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Gold Award

Katherine Ditzler, daughter of Brent and Julie Ditzler of Canton, was among the Girl Scout honorees who earned her Gold Award at an annual ceremony held in May at the University of Michigan.

A member of Troop 900 of the Huron Valley Council, Katherine's Gold Award project aimed to create an environment that allowed young writers to discuss what goes into a story, edit a story and share their work with others.

Katherine, 16, held four workshops to discuss setting, dialogue and description, characters and plot; one workshop to discuss peer editing and five peer editing sessions.

These workshops helped the attendees confront issues in their own writing and gave them the motivation to complete stories that were then self-published into a book that each participant received.

"We congratulate these girls for what they have achieved and are excited for their future," said Gail Scott, CEO, Huron Valley Council, at the 2004 Gold Award Ceremony.

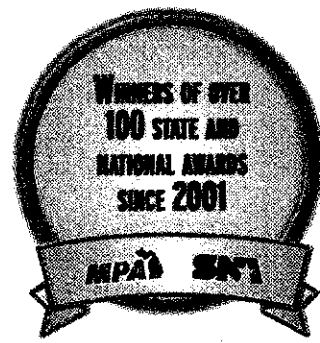
"As a Gold Award Girl Scout they are already on the path to success as they pursue a career and build a life of their own."

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Farmland proposals prompt opposition

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

About 120 people packed the planning commission chambers Monday night to voice their opinions and concerns over proposed changes to the future land use map, particularly in the western portion of the township.

Most of those who spoke opposed the changes.

While a variety of items were

Find out what our editorial board thinks about the farmland proposals. Editorial, page A8.

under consideration, the thrust of the recommendations was to redesignate all land designated either agricultural (which allows one dwelling unit per 40 acres) or rural residential (one unit per two acres) to other designations that would allow

greater densities when the land is developed.

"Nothing tonight has anything to do with rezoning," Community Planner Jeff Goulet told the audience. "What we're considering tonight is a change in the long-range plans of the community in how the planning commission feels we're going to build out in the next 20 years."

Some of the proposed changes were initiated by developers targeting specific sites,

while three of the proposals were township initiated and involved much wider areas.

Specific areas targeted for change were the Ford Road corridor from Ridge to Napier, Canton Center south of the Rouge River to Geddes and the Geddes corridor, which involves lands along Geddes, Denton, Mott and Barr roads.

The recommended changes were proposed following a preliminary study of the sanitary

sewer system and potential impacts of residential density increases.

After more than an hour of discussion, commissioners voted to table those proposals.

Meanwhile, residents expressed their concerns.

"We'd much rather retain the rural description in the master land use plan," said Dick Dionne, president of the

PLEASE SEE PROPOSALS, A5



MONICA FOUTS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kris Leclerc supports the middle of a giant flag as the Canton Boy Scouts prepare to walk down Canton Center Road.

Bigger and better every year, Liberty parade and festival draw thousands

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Richard and Carolyn Sumner of Canton arrived at the Farmer Jack parking lot on Canton Center about 8:30 a.m. Saturday, bought tickets to the VIP bleacher seats and settled down to watch the Liberty Fest parade.

Why so early? The parade was scheduled to start at 10 a.m.

"We're retired," Richard

said. "We just came to check out the parade. We've got plenty of time."

After the parade, they were headed over to the Liberty Fest. Richard wanted to check out the three hybrid cars that Ford Motor Co. had on display.

"I used to work for Caron Company in Westland," he said. "They built experimental cars for Ford."

Over in the park, Tony Grabowski, a research engineer for Ford, was manning

the exhibit, which featured a fuel cell Focus sedan, a hydrogen engineer hybrid Focus and an SUV hybrid, the Escape. The Escape is scheduled to go into production this summer.

"Quite a few people have been coming by asking questions," Grabowski said. "There seems to be a lot of interest."

Arum Jaura, technical leader for hybrid vehicle development at Ford, said the company was displaying

them at the Liberty Fest "because we have all the people who love the environment and we can showcase our technology."

PARADE TIME

Meanwhile, back at the parade route, Ed and Melanie Leeson of Canton were sitting in the bleachers with their children, Sarah, 9, and Brian, 12.

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, A6

Candidate promises he will be people's advocate

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Todd Caccamo says if he's successful in his bid for a township trustee's post, he'll be an advocate for the people.

"Maybe I'm naive," he said, "but I don't look at it as politics. I look at it as public service."

Caccamo, 32, is an account executive for Tenneco Automotive. An ex-Marine and martial arts blackbelt, he also owns his own karate studio in Livonia, All Star Karate, which he's owned for about 14 years.

He and his wife, Kay, have lived in Canton for five years.

A Republican and avowed conservative, Caccamo says his first priority is the thoughtful management of growth.

"As a result of poor long-term planning, we now face extreme traffic congestion, crowded schools, loss of green space and an overall decrease in our quality of life," he said.

He says he's not opposed to development and he doesn't think all growth is bad.

"The question we should consider for each proposed new development," he said, "is will its overall effect on our quality of life be positive or negative?"

He also says he's a fiscal conservative.

"I tell people I'm frugal with my money," he said, "but I'm downright cheap with someone else's money."

He thinks overspending on the wrong things is a problem.

"People are always complaining that there's no funding, there's no money, there's no this," he said. "I firmly believe that there's plenty of money to go around. If people would spend money as if it were their own,

PLEASE SEE CANDIDATE, A5

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The Canton Observer has developed a new feature that is designed both to increase the reach for advertising placed in the paper and to facilitate Web surfers using the paper's portal site, HomeTownLife.com.

Called "Featured Ads," it is a button on the home page of the Observer & Eccentric site on HomeTownLife.com that makes it possible to search the entire database for display advertising that appears in the papers. Visitors need only to click the button to search the ads.

"We've been working to develop ways to fuse our well-read and widely accepted hometown newspapers with the special capabilities of the Web," according to Phil Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network, the parent company of the Canton Observer.

"We started by developing

our portal site, HomeTownLife.com, which includes news and classified ads from the Observer & Eccentric. We then developed our 'Hot Ads' feature that highlights special advertising opportunities for Web users. And now we have added searchability to all display ads that run in the newspaper and also appear on our Web site.

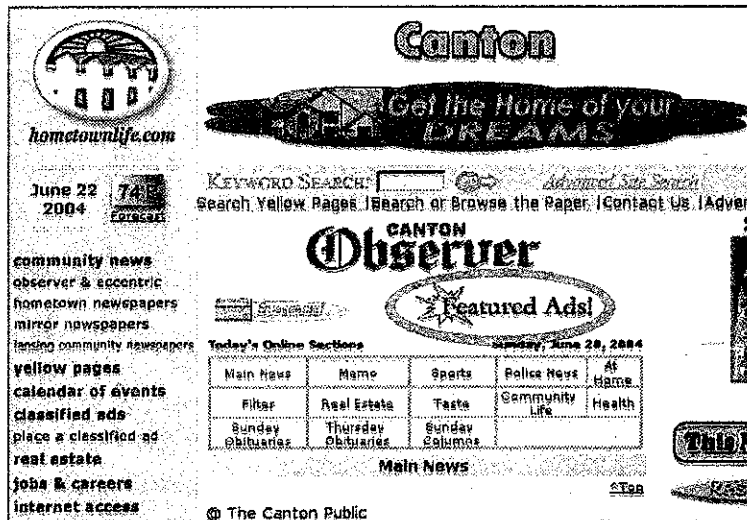
"Searchability is a useful and convenient feature on our site. Web surfers are now able to click on the 'Featured Ads' link on every main newspaper page on the HomeTownLife.com site, which takes them to a list of every display ad that runs in the papers," according to Power. "Web users can browse through the list of ads, which are categorized for easy navigation. Once the ad you are interested in appears, you can click the 'View Ad' button, which

brings up a full view of the ad," said Power.

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# Police Honor Guard gains in popularity

When Sgt. Rick Pomorski, coordinator of the Canton Police Department's Honor Guard Unit, started training with the group at its inception in 1999, he thought the unit would make a few appearances at local events each year. Five years later, however, he reflects back on how the unit has evolved, due in part to the frequent demand of its services.

"I envisioned our unit being used mostly for parades, opening ceremonies, and festive events," he said. "However, as fate would have it, we have been more in demand for police funerals and memorial services," the most recent of which was the funeral for a Bloomfield Township police officer killed in a car crash in May.

The unit trains approximately twice a month and adds extra practices when special drills are requested. Three recent memorial services filled the unit's calendar, taking them from Canton to Lansing to Washington, D.C. Honored at each memorial service was fallen Canton police officer Gordon "Lew" Stevens who was killed in the line of duty in a traffic crash on July 23, 2003.

During Police Week in Michigan, the Honor Guard unit was invited to participate in the state's ceremony in Lansing as well as participate in a memorial service in Inkster.

On Memorial Day they combined their skills with a Vietnam veteran's color guard to honor fallen officers as well as all veterans' from all services. They have also attended several police funerals throughout the state, hoping each time that they have attended their last.

During National Police Week in May, the unit traveled to Washington, D.C., and participated in several memorial events honoring fallen officers. Events included a candlelight vigil that was attended by more than 20,000 law enforcement officers. The Canton honor guard unit was requested to carry the colors at the beginning of the ceremony as well as stand watch at the memorial wall during the day, an honor given only to those departments who have recently suffered the loss of an officer.

"It was an amazing experience, but emotionally draining," Pomorski said. "The hardest part was looking at the mementos left at the wall by family members and friends of fallen officers. The letters written by children to their fathers or mothers who were killed were the most touching of all."

The unit would not be where it is today without the full support of John Santomauro, director of Canton Public Safety, who had the foresight to

see the need for such a unit. The director, a Marine and Vietnam veteran himself, twice sent the unit to an honor guard training camp in Minnesota, where officers receive training in drilling and protocol from the U.S. Army's elite "Old Guard."

The "Old Guard" is the unit responsible for presiding over ceremonies at such high profile locations such as the White House, the Pentagon and the "Tomb of the Unknowns" in Arlington's National Cemetery.

The success of the unit has prompted other police agencies to contact Canton seeking input on starting their own honor guard unit. Pomorski said that Canton is in the planning stages of developing an honor guard school that would offer training for those departments wishing to start their own honor guard unit or those wishing to hone their skills in an already established unit.

It is expected that the unit's calendar will grow throughout this year and its members will continue to put their expertise to use during appearances at several upcoming events. If you wish to see the Canton Honor Guard, talk with them, or have a picture taken with them this summer, you can.

They will be presenting colors at the opening ceremonies at Canton's softball center, and memorializing veterans at the "Salute to Service" at the Summit. Pomorski said that the unit is "dedicated to providing the proper protocol and respect to the American flag as well as showing respect and homage to those in need."

# Businesswoman lauded as Ambassador of Year

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Surprise was an understatement for how Linda Robin felt when she was awarded with the Canton Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year.

"I was in total shock," said the owner of Showroom of Elegance jewelry store, 6108 Canton Center Road. "People who have been in the Ambassadors longer should have gotten it. But I am so proud and honored to have that acknowledgment."

Robin joined the chamber about three years ago after she opened the jewelry store. "I wanted to have some involvement in the chamber. I had to find something thought that would go in with my time schedule."

The Ambassadors fit the bill. The group of chamber members are, indeed, what the name implies. They greet members and guests at chamber events, call existing members to let them know of upcoming activities and deliver welcome plaques to new members. They also attend all ribbon cuttings at new businesses. Each month, the group meets to go review which new businesses have moved into town and what new construction is on the drawing board.



Linda Robin was overwhelmed when it was announced she won the Ambassador of the Year award, presented by Aldona Chew of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

Being chosen as the Ambassador of the Year is significant in the chamber world. "It is the highest ranking diplomatic representative," said member Aldona Chew of Bank One and vice president of the chamber's government relations.

Above all, the Ambassadors encourage chamber involvement. "The more you become involved in the chamber, the more it means to you," Chew said.

"This year's winner is consistently at the monthly meetings and ribbon cuttings," Chew added. "She always greets members, welcomes them. She has worked diligently on the auction and golf committees."

Robin just likes working with people. "I also like being connected with the community," said the recent Leadership Canton graduate. "It's been a wonderful networking opportunity. I believe you need to give back to the people and the

community that helps you."

The former Canton resident decided to open her business in Canton after years of planning. Canton offered a growing area and the most opportunity. Today, her business has a manager, full-time jeweler and three sales associates.

"We can do just about anything," Robin said, referring to jewelry design and redesign of older pieces.

Robin thanks her father, who owned a Speidel distributorship, for her entrance into the jewelry business.

When he retired, he wanted to start his own company, which she and her brothers joined.

"You learn as you go and you learn from others. I look to opportunity to meet people and to service them. Jewelry is a fun thing. It's something I have always known."

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P.S. A golf swing creates lots of torque and tension in the lower back that can lead to soreness and stiffness.

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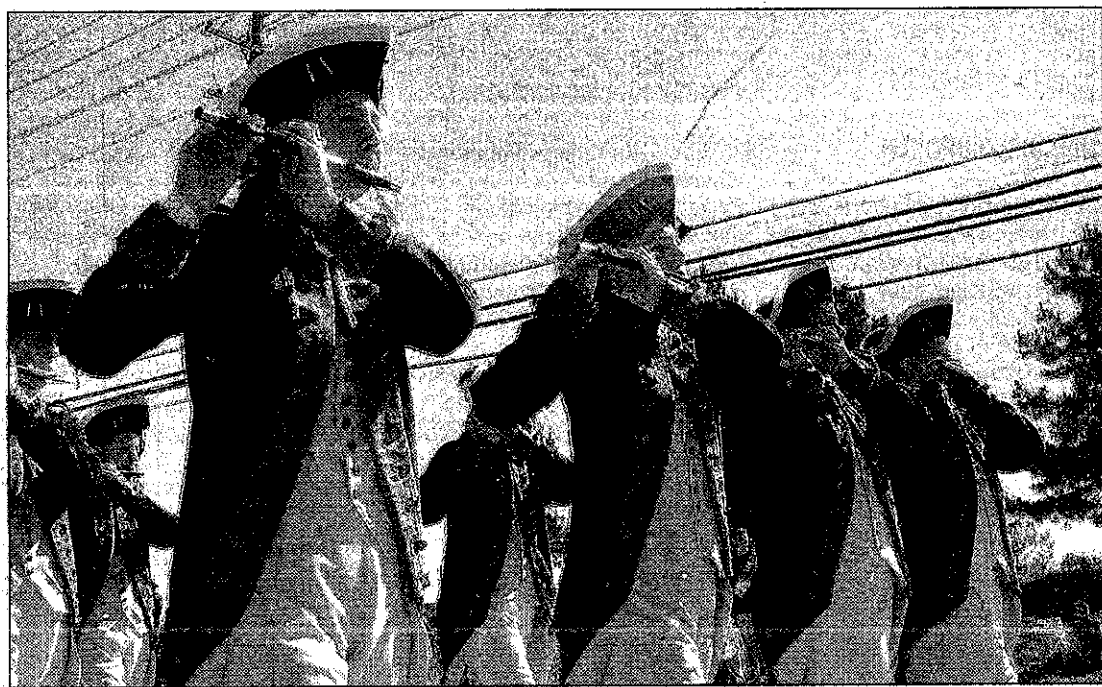
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Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps marches in tune during Canton's Liberty Festival parade Saturday.



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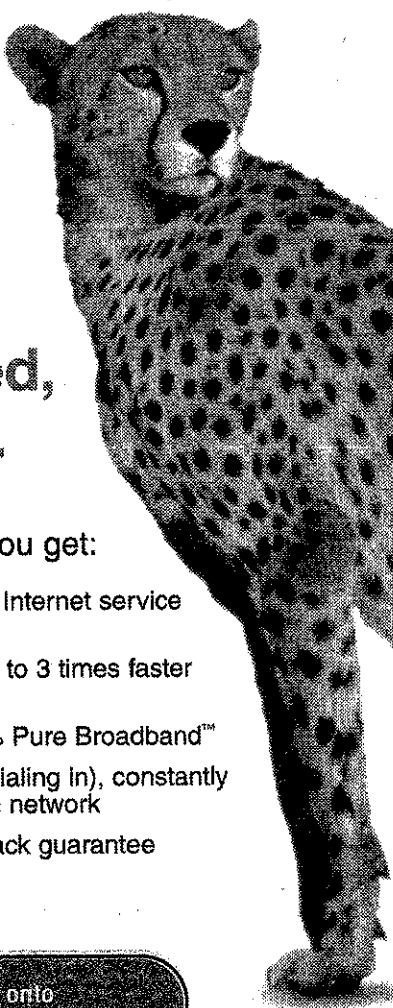
Above left, Steven Yee of Canton rides his decorated bike at the Liberty Festival parade Saturday. Steven won the bike decorating contest, which was sponsored by Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack. Above, Alicia Ashton of Canton sports flag antennae while parading with the Canton Girl Scouts. At left, Aurora Wernette, Carolyn Springer, and Kathrine Springer dance down Canton Center Road with The Dance Connection.

