put it up on their computer or film card system.

They can show you the three components that make up the

defrost system and how they can be changed and checked out by the homeowner. The ice-maker was not working because it has a separate thermostat built into it which must be 10 degrees or colder before it will call for water. Once the freezer reaches cold temperatures, the ice maker begins to work.

A little service trick I use when having to defrost a lot of snow and frost like you discovered behind the wall is to use boiling water. I would boil a big pot of water on the range, place it in front of the refrigerator on a wooden block and a throw rug and use a coffee mug to scoop and throw the boiling water into the massive pile of snow. I would place a thick bath towel on the inside floor of the freezer, which absorbed the boiling water I was throwing in there.

During this repair, I always took out of my toolbox my faithful old turkey baster and pumped some hot water down the drain tube.

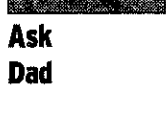
As my grandfather used to say, "Always look down the road ahead of your nose and you'll see a problem before it happens." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

## Keep blades sharp to mulch properly

Once heard that if lawns were considered crops, they'd cover more land area in this country than any other.

That seems like a reasonable estimate to me. What I find sort of ironic is that if this is true; we throw our most popular crop away once we "harvest" (or mow) it.



**Ask Dad**

**Harry Jachym**

both sides.

Now that the monsoons we've been experiencing may be letting up a bit, and we can get back into a more normal mowing pattern, let's look at bagging as opposed to mulching as well as some other lawn mowing techniques.

It really doesn't matter if you are mulching or bagging, using a rotary or real-type mower, the blade must be sharp. Dull blades whack away at the grass, and are more likely to tear leaves than cut them.

One of my neighbors uses a belt sander to sharpen his mower blades right on the mower. Another uses a big file.

If you do choose to sharpen the blade while on the mower, be certain to disconnect the spark plug wire from the spark plug, which helps keep the motor from accidentally starting.

Be sure to remove the same amount of material from each side of the blade or you may throw the mower out of balance, causing a damaging vibration.

I like to have two blades. That way I can have one in the shop being sharpened, while the other is on the mower. To remove a blade from the mower, first disconnect the spark plug wire from the spark plug.

Then, from underneath hold on, with a rag or glove and use a wrench to remove the bolt holding the blade on the motor shaft.

Reverse the process to install a new blade. I find an adjustable wrench can be cumbersome for this job, but if it's all you have, use it.

It's especially important the blade be kept sharp on mulching mowers.

Mulching machines work by continually cutting and re-cutting the grass clippings until they are very fine. They are then deposited into, not onto the lawn.

If the blade isn't sharp, the clippings are pulverized and form moist clumps drop onto

the lawn. Clippings may also stick to the underside of the mower deck, causing the mower to bog down, stall, or prematurely rust the mower deck. Grass cut with a dull blade looks ragged and stringy at the cut line and will often have a white or yellowish-brown cast. Along with keeping the blade sharp, there are a few other ways to keep large clumps of clippings off your lawn when mulching.

First, avoid cutting the lawn when the grass is wet. Don't cut more than one-third of the height of the grass. (It's been difficult to maintain that length with all the rain we've had.)

When grass gets long, that's when bagging works best. Don't cut too fast or cut a wide path.

The fewer clippings under the deck, the better the blade can mulch.

If you are looking for a new mower, I suggest getting one that allows bagging or mulching. Get one that provides sufficient horsepower to keep the blade speed fast enough for mulching (or about 5 horsepower or more).

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident.

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# Special welcome

## Sylvan Lake sets first home, garden tour

Richard and Carol Vanker's home is nestled in a quiet, tree-filled neighborhood in Sylvan Lake.

The Southern Colonial style house, which marks its centennial this year, has a stately mien, with a 100-year-old, oval, stained glass window at the peak.

The residence looks out on a calm lake. A lush lawn and gentle shrubs are spread in front.

"We like sitting on the porch watching the world go by," Carol said. "We've gotten to know a lot of people through that."

Many passersby comment on how beautiful the house is, she says.

Such friendliness, and such lovely and interesting residences, are typical of Sylvan Lake.

Whether you have wondered about certain houses in Sylvan Lake, or have never visited it, a special invitation is extended to you for next week.

The tiny (1.5 square miles, population about 1,900), picturesque community will have its first Home and Garden Tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26 (see related items).

The event will feature eight homes with gardens, and two additional gardens. Sylvan Lake's original Interurban train exchange and original post office, both now private homes, will be noted on the tour.

A shuttle bus for visitors needing assistance will be available, courtesy of American House Independent Living Residences.

Judy Schwanitz is chairing the event. Famed artist Eric Weigand, who lives in one of the featured homes, designed the graphic logo for the tour. The tour starting point will be the Sylvan Lake Community Center.

Visitors will see how the residents put their own stamp on each home.

## Here are samples of other houses on tour

Other houses on the Sylvan Lake Home and Garden Tour include:

■ A bungalow that the current homeowners redecorated on their own.

Their creativity shows everywhere, including the charming outdoor sitting area in front, the unusual shelving arrangement in the living room, and the red bathroom inspired by a similar red room at the Grand Hotel.

The beautiful back yard features three spectacular purple clematis plants.

■ A Craftsman style home, built in 1924, with flooring milled from a 100-year-old hickory tree that fell during a windstorm in 2000.

The family has done a lot of work in the home together, including the ceramic tile in the basement

and the brick pavers.

■ A custom-built modern home with a reflective, silver, barrel-vaulted roof. The house is made of wood, steel and expanses of glass. A large steel beam sculpture adorns the path to the front entrance.

■ A cedar shake, cottage style house that sits on a hill and has a winding outside stairway. The homeowner, a graphic artist, designed and handcrafted the intricate tile work on the first floor. The garden features 20 different types of hostas.

■ A house, originally built in 1955 and remodeled in 1997, that has a "war room" above the garage serving as a multi-purpose office. The second floor also features a wooden cupola, with an aluminum staircase, that overlooks a lake.

"We wanted (a tour with) something for anybody," said Marlene Toby, one of the organizers.

"Anybody with any imagination can get some great ideas here."

A sampling of houses featured on the tour shows how eclectic the community is as well as the creativity of the residents.

The Vankers have lived in their house for 26 years, raising three sons, now ages 18, 20 and 22. Their residence is the first permanent lakeside house built in Sylvan Lake.

The family, the third owners of the property, added three bedrooms and a family room, and opened the screened-in wooden porch.

"We tried to keep its original (spirit) to a degree," Carol said. Inside, the house is smaller than what it appears from the

outside. Natural oak trim runs throughout, and antiques are among the furnishings.

Some of the rooms are angled, such as the cozy living room. Here an elegant Italian marble fireplace stands in one corner. The walls are a deep cranberry, the ceiling white.

Two sofas and a small wooden chair form a conversational space on an area rug; the sofas and rug have similar colors in their patterns.

Soft, sheer, white drapes grace a window. A trunk and small tables - one round, one rectangular - add to the warmth of the room.

### CONTEMPORARY

Alan Zimmerman and Bruce Weber's house was built in 1917.

Renovation plans for the 1,250-square-foot house were

### SYLVAN LAKE HOME & GARDEN TOUR

**What:** A tour of eight homes with gardens, and two additional gardens in Sylvan Lake. The 1.5-square-mile community borders on Pontiac, Keego Harbor, West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Township.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26.

**Tickets:** \$10 for groups of 10 or more, \$12 prior to the tour, \$15 at the time of the tour.

The second annual Shake at the Lake, presented by Pontiac Theater IV, will take place June 26. This year's play, performed outdoors at the lake shore, will be *Much Ado About Nothing*. A combination ticket that includes the home and garden tour, a pre-play gourmet dinner and the play is \$60. **Information:** (248) 681-2750 or (248) 681-8624.

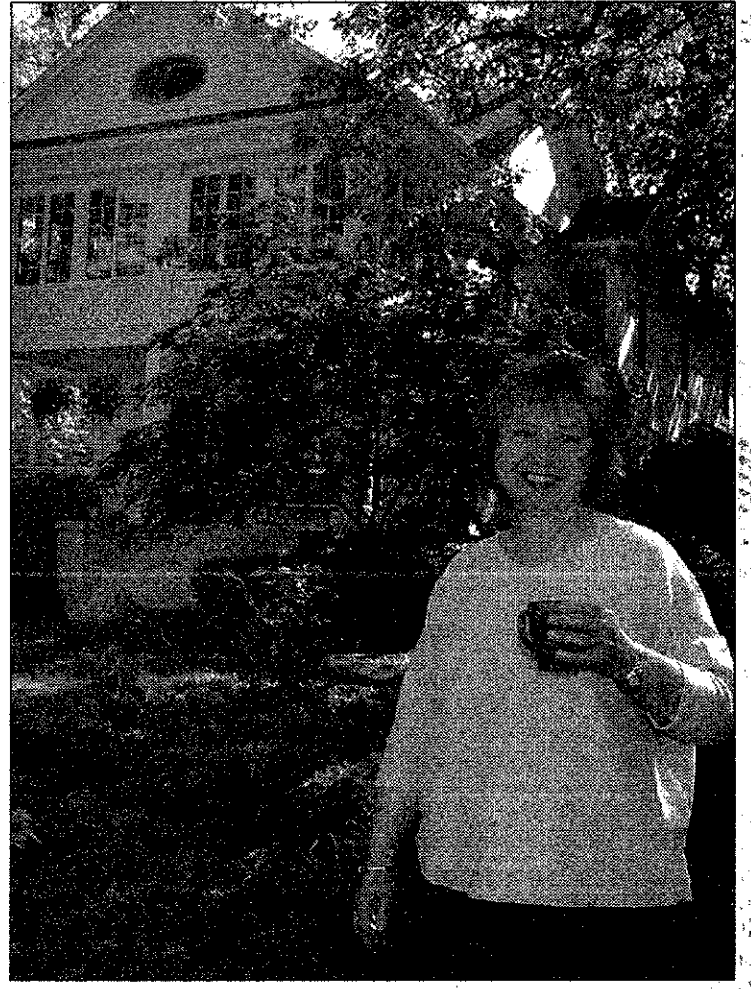
given to the then-owner as a birthday present. When Zimmerman and Weber bought the house in 1988, they put the plans into effect.

The house - now 2,350 square feet, with a 150-square-foot detached studio - is artistic in spirit and decor.

Paintings by Weber, paintings bought in Cape Cod, and other art works are arranged throughout the rooms.

The entryway features a high ceiling. The homeowners place a tall tree in the space for the holidays.

"Everybody looks forward to



Carol Vanker stands in front of her 100-year-old home, one of eight houses featured on the first Sylvan Lake Home and Garden Tour. An oval, stained glass window is at the peak of the residence, the first permanent lakeside house built in the community.

seeing our Christmas tree," Zimmerman said.

The tone of the residence is contemporary. Even small areas have a spacious feel.

The living room and adjoining dining room feature white walls, recessed lighting, and rectangular pedestals upon which art works are displayed.

In the living room, natural light pours in from windows. Sofas, a chair and an ottoman are black leather. Wall paintings, an area rug and a coffee table are colorful. Dishes on the table have an Oriental and geometric look.

In the dining room, black barrel-style chairs surround a round table. A glass block window fills one wall.

The former kitchen was converted into a bar and laundry room. Weber designed the closet doors (behind which are the washer and dryer) and stained glass windows. The

doors and windows feature Wright-like patterns.

"Frank Lloyd Wright has always been a big influence," Zimmerman said.

The current roomy kitchen was built to support a crowd, Zimmerman says. This area has plenty of space for guests to congregate. It also includes a skylight, granite tops and nutmeg-colored walls.

The back yard is a private Eden, with a variety of flowers and plants, ponds and a "river," blue slate in the walls and walk, and bronze statues from Thailand.

Weber and Zimmerman designed the garden, and designed and installed the ponds (one of which features a waterfall). Aqua Fina of Sylvan Lake designed and fabricated the "river."

"The sound of running water is very relaxing," Zimmerman said.