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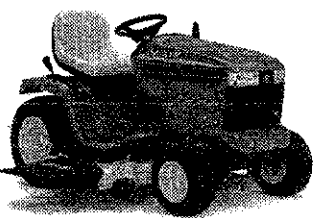
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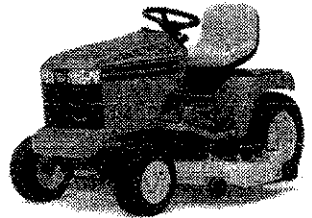
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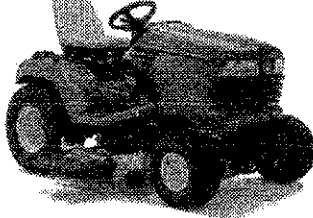
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FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

**A**  
William "Bill" R. Atwood, 77, of Oakland Township, died June 20.

**C**  
John R. Cameron, 48, of Southfield, died June 17.  
Steven E. Chilcutt, 29, of Southfield, died June 15.

**F**  
Maxine A. Falcone, 82, of Rochester Hills, died June 12.  
Lois L. Filer, 88, of Auburn Hills, died June 3.

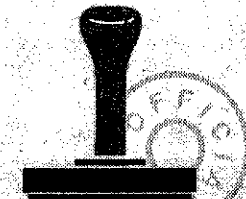
**G**  
Billy Ray Gibson Jr., 28, of Rochester Hills, died June 17.  
John I. Graham, 72, of Auburn Hills, died June 5.

**H**  
Philip C. Hart, 88, of Rochester Hills, died June 18.  
Evelyn B. Henry, 94, of Oakland, died June 3.  
William D. "Bill" Howell, 73, of Rochester Hills, died June 8.

**I**  
Ashleigh P. Iserman, 17, of Rochester Hills, died June 5.

**L**  
David A. Lukens, 55, of Rochester Hills, died June 16.

**M**  
Ronald D. Marheine, 74, of Auburn Hills, died May 30.



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

**L**  
Lillian J. McClain, 78, of Farmington, died June 15.  
Evelyn L. Myers, 89, of Rochester Hills, died June 16.

**R**  
Dorothy C. Rebrovich, 82, of Independence Township, died June 12.  
Una "Mae" Reynolds, 66, of Farmington Hills, died June 16.  
Joseph P. Rudy, 80, of Farmington Hills, died June 19.

**S**  
Marie A. Shaw, 69, of Farmington Hills, died June 18.  
Bernice F. Stear, of Livonia, died June 18.

**T**  
Marjorie M. Thompson, 82, of Rochester Hills, died June 11.

Jason G. Tucker, 87, of Rochester, died June 5.

**V**  
James A. Vanderstek, 61, of Auburn Hills, died June 7.  
Lester F. Villeunava, 58, of Orion Township, died June 18.

**W**  
Elizabeth M. Waldorf, 86, of Oakland Township, died June 16.  
Opal M. Ward, 90, of Oakland Township, died June 15.  
Harold G. Wesslerling, 68, of Clinton Township, died June 3.

WINDSHIELD BROKEN

A man reported he was at the Marathon Station on Michigan Avenue about 11:30 p.m. June 18 when another man approached and smashed the windshield of his van. He said he had no idea why it happened. Damage was estimated at \$400.

POLICE

DOORS SMASHED

Police responded to a front door alarm at the CVS pharmacy on North Sheldon about 5:30 a.m. June 19. When they arrived the front glass door was broken and another interior glass door was shattered. Nothing was reported missing.

CLUBS TAKEN

A resident of the 48000 block of Red Run Drive said someone entered his garage on June 18 and stole golf clubs. The clubs were valued at

SHOPLIFTER CAUGHT

Police responded to a call to Kohl's Department Store on June 19 on a report of a shoplifting in progress. As units neared the store, they were notified that the suspect was attempting to leave. When they arrived on the scene they saw a man fitting the description of the suspect leaving the store. He looked at one of the police cars, then turned and went back inside, where he was confronted by store security. He was arrested after admitting taking 13 items of clothing valued at \$318.

AROUND TOWN

CHERRY HILL INVITATIONAL

When the Village Theater at Cherry Hill opens in September, guests will also be treated to the new Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Arts and Antiques Show Sept. 18 and 19 in Cherry Hill Village. Artists and antique dealers are wanted and are asked to apply by July 14 to Cherry Hill Invitational, Beechwood Inc. P.O. Box 87382, Canton, 48187. The show will debut at 10 a.m. and run through 6 p.m. Sept. 18 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 19. For more information, call Kris Darby at (734) 398-6598.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER

The Thursday Night Concert Series in the Heritage Park amphitheater continues with the Saline Fiddlers at 7:30 p.m. June 24. All concerts are free. Bring chairs and blankets.

SCHOOLHOUSE ROCKS

The historic Cherry Hill School will rock with free outdoor concerts beginning at 7:30 p.m. June 25 with the Detroit Brass, a blast of brass in all musical styles.

DINO DAYS

The aquatics center at the Summit on the Park will take you back to prehistoric times with the Dinosaur Days 7-9

p.m. Friday, June 25. Guests will dig for fossils, uncover dinosaur eggs and search for the creatures hiding in the aquatic center. Fee is \$4.50 for Summit members, \$5 for residents and \$6.50 for non-residents.

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, as well as a chance to relax and enjoy friends. 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. You will see ladies wearing vintage hats - though it is not required. Bring your favorite tea time recipe to exchange with others. 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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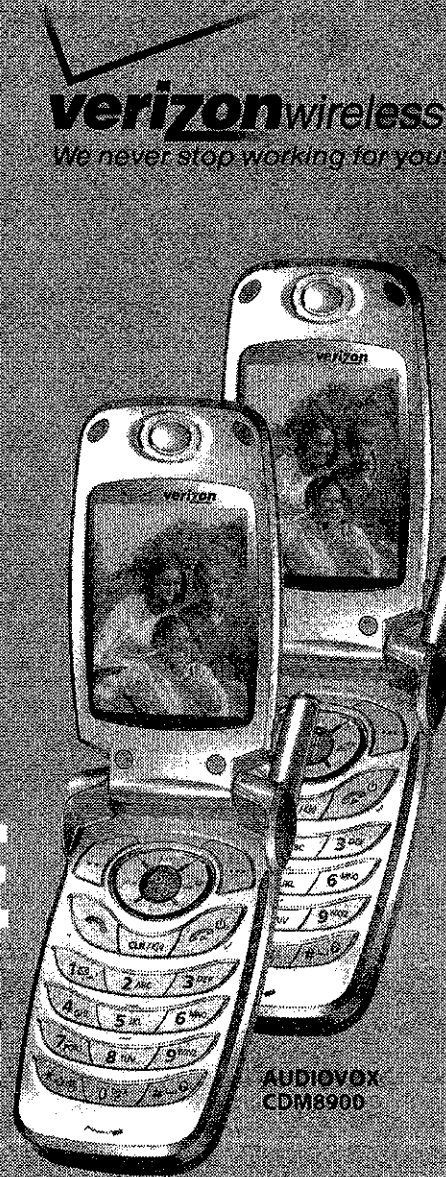
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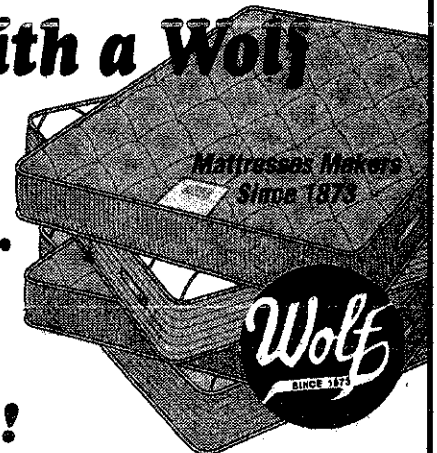
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This year, the American Library Association Annual Conference will be held in Orlando, FLA, June 24 - 30. The American Library Association (ALA) is the oldest and largest library association in the world, and holds its Annual Conference each June.

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

■ Sunday, June 27, is America's Kids Day? This is a day set aside to reach out and teach our children the value of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness and to help our children learn about the great nation that they live in.

■ Now you can access our Connections newsletter online? To view the entire newsletter in PDF form, go to www.cantonpl.org/newslet/

■ Hot peppers and pepper sauces are habit-forming? Aficionados reach a point where they cannot enjoy a meal without them because food seems bland and boring.

■ Corn is probably the only food plant which requires human help to reproduce? The impenetrable shuck must be manually removed or the seeds will never make contact with the soil.

**WEB WATCH:**

Check out these new Web sites

- www.cosi.org/onlineExhibits
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**CANDIDATE**

FROM PAGE A1

I think a lot of our funding problems would disappear."

He says the way money is being spent is a big issue for him.

"We have a \$7 million underfunding of schools, yet we continue to spend money on things that are definitely nice and have value, such as donating \$4.5 million to a performing arts theater," he said. "That has public value, but it should not be taxpayer money. It should be privately funded through private investment."

He was also critical of the expansion and renovation of the township administration building.

"To build such an opulent municipal complex," he said. "Do we really need marble and granite? This place is nicer

than my home will ever be. I think we need to spend money the way grandma and grandpa taught us."

On traffic and congestion, he said something needs to be done about the situation on Ford Road.

"Everyone's talking about the traffic issue," he said, "and that's well and good, but why didn't we talk about it two or three years ago when the problem first raised its ugly head? Why is it waiting now when it's election time to go ahead and time these announcements?"

He acknowledged he didn't have all the answers to the problems involving that issue.

"But Canton is a wonderful community," he said. "Do you know how many engineers we have here, how many talented professionals we have in this community? I don't have all the answers, but the answers are out there and I'll be actively seeking them from our citizens."

He's also concerned about the different school districts in Canton.

"Granted the school districts are set by people outside the township," he said. "But we're supposed to be advocates for the people. If you want to send your child to a Plymouth-Canton school, but you live in the Van Buren district or the Wayne-Westland district — but you still live in Canton — you should be able to send your child to a school in Canton."

"I keep getting the run-around saying well, we don't set the districts, they're the old district lines. Well, change them. We have the power to change them and I will not let the bureaucracy and the status quo affect the quality of life for our citizens."

Caccamo has a Web site set up for his campaign. It's www.caccamoforcanton.com.

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**PROPOSALS**

FROM PAGE A1

Northwest Homeowners Association. "Very low density residential is probably the best designation in the long term. For the time being, rural residential seems desirable now and forever. And it's the forever that's important."

After some other residents expressed similar concerns, Commission Chairman Vic Gustafson had some comments of his own.

"All of us would like to see Canton Township remain as it was 10, 20, 30 years ago as a rural environment," he said. "But you can't stop the growth. We try to manage it."

Dennis Zerba, who lives on Hanford, said he was not happy with the proposals.

"I'm against increasing the density," he said. "I don't see why it's a given that we have to increase the density. The ones who make out on this are the developers. I'm against increasing the density. You can do it if you choose."

Attorney Bryan Amann, who represents numerous developers, asked the commission not to make any quick decisions.

"I would request that tonight you take public comment from folks and treat it as the beginning of a discussion before we rush to judgment," he said. "Let's just deal with one parcel at a time."

Geddes Road resident Leonard Darnell, who said he's lived there for "the better part of 40 years," literally used the "not in my back yard" argument.

"When I moved in on Geddes, I pheasant hunted

here," he said. "I sat on my back porch and shot my .22 rifle. I don't want to look out my window and see a subdivision in my back yard. You're changing my back yard."

And Ronald Beaver, another Geddes resident, supported Darnell.

"My concern is the same as Leonard's," he said. "Leave it the way it is."

After listening to similar comments for almost three hours, Commissioner Greg Demopoulos moved to table the proposals.

"There have been some good public comments," he said. "A lot of pros and cons. I'd like to see these come back once a month and tackle them individually."

Commissioners did approve five developer-instigated requests for density changes on specific parcels.

**LEISURELY HAPPENINGS**

The following is the schedule for Canton Leisure Services June 21-27. For more information, call the department at (734) 394-5460 or log on to leisure.canton-mi.org All activities listed below are free and at the Summit on the Park unless otherwise noted.

- Now-July 4: Oil & Acrylic Workshop, 6:30-9 p.m. All ages. Fee.
- Now-Aug. 11: Latin Dance, 6:15-7:45 p.m. Ages 16 and older. Fee
- June 24: Improv Night with 94 EAST, 8-10 p.m. Ages 18 and older. Fee.
- June 24: Introduction to Reflexology, 6-9 p.m. Ages 18 and older. Fee.
- June 24-July 15: Super Science, 6:30-8 p.m. Ages 6-

- 10. Fee.
- June 24-Aug. 5: Walk Michigan, 5:30-7 p.m. All ages.
- June 25: Schoolhouse Rocks - Detroit Brass, 7:30 p.m. Cherry Hill School.
- June 25-27: USSSA Boys' Baseball State Tournament at Canton Softball Center. Fee.
- June 25: Dinosaur Days, 7-9 p.m. Family. Aquatic Center. Fee.

- June 26: Let's Get Acquainted Tea, 1-3 p.m. All ages. Bartlett-Travis House. Fee.
- June 26: Woop-de-do-Hair Dos, 10 a.m.-noon. Ages 9-13. Fee.
- June 26-Aug. 7: Pint-Size Pottery, 11 a.m.-noon. Ages 6-11. Fee
- June 26-Aug. 7: Say Hola to Spanish, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 3-6.



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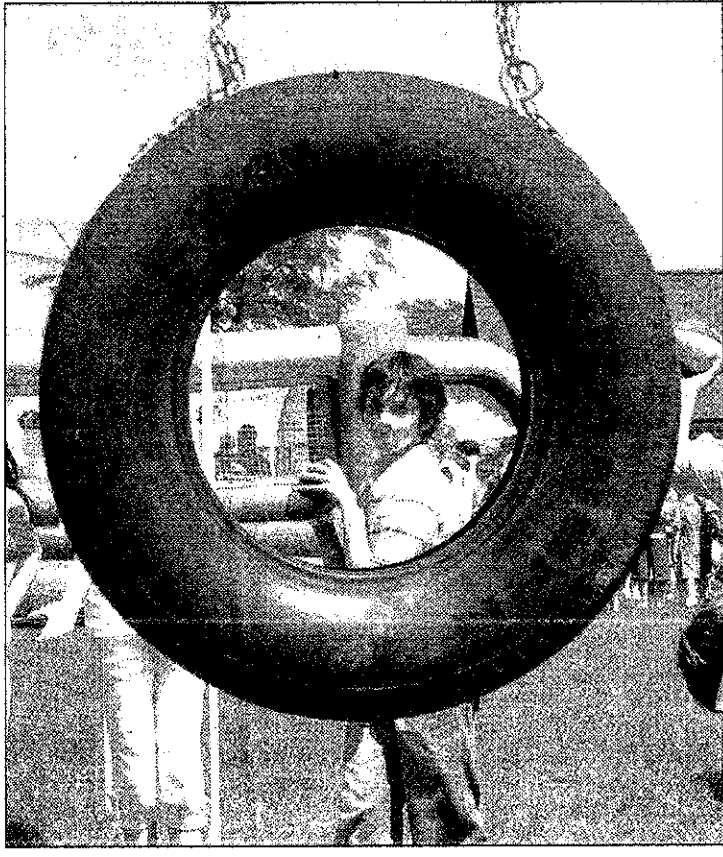
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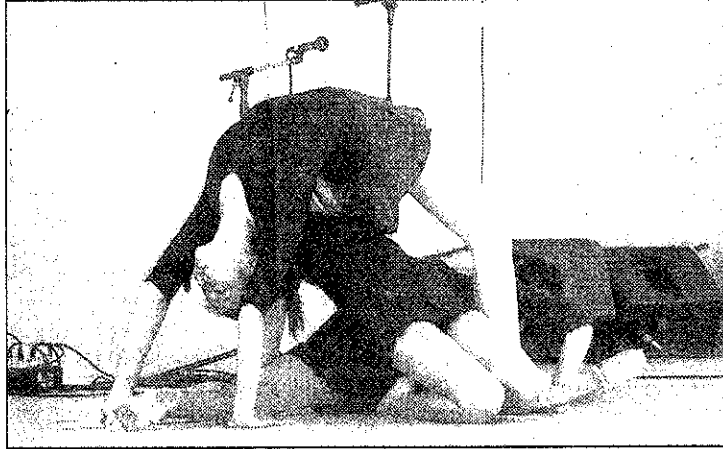
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Waleed Faraj of Canton attempts to throw a football through a tire in one of the games.



The Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race 5K run stampedes down Canton Center road before the Liberty Fest Parade Saturday morning.



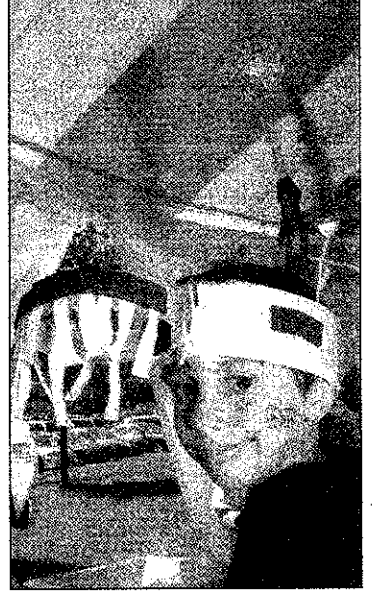
Lillian Chen, Lucy Yin and Emily Wang perform in Canton Celebrates Its People.



Rajah Khan of Canton gets fitted for a new helmet from the Children's Hospital/ Kohl's Department Stores booth at the Liberty Fest Saturday. Kids were offered bike helmets for \$2 or the donation of two used children's books.



Brandon Gilstorf of the Brigill Trucking Company gets a push as his mini-semi runs out of gas during the parade.



Andrew Christol of Canton shows off the Pistons fan headgear he made at the Kids Art Workshop.

## 'He can't be 11!'

### Master of ceremonies dazzles the crowd

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

This year's Liberty Fest parade featured plenty of entries to suit anyone's taste. There were dancers, horses, unicycle riders, scout troops, cheerleaders, bands, floats and politicians.

But for many parade watchers near the judges' stand at the Farmer Jack Center on Cherry Hill and Canton Center, one of the stars of the parade wasn't even in it.

He was 11-year-old Cody Buege of Westland, son of Greg and Elizabeth Buege. The sixth-grader served as master of ceremonies for the parade, and listeners who could hear his commentary said things like, "He can't be 11!"

Cody was chosen for the job after parade organizer Fred Bolden approached people at Canton's Miller Elementary School, which Bolden's children attend, and asked if they had anyone who could fill the spot. "I went to school with Fred Bolden's kids," Cody said. "And I was an emcee for a talent night there. I guess I did OK."

The Bueges - Cody has a sister, Bianca, 7, and a brother, Gregory, 12 - moved from Canton to Westland recently.

Cody doesn't know where he got his flair for parade commentary, but that didn't matter to parade watchers.

As state Sen. Bruce Patterson of Canton - whose noted for his well-groomed mustache, passed the judges' stand, Cody yelled into the microphone: "Hey Bruce, we need a category for best mustache."

And when he asked for a round of applause for the Habitat for Humanity entry, he was satisfied with the bland response.

"We need a bigger round of applause than that," he chided the crowd.

And the crowd complied.

And when the Canton Public Library's Library Cart Drill Team did their signature routine in front of the judges - bending toward the spectators, forefinger over lips and hissing "Shhhh!" - Cody wisecracked, "I don't know if they can quiet me down."

They probably couldn't, and Cody said,



Cody Buege, 11, of Canton, was the master of ceremonies for the Liberty Fest Parade Saturday. Buege was offered the honor after he played emcee at a school talent show.

if invited, he'd like to be back as emcee next year.

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Emily Heller of Canton breaks into daylight after passing through an inflatable tunnel filled with obstacles at the Kids Fun Zone.

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## FESTIVAL

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"We come to the Liberty Fest regularly," Ed said. "We also go to the Plymouth parade."

Juanita Dunn of Canton sat on the grass near the bleachers waiting for the parade to begin.

"My son is in the parade this year," she said. "He's in Little League. He's the baby of the team."

Her son, William, 8, was marching with the Canton Athletics. He's one of the youngest in the league.

"He tried out and did well," Dunn said. "I was surprised he made it."

Karen Linnen was in the bleachers with her children, McKenna, 5, and Madison, 7. It was their first year for the parade.

"We read about it in Thursday night's *Observer*," she said.

### VETERANS

Annette Masserant of Canton and her children, Adam, 8, and Nichole, 7, were veterans of the fest.

Adam's favorite part of the parade was fire engines while Nichole liked the "horses." Annette liked the Scout troops.

Doreen Miner, also of Canton, was sitting on the grass waiting for the person dressed as a Dairy Queen cone.

She had reason. She owns the Dairy Queen in the Farmer Jack Center and three of her employees were marching in the parade, one dressed in the cone suit.



Kevin Hatch and Dustin Herriman look at a 1935 Chevy Master Deluxe Coupe.

She wasn't worried about the parade blocking access to the shopping center.

"The parade's more fun anyway," she said.

The parade got under way, led by grand marshals Kyle Siarto and Sean Bowers, who brought home medals from the Special Olympics World Games in Ireland. Siarto and Bowers also were honored recently as Canton Community Achievers.

When the hour-and-a-half long parade was over, it was on to the festival, where, among the food booths, the crafts tents, the paddle boats and the entertainers, there were more cars.

America's Most Wanted Car

Club was sponsoring the Liberty Fest's annual car show, with dozens of collectibles on display around the ponds.

Club president Mike Harview of Canton was manning the show which featured a silent auction and a raffle. Proceeds from this year's show will be given to Michigan Military Moms, in honor of Army Pfc. Holly Jeanne McGeogh, 19, of Taylor who was killed in action in Iraq in January of this year.

And across the park from the car show, Sandy Charkowske of Ann Arbor was manning the booth for the Military Moms. It was their second year at the Liberty Fest.



Sherry Humecky (left), Morgan Humecky, Micheal Geason, and Suzane Gleason of the Real Happy String & Swing Band.

As for the car show's donation to the group, she said, "We're so thrilled."

Charkowske has a son in the Marines who's stationed at Camp Pendleton and a 17-year-old son who's leaving in September to join the Army.

"I'm very proud of both of them," she said, "but as a mother you can't help but worry."

Her Marine son, a sergeant in an intelligence unit, has already served one tour in Iraq. "He went over in February and came home in July," she said.

She joined the Michigan Military Moms a little over a year after the war started.

### ON STAGE

Over by the dance stage,

where Indian, Japanese, Taiwanese, Irish, Arabic and Chinese dancers took their turns on stage, Lora and Howard Stein of Livonia were watching the dancers with Howard's daughter, Roxann, 7.

It was their first year for the Liberty Fest. Howard was interested in the car show and Roxann the rides.

But she was also interested in the dances.

"I've been an Irish step-dancer for three years," she said.

Lindsay George, 20, and Kyle Pitt, 21, both graduates of Canton High School, having been coming to the fest for years.

They were taking a lunch break in the bleachers near the dance pavilion.

"It's never been this big

before," said Kyle, who said he came for the food.

Lindsay was going to browse the arts and crafts booths. They were going to take a break, then come back for the fireworks.

Yogi and Kanta Kashyap of Canton, natives of India, had brought their 3 1/2-year-old grandchild to the festival.

They've been coming for the last four years.

"It's wonderful," Yogi said. "Everything is so nice." They were watching the dancing, but Yogi said, "I like the car show."

They weren't, however, planning to come back for the fireworks. "We can see them from our back yard," he said.

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# District, Plymouth Symphony bring music to schools

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

The rooms will be filled with the sounds of music in Wayne-Westland elementary schools this fall. And the music youngsters in the third through fifth grades will be hearing will be provided by members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

The orchestra and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools have entered into a collaboration that will bring members of the orchestra into the classroom to introduce students to musical instruments and music.

"We're really excited about this open collaboration with the school district," said Angela Han, executive director of the Plymouth Symphony. "We've talked to a lot of people in the past year to get this together and would like to have it in place for the next school year. We'll work the sum-

mer to get the program in place."

Third-graders would receive two visits from orchestral groups — strings and woodwinds in the fall and percussion and brass in the winter.

"We'll look for not only exceptional players, but teachers who can interact with the students," said symphony music director/conductor Nan Washburn. "The presentations will have time for question and answers. It'll be a hands-on connection with a family of instruments."

Fourth-graders would have a visit from a chamber group in the fall and then attend a districtwide children's concert at the Stockmeyer Auditorium during the second semester.

"The third- and fourth-grade component is only a small part of what the symphony offers for youth," Han said. "We offer a youth symphony and youth artist contest that's open to

Wayne-Westland students. We're really excited to be opening up this collaboration."

According to Washburn, the program will prepare students to attend a concert, which would be the fifth-grade component, when students would have the opportunity to see the Detroit or Plymouth symphony orchestras or possibly a district-presented concert.

"The Plymouth Symphony has been doing this for six years, so we've worked out the kinks and we'll be furnishing a polished product," Washburn said.

Sam Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction, sees the program as a way for students to gain a greater appreciation for art in the elementary, as well as have an even greater impact on the music program at the middle school level and on into high school.

It was the work the symphony does in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools that attracted the interest of Wayne-Westland officials who visited a Plymouth school to see the program in action.

"It was amazing how the kids could describe how the tone of the music changed," Barresi said.

"Those are the things that would happen in the classroom. This isn't a program where students will play musical instruments, but a way to get acquainted with their sounds and capability."

He added that students also would learn how to attend concert and what is appropriate concert behavior.

The program will cost about \$45,000, and the district is identifying possible grants to cover its cost. However, Supt. Greg Baracy stressed that the district is committed to supporting it.

"I believe the funding should be in place by the fall, but we're prepared to use money from the general fund," he said. "It's an opportunity we can't pass up. It's an opportunity for a few thousand dollars to spread music across thousands of students."

Baracy stressed that the program is music appreciation and not instrumental music instruction, something that has been missing from the elementary schools for several years. If the program does strike an interest in a child, the district would be able to provide direction to private lessons, he said.

The program drew strong support from the board of education, especially President Skip Monit, a strong supporter of music in the schools.

"I appreciate the fact that students will have a basic knowledge of what goes on at a concert," he said.

## District uses surplus to balance budget

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

The good news for Wayne-Westland Community School students is that the educational choices they had last year will be available for the 2004-05 school year, but it comes with a hefty price tag.

The district will use more than half of its \$18.5 million surplus to cover a \$9.9 million revenue shortfall due to the state's continuing financial difficulties.

"We will continue to maintain a full program when districts around us can't," said Gary Martin, the district's assistant superintendent for business and finance in presenting the 2004-05 budget to the Wayne-Westland Board of Education. "The educational program will be held in place this year, but after next year, you have some difficult decisions to make."

The district will spend \$121.1

million while taking in \$111.2 million in revenue. The shortfall is due to a freeze in the state's per pupil foundation grant for a third year and continuing declining enrollment. The district is projecting a loss of 250 students, dropping its blended enrollment count to 13,841 students.

"If it had not been for declining enrollment which cost about \$4 million and the frozen grant which cost about \$5 million, we would have a balanced budget," Martin said. "Our tax rate was over 50 mills in 1994. The revenue shift to the state was good news for homeowners, but not good news for the school district. Expenditures are rising and revenue has been flat."

In addition to the \$85.9 million from the state, the district will also receive \$19.3 million in local non-homestead property taxes and \$5.7 million from the interdistrict and other local revenue.

On the expense side, more than \$74 million will be spent on salaries with another \$31.8 million on benefits. Also contributing to increased spending in 2004-05 are:

■ An increase in the state retirement rate. The district will make more than \$11 million in retirement contributions in 2004-05, up from \$9.2 million in 2003-04. According to Martin, the increase equates to a single year retirement cost increase of 14.5 percent.

■ An anticipated increase in health and benefit insurance of more than 15 percent. The cost is pegged at \$14.1 million, up from \$12.2 million in the current budget year.

■ An anticipated 2.5 percent increase in salaries. The district is in the process of negotiating contracts with its employee groups, including its teachers and support staff.

"We were \$1.4 million in positive revenue two years ago, and we have a \$9.9 million

budget deficit this year," Martin said. "When the state has a headache, we have a major headache."

Supt. Greg Baracy joined Martin in pointing out the problems that state's continuing financial crisis has caused the district, stressing that the administration and school board has made a concerted effort not to cut programs.

"The grant as been frozen and it's been prorated, but the cost of doing business hasn't stood still," Baracy said.

"We face many challenges. None of us anticipate the state coming through with a windfall, so everything that exists today, we'll have in 2005-06."

"We're going to face some difficult times and challenges in 2005-06. We need to brace for some tough times."

After hearing the presentation, Trustee Terrance McClain said that he hopes residents to understand the situation.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Don't overbuild agricultural land

Long known as the Sweet Corn Capital of Michigan – even through the 1980s – Canton today has no resemblance to that designation.

What's left of what was once an agricultural capital can primarily be found in history books, the memories of founding descendants and the historical society.

Change was inevitable as people and businesses followed the Detroit area's typical westward movement. The new families who wanted to live in Canton weren't interested in being farmers. Developers with big money followed, gobbling up the farmland.

Farmland has been gold in Canton and farmers made more in the past decade selling their land than they ever did working it. And change continues.

A public hearing Monday night drew more than 100 people to participate in and listen to discussion about doing away with all land designated as agricultural on the master land use plan. Some specific items were tabled, others approved.

These changes should be expected as Canton is one of, if not the fastest growing community in southeast Michigan. As agricultural land is transformed into subdivisions and some commercial, development, caution should be taken to keep the land as open as possible. Other than parks, the agricultural land represents what is left of open land in Canton.

Using the agricultural land to cram large houses on small lots – like a good number of existing subdivisions – would be a disservice to the community, particularly along the borders. Too often in attempts to make use of the land and increase profits, densities are higher than they should be, leaving subdivisions that look like a smattering of rooftops on a busy Monopoly game.

With what remaining land there is, township officials and developers are urged to be creative and cautious about use and density. Over the years, township officials have worked furiously to improve and diversify architecture and subdivision layout. That undoubtedly will continue.

But several developers have already expressed interest in having the undeveloped areas along the western end of the community rezoned to accommodate greater densities than those listed in the township's land use plan. The effect is far-reaching. Canton's roads and sewer system are already taxed by the growth.

According to a preliminary finding of a "community flow metering project," the township is in need of greater sewer capacity if development continues. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality instituted a ban on any further sewer system extension permits for developments flowing into the Cherry Hill trunk line in spring 2003.

For that ban to be lifted, the township has to demonstrate that it has sufficient sewage capacity in its local collection system to receive additional flows, prompting the need for the metering project.

Removing the designation on remaining agricultural land is, in effect, a historical effort for a community that was long designated as the Sweet Corn Capital of Michigan. But that's reality.

The real gift being handed to the township is the opportunity to do something spectacular with this land without providing more of the same.

# Enjoy summer's bounty, but don't forget primary

Summer has come none too soon after a bitter winter with plentiful snowfall.

It's no accident that schools take the summer off, and that most workers try to plan a vacation during this time of year. Wayne and Oakland counties, as well as the entire state, have a wealth of opportunities to take a light-hearted break from the bleak chill of winter.

Wayne County has such unique opportunities as the up-and-coming Detroit River Walk, the newly opened Ford Rouge plant and the ever-popular standard Greenfield Village.

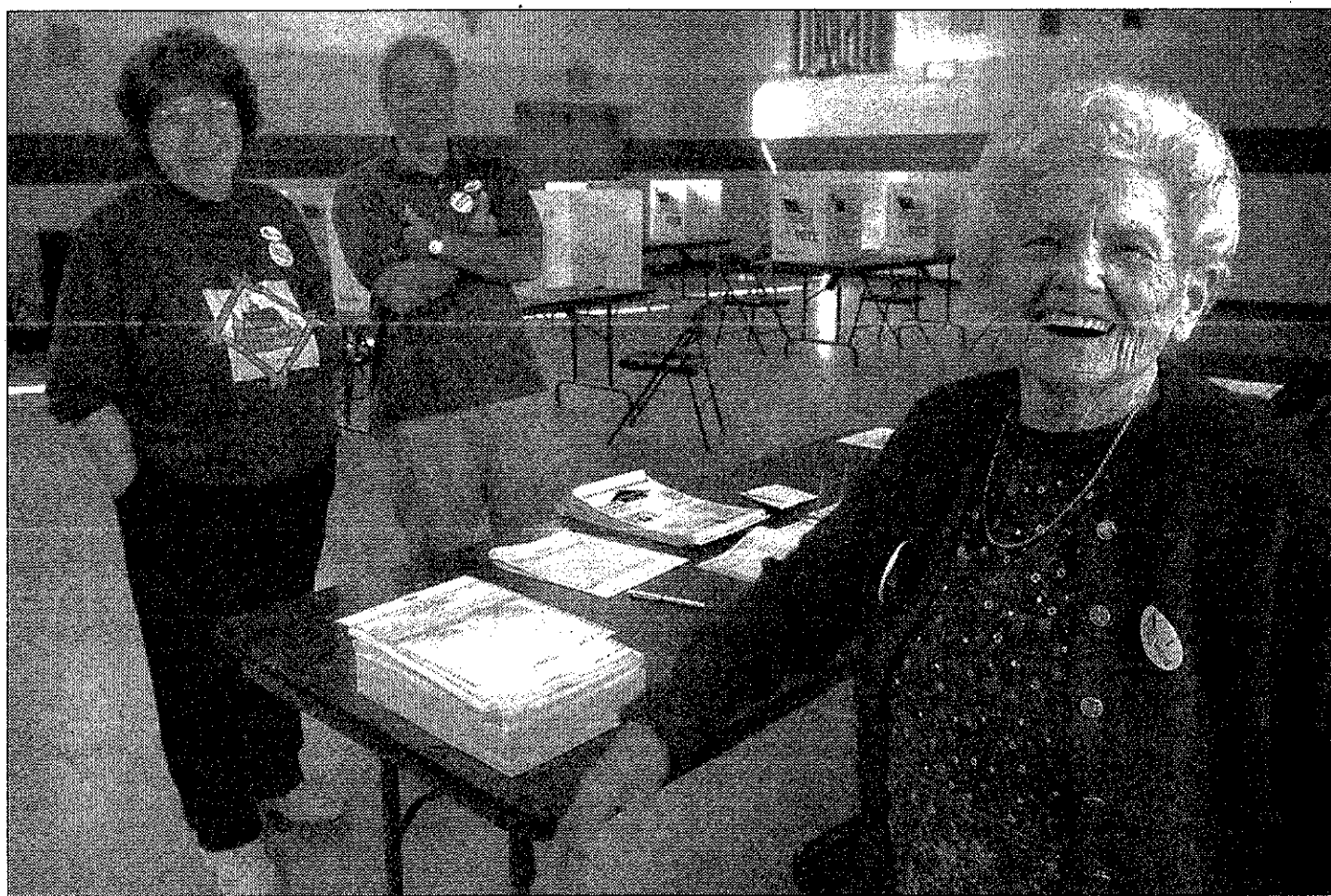
Statewide, Michigan boasts hundreds of lakes for beach and boating opportunities, camping, historic Mackinac Island and the Soo Locks.

Traveling to local destinations is even more attractive with steep gasoline costs, which last week began to drop for the first time since May 1, according to AAA.

However, this summer will be a bittersweet experience for us. Just as there are thorns beneath the blossoms of the rose, the war in Iraq and Aug. 3 primary election cannot be avoided.

We must prepare the groundwork for deciding who will face off in the November general elections.

So don't lose track of that calendar this summer. You may need it after all.



Election workers all over the Detroit area will be waiting for voters to head to the polls for the Aug. 3 primary election. Have fun this summer, but don't forget to exercise your right to vote in this important election.

## LETTERS

### New math?

It was with considerable interest I read the guest column by Martha Trafford and Carol Saunders ("Lethargic legislature, economic barriers endanger quality education," *Observer*, June 3). The point of the column's opening paragraph seemed to portend an intention to praise the accomplishments of more than 600 Plymouth-Canton students who earned MEAP merit award scholarships.

Such a column would hold particular interest for me since I was the presiding officer (associate speaker pro tempore) in the Michigan House of Representatives the night the legislature enacted the scholarship program, and I had voted to create the program. And I recall the fierce opposition House Democrats waged against said enactment.

Now, the (Democrat) authors of the column seemed to be basking in the students' achievement. How interesting a transformation, if indeed that was the intent. But, alas, it was not.

No, the headline really said it all. The column was intended to bash the "Republican-controlled" legislature (even though it is Gov. Granholm who threatens to cut the per-pupil funding sum). The lethargic majority is still refusing to ignore the will of those who had elected them and who are still refusing to "tweak" Proposal A, or otherwise raise taxes so that spending can continue unabated.

Unfortunately, the point of the column is lost due to the authors' arithmetic miscalculation.

Isn't it ironic that the students who earned their MEAP merit award scholarships are expected to be able to multiply \$30 X 17,285 pupils and arrive at \$518,550, and the former teachers who authored the column came up with \$1.2 million? Oh well, what's \$700,000 between friends?

Whoops! Ladies, you better stop using the new math.

**Bruce Patterson**  
state senator, Canton

### Clarifying article

As a young person, my parents taught me many lessons. Two of these were respect others and treat people with respect, and you cannot build yourself up by tearing down someone else.

Keeping these lessons in mind, I want to clarify some points made in the article of June 3 which I co-authored ("Lethargic legislature, economic barriers endanger quality education," June 3 *Observer*) and the last two letters to the editor authored by state Sen. Bruce Patterson.

First, someone at the newspaper wrote the headline on our article. Our copy was turned in without a title and we had no say in its selection.

Second, the intent of the article was to congratulate the Class of 2004 AND share our concerns for educational opportunities for future classes faced with reduced funding (Fact: State funding for K-12 education has been reduced the past two years).

Third, basic math computation is not beyond my abilities. However, I have no control over what happens to material

sent to the newspaper for publication. In the case of our article, our reference to a possible loss of a "1/2 million" became 1.2 million when the "/" became a period.

Fourth, despite a note to the contrary, I am an independent voter who votes for the person I feel is the "best candidate" without regard to party affiliation. (At least, that was my intent when I voted for Sen. Patterson.)

Fifth, unless I've been sitting in the wrong seat at PCCS school board meetings, the voters DID elect someone with an educational background and school administrative experience two years ago.

If anyone seeks further clarification on these points, my telephone number and address are listed.

**Carol Saunders**  
Plymouth

(Editor's note: A review of the submitted article reveals Ms. Saunders is correct. The *Observer* made a typographical error for which the staff apologizes.)

### Thanks for votes

I wanted to take a moment and thank the voters who went to the polls and voted. I am greatly appreciative of the support and wanted to thank you. I also wanted to thank the many helpers on my campaign for their tireless efforts.

Finally I would like to compliment everyone who ran in this election for a very civilized and fair campaign. This is certainly refreshing to see in this day and age.

I am humbled by the results and look forward to working for the students throughout the district for the next four years.

**Barry Simescu**  
new school board member

### Nothing 'fuzzy'

I am responding to Sen. Patterson's letter (above) in which he chose to discredit two retired teachers (I being one of them) who wrote a guest editorial on the funding crisis in public education.

Instead of using his position to address the concerns about school funding that we raised, the senator's petulant letter grossly misrepresented our intentions, distorted the facts for political purposes and made unsubstantiated allegations to discredit the authors.

The senator sought to dismiss our credibility by stating "the (Democrat) authors of the column seemed to be basking in the students' achievement." His first presumption, that I must be a Democrat, is certainly out in "left" field. I have been a longtime independent voter, preferring to back the most qualified candidate without regard to political affiliation. I have worked to elect both Republican and Democratic candidates.

Furthermore, in writing the guest editorial on school funding, one's politics were of no importance to the authors. However, making a political statement about our opinions seems to be of importance to the senator. Strike one, senator!

As a resident of the school district and a retired Livonia teacher, I am very proud of the accomplishments, hard work and dedication of the students,

staff and school board of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. I, too, want the best education possible for the current and future children of the communities served by PCCS.

The senator's second presumption was totally off-base. He stated "The headline really said it all. The column was intended to bash the Republican-controlled legislature." Wrong, senator. Writers of guest editorials and letters do not get to create the headline; the newspaper does it. It was not our call, but this one is: Strike two, senator!

In the senator's third presumption, "The authors' arithmetic miscalculation," he belittled both of us and the entire teaching profession by stating, "The former teachers who authored the column came up with \$1.2 million" when the amount should have been \$518,550.

This may come as a shock to a state senator but newspapers, run by people, make mistakes, too. Our article, submitted in hard copy and by e-mail, stated PCCS would possibly stand to use another 1/2 (fraction) million this school year in addition to the \$1.2 million which had been previously cut by state government this year.

Perhaps someone at the newspaper thought the "/" was in error because of the reference to the \$1.2 million in the paragraph that followed. Or an accidental click of the adjacent key changed the 1/2 to 1.2. In hindsight, I should have typed out the words, "half a million," instead of using a fraction. A mistake, not the "new math" the senator arrogantly claimed we used. Strike three, senator!

It was not our math that was "fuzzy," but the facts and logic used by the senator sure are! Since we are both constituents of the senator, perhaps he might have called and asked for clarification before making inaccurate assumptions and unfair allegations about us and then choosing to publish them in the newspaper as fact.

I don't know about you, but I expect more of my elected officials, especially a state senator.

**Martha Trafford**  
Canton

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**"I think it was important for everyone in choir to go to Ground Zero. It gives us a feeling of connectedness and helps us understand the people of New York, their fears and how they've rebuilt their lives."**

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## Two recent events illustrate divisions of political culture

There are two quintessential bookend events in our political culture: the rally and the memorial service. The rally is designed to lift a particular campaign; the memorial service serves to say farewell to a veteran campaigner. I was exposed to a classic example of each last week.

The rally was a fund-raiser for Sen. John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic nominee for president. Held at the Marriott Hotel in the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, the event drew around 500 well-heeled



Phil Power

Democrats. It raised more than \$1 million for the Kerry campaign war chest, according to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who emceed the evening.

There were the obligatory "Kerry for President" posters, buttons, bumper stickers, all in red, white and blue. The food and drink — heavy hors d'oeuvres and free beer and wine — were unusually good for a political event, though being cheap with the eats

made no sense, given that the eaters were paying \$1,000 a plate.

People talked with each other using that peculiar stance seen most commonly at political rallies, body language vaguely reminiscent of a near-sighted pitcher trying to catch a sign: They might be speaking with somebody, but all the while they were looking over their shoulders, searching the room for somebody more important to talk to next.

There were the obligatory speeches. Lt. Gov. John Cherry introduced the Rev. Al Sharpton, who ran as an eloquent gadfly in the Democratic primaries earlier this spring. Granholm's polished performance was charismatic, energetic and funny; she got off the best line of the evening by suggesting that Detroit Piston Ben Wallace would make an ideal secretary of defense in a Kerry administration.

And there was Kerry: very tall, lantern-jawed, gray-haired, with very deep-set eyes and an unexpectedly booming voice. His speech was OK, nicely crafted to a crowd that included a lot of labor folks. As most presidential candidates do at this stage of the campaign, Kerry was market-testing his lines. A good, if unreported, one was, "We need a nation where workers are not working for the economy, but where the economy is working for the workers."

The memorial service was for my old friend, Bob Teeter, who died last week at 65 after a

long struggle with cancer. Teeter, revered as a political pollster and consultant, was a national figure who worked in seven presidential campaigns, including a stint running President George H.W. Bush's campaign in 1992. His reach was amply demonstrated three weeks ago when Vice President Dick Cheney paid an unannounced visit to Ann Arbor. Glowering political insiders speculated about dark plots brewing. Wrong; it was simply the vice president coming to say a private goodbye to his old friend.

Bob grew up in Coldwater, an iconic Midwestern small town, and his values of family, friends, decency, optimism and honesty came straight from his background. "He understood American and family values so well because he lived them," said a speaker at his memorial service.

For Bob, what counted was the integrity of the candidates he helped, including Michigan Republicans George Romney and Bill Milliken. His argument was simple: If the candidates were decent, the political system would become better, and an improved political system would eventually produce good government. Unlike most political insiders, Bob had no cynicism, no need to puff himself up at the expense of others, and had instead a wonderful sense of humor.

As I reflected on these two events, I found myself thinking that a political rally is inevitably about display, while memorial services for political people are about the connectedness of memory. A rally normally involves disparate people coming together in a hall with no particular connection other than their partisan affiliation. A memorial service, on the other hand, brings together a community of people connected by memory and past battles, people who have a shared need to look out for each other.

Those at a rally are on the make, sometimes on the take. Those who gather at a memorial service are in the hollow of each other's hands.

Both are as necessary as birth and death. One marks the beginning, the other the ending, of a political process. In the case of Kerry's sojourn on the national stage, the process is just starting and we have no idea how it — and he — will turn out. In the case of Bob Teeter, the final returns are in, and our politics (and our friendships) have been diminished by the loss.

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.

## Theology and politics blur over gay marriage

It is clear that within the Church there are serious theological differences. It is also apparent, at least in the Protestant churches, that these differences often fall as much along political lines as along theological lines. Whether this is to our credit — our theology rightly informs our politics — or to our detriment — our theology is little more than an extension of our politics — is an issue worthy of debate.

Nowhere are the lines between theology and politics more blurred than in our conversations (if we can call them that) about people who are gay participating in the institution of marriage. It's not surprising that the lines between theology and politics are blurred in this instance, for marriage itself straddles both worlds, and adds to our confusion. The institution of marriage has two distinct functions, however, that ought not be confused.

One function is that of religious covenant. Marriage as religious covenant clearly falls under the authority of the religious institution. Who is a rightful party to this covenant, and how the ceremony of covenant is to take place, are questions subject to the authority of, in Christianity's case, the Church. Marriage from a religious standpoint is about living in right relationship with one another and with God, and covenanting to do so in a way that solidifies faithfulness, demands commitment, and elicits self-giving love.

The other function of marriage is that of legal contract. Marriage as legal contract clearly falls under the authority of the state. From a legal standpoint, marriage recognizes a unique relationship of mutual co-existence. People who are married share benefits necessary to the maintenance of a household in our society — health benefits, retirement benefits, Social Security benefits, shared custody of children, and the like. As a result, the state is the primary arbiter of marriage in the legal sense, and questions as to who qualifies for entry into this contract are decided on criteria based on constitutional guarantees and rights rather than questions of religious, moral, or scriptural conviction.

In my own tradition, the United Methodist Church tradition, we have two separate statements in our Social Principles which speak, I believe, to the need for keeping separate,

I would urge people of faith, regardless of where they stand along the great theological divide, regardless of their views of marriage as religious covenant, to honor gay and lesbian people as citizens of this republic, and to affirm the state's authority to govern by constitutional criteria the legal and contractual aspects of marriage.

both in our thinking and in our way of operating, the two functions of marriage — religious and legal. One statement asserts the incompatibility of homosexuality with Christian teaching. Furthermore, it prohibits unions of gay and lesbian persons from being performed within the Church or by its pastors. While I respectfully disagree with the church in this regard, I affirm and honor the Church's authority to discern for itself the nature of marriage as religious covenant.

The other statement in our Social Principles relating to persons of homosexual identity states rather poignantly that they are "persons of sacred worth." Evoking language reminiscent of the American Declaration of Independence, this statement makes clear to me, as I believe it should to others in my tradition, that the legal aspects of marriage — those which assure life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness — ought not be denied to anyone based on sexual identity. The Church may hold the keys to the kingdom, but it does not — nor should it hold — the keys to the American Constitution.

I would urge people of faith, regardless of where they stand along the great theological divide, regardless of their views of marriage as religious covenant, to honor gay and lesbian people as citizens of this republic, and to affirm the state's authority to govern by constitutional criteria the legal and contractual aspects of marriage.