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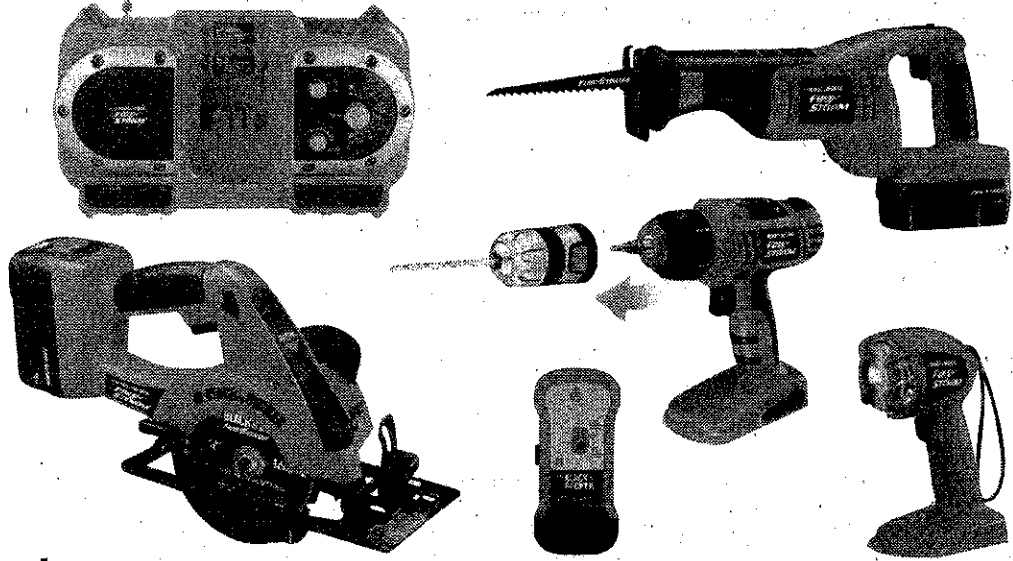
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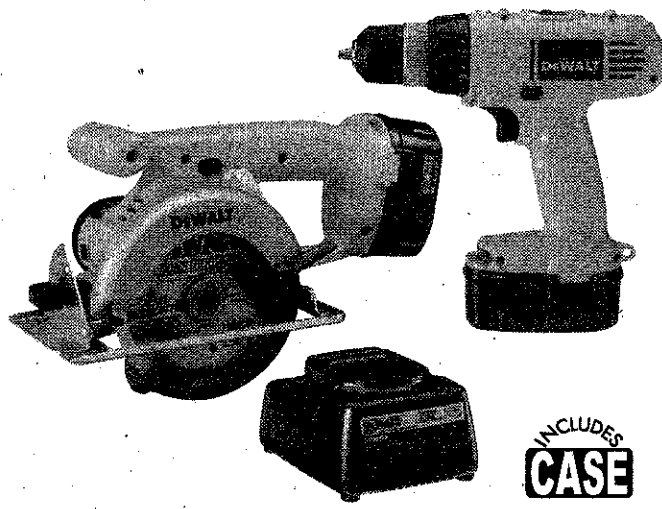
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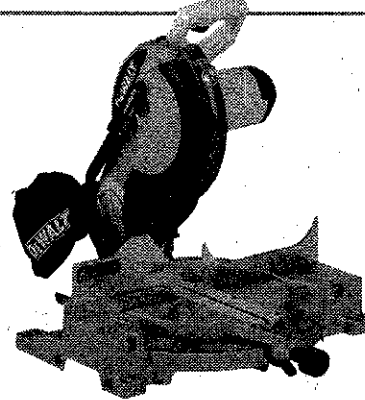
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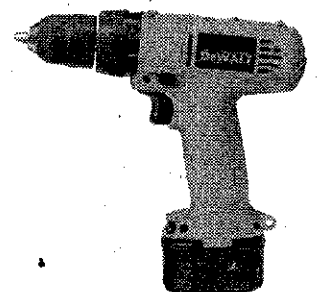
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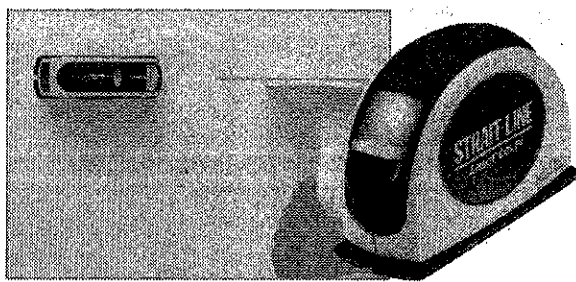
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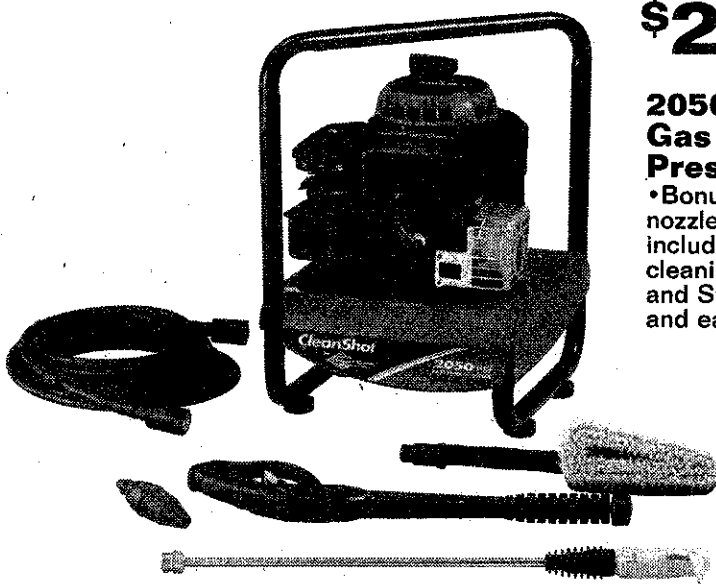


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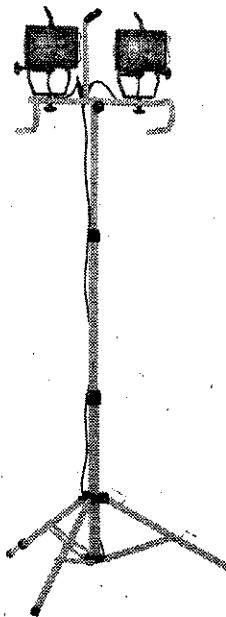


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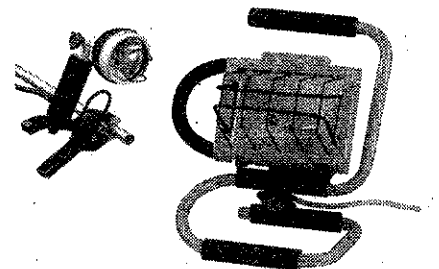
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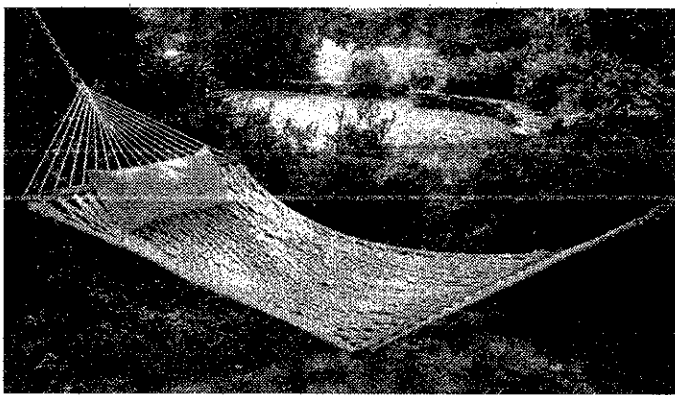
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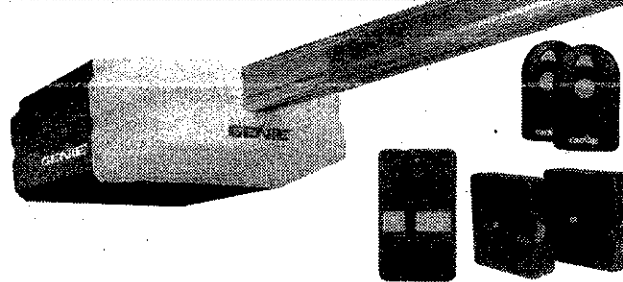
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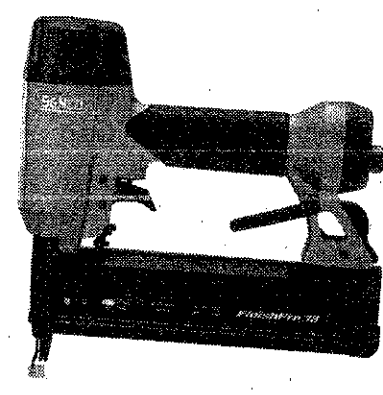
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Grill snapper, then top with a mango, shrimp and chile salsa.

COMPLETE SEAFOOD

# Step-by-step seafood

**M**any home cooks love seafood, but they all too often limit themselves to salmon, shrimp and scallops.

Now comes a cookbook for the ambitious home cook: Rick Stein's *Complete Seafood*, Ten Speed Press, \$40.

Stein, a PBS cooking show host and owner of the Seafood Restaurant and Padstow Seafood School in England, gives readers a step-by-step manual for fish preparation.

In fact, Stein uses the first four chapters to give techniques, such as scaling and preparing a fish for the grill. Some of the techniques are as common as butterflying raw shrimp for broiling to the more complex creation of fish quenelles, a mixture of bread, milk, egg, fish pieces.

Want to learn how to cut escalopes from a salmon fillet or prepare a pavé of salmon? The book covers that.

Stein highlights the more robust flavors, too, such as Scandinavian cure for salmon and salting fresh cod.

More than 150 recipes are included, ranging from traditional shrimp jambalaya and Maryland crab cakes, to broiled mussels with pesto and grilled snapper with a mango, shrimp and chile salsa.

Readers are treated to such classics as bouillabaisse and the traditional fish and chips. Stein shows ambition in the selections of pan-grilled tuna salad with guacamole



PLEASE SEE SEAFOOD, D3 Spice up shrimp, tandoori style.

## Side dish

### More fruit, please

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Speaking of fruit, Chiquita also polled 1,300 women between the ages of 25 and 54 and 100 of them in the Detroit area, about their fruit eating habits and preferences.

Six out of 10 ate fruit for the taste, while 4 in 10 ate it for the health benefits. More than 6 in 10 enjoy fruit for between-meal snacks at home, and 5 in 10 serve it when entertaining.

Spoilage and inconvenience were the top reasons selected for not eating more fruit among those who think they should eat more fruit.

### Edy's has contest

Edy's Grand Ice Cream is asking ice cream fans to dream up and decorate the most indispensable tools of summer - an ice cream spoon.

Ice cream lovers can dig into Edy's De-LIGHT-ful Spoon Contest by creating a one-of-a-kind spoon that reflects their ice cream style. The creators of the winning spoon designs will join John Harrison, Edy's official ice cream taster, on an ice cream getaway.

The contest is open to all ages - with a kids division aged 6-14 and an adults division aged 15 and up. Categories are the Lightest Spoon (this spoon might be covered in feathers or sports wings), Richest Spoon (this spoon is covered with gold, silver and other jewels) and the Most Unbelievable Spoon (decorate your spoon in a dazzling and outrageous design).

Use any decorating items you'd like, from baubles and beads to leather or lace, to create an extraordinary spoon. Contestants must submit their actual spoon (photos will not be accepted) and an official entry form to Edy's De-LIGHT-ful Spoon Contest, 5929 College Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618. Entries must be postmarked by Sept. 15. Complete contest rules and official entry forms are available at [www.Edys.com](http://www.Edys.com) or by calling (888) 590-3397.

Edy's will select two winning entries from each of the three categories based on the creativity, fit with the chosen category and originality of the spoons. Winners will be notified the first week in October.

Six winners will travel with a guest of their choosing on an all-expenses paid trip to an Edy's Ice Cream Factory in Union City, Calif. In April 2005 where they will join John Harrison and put their taste buds to the test on an unbelievable amount of ice cream.

# Fruit au gratin has a fresh and easy flair

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fresh fruit is a delight to eat as is, but sometimes a little dressing up can give a certain flair to a simple dessert.

This quick recipe calls for broiling a combination of banana and grapes that have been topped with sour cream and brown sugar, or with an alternative topping of your choice, perhaps flavored with rum, or orange liqueur, or a chocolate or caramel sauce. Use red, green or black grapes in any combination desired.

A gratin is usually a dish topped with cheese or bread crumbs, then broiled or baked until brown on top. The term is borrowed here for this dessert with a family resemblance, briefly broiled in small heat-

proof dishes. Disposable aluminum tart pans (4 1/2-inch diameter) may be used if gratin dishes are not available.

### QUICK BANANA GRAPE GRATIN

- 2 firm-ripe bananas, sliced into 1/4-inch rounds
- 1 1/2 cups halved seedless grapes
- 1/4 cup dairy sour cream
- 3 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons dark rum (see note)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat broiler while preparing recipe.

Mix bananas, grapes, sour cream, 1 tablespoon brown sugar, and rum until fruits are coated with sour cream mixture. Divide mixture among four small (1- to 1 1/2-cup) gratin dishes. Combine

remaining brown sugar and cinnamon; sprinkle over tops of fruit mixture (see note). Place gratin dishes on baking sheet. Place about 4 inches from heat and broil 1 1/2 to 2 minutes or until sugar melts and caramelizes.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: One teaspoon vanilla extract may be substituted for rum. To sprinkle cinnamon sugar evenly over tops of fruit, place in small strainer and shake gently over fruit.

Variations: Orange-, almond- or chocolate-flavor liqueur may be substituted for the rum. Caramel or chocolate sauce may be drizzled over top in place of brown sugar. Broil 2 to 3 minutes or until glaze begins to bubble.

**Nutrition Information per serving:** 155 cal., 1 g pro., 3 g fat, 28 g carbo., 6 mg chol., 2 g fiber, 12 mg sodium.

# Cook up pasta salad for cookout; follow meal with cool pops

Hosting a block party is a great way to take advantage of summer's irresistible offerings of warm weather, the smell of barbecue and the taste of sun-kissed foods. While the sunshine allows for an enjoyable neighborhood gathering of games and good will, it also provides the opportunity to share favorite recipes.

You can enjoy your favorite summer fare while still maintaining a healthy diet by incorporating the season's freshest fruits and vegetables.

Sargento offers a wealth of recipes that deliver on both taste and nutrition, including popular Sunshine Pasta Salad. With its colorful array of vegetables and fruits - carrots, green peppers, dried apricots and raisins - and a dressing infused with lemon juice, paprika and the sweetness of honey, this easy-to-make, crowd-pleasing recipe is a great dish to pass among hungry neighbors.

Don't forget about dessert. Sargento's Frozen Strawberry Cream Pops, packed with fresh strawberries and Ricotta cheese, are the perfect, portable, post-meal refreshers. Grab the Pops out of the cooler for a burst of sweet, juicy, and creamy flavors that satisfy the sweet-tooth in all.

Complement light and refreshing salads and

desserts with heartier summertime staples, such as traditional hotdogs, chicken breasts or Sargento Burgers featuring your favorite Sargento sliced cheeses melted atop a juicy beef, turkey or veggie patty.

Visit [sargento.com](http://sargento.com) to access additional light and easy-to-make summer favorites that are sure to be a neighborhood hit at your block party.

Sargento Foods Inc., based in Plymouth, Wis., is a leading manufacturer, packager and marketer of natural shredded, sliced and snack cheese, cheese appetizers, ingredients and sauces.

### SUNSHINE PASTA SALAD

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 2 cups rotini, cooked and drained
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped dried apricots or golden raisins
- 1/4 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) mild cheddar shredded cheese

Combine mayonnaise, green onion, honey, lemon juice and paprika in large bowl.

Add pasta, carrots, apricots and bell pepper; toss lightly. Refrigerate 2 hours or longer.

Stir in cheese just before serving. Serves 6.

**Nutrition Information:** serving size, 127 g; calories, 295; protein 10 g; carbohydrate, 28 g; dietary fiber, 2 g; total fat, 16.2 g; saturated fat, 6.5 g; monounsaturated fat, 4.5 g; polyunsaturated fat, 3.9 g.

### FROZEN STRAWBERRY CREAM POPS

- 1 pint (12 ounces) fresh strawberries, hulled
- 2 cups (15 ounces) ricotta cheese
- 1/4 cup sugar, or to taste
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

Puree strawberries in a blender, food processor or with an electric mixer. Add cheese, sugar and lemon juice; blend or process 2 minutes.

Pour into freezer pop molds or 3 ounce plastic coated cups. Cover with pop mold tops or foil. Insert wooden sticks. Freeze 3 hours or until firm.

Substitution: In place of fresh, 2 cups (12 ounces) frozen unsweetened strawberries, thawed, may be used for fresh. Variation: For Strawberry-Chocolate Cream Pops, stir 1/2 cup mini chocolate chips into cheese mixture before freezing. Makes 12 pops.

**Nutrition Information:** serving size, 65 g; calories, 75; protein, 4 g; carbohydrate 8 g; dietary fiber 0 g; total fat, 3.5 g; saturated fat, 2.3 g; monounsaturated fat, 0.9 g; polyunsaturated fat, 0.2 g.



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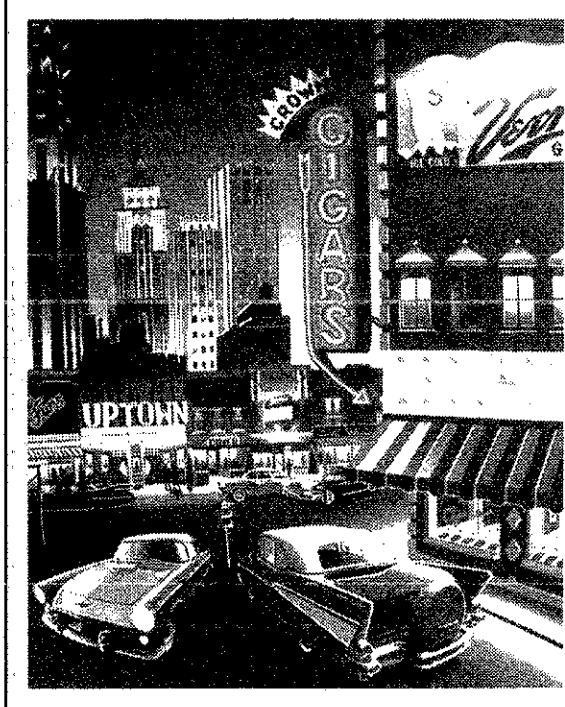
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Halibut poached in olive oil with cucumber and dill.

the rest of the masala paste ingredients, and blend until smooth. Stir the paste into the yogurt, then stir this into the shrimp. Leave for another 20 minutes.

If you are broiling the shrimp, preheat the broiler. Thread the shrimp onto metal of soaked bamboo skewers, piercing them just behind the head and through the tail. Cook them on the grill or under the broiler, about 4 inches from heat, for about 2 minutes on each side.

While the shrimp are cooking, layer the ingredients for the salad in a shallow dish. Serve the shrimp with the salad and some warm naan bread. Serves 4.

**HALIBUT POACHED IN OLIVE OIL WITH CUCUMBER AND DILL** dill. Serves 4.

- 2 1/2 cups (600 ml) olive oil
- 4 (6 ounces/175 g) pieces of thick halibut fillet, skinned
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 large cucumber, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon chopped dill, plus a few sprigs for garnish
- 2 teaspoons white wine vinegar
- Sea salt

Pour a thin layer of the olive oil into a pan just large enough to hold the pieces of halibut side by side. Season the fish on both sides with a little salt, put them in the pan, and pour the rest of the oil over them - it should just cover the fish. Very slowly heat the oil to 130-140 °F (55-60 °C), agitating it with a spatula now and then so that it heats evenly.

Take the pan off the heat and leave it somewhere warm on top of the stove for 15 minutes so the fish can poach gently in the oil. The temperature should remain at 130-140 °F (55-60 °C); if necessary, keep taking the pan on and off a low heat to maintain this temperature.

Shortly before the fish is ready, heat the extra virgin olive oil in a large frying pan. Add the cucumber slices and toss over a medium heat for 1 minute. Add the dill, vinegar, and a little salt.

To serve, divide the cucumber among four serving plates. Carefully lift the fish out of the oil, letting the excess drain off, and set it on top of the cucumber. Pour the oil into a cup, leaving behind the juices from the fish, which will have settled to the bottom of the pan. Spoon these juices around the edge of each plate, sprinkle the fish with a few sea salt flakes, and garnish with a sprig of fresh

**TANDOORI SHRIMP**

- 32 raw large shrimp in shell
- Lemon-Chile Marinade:
  - 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - juice of 1 lemon
- Tandoori Masala Paste:
  - 1 1/2 tablespoons fennel seeds
  - 1 tablespoon coriander seeds
  - 1 tablespoon cumin seeds
  - 1 ounce (25 g) fresh ginger, roughly chopped
  - 6 garlic cloves, chopped
  - 4 medium-hot red chile peppers, seeded and roughly chopped
  - 2 teaspoons paprika
  - 1 teaspoon turmeric powder
  - juice of 1 lemon
  - 1-2 tablespoons cold water
  - 1/4 cup (175 g) thick, plain yogurt
- Kachumber Salad:
  - 3 tomatoes, halved and thinly sliced
  - 1 medium red onion, halved and thinly sliced
  - 2 tablespoons roughly chopped cilantro
  - 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
  - large pinch of cayenne pepper
  - 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt

If you are grilling the shrimp, prepare and light the charcoal fire now. Mix together the ingredients for the lemon-chile marinade. Make three small slits in either side of each shrimp, between the shell segments, to allow the marinade to penetrate. Put the shrimp and marinade into a bowl, toss together well, and set aside for 20 minutes.

For the tandoori masala paste, put the fennel seeds, coriander seeds, and cumin seeds together in a spice grinder or mortar and grind to a fine powder. Tip the spices into a food processor, add

**GRILLED SNAPPER WITH A MANGO, SHRIMP, AND CHILE SALSA**

- 4 (6 ounce/175 g) pieces of unskinned snapper fillet
- extra virgin olive oil
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- cilantro sprigs, for garnish
- Salsa:
  - 2 large, medium-hot red chile peppers
  - 4 ounces (100 g) peeled, cooked tiger shrimp, thickly sliced
  - 4 green onions, thinly sliced
  - 1 small garlic clove, minced
  - 1 ripe but firm avocado, peeled and cut into small dice
  - 1/2 ripe but firm mango, peeled and cut into small dice
  - juice of 1 lime
  - pinch of salt

If you are using a charcoal grill, prepare and light it 30 to 40 minutes before you want to cook the fish.

For the salsa, cut the chiles in half lengthwise and scrape out the seeds with the tip of a small knife; leave the ribs behind to give the salsa a little more heat. Cut the chiles across into thin slices. Then simply mix all the salsa ingredients together.

If you are not cooking the fish over charcoal, put a ridged cast-iron grill pan over a high heat (or preheat the broiler). Brush the snapper fillets on both sides with olive oil and season well with salt and pepper. Cut each one into three, slightly on the diagonal.

Cook the pieces of snapper, either skin-side down on the grill or grill pan, or skin-side up under the broiler, for three to four minutes.

To serve, spoon the salsa onto four plates and arrange the grilled strips of fish on top. Drizzle a little oil around the edge of the plates and garnish with cilantro sprigs.

Alternative fish: Red mullet, sea bass, bream or porgy, john dory, or gray or striped mullet. Serves 4.

**SEAFOOD**

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and seared tuna with rice noodle and cilantro salad. Ravioli of fresh crab features a simple filling of crabmeat, butter and pepper inside the pasta dough, flavored with parsley and lemon butter.

*Complete Seafood* may not be enjoyed by the kitchen novice or the cook that wants simple preparation of foods. The book highlights many fish that are difficult to find in this area, since the recipes are a compilation of world-wide foods.

But if you love technique and teaching, the book shows exactly what you need to do. It's an excellent instructional tool.

Ever wonder what pollack and haddock look like? Does a monkfish really look like a monk, and who is John Dory

anyway? The book's glossary highlights photos of these fish.

A chapter also is dedicated to seafood families from grunthers and dogfish to mackerel and tuna. Stein writes that he did this because "fish are notoriously mislabeled or sold by more than one name."

"So in order to understand what you are buying and to prepare and cook it properly, it is important to know about the fish themselves and the families into which they fall," he writes.

*Complete Seafood* also organizes fish from all over the world into groups, so you can check his notes for fish that can be cooked in similar ways. Thus, if you purchase a fish from the market, you can check the book for a similar recipe.

Stein's main focus is on the Mediterranean fish and oceanic catches that you see in the seafood section, but may

be too intimidated to tackle.

His notes give good information on such obscure fish as hake, popular among the Spanish, but not so much in the United States. Stein writes that hake "takes to butter or cream better than any other fish, except for turbot or brill."

"It is also rather good served cold with mayonnaise or sauce verte, an olive oil mayonnaise with spinach, arugula and herbs." The book has several lobster, clam, shrimp, sea bass, monkfish and char recipes.

With some of the recipes, Stein highlights alternative fish to use. For example, his braised salmon filets can be used with steelhead or trout filets.

The book works well as an informational guide to seafood and a good reference point for unfamiliar species you might see at the store, but don't know what to do with them.

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## Refreshing drink is healthy, too

Got juice? As far back as memory serves, orange juice has been heralded a magic bullet - full of Vitamin C, a cold-buster, and probably the drink Moms most often promote.

Then came grapefruit, apple, and more recently experts have honed in on cranberry and grape juice as healthful choices.

It seems as though a million and one juice concoctions are appearing on the grocer's shelf.

Now, the pomegranate is shedding its winter coat, and we can enjoy its unique essence all year around - as Pom Wonderful juice rears a lovable bottle.

Heart-healthy deep red "pom" juice is infiltrating its way into gourmet food and drink recipes and seems to be quite the rage.

Pomegranates were first discovered about 3,000 B.C. at Jericho, then Mesopotamia and Egypt. Before the advent of agriculture, it grew in the wild and still does in some areas of the Middle East.

One of the first domesticated crops, along with grapes, figs, dates, and olives, experts report its migration path began in Persia, then to India, North Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

In mythology, the pomegranate symbolized re-birth. It was believed to have had mystical powers and medicinal value.

In ancient Egypt this majestic fruit was placed in King Tut's tomb as a symbol of re-birth. And later, it became a royal insignia - appearing on the coat of arms of Catherine of Aragon.

The Ottomans, with a passion for flowers and fruit, often used the pomegranate as a symbol in embroidery.

### POM IS POP

These days, the "pom" word is popular. A local needlecraft group is named the Pomegranate Guild of Southeastern Michigan. And pomegranate scented candles can be found at Anthropologie in Birmingham.

Today's health authorities deem that fruits and veggies deep in color are good for us. Red grapes, green leafy spinach, and blueberries may help fend off disease, so it stands to reason that purplish-red pomegranates may also be of benefit.

Research shows they're rich in Vitamin C, flavonoids, potassium, and antioxidants - a modern scientific way of saying that ancient cultures may have been onto something. In the absence of the fruit itself, you want to try some flavorful "pom" juice - it's sweet, yet tart and tangy.

The Los Angeles-based company, Pom Wonderful, with farms in the San Joaquin Valley, is a leading pomegranate and juice producer in the United States. Trees take up to nine years to reach maturity and the company markets the fruit, which is seasonal from fall through winter.

The juice, however, is available year-round, and in fact, can add some new zest to spring food and drink recipes. Five juice choices are 100 percent pomegranate, or "pom" mixed with either cherry, blueberry, mango, or tangerine.

Fiona Posell, director of corporate communications of Pom Wonderful, says her company is the "front runner in pomegranate production."

"Ongoing studies are taking place world-wide at research institutes such as Technion in Haifa, Israel, UCLA, and UC

Davis," Posell said. "There is evidence that the pomegranate and its juice are highly nutritious - with antioxidants and heart health benefits."

### HOT MARKET FOR COOL DRINK

Posell says the Detroit metro area is a "hot market" for pomegranate juice. It's sold at Whole Foods, Kroger's, Meijer's, Farmer Jack's, Hiller's, and other independent stores. She suggests looking for it in the refrigerated or refrigerated produce areas.

When it comes to drink, pomegranate juice is "in." It provides blush color and sweetness as a top off to warm weather drinks such as lemonade or wine coolers.

A Pom Wonderful signature cocktail is the Pomtini - a pomegranate martini. Also, try the pom margarita, daiquiri, cosmopolitan or mimosa. Then, there's pom iced tea and a variety of non-alcoholic smoothies.

Pomegranate juice is sweeping its way through bars and restaurants. It's not only used in drinks, but also appetizers, soups, salads, sides, entrees, and desserts.

Jim Leonardo, chef at the City Cellar in Birmingham says, "Pomegranates are a breath of spring in the dead of winter, but the juice can be used any time of year."

"In season, we've offered a salad consisting of field greens, goat cheese, blood oranges and pomegranate seeds. We've also served an entree of grilled quail with a coriander rub and pomegranate juice reduction."

And the menu at Zinc Brasserie in West Bloomfield offers Duck a la Chinoise with pomegranate and cane sugar glaze.

Pom Wonderful has created many of its own distinctive recipes. Check out its colorful Web site, [www.pomwonderful.com](http://www.pomwonderful.com)

## Local pasta company makes the cut on the Food Network

Finally, pasta fans everywhere will be able to see for themselves how al dente pasta is made.

Al Dente Pasta Co. of Whitmore Lake will be featured on the Top 5 Pasta Sensations on the Food Network at 10 p.m. June 21.

Al Dente began back in 1981, when Americans still viewed their pasta as spaghetti. Al Dente founder, Monique Deschaine, recog-

nized that the "times they were a changin'." It was the beginning of what she refers to as the "Pasta Revolution."

Since then, pasta has become a household word and once exotic pesto and alfredo are familiar terms rolling off the tongues of pasta lovers everywhere. Specialty pasta has earned itself a permanent spot on the pantry shelf with the help of companies like Al

Dente who pioneered this segment of the market.