Rev. Lawrence A. (Larry) Wik is pastor of the Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road in Canton.



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## County opens sites for West Nile virus testing

Residents can help public health officials detect the presence of West Nile virus in local communities by dropping off dead birds at five sites across Wayne County.

The birds will be tested. Any positive results will be tracked by zip code based on where the birds were found; only one positive result is needed for each zip code.

The five sites will accept birds Monday through Thursday. Public health officials have indicated that all birds should be in good condition and without signs of decay. The five sites are: Wayne County Dept. of Public Health Division of Environmental Health, 5454 Venoy in Wayne, (734) 727-7445; New Boston DPW Yard, 19415 Sterling Road in Huron Township, (734) 753-4477; Goddard DPW Yard, 15645 Goddard Road, Southgate, Michigan, (734) 287-6480; Phoenix DPW Yard, 14973 Northville Road, Plymouth, (734) 420-0535; Hoover DPW Yard, 20041 Hoover Road, Detroit, (313) 527-1213

Hours of operation vary by site, so residents should call to arrange a time to drop off dead birds. Health officials urge residents to use gloves to avoid touching dead birds, which should be placed in a plastic bag and sealed in a container. Residents who have questions about West Nile virus can call the Wayne County Department of Public Health's West Nile virus hotline at (734) 727-7445.

## Summer heat brings with it Ozone Action days

BY KRISTOPHER J. BROOKS  
STAFF WRITER

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments created the Ozone Action program to advise residents when ozone levels are high. The program was instituted because metro area ozone emissions exceeded federal health standards.

When SEMCOG announces Ozone Action days, they ask residents not to run lawnmowers, gasoline engines, use charcoal lighter fluid, or operate other machines that raise ozone levels.

Neal Conatser, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality meteorologist, said excess ground level ozone is especially dangerous to people with asthma and other breathing problems. In

the stratosphere, the ozone layer acts as a shield to protect against harmful ultraviolet rays.

SEMCOG Public Outreach Specialist Iris Steinberg said many residents had assumed that industries were responsible for emitting most of the ground-level ozone. But, the Ozone Action program began in 1994 when SEMCOG studies found that individuals were responsible for half the community's ozone emissions. SEMCOG and the Clean Air Coalition of Southeast Michigan, a partnership of government, business, labor, environmental and health organizations, coordinate Ozone Action in the seven-county metro Detroit area.

Since that 1994 study, SEMCOG hasn't been able to do another

study to quantify the effectiveness of the Ozone Action program.

"Being able to measure if the plan is being effective is something that is close to impossible to do," Conatser said.

He said emissions from power plants and weather changes could affect new measurements.

If residents take Ozone Action, it would help southeast Michigan comply with federal requirements for limiting ozone emissions. The Environmental Protection Agency requires MDEQ to monitor emissions in eight-hour increments.

When MDEQ meteorologists find at least 85 ozone molecules for every one billion air molecules, they will declare an Ozone Action day. Conatser said this method of measuring emissions makes it tough to

uphold federal requirements.

Conatser and other meteorologists from the Air Quality Division of MDEQ also look at the weather when deciding an Ozone Action day.

SEMCOG's most recent fall 2002 poll found that 84 percent of its residents said they do not mow their lawn on Ozone Action days.

SEMCOG and the Clean Air Coalition also advise residents to car pool, ride a bicycle and avoid fueling their vehicles on Ozone Action Days.

Ozone Action season is May 1 to Sept. 30.

Steinberg said the public will be notified of Ozone Action days through the media.

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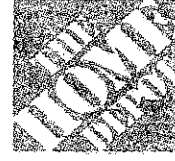
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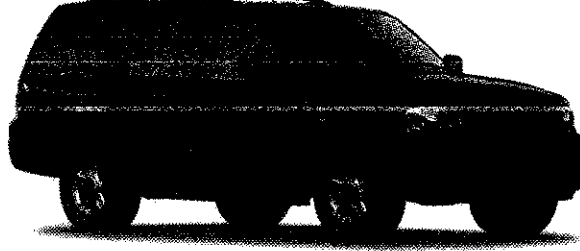
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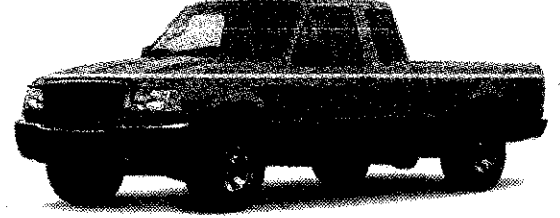
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## Growing Meijer Jr. Tour takes stop at Salem Hills

To experience a first-hand look at the wide-ranging effect the popularity of Tiger Woods has had on junior golf, visit Northville's Salem Hills Golf Course on Friday.

There you will find young golfers between the ages of 8 and 18 - several from the area - participating in an event on the Meijer Junior Players Tour, a program that has prospered the past few years thanks largely to Woods' incredible appeal.

"Golf is a cool sport to play now for kids, thanks to the success of Tiger Woods and all the exposure golf is getting on TV," said Rolla Frisinger, the founder of the MJPT. "This is our fifth

year of holding the tour, and it has grown every year. More and more kids are gravitating to golf, and it shows with the number of players who are signing up to play in our program. It's very encouraging and good for the sport."

The MJPT is actually the little brother of the Power-Built Junior Tour, which was formed in 1994, Frisinger said.

"We started the Power-Built Tour to give some of the elite junior players in the Midwest an opportunity to play against top-notch competition on nice golf courses," Frisinger said. "It got so big that we couldn't meet the demand of the

players who wanted to play, so we started the Meijer Tour."

Most first-year participants play on the MJPT. They can then graduate to the more competitive Power-Built Tour.

"The Power-Built Tour is designed more for high school players and players who are going to be good enough to play in college," said tour assistant Chris Richards. "The Meijer Tour players can qualify for the Power-Built Tour if they finish in the top five in the point standings at the end of the year. There are also four qualifying tournaments held at the beginning of each season."

The \$85 MJPT registration fee allows each player to compete in two of the 25 tournaments, which are held throughout Michigan beginning May 30 through July 29. Players are also required to pay a \$55 greens fee at each course.

"Actually, it's a great deal considering the caliber of courses the kids get to play on," Richards said.

The overall winner of each tournament is presented with the flag from the 18th hole of the respective course.

"We thought this was a little more unique than the medals that are usually given out," Richards explained.



Reece McCabe, a member of the Canton High School hockey team during the winter, is robbed of a goal in the Metro Summer Hockey League.

## Icers sharpen skills in summer

Several premier local hockey players who want to keep their skills as sharp as their skates during the summer months turn to the Metro Summer Hockey League for competition and conditioning.

The MSHL, now in its 22nd year, attracts many of the metropolitan Detroit area's elite skaters, who don't want to put their sticks in storage just because the thermometer is hovering around 80 degrees outside.

All MSHL games are played at

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## Sidelines

### Ultimate golf shot

Scott Oliver, a former captain of the Canton High School golf team, recorded his first hole-in-one June 19 at the Jackal Golf Course in Brighton.

Oliver, who graduated from Canton in 2002 and currently attends Western Michigan University, used a pitching wedge to ace the 150-yard sixth hole.

### Refs needed

Individuals interested in becoming high school athletic game officials for the 2004-05 school year may now register with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Those interested are urged to submit their applications prior to July 1 so that they will be listed in the MHSAA's annual printed officials directory.

"It is very beneficial (to be listed in the directory) for officials looking for work and schools looking for officials," said Mark Uyl, MHSAA assistant director. "Officials listed in the directory are more visible candidates for approved association membership."

While early registration is encouraged, new officials are free to register with the MHSAA any time during the year. A \$10 fee is charged for each sport an official wishes to work, and the processing fee is \$20.

Additional information about officials registration may be obtained by calling the MHSAA at (517) 332-5046 or by e-mailing the association at register@mhsaa.com.

### Whalers schedule

The Plymouth Whalers will open their 2004-05 Ontario Hockey League season on the road when they travel Sept. 24 to Sarnia.

The Whalers will open their home slate the next night when they host the Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Tickets for the upcoming season will be \$10 for executive reserved seats and \$12 for VIP seats. Tickets can be purchased by calling (734) 453-8400.

### Coaching chance

Plymouth High School is searching for someone to coach divers for its boys and girls swim teams for the 2004-05 season. For more information, contact Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

### Jaguars vs. Bluez

The expansion Detroit Jaguars, 6-1 in the Women's League of the United Soccer League's Midwest Division, return to action 1 p.m. Sunday to face Windy City Bluez at the Total Sports Complex in Wixom.

The Jaguars are coming off a 2-1 victory June 11 against the visiting Cleveland Internationals as Jessica Hupe scored from Melissa Tancredi and Therese Heaton added the second goal from Abby Shepherd.

It was Heaton's Midwest Division leading 12th goal of the season.

## Popular local coach Racer dies

The man known by his former players and fellow coaches as "Race" died of complications from cancer on Saturday.

Canton's Dave Racer, a fixture on area sandlot diamonds who coached area baseball and softball teams at both the high school and collegiate level, was 64.

"Dave was a fierce competitor, but he also had a soft touch, and the kids loved him," said former Canton baseball coach Fred Crissey. "I never met a man in athletics and can't think of a better guy for kids than Dave Racer."

"He took the edge off of what I did. He was everything you'd want in a coach."

Racer served as Crissey's assistant during Canton's glory years in baseball, starting in 1978 when Racer's son Scott was a junior. He coached under Crissey until 1990 and also served as Canton's Mantle

League coach during the summers.

Racer went on to become the Canton varsity girls softball coach for two seasons before moving over to Madonna University where he coached the women's softball team from He also coached Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury in the Livonia Adray Collegiate Baseball League.

"Dave had a wealth of knowledge and he was fun to be around," said former Canton varsity and assistant coach Mark LaPointe. "He had a wonderful working relationship with both Fred (Crissey) and John Gravlin (who later coached Salem to a state baseball title).

"Dave was the most straight-forward person you could ever meet. He was a picture of correctness on how the kids should behave.

"He was playing softball up until three

years ago. Even during his illness he was brave. He never complained and handled it as well as anybody could."

Racer was a multi-sport All-State athlete in his hometown of Richmond. As a left-handed pitcher he signed a minor league contract out of high school with the Baltimore Orioles before an injury sidelined his pro career.

He owned Westland Tree Service and also worked for Detroit Edison and the City of Plymouth.

Racer is survived by his wife Tracy, along with five children including Scott (Lissa), Tim (Donna), Lynne (Scott) Phetteplace, Elizabeth (Chris) Sisler and Grant.

Services will be at 11 this morning at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth.

## Renovation project spruces up Glenhurst Golf Course

The honeysuckle smells a little sweeter at Redford Township's Glenhurst Golf Course, as a nearly \$800,000 two-year renovation project wraps up.

Tees were raised and leveled. Berms and traps were added, to make the traditionally flat layout more curvy, more attractive, and more challenging.

Some holes were lengthened, one was shortened. And scores of trees have been added including ginkgos, white pines, red and white oaks, shingle oaks, concolor firs, and more.

As the trees grow they'll make the course more challenging, as they fill in the rough areas and make the course less wide open.

"It's getting a little bit tighter; they're narrowing the fairways with all those trees," said Glenhurst staffer Pat Rooney.

"It's really, really, really nice," said John Kazarian of Farmington Hills, a regular Glenhurst golfer. "They did a beautiful job."

"They beautified the course; they added flowers," said playing partner Archie Samouelian, of Northville, who plays Glenhurst three times weekly.

Manager John Hawthorne said it's

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Bill McSween drives his cart up the hill after crossing one of the new bridges at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford Township.

FIRST TEAM

Rachel McHenry, Jr., Liv. Stevenson: The junior was runner-up medalist in the Division I state tournament at Forest Akers (West Course) with an 83-77-160 as Stevenson finished eighth in the team standings.

She also took medalist honors in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a 73 at Canton's Pheasant Run. She added a second at the regional, third at the Traverse City Invitational and took fourth at the Grosse Ile Invitational.

McHenry placed first or tied for first in every dual match as the Spartans finished 10-1. She averaged 39.2 for nine and 78.5 for 18 holes.

"Rachel did it all this season," Stevenson coach John Wagner said of the WLAA Scholar-Athlete Award winner. "Her work ethic paid dividends for her and the team."

"She is certainly one of the best golfers in our state and I look forward to her senior season."

Ashley Smith, Soph., Salem: The sophomore enjoyed a banner season, leading the Rocks to a ninth-place finish and their first-ever trip to the Division I state meet.

She was runner-up to McHenry in the WLAA tournament with a 78 (tied with Northville's Allison Grant) and tied for eighth at the state meet with an 87-83-170 total after taking regional medalist honors at Milford's Mystic Creek in a playoff with an 83.

Smith averaged 40.2 for nine holes and 82.0 for 18.

"After she finished runner-up in the conference a year ago as a freshman, Ashley really improved all aspects of her game this year," Salem coach Rick Wilson said. "She takes golf very seriously and is a student of the game. Ashley played her best golf under pressure this year. She thrives on pressure and is a fierce competitor."

Andrea Warzyniec, Fr., Liv. Ladywood: The freshman was Catholic League medalist with an 81 and placed seventh individually at the regional with another 81.

At the Division II state meet held at Forest Akers (East Course), Warzyniec shot 88-85-173.

The team MVP led the Blazers all season by finishing either first or second in each dual match. She averaged 45.2 for nine and 87.5 for 18 holes.

"Andrea has a very solid game and as a great demeanor on and off the course," Ladywood coach Kellianne Nagy said. "She is only a freshman and has worked very hard to improve her

game this year. And her game will continue to get stronger as she matures."

Warzyniec is secretary of the freshman class, honor roll student, Ladywood scholar-athlete and named Who's Who Among American Students.

Jenny Kubert, Jr., Liv. Stevenson: The junior made All-Conference in the Western Lakes with a fifth-place finish (83). She also added a fourth at the regional and tied for 11th in the Division I state meet with an 86-88-174.

In dual matches where she averaged 42.8, Kubert took first twice, added four seconds and one third. She had an 18-hole tourney average of 86.3.

"Jenny always has the highest expectations of herself on the golf course," Wagner said. "Her hard work and obvious talent was a great value to her team in 2004. Her numbers were solid and her maturity increased throughout her junior season."

Jamie Siedlaczek, Jr., Salem: The junior scored 97-89-186 at the Division I state meet and was eighth overall in the WLAA tourney with an 88, good enough for All-Division honors.

She also tied for regional medalist honors at Milford's Mystic Creek with teammate Smith and South Lyon's Adrienne Downing.

Siedlaczek averaged 46 per nine and 85 for 18 holes.

"Jamie has a very athletic, powerful golf swing, maybe the most athletic swing I've seen since I've been coaching," Wilson said. "She worked on controlling the ball more this year. She still hit it a long way, but she had more control over where it was going. Jamie put in a lot of long hours working on her short game and it paid off. I expect Jamie next year to take over the captain's role because she is very dependable and the younger players look up to her."

Lauren Dickerson, Sr., Liv. Ladywood: The senior co-captain boasted a nine-hole scoring average of 45.6 and an 18-hole average of 90.4.

She made All-Catholic League by finishing sixth with and shot an 83 to finish in the top ten in the regional. Dickerson finished with a 97-91-188 at the state tourney.

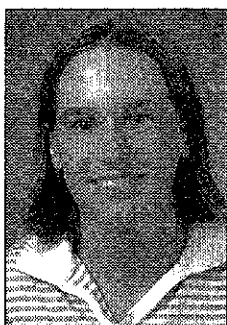
In dual matches, she finished no worse than second or third.

"Lauren is the one to keep everybody on their toes," Nagy said. "She has a great sense of humor and loves to share it with everyone."

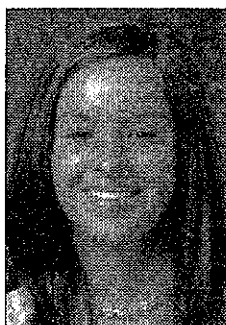
Dickerson is editor of the school yearbook, a nominee for the scholar-athlete of the year



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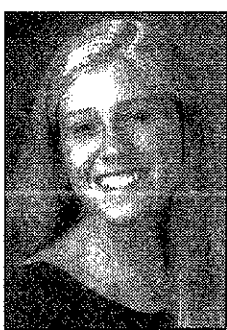
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Erica Jamrog Ladywood



Danielle Powers Salem

award, a National Honor Society member and a four-year varsity letter winner in both golf and tennis.