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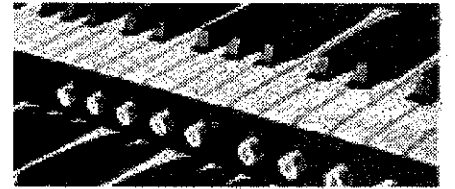
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whole wheat crust is available, too. A portion of proceeds will go to Florine Mark's charity, the Florine Mark-Ross Fund for ALS research.

The promotion is highlighted with a poster that includes Mark with "Detroit's Magnificent 7 FM Morning Radio Gals" which includes WRIF's Trudi Daniels, Magic's Linda Lanci, WOMC's Jackie Purtan, WNIC's Lisa Barry, WDRQ's Rachael Hunter, WKRK's Michelle McCormick and Coco from WJLB. The poster

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Colin Brown

rolls that grace our retail bakery on Merrill Street.

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Gerald used to be in marketing and advertising in England, New York and Michigan. In 1985, while on a business trip to his ancestral homeland in Germany, he searched for the bakery his great-great uncle had established. He came across the building, which was vacant and about to be torn down for development.

Gerald's interest in baking was awakened and he spent a lot of his spare time over the next 12 years learning and training in the world of Artisan bread-baking. He attended courses at The Culinary Institute of America in New York and California, and trained at The National Baking

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Center in Minneapolis under world-renowned baker, Didier Rosada.

In 1998, Gerald retired from his marketing and advertising career and devoted himself to his new passion. Several months later, The Give Thanks Bakery & Café opened in downtown Rochester. It is distinctly European, with a wide selection of breads, pastries, cakes, tortes and cookies. We at The Townsend are delighted Gerald found his true passion — and so will you, when you take your first bite of one of his Swiss multigrains, German ryes or French sourdoughs. It is a treat in store for you.

It is so often said man does not live by bread alone. We recognize this truth and that our customers and diners also have a sweet tooth that demands gratification. At The Townsend, we have the talented Taylor Brockenshire as our executive pastry chef, Pat Vasha, our cake baker/decorator, and Melissa Wise, who makes the wedding cakes.

With creativity and imagination, they produce delicious treats that are wonders to behold.

Pat loves to utilize what is in season, so, at present, she is enjoying working with peaches and cherries, painstakingly crafting tarts and other marvelous sweet delights. Her biscotti are awesome, too.

Recognizing that there is a growing interest in low fat and low-carb eating, she carefully researches and fine-tunes her creations to not only accommodate her customer's expectations but provide them with an unforgettable experience.

We are now in the midst of the wedding season. The excitement, the last-minute details, the happy couples! But, what would a wedding reception be without a beautiful wedding cake? A cake that has been lovingly designed and baked by Melissa adds the perfect touch.

Each cake she creates is an artistic masterpiece in itself. Melissa customizes each of her cakes to reflect the imagination of each bride. Her cakes not only enjoy pride of place at weddings here in the Hotel and can be purchased for celebrations outside the hotel but the "rave" is reserved for the exquisitely wonderful blend of flavors the cakes have.

With breads that are a dining adventure unto themselves, Vienna tortes and biscotti to melt away all your best intentions, and low-carb cakes that absolutely please the palate, The Townsend Hotel's bakery ensures that every meal is a delicious dining experience. Combining the diverse set of backgrounds, experiences and talent to create all of these delicacies proves that variety is the spice of life — and food.

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Colin Brown is executive chef at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham. Look for his column each month in the Taste section. He welcomes comments and questions from readers. Email him at [www.chef@townsendhotel.com](mailto:www.chef@townsendhotel.com)

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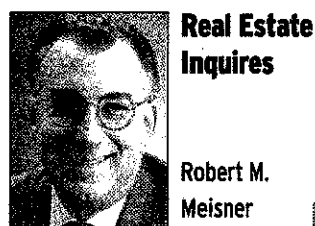
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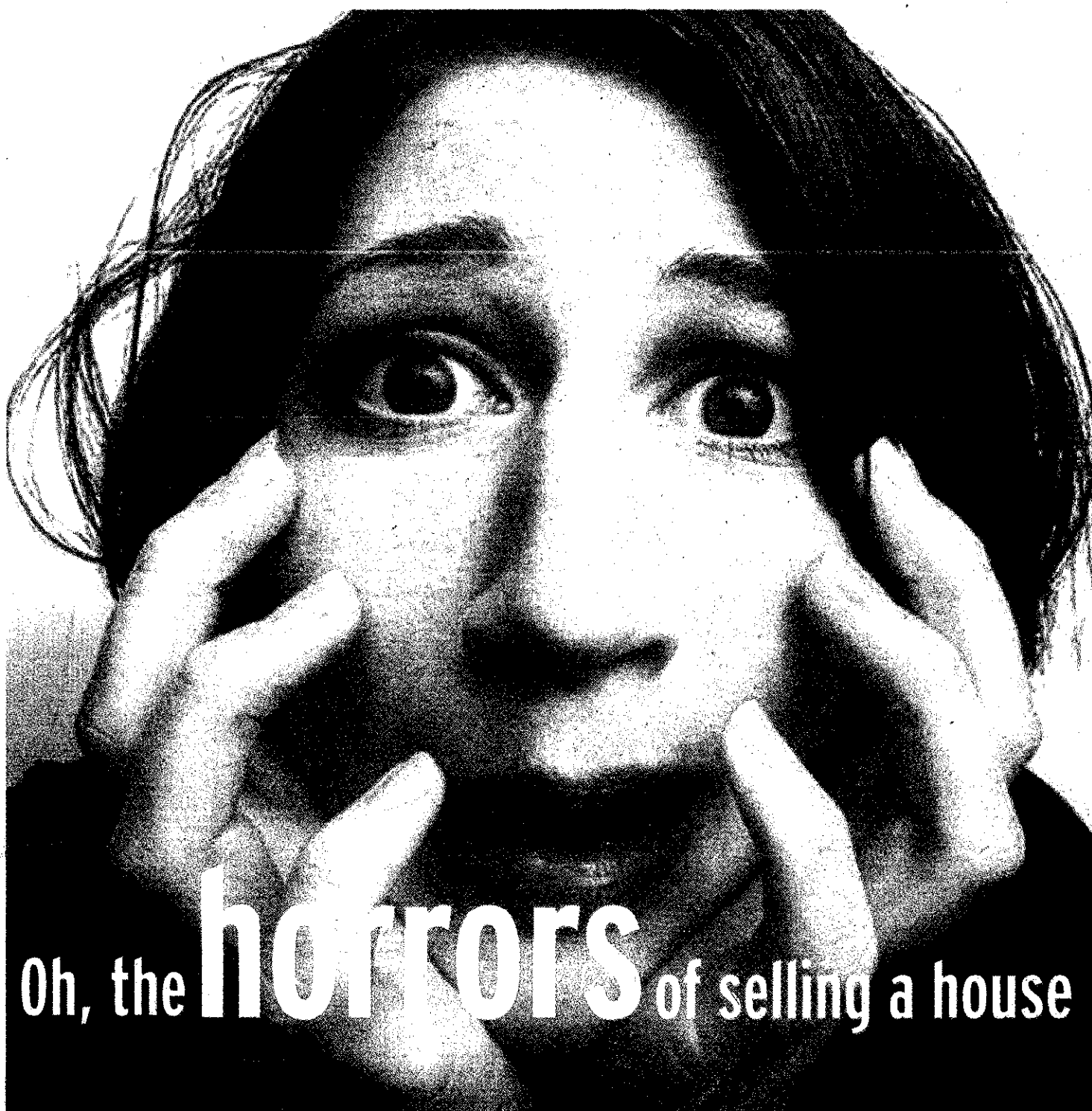
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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@mich.com](mailto:bmeisner@mich.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



## Oh, the horrors of selling a house

### Sales agent encounters drugs, murder, trash & mold

BY NORMAN PRADY  
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Joan Downing isn't much for marijuana or trash, but she can handle murder.

"What you don't see behind the front door is amazing," Downing said of the horrors that can pop up in the course of her work. She's a real estate sales agent with RE/MAX in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills.

But even if you don't see it right away, you still might know something's there, she said.

"When I walked in, I could smell it," she said of the house where she'd just brought a house-hunter. "I told my customer to wait in the foyer.

"It was bricks of marijuana being broken down into small bags to sell. There was pounds and pounds of it, spread all over the dining room table. What could I do? I took my customer and left. I called the listing agent and said, 'Hello?'"

But what if this had been Downing's own listing? Or could it have been? Apparently not. She said she'll have nothing to do with a house that's the scene of ongoing criminal activity.

#### TRASHY

Trash? "I've seen houses so totally trashed you can't even believe a human being would have lived there," she said.

She remembers a house strewn with trash, garbage and many types of waste matter — front to back and side to side.

On the less horrible level, she said,



"There are sellers who live in homes sadly in need of fumigation. To many of them, that's their way of life. As an agent, I put it as delicately as possible, asking them to clean up. Maybe not so delicately."

Opposed to drugs and debris, Downing has shown that she's able to get through a capital crime and close the sale.

"It was a house in a west side suburb," she said, recalling what she labels the No. 1 unusual event in her 25-year career of selling houses. "It was challenging to write the listing because the owner, a man in his 60s, would not let me see the master bedroom. He had the door locked and said he was painting the room while his wife was out of town. Turned out that's where he killed her. He got the carpeting out, but they found blood stains on the mattress.

"All the time I was in the house with him, the body was in the freezer in the laundry room off of the kitchen," she added.

But before a suspicious neighbor called the police, Downing said, she'd received an offer on the house. The news came out, but the young couple went ahead with the purchase.

Well, if this couple wasn't stopped by what they learned about a house they wanted to buy, Jerry Henderson can tell you about a couple that found out too late about the house they bought.

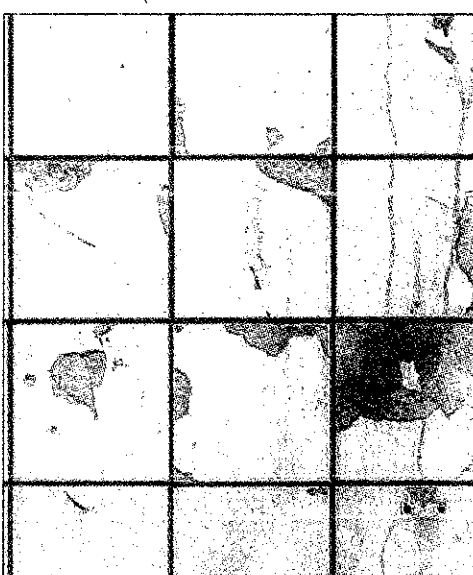
#### MOLDY NIGHTMARE

It's a horror story with a cost in the hundreds of thousands, he said.

"Mold," said Henderson, a sales agent with Quality GMAC Real Estate, Livonia. "The roof had leaked for some time and the mold had permeated the plasterboard and the floors."

The two-story house, in Northville, wasn't his company's listing, Henderson said, but the buyers had come to him for advice.

"They'd had a friend do the inspection, but he didn't go into the attic. They made the purchase, moved in for a day or two, got sick, had to move out. Nothing about mold on the seller's disclosure form. Now the buyers are stuck with the mortgage," he said. "There are lawsuits. It'll probably cost more to repair than they paid — almost \$400,000. I don't know what's going to happen. Tear it down or what. Can't live in it. The lesson is that you have a qualified inspector who knows what to look for."



#### Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

## Free credit reports on horizon

It's impossible to go online without some entity trying to sell you a copy of your credit report. Well, why pay for something you can get for free? According to a recent Federal Trade Commission ruling, the three nationwide consumer reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion — will soon be required to provide to consumers, upon request, a free copy of their credit report once every 12 months.

The FTC published a notice of proposed rulemaking March 19 in the Federal Register and accepted comments until April 16. The commission received more than 2,300 comments from consumers, consumer advocates, elected officials, industry members and trade associations before issuing its final ruling on the matter.

Under the new rule, these credit reporting agencies must establish a "centralized source" for accepting consumer requests for free credit reports, and it must include a dedicated Internet Web site, a toll-free telephone number and a postal address. This new centralized source will be implemented in cumulative stages, over a period of nine months, starting Dec. 1 on the West Coast and ending Sept. 1, 2005, on the East Coast. Michigan should be online by March 1, 2005.

The final rule is balanced in that it allows consumers access to free credit reports annually, while protecting the credit reporting agencies from the projected barrage of consumer requests. The ruling requires the agencies to develop adequate capacity to accept consumer requests, and limits them to collecting only as much personally identifiable information as necessary to process those requests. It also dutifully limits the use and disclosure of the personally identifiable information they collect.

Finally, the agencies will not be allowed to be "in your face" with advertising or marketing that interferes with, detracts from, or undermines the purpose of the centralized source.

You may get more details on this topic from the Federal Trade Commission's Web site at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov), or you may phone the FTC toll-free at (877) FTC-HELP.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. As always, you may find more information about credit reports and hundreds of other helpful consumer articles at the Wealth Academy archives at [www.phillipsHQ.com](http://www.phillipsHQ.com), or call toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Feb. 2-6 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**Canton**

3597 Aspen	\$379,000
41529 Bedford	\$111,000
2208 Brookfield	\$229,000
1688 Brookline	\$171,000

721 Buckingham	\$204,000	44121 Fair Oaks	\$240,000
663 Cherry Grove	\$240,000	7066 Festival	\$240,000
602 Cherry Orchard	\$235,000	482 Filmore	\$235,000
1739 Christopher	\$157,000	44910 Forest Trail	\$157,000
326 Constitution	\$400,000	49056 Founders	\$400,000
386 Constitution	\$599,000	40446 Glen Eagle	\$599,000
554 Constitution	\$160,000	45204 Glengarry	\$160,000
584 Constitution	\$159,000	45394 Glengarry	\$159,000
1317 Dundee	\$297,000	46338 Gungarry	\$297,000
6492 Durham	\$250,000	44619 Heather	\$250,000
1374 Elmhurst	\$175,000	47063 Hidden River S.	\$175,000
408 Elmington	\$470,000	953 Holbrooke	\$470,000

\$240,000	954 Holbrooke	\$413,000	12030 Arcola
\$386,000	1006 Huntsville	\$401,000	31445 Arizona
\$433,000	48291 Inverrary	\$471,000	29117 Barkley
\$238,000	47892 Jake	\$474,000	38005 Bloomfield
\$485,000	47924 Jake	\$420,000	20625 Ellen
\$172,000	8550 Kingsley	\$235,000	16932 Farmington
\$330,000	2035 Knollwood	\$195,000	16944 Farmington
\$320,000	42795 Lilley Pointe	\$185,000	16952 Farmington
\$300,000	43174 Londonderry	\$210,000	16954 Farmington
\$260,000	592 McKinley	\$431,000	16956 Farmington
\$317,000	50093 Monroe	\$215,000	16970 Farmington
\$362,000	50119 Monroe	\$155,000	18340 Fremont
	50141 Monroe	\$159,000	20183 Gary
	50145 Monroe	\$220,000	11180 Haller
	50223 Monroe	\$180,000	9930 Harrison
	50311 Monroe	\$329,000	29130 Jacquelyn
	50445 Monroe	\$150,000	33106 Kentucky
	50469 Monroe	\$365,000	36851 Ladywood
	50493 Monroe	\$260,000	9024 Lathers
	45512 Morningside	\$325,000	17570 Lathers
	1772 Morrison	\$211,000	18864 Lathers
	6204 N. Beck	\$182,000	38321 Mason
	287 Patriot	\$320,000	15600 Mayfield
	3084 River Meadow	\$255,000	15648 Mayfield
	3455 Riverside	\$253,000	9311 Merriman
	2855 Siever	\$115,000	31590 Merrivood Park
	550 Suttin	\$279,000	37792 N. Laurel Park
	1898 Tradition	\$490,000	34244 Navin
	44237 Webster	\$209,000	8812 Nebraska
	1869 Woodmont	\$215,000	32488 Norfolk
			14556 Susanna
			31341 Westfield

\$108,000	11369 Morgan	\$195,000	
\$179,000	8831 Northern	\$198,000	
\$195,000	11323 Overdale	\$368,000	
\$255,000	42467 Plymouth Hollow	\$100,000	
\$392,000	51213 Plymouth Ridge	\$535,000	
\$207,000	14885 Plymouth Xing	\$335,000	
\$215,000	794 S. Harvey	\$183,000	
\$211,000	882 Simpson	\$420,000	
\$186,000	13230 Stone Creek	\$165,000	
\$233,000	13350 Stone Creek	\$133,000	
\$179,000	47249 Timberwood	\$415,000	
\$186,000	13427 Wendover	\$326,000	



**Commerce** - Better than new! Beautiful bright and airy 3 bed brick Ranch. Huge living room with recessed lighting. Newer CA, furnace and carpeting. Basement with drop ceiling and tile. Gas fireplace with hardwood floors & doorwall leading to private deck. \$269,900 (50QUA)



**Detroit** - Well maintained 3 bed stone Bungalow. Home warranty, fenced yard, sprinklers, 2 car garage, basement. CA. Deck with nice doorwall to private yard, updated full bath, windows, roof, furnace & new kitchen floor. Immediate occupancy! \$99,900 (27WAR)



**Detroit** - Charming 3 bed Bungalow with many updates. Basement, garage, fenced yard, refinished hardwood floors, remodeled bathroom. Newer windows, roof, siding, stove, fridge, dishwasher. New furnace, copper plumbing & entry doors. \$114,900 (05SAL)



**Milford** - Beautiful 3 bed home on 1 acre. Two car garage, sprinklers, 2 1/2 baths, basement, nice deck, open 2 story foyer. Ceramic in baths, gas fireplace in great room, first floor laundry, master suite with Jacuzzi and separate shower. \$289,900 (82MIL)

**Featured HOMES OF THE WEEK**

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**Farmington Hills** - Rare opportunity! Spacious 4 bed, 3 1/2 bath brick Ranch. Garage, basement, 2 fireplaces, sprinklers, updated kitchen, spa tub with full bath. Deck, brick patio, wet bar, updated in neutrals throughout, large laundry area & more! \$429,900 (06FOX)



**Sterling Heights** - Just like new! Three bed, 2 1/2 bath home. Gas fireplace in 2 story great room, open kitchen to nook with ceramic tile with doorwall to back yard. Master bedroom with walk-in closet and full bath. Two car garage, basement, central air. \$289,900 (02HAF)



**Dearborn Heights** - Spotless, well kept home with attached garage. Newer kitchen, central air, furnace, copper plumbing, hardwood floors and hot water tank. Bonus room on upper level. Not a drive by, motivated seller. \$79,900 (53MCD)



**Detroit** - Fabulous 3 bed, 2 bath brick home on a large lot. Finished basement, 2 car garage, home warranty, appliances stay. Large country kitchen, fireplace, new roof, furnace, water heater, front porch, glass block windows & electrical service. Must see! \$99,900 (19WAR)



**Livonia** - Super sharp 3 bed Ranch. 2 1/2 car garage, fenced yard, basement, hardwood floors, freshly painted. Updated kitchen with beautiful ceramic floor, updated ceramic bath, newer roof. New humidifier, hot water heater, copper plumbing. \$167,900 (70PFE)




**Westland** - Gorgeous 3 bed, 2 bath Ranch. Finished basement, 2 1/2 car garage, Florida room, fenced yard, CA. Beautifully landscaped, eat-in kitchen, remodeled oak cabinets & hardwood floor, built-in oven & stove top. \$178,007 Call Jamie Hastings @ 734-673-3285 (JH1MAL)


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**CANTON**  
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**734-455-6000 EP27RA-24037628 \$224,900**




**NOVI**  
Ready to move in. Sellers have taken extra care of home. Step up to 3<sup>rd</sup> level to beautiful Master Bedroom & bath w/large shower, & 2 walk-in closets. Open kitchen w/F/P. Two furnaces. Huge trees in back of lot.  
**734-455-6000 EP99BA 24050261 \$559,000**



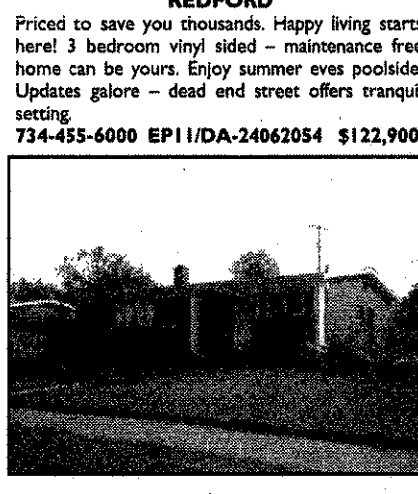
**PLYMOUTH**  
Expect to be impressed! Vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, in this beautiful detached condo in Plymouth. Finished basement with full bath & additional 2 bedrooms & rec area. Neutral and ready to move in.  
**734-455-6000 EP00NO-24051802 \$379,900**



**REDFORD**  
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**734-455-6000 EPI11/DA-24062054 \$122,900**




**WESTLAND**  
Lovely 3-bedroom brick ranch with updates galore and more to come. This home has been selected by the Wayne County Airport authority for complete soundproofing. That translates to "NEW!!"  
**734-455-6000 01HA-24022738 \$129,900**




**LIVONIA**  
Quality Choice. Open floor plan flows from foyer to kitchen & living room. Newer kitchen and full bath. Refinished HWF in Living Room, hall and master. Newer ceramic tile in kitchen & foyer. Covered deck.  
**734-455-6000 EP37/BR-24056748 \$185,000**

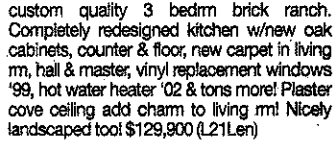
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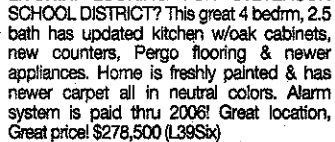
**CANTON. BEAUTIFUL OUTSIDE, LOVELY INSIDE** and priced to sell! This 3 bedrm ranch has 2 baths & formal dining rm. Kitchen w/all appliances included overlooks family rm w/ fireplace. 2 car attached garage & a full basement completes this picture. Just listed at \$209,900 (03SEPP)




**REDFORD UPGRADES GALORE** in this custom quality 3 bedrm brick ranch. Completely redesigned kitchen w/new oak cabinets, counter & floor, new carpet in living rm, hall & master, vinyl replacement windows '99, hot water heater '02 & tons more! Plaster cove ceiling add charm to living rm! Nicely landscaped too! \$129,900 (L21Lan)



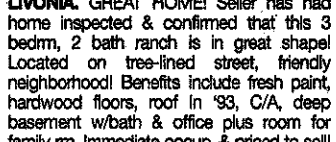
**LIVONIA. LOOKING FOR STEVENSON SCHOOL DISTRICT?** This great 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath has updated kitchen w/oak cabinets, new counters, Pergo flooring & newer appliances. Home is freshly painted & has newer carpet all in neutral colors. Alarm system is paid thru 2008! Great location. Great price! \$278,500 (L39Sk)



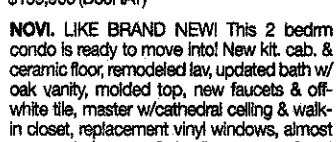
**NORTHVILLE. BEST BUY IN NORTHVILLE!** 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath colonial on a large cul-de-sac lot. Lots of special features including a bay window in the dining rm, full brick wall fireplace in family rm, door wall in kitchen & family rm lead to the 32' deck w/hot tub and above ground pool. Lake privileges for \$125 a yr! \$279,900 (L87Sc)



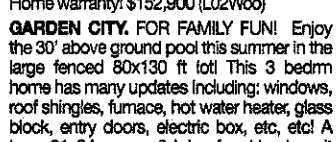
**LIVONIA. GREAT HOME!** Seller has had home inspected & confirmed that this 3 bedrm, 2 bath ranch is in great shape! Located on tree-lined street, friendly neighborhood! Benefits include fresh paint, hardwood floors, roof in '93, C/A, deep basement w/utility & office plus room for family rm. Immediate occup. & priced to sell! \$159,900 (D60HAT)



**NOVI. LIKE BRAND NEW!** This 2 bedrm condo is ready to move into! New kit. cab. & ceramic floor, remodeled lav, updated bath w/oak vanity, molded top, new faucets & off-white tile, master w/cathedral ceiling & walk-in closet, replacement vinyl windows, almost new neutral carpet & the list goes on & on! Home warranty! \$152,900 (L02Voo)



**GARDEN CITY. FOR FAMILY FUN!** Enjoy the 30' above ground pool this summer in the large fenced 80x130 ft lot! This 3 bedrm home has many updates including: windows, roof shingles, furnace, hot water heater, glass block, entry doors, electric box, etc. etc! A large 21x24 garage & lots of parking tops it off! \$148,900 (L90JAm)



**PLYMOUTH. EXTREMELY NICE** 2 bedrm upper unit condo w/quiet setting. Vaulted ceiling, sky lite, gas fireplace, bay window, oak kitchen cabinets, separate nook for formal dining plus breakfast bar, large master w/walk-in closet, great off-white bath & oak vanity. Door wall from living rm to deck. Large laundry! \$138,900 (L83Pm)

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**Homearama**  
A showcase of new idea homes built by members of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan runs through June 20. Eight professionally designed, decorated, and landscaped homes are featured at the Hills of Bogie Lake, Bogie Lake Road at Cooley Lake Road in Commerce Township. Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission \$9 adults, \$7 seniors, children under 12 free. Refreshments available for purchase, for more information, call (248) 862-1019, or go to www.builders.org.

**Free home buying seminars**  
For sale by owner class presented by Matthew Kenkel, associate broker, ERA Alliance Realty of Farmington Hills, 7-9:15 p.m. Wednesday, June 23 at Orchard Lake Middle School in Bloomfield Hills. Learn techniques needed to sell your home. Course topics include setting your price, target marketing, effective promotion, financing techniques, purchase documents, title companies and closing costs. The \$30 registration fee goes to the Bloomfield Hills Community Education Department, call (248) 865-6633.  
Presented by Ryder Mortgage Inc. of Livonia, 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 30759 Ford Road, Garden City. Learn about zero down programs, how to qualify for government grants, credit repair, home warranties, home ownership for low- to moderate-income buyers, refreshments. Call (866) 471-0085 to register.



**CANTON**  
**MARVELOUS PULTE-BUILT HOME.** In highly desirable Glengarry Village, this home features enclosed front porch, hardwood floor in dining room & crown molding throughout. Situated on quiet cul-de-sac, backs to nature grounds. Large deck, sprinkler system. \$354,000 (P05MID)



**PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP**  
**PRIVATE, NEARLY-AN-ACRE, W. OF RIDGE ROAD.** On the Township's "Natural Beauty Road" is this 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch. Updated oak kitchen, living room with natural fireplace, family room with cathedral ceiling, formal dining, bonus room and a full part-finished basement. \$299,900 (P00JOY)



**NORTHVILLE**  
**GORGEOUS, SIMPLY GORGEOUS!** 4,293 sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home with granite, marble, walk-in closets, 3 fireplaces, finished walk-out with wet bar, family room, game area, full bath with steam shower. On 18 hole Arnold Palmer Golf course overlooking 9th hole & pond. \$1,099,000 (P49TOU)



**PLYMOUTH**  
**SOUGHT AFTER PLYMOUTH MEADOWS.** Custom luxury 3,504 square feet plus 2,250 in lower level. Four bedrooms, with master on main floor. New kitchen counters & stove top. In-ground pool with waterfall. Brick paver patios, 3 car garage. Priced to sell! Must see. \$679,000 (P78KAT)



**NOVI**  
**POPULAR MAPLES OF NOVI.** Large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath detached Condo. Custom 2-tiered deck. Private master suite, volume ceilings, family room open to second level. Freshly painted and carpeted throughout. \$299,900 (P18COP)



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**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**SPECTACULAR! MUST SEE!** Three bedroom, 2 bath, gourmet kitchen, cathedral ceilings with sky lights, newly constructed 3 car garage. Appraisal much higher. Sellers motivated. \$239,900 (P11COL)



**REDFORD**  
**BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH.** Most improvements done in last 5 years. Roof (98), windows (00), electrical (04), soffit vent & extra insulation (01). Full basement & more. \$135,000 (P75SAN)



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**LIVONIA**  
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**WESTLAND**  
**BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH.** Hardwood floors, CA, family room, newer windows, finished basement, oversized 2 car garage. All on a lush landscaped lot. \$164,500 (D39GL)

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# Mortgage rates higher, not expected to hurt sales

BY JEANNINE AVERSA  
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Mortgage rates moved higher, a trend that is slowing home-mortgage refinancings but isn't expected to do much to hurt home sales, economists said.