SECOND TEAM

Beth Treadwell, Sr., Canton: The senior and two-year captain averaged 49 per nine and 87 during 18-hole events.

Treadwell made All-Division in the WLAA with an 89, good enough for ninth place. She was also medalist at the Hartland Tournament with an 81.

Treadwell is a four-year varsity member and has earned academic honors with a 3.6 grade-point average.

"Beth was an outstanding player and leader all four years," Canton coach Dan Riggs said. "She was like an assistant coach and has done everything for us."

Kim Haskins, Sr., Liv. Franklin: The senior co-captain earned medalist honors in five matches

with a nine-hole average of 44.5 and an 18-hole average of 91.0.

She made All-Division in the Western Lakes after firing a 92; shot a 91 at the Division I regional at Grosse Ile's West Shore Country Club and tied for third with a 90 at the Mercy Tournament.

"Our team is extremely proud of Kim and her accomplishments through this season," Franklin coach Scott Rutterbush said. "Kim is a special player who works extremely hard on all facets of her game. Kim will be missed next season, but we wish her the very best as she moves on to Florida State."

Kate Amrhein, Sr., Liv. Churchill: The senior and team MVP was medalist in four matches and team medalist in several other matches.

Amrhein took All-Division honors in the Western Lakes with a 90 (tied for 10th place).

"Kate is a force competitor who always tried and wanted to play her best in practice or in matches," Churchill coach Gary Harper said. "I always put her head-to-head against the other team's best player and she never shied away from the challenge."

"She worked extremely hard in the off-season to improve her game and consistency. She is the type of person who will succeed at whatever she puts her mind to. Our program will miss her leadership and competitiveness."

Natalie Slupek, Jr., Canton: The junior earned All-Division honors in the Western Lakes with a 92 and took a second place in the Hartland Tournament with an 84.

She averaged 48 per nine and 89 for 18 holes.

Slupek was captain her junior year and is a three-year varsity member. She also carries a 3.6 grade-point average.

"Her sister Christina played for me and what makes Natalie good is her natural pure swing," Riggs said. "She's an athlete. A natural golfer."

Erica Jamrog, Sr., Liv. Ladywood: The senior co-captain shot 90-91-181 at the Division II state tournament and finished with an 88 at the Brighton Invitational.

She averaged 48.8 for nine and 91.6 for 18 holes.

The four-year varsity letter winner also made All-Catholic and was a nominee for the Catholic League's scholar-athlete award.

"Erica displayed her leadership throughout the season," Nagy said. "She was encouraging, mentoring and supporting the underclassmen on the team."

Danielle Powers, Sr., Salem: A senior, Powers earned All-Division recognition in the Western Lakes by shooting a 95.

She also scored a 112-98-210 at the Division I state meet. The 14-stroke improvement from round one to round two was the best of all competitors.

A co-captain, Powers averaged 47 for nine and 92 for 18.

"Danielle took on a lot of the leadership responsibilities this year and did a great job," Wilson said. "She has a positive attitude, which rubs off on her teammates. Her improvement from the first round to the second round at the state meet says a lot about the kind of person she is."

ALL-AREA GIRLS GOLF

FIRST TEAM

Rachel McHenry, Jr., Liv. Stevenson; Ashley Smith, Soph., Salem; Andrea Warzyniec, Fr., Liv. Ladywood; Jenny Kubert, Jr., Liv. Stevenson; Jamie Siedlaczek, Jr., Salem; Lauren Dickerson, Sr., Liv. Ladywood

SECOND TEAM

Beth Treadwell, Sr., Canton; Kim Haskins, Sr., Liv. Franklin; Kate Amrhein, Sr., Liv. Churchill; Natalie Slupek, Jr., Canton; Erica Jamrog, Sr., Liv. Ladywood; Danielle Powers, Sr., Salem

THIRD TEAM

Angela Jamrog, Fr., Liv. Ladywood; Katie Hoeksema, Jr., Canton; Lauren Doroghazi, Soph., Liv. Ladywood; Amyrose Mitchell, Sr., Salem; Andrea Heidt, Sr., Liv. Churchill; Livy Laws, Jr., Wayne

COACH OF THE YEAR

Rick Wilson, Salem

HONORABLE MENTION

Stevenson: Missy Bartnick, Chrissy McHenry, Abbey Wolfe; Salem: Kristen Schwan; Ladywood: Kelly Thomas, Erin Talpos; Canton: Heather Hughesian; Churchill: Ashley Birt, Christina Dahlin; Franklin: Jordan Cashwell, Keely Mog; Redford: Thurston: Kate Terreaux, Emily Smith; Wayne: Brittany Hill, Danielle Elswick; John Glenn: Christina Ziegler; Plymouth: Liz Anderson.

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**COURSE**

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too early to tell if the improvements are translating to an increase in business.

"We do see some new faces," he said, adding that could be due to Glenhurst's comparatively low rates, which were not raised for this season.

Residents pay \$11 for nine holes and \$16 for 18 on weekdays. On weekends, fees are \$13 and \$21. Non-residents pay \$16 for nine and \$21 for 18 on weekdays and \$18 and \$26 on weekends. Seniors and juniors pay less.

Built in 1932, Redford Township bought the 102-acre course in 1991 and installed an irrigation system and cart paths.

The recent course improvement effort, which started in 2002, lengthened the course to 5,655 yards, from 5,508, from the new black tees. The course rating from has gone from 66.1 to 67. There are also white and red tees.

"More tee placements helps spread the wear out," said assistant greenskeeper Dave Detter, wearing a purple and white bandanna tied



Tom O'Halloran tees off on the third tee, a par-5 hole. He's watched by Bill Mangan. Many greens were raised during the reconstruction.

around his head as he squints in the sun from behind the wheel of a maintenance cart, pointing out new natu-

ral areas where grass is allowed to grow free. The rich green areas have been

added along mounds and in some rough areas. Golf course managers throughout

the industry have encouraged natural growth areas in recent years, saying they add beauty and save money on fertilizers and mowing.

Hawthorne said a key goal of the improvement project was increased safety. "Number nine was a short par-4 before (281 yards); people would try to get to the green," he said. "We're trying to eliminate people putting balls on Six Mile with their drivers." (The hole was shortened to 161 yards and turned into a par-3.)

Also for safety's sake, a cart path was moved behind the 14th tee, over a creek and into a wooded area, to keep golfers away from booming tee shots. Some tees have been moved away from greens.

Detter said the change golfers notice most is at the par-4 No. 16, lengthened from 307 to 376 yards. A new green was built just right of a prominent pond on the course, and players must play uphill to the green.

Also, 40 parking spaces have been added.

John Cubba, Redford Township finance director, said the renovation project was undertaken to make the course safer, to speed play, and to upgrade the look of the course.

Glenhurst records nearly 60,000 rounds per year. Golf course improvements were paid from course proceeds.

**Rams still unbeaten in Collegiate League**

Despite a 3-3 tie in the first game of a double-header Sunday with the Longhorns at Ford Field, the Michigan Lake Area Rams remained undefeated in their last eight Livonia Collegiate Baseball League games.

The Rams ran their record to 8-4-1 with a 7-5 win over the Longhorns in the nightcap of the twinbill as former Livonia Stevenson High and Central Michigan University catcher Brian Campbell went 2-for-4, including a double and triple with two RBI.

The loss dropped to the Longhorns to 6-2-2.

Jon Weisman had a 3-run homer for the Rams, while Ryan Heath and Ben Darga added two hits apiece. Adam Schulz contributed an RBI double, while Dan Dobberowsky had an RBI single.

Winning pitcher Gary Zielke (Stevenson/Wayne State) went the first five innings, allowing four runs on seven hits and two walks. He struck out four. Paul Phillips got the save, allowing one run on three walks in two innings.

Petr Korpola, the losing pitcher, allowed seven runs on seven hits in three innings. Reliever Rob Whipple struck four and allowed no runs on three hits over the final three innings.

Todd Kalmbach and Steve Gerstenberger each had two hits for the Longhorns.

In the first game, the Longhorns outhit the Rams, 8-3, but settled for a 3-all tie after nine innings stopped due to the 150-minute time limit.

Campbell, Matt Cunningham and John McCracken had the lone hits for the Rams. Weisman had an RBI, while Evan

Rodriguez, Nick Thurman and Heath scored the runs.

Derek Ranck went 3-for-4 for the Longhorns, while Derek Von Buskeirk added two hits.

Dobberowsky went the first five innings for the Rams before giving way to Kyle Fedorka (Madonna University). Dobberowsky struck out eight and walked two. He allowed all three runs on five hits. Fedorka pitched four scoreless innings. He gave up three hits and two walks while striking out two.

Matt Dillard went seven strong innings for the Longhorns, allowing just three runs on three hits. He struck out four and walked three. Whipple pitched two scoreless innings, allowing no runs on now hits. He struck out three and did not allow a walk.

**RAMS 6, EAGLES 1:** Nate Korff pitched a one-hitter over five innings to pick up the win Saturday as the Rams turned back the Eagles (1-6) at Ford Field.

Korff struck out six and walked one. Paul Phillips and Kyle Fedorka finished up.

Brian Campbell, Ben Darga, Ryan Heath and Evan Rodriguez each collected two hits in the win.

Adam Schulz knocked in a pair of runs.

**RAMS 2, BULLS 1:** Ben Darga, who prepped at Milford High School and plays for the University of Detroit Mercy, threw a five-hit complete-game Friday as the Rams downed the Michigan Bulls (6-2-1) at Ford Field.

Darga struck out seven and walked one in seven innings. Nick Thurman had a 2-run homer for the victorious Rams, while Evan Rodriguez contributed two hits.

The Bulls scored their lone run in the second inning on a lead-off double by John Sullivan, a single by Oliver Wolcott (Canton/Michigan State) and a sacrifice fly by Bobby Marten.

Nathan Pung, who went the first five innings for the Bulls, took the loss. He allowed three hits, walked two, hit one batter and fanned eight. Charlie Christner pitched a scoreless sixth.





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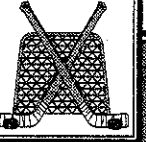
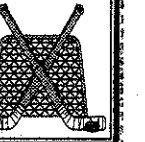
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

SALEM SOCCER CONDITIONING

The Salem boys soccer team will hold optional conditioning workouts beginning July 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the fields in front of the Phase III building adjacent to the high schools.

The workouts will continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until July 23.

Official tryouts for the team will begin Aug. 9.

For more information, contact Salem coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846.

U18 PREMIER SOCCER TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Plymouth Kicks 87 premier soccer team will be held June 21-27. Players must have been born after Aug. 1, 1986.

For more information, contact Mike Presley at (734) 564-7710 or Mark McGraw at (734) 306-1101.

CANTON BOTTLE DRIVE

The Canton High School

girls swim team is holding a bottle drive on Saturday, June 26. To donate bottles please call Donna McClellan at (734) 981-7438 or Kay Kane at (734) 453-1253.

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

PLYMOUTH POM 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 Sabetette 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.

Father's Day Run draws 600 to Plymouth

Father's Day was not a day of rest and relaxation for over 600 runners who participated in Sunday's Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run, which begins and ends in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park each year.

Under sun-drenched skies, participants competed in a 10K, 5K and one-mile run. The headline - and most grueling - event was the "triple crown," in which the most avid runners competed in all three distances. Livonia native Ryan Gall earned first-place honors in that event with a combined time of 56:12. Eric Mink finished second in 56:19, while Greg Thomas took third in 58:57.

Rebekah Smeltzer won top honors in the female "triple crown" with a time of 1:01:19. She was followed by Carrie Smeltzer (1:06:43) and Rachel Gutierrez (1:19:41).

Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run Results

June 20, 2004

TRIPLE CROWN

- MALE OPEN: 1. Ryan Gall, 56:12; 2. Eric Mink, 56:19; 3. Greg Thomas, 58:57; 4. Chris Machniak, 59:34; 5. Steve Menovcik, 1:01:41; 6. M. Roman, 1:07:31; 7. Scott Kriscovich, 1:15:43; 8. Geoffrey Albin, 1:17:51; 9. Suk Koh, 1:22:09; 10. Larry Langer, 1:33:47. FEMALE OPEN: 1. Rebekah Smeltzer, 1:01:19; 2. Carrie Smeltzer, 1:06:43; 3. Rachel Gutierrez, 1:19:41; 4. Amy Gluck, 1:22:12; 5. Janie Haggerty, 1:28:12; 6. Janie Haggerty, 1:28:12; 7. Karleen Kudej, 1:28:37; Rita Lauer, 1:46:22. MALE MASTERS: 1. Kurt Schneider, 1:02:18; 2. Larry Gutierrez, 1:05:11; 3. Rick Straub, 1:08:00; 4. Kirk Carlson, 1:10:07; 5. Todd Seroka, 1:16:38; 6. Jim Zittel, 1:17:09; 7. Kevin Galvin, 1:17:10; 8. Mark Faulkner, 1:18:44; 9. Lee Karvola, 1:19:40; 10. Joseph Smeltzer, 1:20:53.

10-K RUN

- MALE OVERALL: 1. Eric Mink, 34:34; 2. Ryan Gall, 34:45; 3. Jamie Cope, 35:25. FEMALE OVERALL: 1. Rebekah Smeltzer, 37:53; 2. Vicki Falls, 39:42; 3. Carrie Smeltzer, 41:16. MALE 13-15: 1. Bobby Schmitz, 52:57; 2. Donovan King, 58:26. FEMALE 13-15: 1. Rebecca McCormack, 53:05. FEMALE 16-19: 1. Rachel Gutierrez, 50:42; 2. Kerri Evans, 1:03:49. MALE 20-24: 1. Ryan Pletzke, 36:22; 2. Adam Wilson, 46:09; 3. Nathaniel Noon, 49:08. FEMALE 20-24: 1. Nicole Moundros, 45:54; 2. Emily Bonnewell, 52:47; 3. Jennifer Murske, 59:09. MALE 25-29: 1. Chris Machniak, 36:22; 2. Devon Kennedy, 37:20; 3. Jeff Cohen, 39:14. FEMALE 25-29: 1. Sarah Bone, 43:55; 2. Kristen Samadarr, 46:14; 3. Kelly Holmes, 49:40. MALE 30-34: 1. Scott Ebling, 36:38; 2. Jason Stewart, 39:42; 3. Michael Sheppard, 40:10. FEMALE 30-34: 1. Amy Gluck, 51:14; 2. Rebecca Grace, 52:32; 3. Cindy Yanack, 53:23. MALE 35-39: 1. Greg Thomas, 36:21; 2. Manny Tapia, 37:46; 3. Steve Menovcik, 37:48. FEMALE 35-39: 1. Amy Masternak, 44:36; 2. Michele Muir, 45:58; 3. Katherine Muetling, 47:29. MALE 40-44: 1. Rick Armes, 37:24; 2. Mark White, 37:55; 3. Larry Gutierrez, 40:18. FEMALE 40-44: 1. Kathy Murphy, 45:27; 2. Connie Scaparo, 46:48; 3. Wendy Gosund, 49:06. MALE 45-49: 1. Kurt Schneider, 38:50; 2. Thomas Gerou, 38:59; 3. Mike McSween, 39:30. FEMALE 45-49: 1. Lynda Krivitz, 48:50; 2. Carol Brockschmidt, 49:03; 3. Susan Hachigan, 50:37. MALE 50-54: 1. John Tarkowski, 37:36; 2. Doug Soliz, 39:34; 3. Rick Straub, 42:10. FEMALE 50-54: 1. Donna Olson, 46:42. MALE 55-59: 1. James Robert, 42:20; 2. Dominic Vella, 45:05; 3. Lee Karvola, 48:47. FEMALE 55-59: 1. Jan Valade, 51:57; 2. Shirley Torrance, 56:54. MALE 60-64: 1. James Carlton, 38:14; 2. Douglas Bradley, 51:22; 3. Bob Stewart, 51:55. MALE 65-69: 1. Ed Torrance, 53:04; 2. Ron Gill, 53:16; 3. Tom Valade, 58:56. FEMALE 65-69: 1. Merion Knight, 58:11. MALE 70-74: 1. Erwin Rubenstein, 1:26:52.

5-K RUN

- MALE OVERALL: 1. Adam Wheeler, 16:17; 2.