Rates on benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages climbed to 6.30 percent for the week ending June 11, up from 6.28 percent last week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported June 10 in its weekly nationwide survey of rates.

Thirty-year mortgage rates hit a low this year of 5.38 percent during the week ending March 18. Since then, they have slowly moved upward.

Rates for 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose this week to 5.67 percent, up from 5.63 percent. Rates for one-year adjustable rate mortgages increased to 4.14 percent, a big jump compared with last week's average rate of 3.98 percent.

The recent rise in mortgage rates comes in anticipation that the Federal Reserve will raise a key short-term interest rate for

the first time in four years on June 30. "All eyes will be on the Fed for the next few months at least. How aggressive or how measured the coming rates hikes are will determine the future direction of both short- and long-term mortgage rates," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

David Lereah, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors, is now predicting that 30-year mortgage rates will rise to 6.9 percent by the final quarter of this year, which would still be considered low by historical standards.

Lereah is forecasting sales of previously owned homes to set a new record this year and sales of new homes to finish close to a record high. An improved labor market should support demand for homes, he said.

This time a year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.21 percent, rates for 15-year mortgages stood at 4.60 percent and rates on one-year ARMs averaged 3.54 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried an average fee of 0.7 point this week.

The recent rise in mortgages is slowing refinancing activity. Refinancings accounted for just 32.6 percent of total mortgage loan applications filed last week, down from 34.3 percent in the previous week, the Mortgage Bankers Association said.

## DEBT

The Federal Reserve also reported Thursday that debt of American households grew at a 10.9 percent annual rate in the first quarter of this year, up from a 7.3 percent pace in the previous quarter. A pickup in mortgage borrowing and consumer credit was largely behind the first-quarter rise, the Fed said.

Home mortgage debt grew at a 12.5 percent rate in the first quarter, up from a 9.5 percent growth rate in the previous quarter.

# Utah mayor attracts dwellers

(AP) - Mayor Matthew Godfrey wants to attract the right sort of people to live downtown - the sort who own horses.

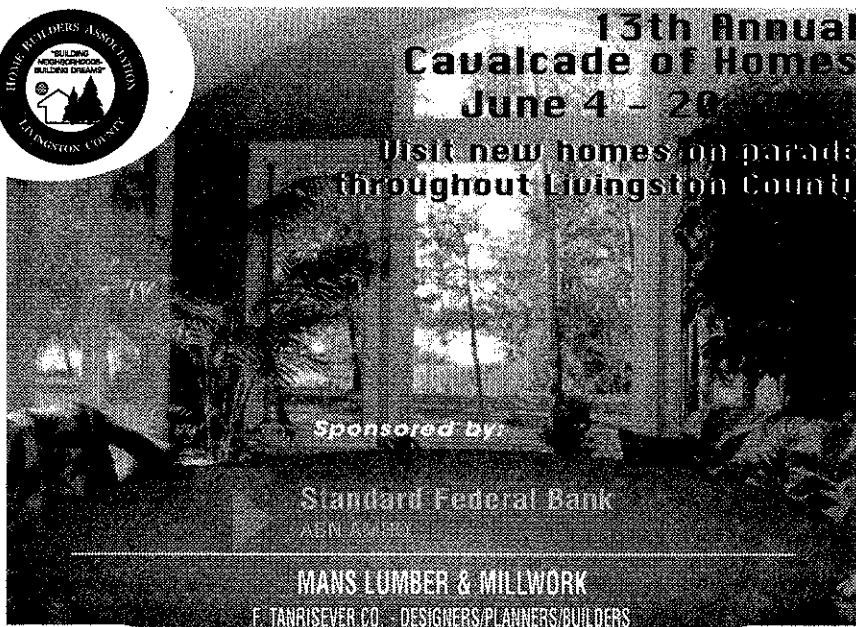
Godfrey said the city will provide free use of the stables at Ogden Stadium for those who buy homes at the Union Square, Legacy Park and Jefferson Townhomes developments near the downtown area of Ogden, Utah.

"This is a pretty exciting announcement for us because this brings a representation of what urban housing can be," Godfrey said. "We think that's a demographic that lives in the community that is in a time of their lives that they want to shed the farm life and head to urban living."

Ogden will provide room for up to 30 horses in the stable and continue to maintain the facility.

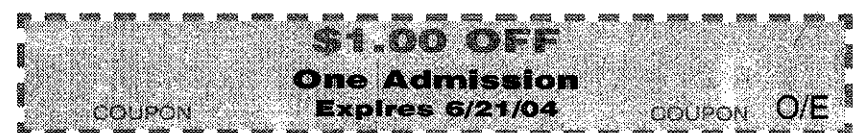
Community Services Director John Patterson said the facility goes virtually unused for 11 months out of the year, with the main activity during the Ogden Rodeo during Ogden Pioneer Days in July.

Godfrey said the new residents will be able to ride their horses at the rodeo arena, or just haul them by trailer for a ride within 20 minutes of downtown.



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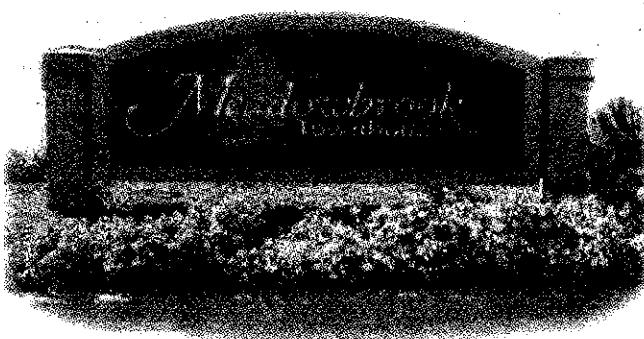
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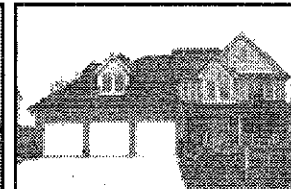
# COLDWELL BANKER PREFERRED REALTORS®



**UPGRADES APLNTY!** One bedroom ranch condo in a great 55+ community. All newer vinyl windows, blinds, kitchen cabinets, furnace, and central air system. Full finished basement and a carport. Enjoy many activities in the clubhouse and pool. \$123,900 (592NE)



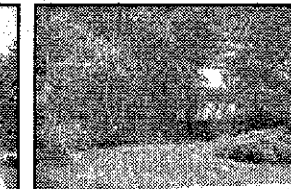
**EXCELLENT CONDO** Hard to find end unit ranch condo in a great location. 2 beds, 2 baths and a 2 car garage. Living room with a cozy fireplace, full basement, central air, convenient 1st floor laundry, formal dining room, neutral décor, and a deck with an awning. \$219,500 (588GR)



**NOVI 2002 BUILT COLONIAL** Huge floor plan w/over 3000 square feet located in Churchill Crossing Sub. Full basement w/egress windows, neutral décor, ceramic and hardwood floors, huge island kitchen, 3 full baths, attached 3 car garage, private patio area and Novi schools. \$504,900 (473CA)



**SPECTACULAR NORTHVILLE HOME** Come see this awesome home with 4 beds and 2.5 baths. Situated well within the sub with many updates including furnace, central air, roof, windows, drywall, and hot water heater. Nicely landscaped private yard. An absolute must see at this price! \$344,900 (603RA)



**TRAILWOODS SUB OF PLYMOUTH** Fabulous updated quad level home backing to wooded commons. Special features include a gourmet kit, skylights & walls of windows! Newer furn & ac, new carpet & paint, stamped concrete walk & drive. Pergo flrs, built ins & recessed lighting. A must see! \$340,000 (671CA)



**SIMPLY OUTSTANDING** Spacious home with over 2600 square feet, 4 beds and 2.5 baths. Formal living and dining areas, family room w/fireplace, fantastic 4 season room with an 8 person hot tub! 500 sq. ft. cedar deck and a gorgeous ravined lot. Skylights, Pella windows, and tons of updates. \$294,900 (489WE)



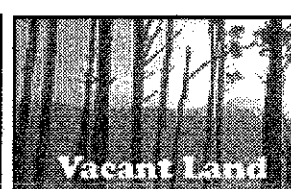
**CANTON EXCELLENCE AWARD** For this outstanding colonial. Circular drive, oversized garage, 2 master bedrooms, gorgeous baths with Jacuzzi tub, custom tile work and skylights. Newer windows, furnace, air, roof, deck, and carpeting. Too many amenities to list. \$264,900 (300WA)



**BEST LOTS TO CHOOSE FROM!** Premium wooded or walkout 2+ acre building sites to choose from in Salem Township. Close to shopping, schools, and easy Snowmobile trails and skiing freeway access. Private asphalt road. Bring the plan of your dream home! Deed restrictions apply. Starting at \$160,000. (000H)



**40 ACRE WOODED PARCEL** Great area for hunting, fishing, and hiking! Plenty of wildlife to be seen. Close to Wisconsin shopping, schools, and easy Snowmobile trails and skiing freeway access. Private asphalt road. Bring the plan of your dream home! Deed restrictions apply. Starting at \$110,000 (000DA)



**VACANT LAND IN CANTON** 2.5 acre residential building site where deer and other wildlife will be at your doorstep. Great country feeling with lots of privacy. Current home, garage and septic will be removed prior to closing. Great opportunity at a great price! \$214,500 (000DE)



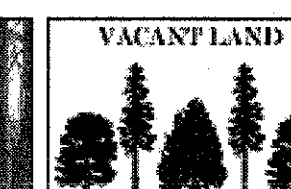
**NORTHVILLE COUNTRY SETTING** Quiet, country setting in the city! 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch within walking distance to downtown Northville. Completely updated with newer roof, C/A, well & septic, HW/H, copper plumbing, furnace, carpet and paint! \$164,900 (120FR)



**BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME!** 3 residential lots available in 2.5 acre walkout parcels. 2400 square feet minimum to build. Gas and electric. Saline schools. Starting at \$99,900. (115GI)



**PRIME LOT IN CANTON** Prime building site in area of 300K homes. 1.16 acres adjacent to Fellows Creek. Possible 2 building sites. All utilities, paved road, close to award winning schools, shopping and freeways for an easy commute. Check it out! \$99,900 (972LO)



**BEAUTIFUL BUILDING SITE** One of the few remaining vacant parcels in Green Meadows. Quiet Plymouth area capturing the charm of yesteryear with a flurry of new construction and expansion. Great investment with low township taxes. Just minutes from downtown Plymouth. \$99,900 (000AA)



**INVESTOR SPECIAL** Brick and aluminum ranch with 2 bedrooms and a 3rd in the lower level. Featuring a new hot water heater, 2 car garage, and a partially finished basement. This home just needs a little TLC to make it special! Hardwood floors, new electrical and a great area. \$91,500 (625AR)



**DOLL HOUSE!** Best describes this cute 3 bedroom home. Clean and in move in condition. Many updates including an all white updated kitchen and new cement drive. Nice location. \$123,500 (592GU)



**SUPER WESTLAND STARTER** This one has it all and is priced to sell! 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen with ceramic tile & cabinetry. Doorwall to fenced yard, fabulous wrap around deck, recessed lights, new furnace and plumbing, 2.5 car garage. WOW! \$142,500 (750MA)



**LIVONIA BARGAIN** Half an acre lot in a great western Livonia neighborhood. Cute little 2 bedroom house that has great potential. Come take a look today! \$145,000 (665BO)



**GREAT CORNER LOT!** 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in Dearborn Heights with a huge yard in a great corner lot. Near schools and shopping. Family room w/ fireplace and doorwall to patio. All bedrooms with hardwood floors. What more do you need? \$164,900 (518GR)



**ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!** Great opportunity for a first time buyer or retiree! 3 bedroom brick ranch with 1.5 baths and lots of amenities. 2 fireplaces, rec room, cozy living area, new furnace and air conditioning. Nice sized floor plan. Enjoy the summer from the huge back porch. \$137,900 (936LA)



**PRETTY AS A PICTURE** Priced to sell brick home with awesome updates! Newer 3 dimensional roof, hardwood floors, carpet & more! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an outstanding yard, beautifully updated kitchen and bath and a 2 car garage. \$178,500 (030HU)



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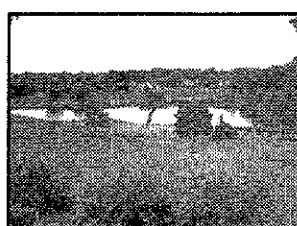
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**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP \$499,900**  
Wow! Fantastic View Of Golf Course & Lake From This Special Home- Complete W/elevator. Gorgeous Hwd Flrs Lr, Dr, Kit & Nook. Completely Remodeled Kitchen W/glass Drs, Granite Sub Zero, Nook W/bay. (OEN54AUG) 888-870-9123



**BRIGHTON \$899,900**  
Absolutely Spectacular. 3fp's, Plain & Fancy Top Of The Custom Cabinetry T/O, Granite & Corian T/O, Extensive Wood Trim T/O W/ 8ft Solid Drs, Wooded Rolling Terrain, Bridge Overlooking Gr W/ 21ft Ceiling. (OEN58DOM) 888-870-9123



**BRIGHTON \$234,900**  
Attractive 3 bedroom Colonial on 3/4 acre. Desirable quiet family neighborhood. Easy commute to all expressways. Large family room with fireplace. Large bedrooms and master bath. 10 X 16 beak. Warranted (OESLY96BAL) 888-870-9131



**CANTON \$249,900**  
Gorgeous 2 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath Brick Condo In Golf Comm W/pool. Kit W/oak Cabs, Lg Cntrs & All Appl. Dwalls To Lg Deck Overlking Woods/Pond. Master Ste W/cath Ceiling, WIC & Jetted Tub. Full Basement. 2 Car Garage (OEL76HOG) 888-870-9105



**CANTON \$234,900**  
Wow! Great Home! Great Opportunity! Walk To Park Location, Vaulted Ceiling In Lg Kit W/lots Of Cabinets & Built In Desk, First Flr Laundry, Hardwood Fir Entry & Wood Laminet Fir In Kit. Crown Moldings. (OEN53BRO) 888-870-9123



**CANTON \$224,900**  
Updated & maintenance free brick ranch in perfect Canton location, 3 bed, 2 full bath brick ranch. Updates include newer carpet, roof, windows, flooring, 1st floor laundry, baths. Fin bsmt. This home won't last! (OEP71HIG) 888-870-9127



**COMMERCE \$414,900**  
Gorgeous home on a cul-de-sac. High ceilings, hrdw flrs in the 2 story foyer, kit, breakfast rm & powder rm. Lg mstr bdrm w/gas fp. Spacious bath w/garden jacuzzi tub. Fin LL. Lg maintenance free trex deck. (OESLY30KNO) 888-870-9131



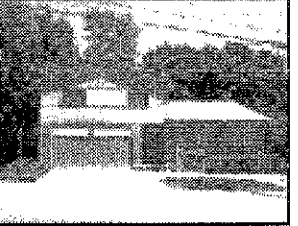
**DEARBORN \$195,000**  
4 Bdrm, 2 Bath Cape Cod Is in a Serene Arbor Setting Just A Block From Levagood Park & 3 Olympic Size Pools. Large FR & Fireplace, Huge Bedrooms, Beautiful Covered Ceilings, & Prof Refinished Hardwood Floors. (OEL41LAF) 888-870-9105



**DETROIT \$119,900**  
Nice 4 Bdrm Brick Bungalow W/ Updates: New Kitchen Cabinets & Floor, Windows, Roof & Carpet. Frpl In LR. Security System And One Year Home Warranty. City Certs Orderd! (OEL75MUR) 888-870-9105



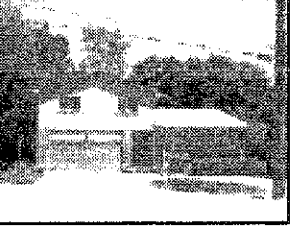
**DETROIT \$69,900**  
Outstanding 4 Bdrm, 1 Full Bath & 2 Half Baths. Updates: New Roof, Vinyl Trim, Gutters, Kitchen W/Oak Cabinets, New Ceiling & Flooring. Many Rooms W/ New Carpet, Fresh Paint T/O. Clean! Fnsht Bsm. City Certs done. (OEL89ORE) 888-870-9105



**FARMINGTON \$309,900**  
Super Sharp Colonial On Incredible Lot Backing To Rouge River! Gorgeous Wooded Terraced Backyard W/deck & Paver Patio. Walk To Downtown, Park & Sledding Hill! Newer Roof Shingles (97), Newer Furnace & Ca. (OEN32SHI) 888-870-9123



**FARMINGTON \$119,900**  
Versailles Place W/deck Overlooking Trees & Commons Area. Designer Decor T/O. Updates inc.Ceramic Flooring @ Entr, Bath W/limestone Counter & Floor, Kit W/ceramic Fir; Granite Counters.Open Fir Plan W/frml DR. (OEL57SHI) 888-870-9105



**FARMINGTON HILLS \$349,000**  
One Look & Its Sold! Located Deep In The Sub This Premium End Unit Backs To The Commons. Dramatic 2 Story Foyer, Great Room W/ Bridge & Gas Frpl. Formal Dining Room & Library/ study W/crown Moldings (OEN46SIE) 888-870-9123



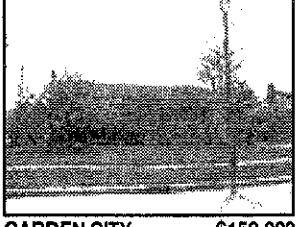
**FARMINGTON HILLS \$300,000**  
Prestigious Old Homestead Sub, This Home Boasts A Private 1/2 Acre Lot With Large Deck. Beautiful Granite Kitchen, With Stainless Steel App., Newer Roof, Furnace, Hot Water Heater, Cozy Greatroom. (OEN52LYM) 888-870-9123



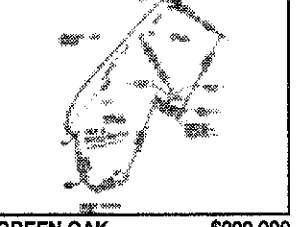
**FARMINGTON HILLS \$290,000**  
Welcome Home To This Lovely 4 Bed Brick Colonial Located In The Popular Farmington Green Sub, In The Heart Of Farmington Hills. Bright Lr & Dr. Cozy Fr W/nat Fr. Large Eat In Kit W/dw To Deck. (OEN56NEW) 888-870-9123



**GARDEN CITY \$162,000**  
3 bdrm all brick ranch w/many updates. New windows, kitchen, bathroom, roof, covered front porch! Hrdwd under all carpet. Neutral decor. Private, professionally landscaped yard. Beautifully, immaculate home. (OEL00291) 888-870-9105



**GARDEN CITY \$169,900**  
This one sparkles! Everything is done, floors, kitchen, paint, HWH, furnace, newer bath. Finished basement w/2nd bath and study. Beautiful landscaped yards fenced in back. Bring your fustiest buyer. (OESLY31BOC) 888-870-9131



**GREEN OAK \$299,900**  
Secluded 3 wooded acres at end of private road on all sport lakes connecting to chain of lakes. Walkout building site. Agent must accompany all showings. Private area. (OESLY42SAN) 888-870-9131



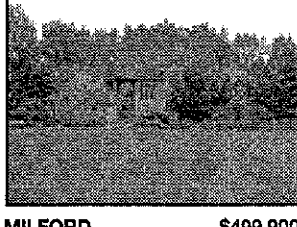
**LIVONIA \$249,900**  
Beautiful & Spacious "rosedale Gardens" Colonial Offering A Wonderful Blend Of Old World Charm & Modern Design W/a Remodeled Open Floor Plan. Totally Renovated Kitchen Offers 2 Separate Sink Stations. (OEN11WES) 888-870-9123



**LIVONIA \$185,000**  
Terrific 3 Bdrm Ranch Sets In A Quiet Neighborhood Near The Park. Newer Roof w/ Distinctive Dimensional Shingles Add To Great Curb Appeal. The int. is Freshly Painted. The Upgrades incl: Windows, Countertops. (OEN28BRE) 888-870-9123



**LYONS \$339,900**  
4 Bdrm, 2 1/2 Bath Col W/ premium Lot. Lg Mst W/garden Tub & 10x12 WIC. Formal LR, lg Kit, W/Oak Cabs & Center Island. Hwdw & Ceramic T/O. 888-870-9105 (OEL77ORC) 888-870-9105



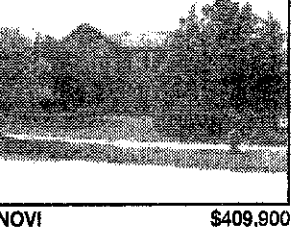
**MILFORD \$499,900**  
Pristine 2 Story Contemporary On 1.62 Acres Backs To Woods. 4 Brs, 3.5 Baths, & 1st Flr Mstr Ste W/sky Lights. Prof Fin Bsmt w/ An Add'l 1,400 Sqft. (OEL67HER) 888-870-9105



**NORTHVILLE \$849,900**  
Setting backing to the 9th tee! Truly exceptional 4BR, 3.1BA brick colonial on a premium wooded setting. Gourmet kitchen & nook w/granite countertops. Luxury master suite. Library w/ built-in bookcase. (OEP33TOU) 888-870-9127



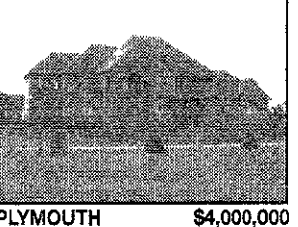
**NORTHVILLE \$169,900**  
This Condo Has Been Gutted Down To The Drywall Within The Last 2.5 Yrs. Thomasville Cabinetry In The Kitchen, Bath, Tile In The Kitchen, Bath & Entry Way, New Trim, New Six Panel Doors, New Light Fixtures. (OEN24EGL) 888-870-9123



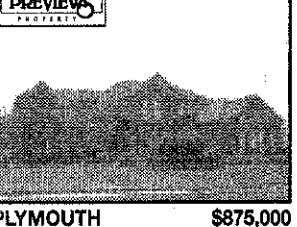
**NOVI \$409,900**  
Royal Crown features meticulous colonial surrounded by mature trees. Spacious living room & dining room. Great room has fireplace & cathedral ceiling. Neutral thru-out. Lg master w/ jacuzzi tub. Finished basement. (OEP20FOX) 888-870-9127



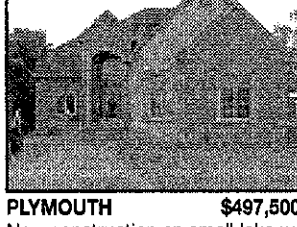
**NOVI \$184,000**  
Lake living is here! Quaint 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch with neutral decor. Spacious kitchen/ dining combo. All appliances. 1st floor Laundry. 1.5 car garage and extra storage. Home warranty. Call today. (OESLY56PIC) 888-870-9131



**PLYMOUTH \$4,000,000**  
First Time Offered. Beautiful Estate W/full Brick Exterior, Aluminum Clad Casement Windows, 2 Terrace Decks With Brick Piers, Beautifully Landscaped 2 Acres Of Land. (OEN55MYS) 888-870-9123



**PLYMOUTH \$875,000**  
Truly special home! Most premium setting one could find! Gigantic gourmet kitchen w/spacious nook-sitting area. Dramatic great room. Incredible finished w/o w/ full kitchen, full bath & more! (OEP55FEL) 888-870-9127



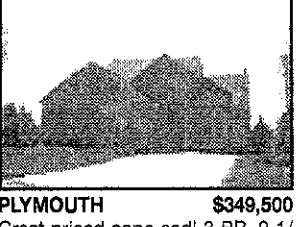
**PLYMOUTH \$497,500**  
New construction on small lake w/ stonecast FP, cherry cabinets, granite countertops. Custom mids & trim. Brazilian hardwood flrs. Ceramic BA & laundry. 4BR, 2.5BA, daylight bsmt. (OEP35IRO) 888-870-9127



**PLYMOUTH \$429,900**  
Stunning Home On Premium Lot Backing To Gorgeous Natural Wetlands Preserve. A Dream Home For Nature Lovers Shows Like A Model W/ Exquisite Views. Sellers Has Added Custom Windows, Deck, & Patio, Insulation To Grg. (OEN55ESS) 888-870-9127



**PLYMOUTH \$399,900**  
Move in ready! 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath cape cod. Partially finished basement. Glamour decor & very clean. First floor laundry, nice 3-season room & paver patio. Cherry cab, custom window treatments, excellent landscaping. (OEP06MEA) 888-870-9127



**PLYMOUTH \$349,500**  
Great priced cape cod! 3 BR, 2 1/2 BA w/lux first floor master w/ cathedral ceiling. Open great room w/FP & soaring ceiling. Spacious kitchen & nook. Formal dining room. First floor study. Neutral. Must see! (OEP93PLY) 888-870-9127



**PLYMOUTH \$339,000**  
Ridgewood Hills! Tudor colonial with 4 BR's, 2 1/2 BA's, great kit w/nook has a "Pottery Barn" immaculate interior. Finished LL, huge 2 tier deck & side entry 2 car garage. A great value! (OEP11RED) 888-870-9127



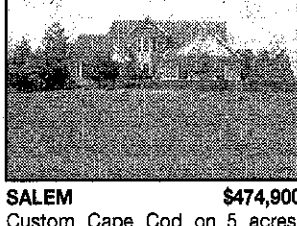
**PLYMOUTH \$214,900**  
Spacious & charming within walking distance to all Plymouth offers! 4 BR, 1.5 bath colonial w/ hwd throughout, family room w/ fireplace. Partially finished basement, all appliances included. Large lot! (OEP16HOL) 888-870-9127



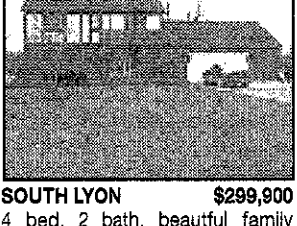
**PLYMOUTH \$91,500**  
2BR upper unit w/private basement & carport overlooks commons, pool & wooded creek! Newer carpet, neutral decor, new doorwalls, parquet floor, 55+ age. Gas & H 20 included. No pets. (OEP99SHE) 888-870-9127



**ROMULUS \$139,900**  
Beautiful Home On Over 1/2 Acre Lot. Lg Kit Has Oak Cabinets Eat At Counter, vaulted Ceilings, 3 Skylights, Lg Master Br Has 2 Walk In Closets, Lg Bath Has Jetted Jacuzzi Tub, double Sinks. (OEN95BAL) 888-870-9123



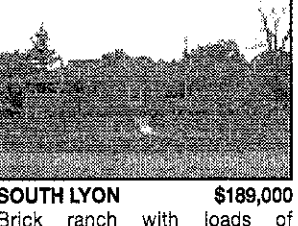
**SALEM \$474,900**  
Custom Cape Cod on 5 acres. Master suite has jetted tub and large loft oak finish, walk-out basement. Open floor plan. Great views from all windows. 36 X 24 xtra garage. (OESLY77FRA) 888-870-9131



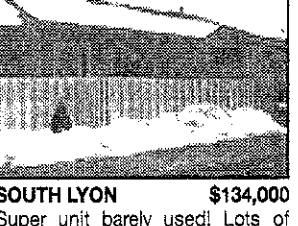
**SOUTH LYON \$299,900**  
4 bed, 2 bath, beautiful family home w/5 acres and all the privacy & wildlife you would want. Town is just around the corner w/bike paths, movie theater and restaurants. (OESLY55GRI) 888-870-9131



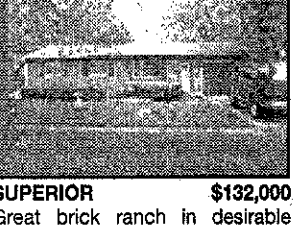
**SOUTH LYON \$204,000**  
Tranquil setting on quiet cul-de-sac. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch has updated kitchen, neutral decor, finished basement and more! Immaculate condition. Truly a rare find. (OESLY95CHE) 888-870-9131