- Ryan Gall, 16:28; 3. Eric Mink, 16:39. FEMALE OVERALL: 1. Rebekah Smeltzer, 17:32; 2. Andrea Parker, 17:40; 3. Carrie Smeltzer, 19:16. FEMALE 1-8: 1. Emma Kern, 43:00. MALE 9-12: 1. Adam Seroka, 23:02; 2. Keegan Sullivan, 24:26; 3. Dylan Noble, 27:26. FEMALE 9-12: 1. Maggie Carlson, 25:16; 2. Laura Walker, 28:52; 3. Allison Walker, 29:20. MALE 13-15: 1. Rick Manza, 19:37; 2. Matt Carlson, 19:39; 3. Patrick Slavens, 19:53. FEMALE 13-15: 1. Elaina Sekuloski, 22:22; 2. Annie Murphy, 23:03; 3. Lauren Ahearn, 27:58. MALE 16-19: 1. Nicholas Battista, 17:23; 2. Chris Naida, 17:45; 3. Chris Pankow, 18:07. FEMALE 16-19: 1. Sarah McCormack, 20:10; 2. Amy Ostrowski, 21:57; 3. Rachel Gutierrez, 23:00. MALE 20-24: 1. P.J. Pankow, 17:52; 2. Casey Maloney, 19:52; 3. Sean Gregory, 20:42. FEMALE 20-24: 1. Jennifer Hampton, 21:14; 2. Lauren Yagiela, 21:28; 3. Maggie Zellner, 22:48. MALE 25-29: 1. Lee Shaw, 17:13; 2. Chris Machniak, 17:42; 3. Matt Tingstad, 21:06. FEMALE 25-29: 1. Debi Sherman, 22:14; 2. Karleen Kudej, 23:25; 3. Amy Jo Sticney, 23:35. MALE 30-34: 1. M. Roman, 17:40; 2. Kevin Hershberger, 20:29; 3. Mark Savedas, 20:32. FEMALE 30-34: 1. Jodi Sandvik, 22:40; 2. Amy Gluck, 24:07; 3. Julie Heineman, 25:35. MALE 35-39: 1. Greg Thomas, 17:25; 2. Steve Menovcik, 18:27; 3. Greg Wierciach, 20:03. FEMALE 35-39: 1. Amy Wolfgang, 19:38; 2. Alicia Gresser, 24:05; 3. Jennifer Lipinski, 24:29. MALE 40-44: 1. Brad Armstrong, 18:24; 2. Roger Shambaugh, 18:42; 3. Rick Brauer, 18:56. FEMALE 40-44: 1. Kristen Naidoo, 20:49; 2. Jennifer Lemieux, 23:14; 3. Renee Dalgleish, 23:49. MALE 45-49: 1. Kurt Schneider, 18:10; 2. Brian Smith, 20:10; 3. Bill Wilson, 20:15. FEMALE 45-49: 1. Robin Sarris-Hallop, 20:41; 2. Lynda Krivitz, 22:23; 3. Maureen Beeley, 25:06. MALE 50-54: 1. Rick Straub, 19:54; 2. Hejka Thaddeus, 21:45; 3. Randy Fielder, 22:19. FEMALE 50-54: 1. Nancy Cassel, 20:01; 2. Donna Olson, 22:09; 3. Judy Collins, 25:38. MALE 55-59: 1. Peter Hallop, 18:30; 2. Dale Yagiela, 19:58; 3. Mark Cryderman, 20:12. FEMALE 55-59: 1. Kathleen Giannosa, 24:28; 2. Merry Joseph, 27:17; 3. Charlene Kull, 27:52. MALE 60-64: 1. Donald Bain, 23:26; 2. David Kull, 25:08; 3. Anthony Dailmonte, 25:46. FEMALE 60-64: 1. Jane Zbinden, 32:42.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2004, PRIMARY ELECTION PLEASE NOTE that Tuesday, June 6, 2004, is the last date to register for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004. Registration for Township electors will be taken at the Office of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building 3, or at any Secretary of State Office. The phone number of the Township Clerk is 354-3224. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register during those hours, a call to the Clerk's office can set up a convenient time for the resident. MARYLYN MASSENGILL, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth Publish: June 24 & 27, 2004 OE08224888

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following: David Medley, ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5260 Publish: June 24, 2004 OE08227785

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACCEPT PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently seeking proposals from interested and qualified firms to provide Construction Management Services for a Township Hall Project. Specifications for the Request for Proposals may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building No. 3, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Proposals will be received at the Charter Township of Plymouth on July 13th, until 11:00 a.m., local time, at the Clerk's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170, at which time and place said proposals will be publicly opened and proposers' name and address read aloud. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND/OR NEGOTIATE THE BEST OFFER FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH. Please submit proposal on or before the date and time given above to: Charter Township of Plymouth 42350 Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth, MI 48170 All proposals must be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope marked: RFP - CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES MARYLYN MASSENGILL, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth Publish: June 24 & 27, 2004 OE08228834

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2004 PRIMARY ELECTION Notice is hereby given that July 6, 2004, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by July 6, 2004. Terry G. Bennett Clerk Publish: June 24 & July 1, 2004 OE08227787

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP REZONE FROM: R-1-H, Single Family Residential District REZONE TO: R-2-A, Multiple Family Residential District DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, July 21, 2004 TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M. PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78-036-99-0024-000 from R-1-H, Single Family Residential District to R-2-A, Multiple Family Residential District. The property address is 46410 Ann Arbor Trail. Application 1812. AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 001 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-036-99-0024-000. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Fort Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 99. KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary Planning Commission PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone (734) 453-3840. TDD users: 1-800-849-8777 (Michigan Relay Service). Publish: June 24 & July 15, 2004 OE08228604

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 Publish: June 17 and 24, 2004 OE08228517

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 8TH, 2004 for the following: PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TABLES Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK Publish 6/24/2004 OE08227803

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT 1150 S. CANTON CENTER CANTON, MI 48188 The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction June 29, 2004. The auction will be held at Westland Car Care Towing, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI 48185 YEAR MAKE MODEL COLOR V.L.N. 1991 Pontiac Sunbird Blue 1G2JC14K6M7579753 1983 Buick Park Avenue Brown 1G4AW69Y3DH534014 1990 Jeep Cherokee Black 1J7FJ36L5LL112397 1997 Saturn SL1 Black 1G8ZH5282VZ125966 1987 Ford Tempo Grey 1FABP33SHK197376 1994 Ford Taurus Green 1FALP6240RG105136 1991 Ford Escort Blue 1FAPP15J35M332459 1997 Dodge Stratus Green 1B3EJ46X1LVN502638 1999 Dodge Neon 3B8E547CXXT535119 1994 Chrysler Caravan Green 1C4GH54LXXR154602 1993 Chevy Corsica Grey 1G1LT53TXY21592 1986 Chevy Cavalier Red 1G1JF27W1G7219898 1980 Pontiac Black 2N375AP160257 Publish: June 24 and 27, 2004 OE08227893

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# Runner will bank on his legs in weekend's Mustang Mile

Some people put their money where their mouth is, but for Livonia businessman Gary Deschenes he's banking that legs will determine his true worth.

For every runner who finishes ahead of Deschenes in Mustang Mile, a prelude to Saturday's Fifth Third Bank Solstice 5K Run in Northville, Deschenes will donate \$1.

Earlier in the year, the 6-foot-4 Deschenes weighed 293 pounds and was a connoisseur of ice cream, pizza, beer and late-night snacks.

But after undergoing a fitness program under personal trainer Mark Papineau at the Livonia Family Y's Wellness Center, Deschenes is more well-toned 247 pounds, confi-

dent he can break the 8-minute mile, a goal he set out for himself.

"I've spent five days a week on the treadmill," said Deschenes, managing director of the Foresters, a financial services organization inspired by helping children's causes. "At first I'd run a half-mile and have to get off the machine. I've been outside and run an 8:37, but after doing some 4-milers I think I can get in the 7:30 to 7:45 range."

Deschenes' waistline has dropped from 48 to 42 inches. "Gary has been doing well, the only time he's missed a workout here is because of a work-related absence when he's been traveling out of town," Papineau said. "He's been a happy little

camper. He's had good attendance and he's made the effort. And because of that, his weight has continued to drop.

"Lately we've been focusing on the run. He's also been set up for the rest of the summer."

Deschenes' original goal was to weigh about 230 pounds for the Solstice, but he's been on computerized weight-lifting program which has allowed him to gain strength as well as endurance.

"People are saying I'm hitting the ball so hard and I feel like I've been clobbering it," said Deschenes, who plays in a local softball league. "I can feel I'm getting stronger. I'm a little heavier than I want to be, but I guess I'm moving a lot of the fat around."

Deschenes also plans to run the 5K and will be accompanied by his brother Greg, who is flying in from Costa Rica.

"Right now we have about 50 people signed up, but I'd like to see about 250 for this thing — I want to write a big check," said Deschenes, who as a Foresters member, helps contribute more than 6,200 hours to support such local organizations as the Festival of Trees, Make A Wish and the National Kidney foundations (of Michigan), along with the Children's Miracle Network.

The Mustang Mile, which starts at 7:45 a.m., is a downhill route that starts at old Northville High (now Hillside Middle School). The 5K begins at Ford Field, located at

Griswold and E. Main streets (next to Mill Race Village in downtown Northville).

The Kids Fun Run starts at 8 a.m. followed by the 5K Run and Walk at 8:15 a.m. A colorful awards ceremony and raffle drawing will begin at 9:15 a.m. Live entertainment by the New Victorian Age Theme goes until 11 a.m.

Race director Alan Whitehead said he expects nearly 1,000 total participants, which would surpass last year's total of 814.

"This year we substantially increased our marketing of the event and expanded our race amenities including a venue of entertainment unsurpassed by any other race event in Michigan to attract more par-

ticipation of families," Whitehead said.

Registration fees (through Friday) are \$9 (Kids Fun Run); \$13 (Mustang Mile); \$22 (5K Run-Walk); \$29 (5K Run-Walk). Race day fees are \$10, \$15, \$25 and \$35, respectively. All entrants will receive a T-shirt, food and refreshments.

Packet pickup will be from noon to 6:30 p.m. Friday at Mill Race Village (call (248-348-1845)). Race day morning pickup begins at 6:45 a.m. at Ford Field.

For more information, call Northville Running Fit at (248) 380-3338; or visit [www.solsticerun.org](http://www.solsticerun.org). To register online, go to [www.run-michigan.com](http://www.run-michigan.com).

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### 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 [billdurham@pga.com](mailto:billdurham@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](http://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](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us).

### 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.

### 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.

### GLENN FOOTBALL REUNION

Westland John Glenn will stage a football reunion for all former players and coaches, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 1-2.

A schedule of events includes meeting at halftime for the football homecoming game (Oct. 1), as well as an informal dinner (Oct. 2) at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Hall.

The cost for the weekend is \$20 per player (includes awards, hall rental, refreshments, and picture CD of the reunion).

For more information, e-mail Mark Jennings at [mjennings@twimi.rr.com](mailto:mjennings@twimi.rr.com).

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150.

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Banks often unload these repos to car dealers at rock bottom prices allowing dealers to resell them for retail value. But bargain hunters can take heart: This week **AUTO LIQUIDATORS OF NORTH AMERICA has selected Tennyson Chevrolet of Livonia, Michigan to be the official liquidation site for 228 of these incredible bargains.**

**This Monday, June 21st - 9-9 pm**  
**Tuesday, June 22nd - 9-8 pm**  
**Wednesday, June 23rd - 9-8 pm**  
**Thursday, June 24th - 9-9 pm**  
**Friday, June 25th - 9-6 pm**  
**Saturday, June 26th - 10-4 pm**

Tennyson Chevrolet will have 228 bank repos, lease returns, and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values and pass those savings on to their customers. "These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), Factory auctions and other sources," Kit Tennyson (Owner of Tennyson Chevrolet) said. "Our Creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately — regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale than that is what we will do."

Every bank repo and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just \$29 plus a fee\* and then start making payments. "It's that simple," said Kit. "To make these bargains even easier we'll mark the payment right on the windshield. Just pick-a car and pick a payment. You won't find a faster easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type and price range or vehicle will be available, from luxury to

4x4's to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Kit said. We have flown in extra sales and financial staff from three states to ensure prompt, courteous, service and the best finance terms possible. Kit said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about everyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2,500 guarantee value and customers are encouraged to bring in their titles or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these vehicles.

The opportunity bargain hunters have been waiting for is here, at Tennyson Chevrolet, Monday, June 21st thru Saturday, June 26th.

Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making the payments. Customers won't find a faster easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Kit said.

After the Mega-Sale ends Saturday, June 26th at 4 pm we will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to (734) 425-6500. Tennyson Chevrolet is located at 32570 Plymouth Road in Livonia and again the dates and times for this event are as follows:

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"We hope to see everyone there and ready to walk away with the deal of a lifetime," said Kit.

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**HOCKEY**

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the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

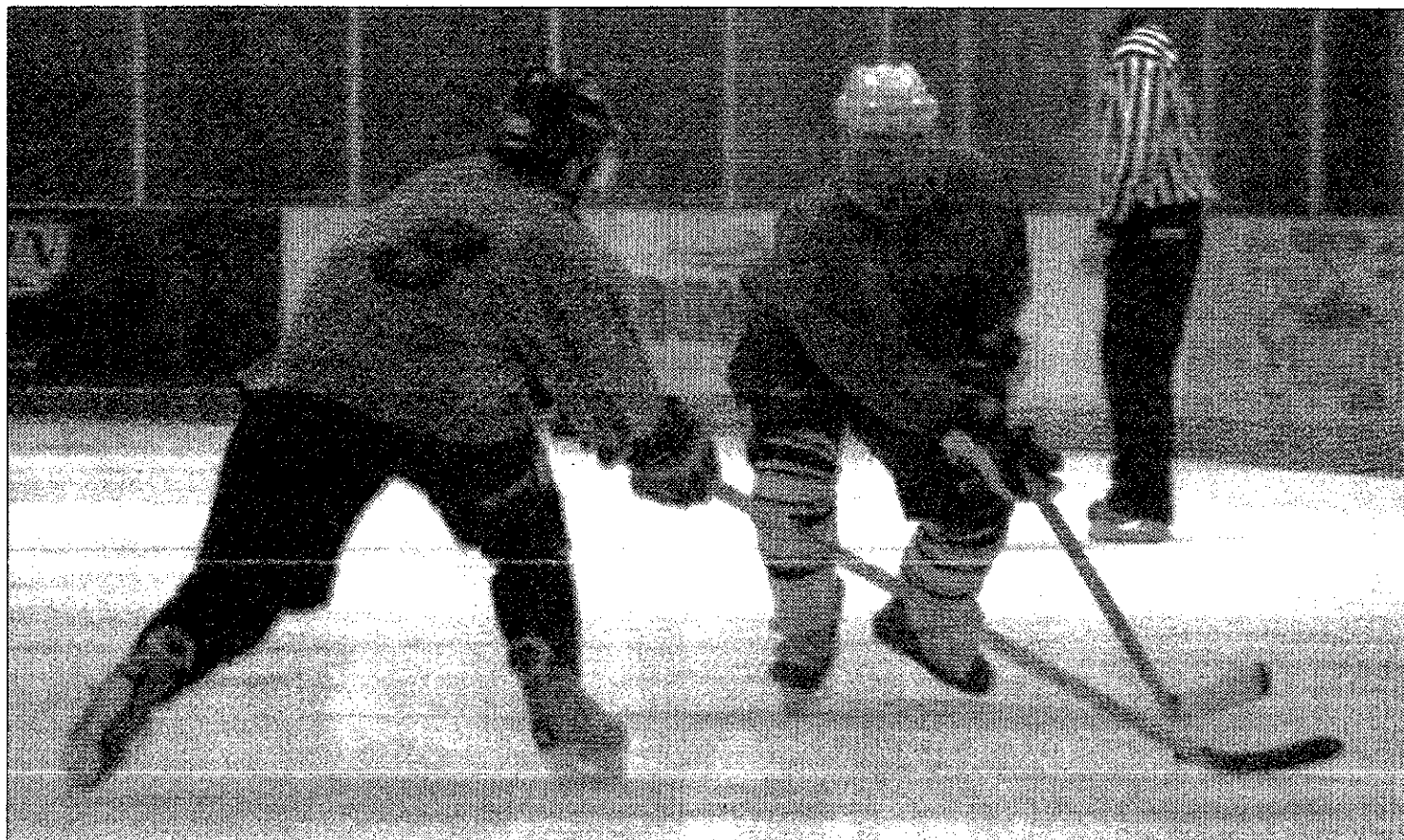
"We have a lot of players in the league who live in the Plymouth-Canton area," said MSHL director Keith Pietila. "It is a great league for competitive players who want to get some good conditioning during the summer months. This league also gives younger players an opportunity to play with and against some outstanding Junior A and senior players."