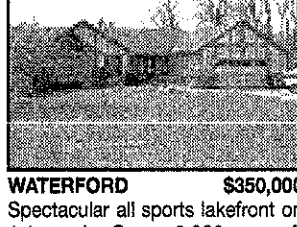
**SOUTH LYON \$189,000**  
Brick ranch with loads of potential. Large double lot located in charming downtown. 2 car garage. Full basement. (OESLY20LOT) 888-870-9131



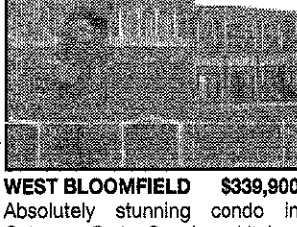
**SOUTH LYON \$134,000**  
Super unit barely used! Lots of upgrades, cathedral ceiling, skylite enclosed Florida room. Finished basement w/gorgeous bath, fireplace and craft room w/walk-in. Take a look! 55+ Co-op. (OESLY80ARL) 888-870-9131



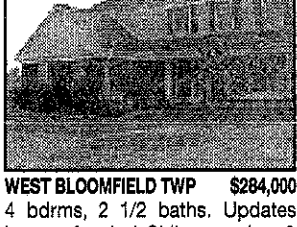
**SUPERIOR \$132,000**  
Great brick ranch in desirable woodland acres. Partially finished basement provides extra space for the family. Great place to start or retire. Ready to move in to! Great neighborhood! (OESLY35MAC) 888-870-9131



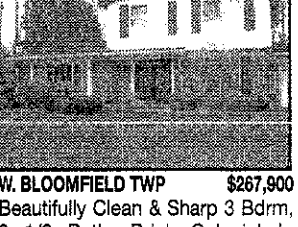
**WATERFORD \$350,000**  
Spectacular all sports lakefront on 1.1 acres! Over 3,000 sq ft including walkout level. Over \$35,000 in updates: Maple kitchen w/corain counters, cherrywood floors, 6 bedrooms, 3.5 bath bath. (OESLY45VAL) 888-870-9131



**WEST BLOOMFIELD \$339,900**  
Absolutely stunning condo in Gateway Park. Spacious kitchen w/42" maple cabinets, HDWD flrs & all appl's inc washer & dryer. Gas FP in LR w/granite, FR & powder rm on LL. All custom wndw treat/ drapes. Finished garage. (OEP66GAT) 888-870-9127



**WEST BLOOMFIELD TWP \$284,000**  
4 bdrms, 2 1/2 baths. Updates inc: roof, vinyl Sliding ,wndws & Dwalls. Mstr Bath W/garden Tub, separate Shwr & Double Sinks. All Bdrms & Kit. W/ceiling Fans. Pergo Fl In LR,DR, Foyer, & Kit. Huge Deck. Newer A/C. 888-870-9105



**W. BLOOMFIELD TWP \$267,900**  
Beautifully Clean & Sharp 3 Bdrm, 2 1/2 Bath, Brick Colonial In "Franklin Valley" Sub. LR w/frpl. Updated Kit W/oak Cabs, W/in Pantry & All Appl. Formal DR W/ hwdw Flrs. Lg FR W/2-way Gas Insert Frpl. Full Bsmt. (OEL62PEB) 888-870-9105



**WESTLAND \$159,900**  
Don't miss your chance! Clean, bright & neutral! Stunning 2 BR condo w/gas fireplace & finished lower level for extra space. All this in the perfect location. Close to everything. (OEP19HUN) 888-870-9127



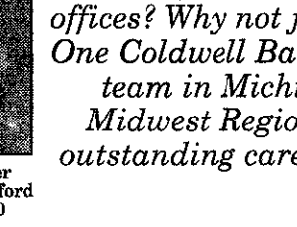
**WESTLAND \$142,900**  
Fantastic 3 Bdrm, 2 Full Bath Newly Built Brick & Vinyl Sided Ranch. Beautiful LR & DR W/ Cath Ceilings. Kit W/Hwdw Fir & Oak Cabinets. Mstr Bdrm W/ Full Bath & Shower. 1st Floor Laundry. (OEL55LIN) 888-870-9105



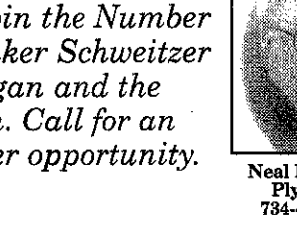
**WESTLAND 138,900**  
3 bdrm, 1 bath Bungalow w/ Excellent Floor Plan. Hwdw Floors & Oak Trim. Ceramic Floor In Kit. Wood Windows. Huge Walk-in Closet And Bonus Finished Room Upstairs. Enjoy Summer Evenings From The Deck. Lg. lot. (OEL09PAL) 888-870-9105



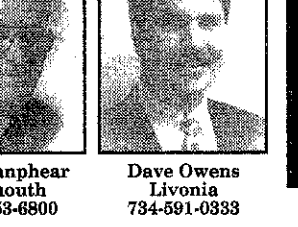
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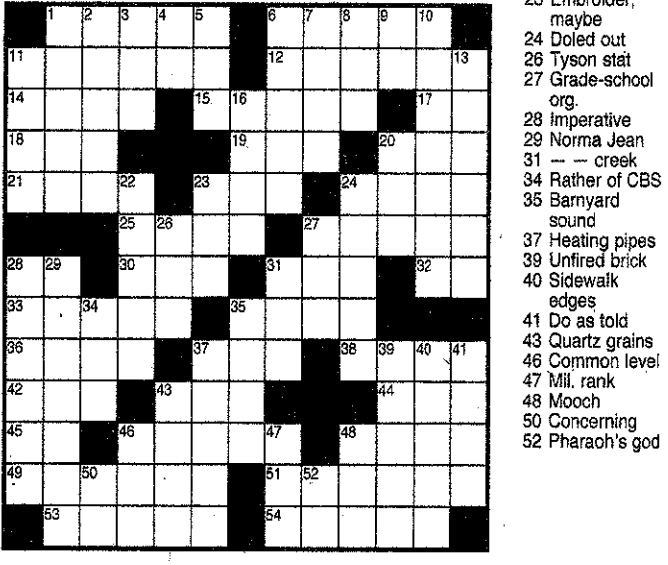
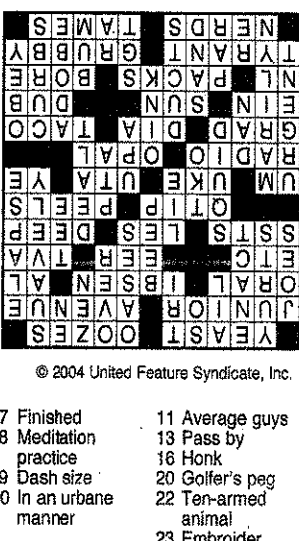
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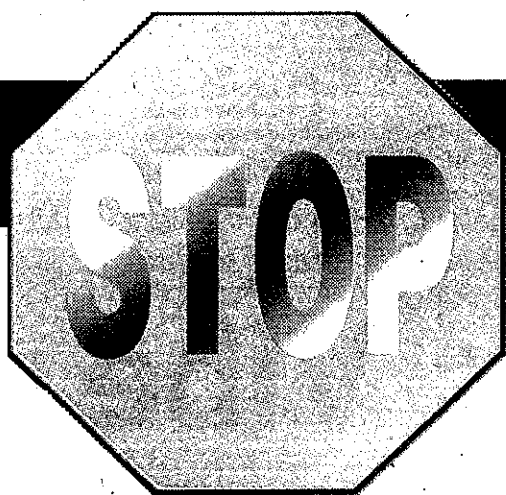












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**Now... \$13,269\*\***

ZERO DOWN	\$1947 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$364 <sup>00</sup> due at signing
\$1500 DOWN	\$15218 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$1009 <sup>00</sup> due at signing

**2004 TAURUS SE 4-DR SEDAN**

Air, depower restraint sys-pass a bag, remote keyless entry, spd control, rear def, 3.0L 2V 6-cyl flex fuel eng, auto O/D trans, rear spoiler, 5-pass w/fr console tr seat, 5-spk painted aluminum wheels. Stock #41268. WAS \$21,485.

**Now... \$11,911\*\***

ZERO DOWN	\$208 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$258 <sup>00</sup> due at signing
\$1500 DOWN	\$18284 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$232 <sup>00</sup> due at signing

**2004 F-150 SUPERCAB STX**

Black clearcoat, Flint cloth 40/20/40, preferred equipment package 503A, floor carpet delete, manual black mirrors, 4.6L EFI V8 engine, electronic 4-spd automatic o/d, 3.73 ratio limited slip axle, 6700# GVWR package, job #2 order, sliding rear window, speed control, fog lamps, 35.7 gallon fuel tank, privacy glass. Stock #43077. Was \$26,600.

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**Now... \$14,123\*\***

ZERO DOWN	\$153 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$500 <sup>00</sup> due at signing
\$1500 DOWN	\$108 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$2042 <sup>00</sup> due at signing

**2004 FREESTAR SE**

3.5L Ratio reg axle, man right hand door, hand door, speed control, 2nd/3rd row privacy glass, 3.0L 2V V6 eng, 4-speed auto O/D trans, P225/50R16 BSW all season crossbars, rear cargo net, auxiliary A/C tri zone. Stock #42599. WAS \$27,870.

**Now... \$16,011\*\***

ZERO DOWN	\$244 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$612 <sup>00</sup> due at signing
\$1500 DOWN	\$20162 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$2156 <sup>00</sup> due at signing

**2005 ESCAPE XLS FWD 4-DR**

Air, roof side rails, Duratec 23-2.3L I4 engine, 4-spd auto O/D trans, P225/75R16 A/S BSW tires, roof rack w/hair crossbars, 16" alum whs, retract cargo cover, conv, grp, 4-door mats, spd conv, perimeter alarm. Stock #40499. WAS \$20,485.00.

**Now... \$14,297\*\***

ZERO DOWN	\$162 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$390 <sup>00</sup> due at signing
\$1500 DOWN	\$118 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$1033 <sup>00</sup> due at signing

**2004 MUSTANG COUPE DELUXE 2-DR**

Front floor mats, single wing rear spoiler, pwr driver's seat, spd control, air, AM/FM stereo CD w/dock, 16" painted alloy whs, ovrho valve V8, auto O/D trans, P225/55R16 94T BSW A/S, r/r upgrd pkg, ABS traction ctrl. Stock #41841. WAS \$21,290.00.

**Now... \$13,296\*\***

ZERO DOWN	\$165 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$483 <sup>00</sup> due at signing
\$1500 DOWN	\$12118 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$2026 <sup>00</sup> due at signing

**2004 EXPLORER SPORT TRAC 4X4**

XLT Prem V6, P255/70R16 AT OWL tires, step bar-black, monochromatic appear, pkg, Power driver seat 6-way, power windows/doorlocks, 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng, 5-spd auto O/D, auto-tilt radio sys. Stock #40636. WAS \$30,825.00.

**Now... \$20,573\*\***

ZERO DOWN	\$238 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$630 <sup>00</sup> due at signing
\$1500 DOWN	\$191 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$2146 <sup>00</sup> due at signing

**2004 EXPLORER XLT**

Air cond, 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng, 5-speed auto O/D trans, P235/70R16 A/S OWL tires, 3.55 rat reg axle, running boards, prem cass/CD radio, cargo area cover, roof rail cross bars. Stock #42927. WAS \$31,115.

**Now... \$19,107\*\***

ZERO DOWN	\$214 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$624 <sup>00</sup> due at signing
\$1500 DOWN	\$169 <sup>00</sup> mtd.	\$2167 <sup>00</sup> due at signing

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V8 engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power locks, air conditioning, tinted glass, power windows, XLT appearance package. Stock #417000

Was \$28,518  
**\$132\*\***

**17,505\*\***

**2004 Ranger XLT Supercab**

V8 engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power locks, air conditioning, tinted glass, power windows, XLT appearance package. Stock #417000

Was \$22,535  
**\$150\*\***

**13,796\*\***

**2005 Escape XLT**

V8 engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, tinted glass, power windows, power locks, 17" premium alloy wheels, AM/FM stereo CD, power moonroof

Was \$24,250  
**\$208\*\***

**18,401\*\***

**2005 Focus ZX4**

Automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, tinted glass, power windows, power locks, air wheel, cruise control, AM/FM stereo with CD player. Stock #40160

Was \$19,000  
**\$218\*\***

**13,341\*\***

**2004 Explorer XLT**

Power windows, power locks, cruise control, 3 wheel, keyless entry, AM/FM stereo/CD, US air, leather top package, sport package, 17" sport aluminum wheels, running boards, automatic transmission, 4.0L V6, 5-spk, 6-disc audio. Stock #40636

Was \$30,825  
**\$232\*\***

**19,209\*\***

**2004 Mustang GT**

Power windows, power locks, cruise control, wheel, V8 engine, AM/FM stereo/CD w/dock, keyless entry, ABS brakes, leather interior, pwr driver seat, automatic transmission, spoiler, 17" premium alloy wheels. Stock #41841

Was \$27,360  
**\$243\*\***

**19,335\*\***

**2004 Taurus SES**

Power windows, power locks, cruise control, air, AM/FM stereo CD, 6-way passenger seat, w/fr floor shift, ABS brakes, remote keyless entry, moonroof, spoiler, 24 valve V8. Stock #40160

Was \$24,480  
**\$255\*\***

**13,549\*\***

**2004 Freestar SES**

V8 engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, tinted glass, power windows, power locks, air wheel, cruise control, seven passenger seating, trailer tow. Stock #41168

Was \$30,000  
**\$237\*\***

**19,831\*\***

**2004 Ford Quality Coach Van E-Series**

V8 engine, auto, pwr steering, pwr brakes, air tinted glass, pwr windows & locks, air, cruise, AM/FM stereo, compact disc player, chrome wheels, 4 captain chairs, pwr bleed rear seat, cherry wood trim, 2nd row 16" LCD TV/CD. Stock #40160

Was \$40,535  
**\$28,744\*\***

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