Among the standouts competing this summer are Livonia native Ryan Kesler, who played for the Vancouver Canucks this past season, and Canton resident Brandon Scero, who is a member of the Team USA Under-18 squad.

"We get a good mix of high school, Junior A, Midget League players and Senior League players," Pietila said. "The youngest players are 15 and the oldest are probably in their early 30s."

Former Salem player and current Rock assistant hockey coach Scott Morrison said the caliber of hockey played in the MSHL is superior to any other summer leagues in the area.

"The level of competition is great," said Morrison, who



Wolverine defenseman Ryan Jones (right), a former Salem High School player breaks up a pass by Laker forward Stavros Paskaris in Sunday's MSHL game.

graduated from Salem in 2001 and currently plays in a senior league at the Arctic Edge in Canton. "They don't let just anybody play in the league. A couple of my friends who didn't have a lot of hockey experience signed up to play a couple of years ago, but after one game, the league directors told

them they were going to refund their money to them because they weren't keeping up."

"New players to the league usually come recommended by current players," Pietila said. "We also get a lot of brothers playing in the league who normally don't get a chance to

play with one another."

Morrison said the style of play focuses on finesse and skating more than rough play.

"Checking is allowed in the league, but the skill level of the players is so good, they don't need to check much," he explained. "Nobody is out to hurt anybody else. It's a great

way to stay in shape."

The league consists of 12 teams, which are assembled at a pre-season draft. Each team plays 11 regular-season games prior to the playoffs. All teams qualify for the playoffs and are seeded based on their regular-season records.

"It's a draft league, but we will make exceptions for guys who want to play with their buddies or their brothers, for instance," Pietila said. "And there are no coaches. I choose a captain for each team and he serves as kind of a player/coach."

"We used to have try-outs for players who wanted to join the league, but now we let new players in based on recommendations from current players, and from area high school coaches in the area."

Other local players who compete in the league include former Canton coach Jim Wheaton, current Canton player Reece McCabe and former Salem player Ryan Jones.

"Being a high school player, playing in the MSHL benefits me because I get to play with and against a lot of very good players," said McCabe, who dished out two assists in Sunday night in the Lakers' 10-7 loss to the Wolverines. "Playing against collegiate and NHL players is only going to make me a better player in the long run."

The MSHL not only features many of the top male athletes in the area, but also one of the elite female players in the world. Angela Ruggiero, considered by many to be the best all-around female hockey player in the United States, skates for the Wolverines in the MSHL.

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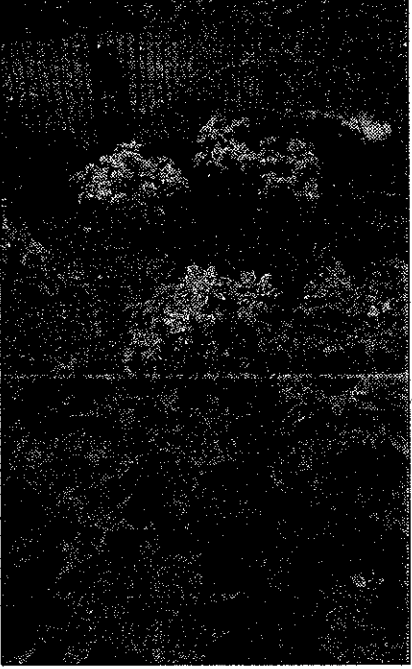
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A little color adds to the textures and dimensions in each corner of the yard at Brand's home.

## Plant plans

Homes feature lovely landscapes on garden walk

There's a little bit of Detroit in all of us, including the suburbs.

Sometimes Detroit's history even lands in our yards.

Bob Brand of Beverly Hills has a little bit of the old St. Antoine Street in front of his house. He salvaged some of the old brick, a granite Belgian block, that once lined the downtown street. It now sits as part of his walkway on his circular drive.

It's one of the attractive features of the home of Bob and Jeri Brand, one of six gardens on the Beverly Hills Garden Tour, Sunday, June 27. (See related chart.)

What drew Brand to the stone from St. Antoine? "Mostly it was the texture of the natural stone, the romance and the history is what interested me," Brand said. "The natural features can't be duplicated."

It's just one feature in the Brand yard, a collage of several rooms of gardens and a pool area, where the wide-open spaces and textures all come together.

Get out of your car on the circular driveway. The boxwoods lining the driveway give the front yard "a hint of formality," Brand says, while shrubs and trees in large, deep beds give the front yard of the ranch home a 3-D mix. "I think it breaks it up quite a bit," Brand said.

Brand plants "what he likes" — American holly, hydrangea, golden chain, Japanese saw tooth oak, Chinese dogwood and rhododendrons.

Brand has been in the landscaping business since he was 15, when he began working at Goldner Walsh in Pontiac. Today he owns his own landscaping business. "I've not been in any other business," Brand said. "I wake up every day and I love what I do. I love the plants."

The Brands moved into the home about five years ago. Few plants existed in the front or the rear of the home. The pool and patio was added three years ago so they could "entertain lots of people," Brand said.

A dogwood tree, dawn redwood and columnar are in the yard. A trampoline was installed at ground level, so no one can fall from several feet off the ground and break a bone.

Unilock pavers feature a Stonehenge style. Brand picked it to duplicate the natural stone, installed in Ashlar patterns with tumbled edges and ransom settings to create a rougher, almost rustic edge.

"A lot of this yard starts with function and a desire for privacy," Brand said. "I don't like real monotone plantings. I like plantings with a lot of texture."

The varied plants create different settings, almost rooms, throughout the yard. He has a shade garden with hostas, ferns and oak leaf hydranges, all near a hammock, which is strictly decorative.

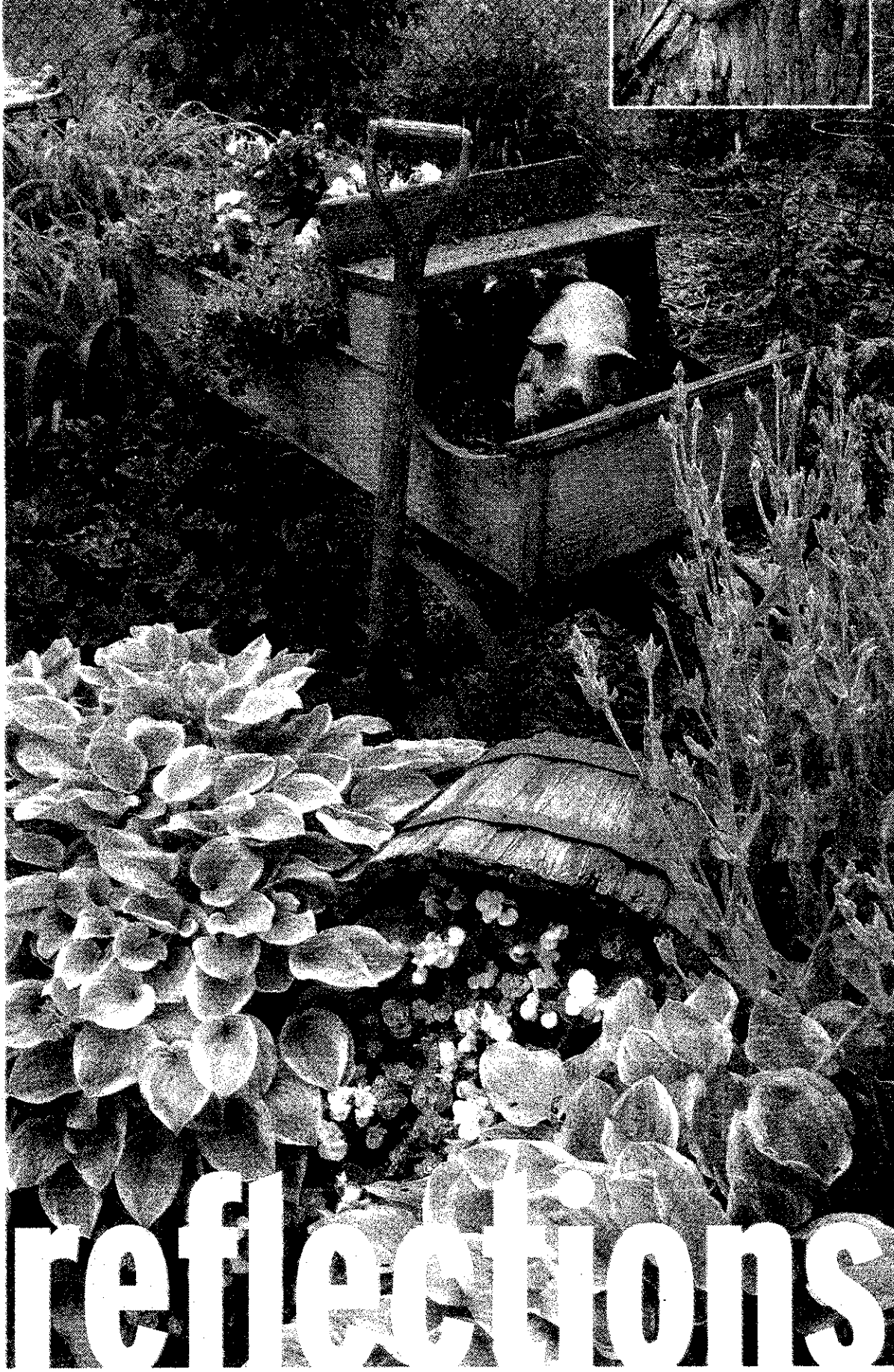
Beyond the pool area is a recreational area, where Brand sometimes puts up a volleyball net. Beyond that area, hydrangeas, rhododendrons and relocated burning bushes will color the rear of the yard.

Rhododendrons, azaleas and holly like an acidic soil treated with sulfur, he said.

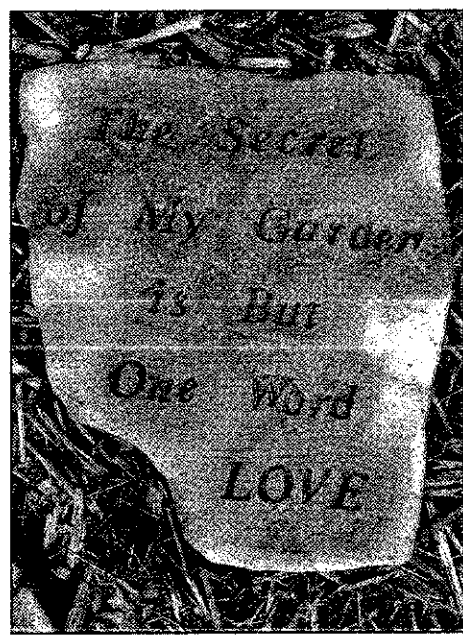
"I like to have plants put in a location where they can do their thing,"

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# Private



# reflections



Baker's garden stones reflect her philosophical approach.

## Words of wisdom mix with whimsy in Canton garden

Walk into Donna Baker's yard and you'll notice a picturesque setting. You'll also notice her philosophies, literally on display.

Welcoming visitors is a sign that reads: "Come into the garden, my flowers would love to meet you." A few feet further on the walkway is another: "Without the thorns, the rose would not be as sweet."

Over the gazebo is an Italian saying: *Qui Sono Felice* or "Here I am happy."

Baker's yard and five others will extend those greetings to visitors Saturday on the

Canton Garden Walk. (See related chart.)

Baker, who has lived in the home for 32 years, enjoys interior decorating. "And gardening is exterior decorating," Baker said. "It's all about color and texture."

Enter the yard from her doorwall at the rear of the home on Windmill in the oldest subdivision in Canton, and you'll see a fountain in the walkout area with the calm, flowing water surrounded by shrubs.

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Above, Baker put a face on a tree in the corner of the yard, just to add a little fun to the area. At left, an old wagon sits among hostas, flowers, garden tools and a barrel.

# Accents

## Six cooling tips

Everyone needs affordable ways to beat the heat.

With hot weather now here, now is the time to give your home a "check-up."

Here are six tips from the Comfort Institute ([www.comfortinstitute.org](http://www.comfortinstitute.org)):

■ Don't run your clothes dryer when it's hot outside. Your dryer blows air out of your house when it's drying clothes.

For every cubic foot of air it blows out, a cubic foot of hot outside air gets sucked in that your air conditioner has to cool down.

Run your dryer late at night or early morning and you'll have lower electric bills.

■ Have your duct system tested for air leaks. Gaps, joints and disconnections in the typical home's duct system are can contain or cause significant leaks, according to recent research by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The typical duct system loses 25 percent to 40 percent of the energy put out by the central heat pump or air conditioner.

Leaks are usually the biggest problem. Authorities recommend having a contractor seal them with a brushed on "mastic."

Duct tape often dries out and fails.

■ Ask your air conditioning contractor to perform an infiltrometer "blower door" test. The blower door is a computerized instrument originally invented by the Department of Energy. It pinpoints where your home's worst air leaks are, such as duct leaks, and also measures how leaky the overall house is.

While most homes are still far too leaky, some are now quite tight and need mechanical ventilation to ensure the air inside is fresh.

Many contractors offer an infiltrometer test as part of a "Whole House Comfort Checkup" that also checks insulation levels and overall duct performance.

■ Replace your air conditioner or heat pump air filter.

Some such as electronic air cleaners need to be thoroughly washed.

■ Have your air conditioner cleaned and tuned.

Make sure the contractor cleans both the indoor and outdoor heat transfer coils and checks refrigerant gas charge by measuring "superheat" or "subcooling."

■ Consider replacing your old air conditioner or heat pump.

If your system is over 12 years old, and you are planning to stay in your home more than a few years, many authorities recommend replacing it before it fails permanently.

A new system improves comfort, is more dependable and creates less air pollution.

For more information, visit [www.comfortinstitute.org](http://www.comfortinstitute.org)

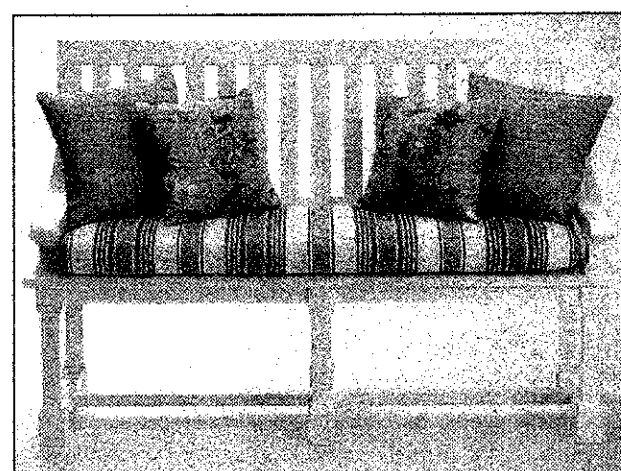
## MARKET PLACE

### Submissions

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### Outdoor elegance

Brunschwig & Fils has introduced its Outdoor Living Collection, its first outdoor collection of acrylic prints. The collection features 36 wovens and 10 brightly colored prints in a variety of coordinating colors and textures. The textiles stand up to sun and rain, and are resistant to soil and mildew. They are easy to care for: just wash, rinse and dry. The seat cushion shown here has Oh Susannah Stripe Print; the pillows have Oh Susannah Print in sky blue and Margate Woven Stripe in rose. Other designs in the collection are West Indies Toile Print; Pavé Print, a small fish-scale pattern; Barnegat Woven Texture, a herringbone; and Asbury Woven Check, a classic gingham with an ottoman weave. A Brunschwig & Fils showroom is in the Michigan Design Center in Troy (phone 248-649-0505). Visit [www.brunschwig.com](http://www.brunschwig.com) for more information.



# Turn your PC into a personal movie studio

If you haven't seen the latest in desktop video, you're missing out.

Armed with a digital camcorder, inexpensive software, and a reasonably fast PC or notebook, you can produce some mighty impressive home movies.

I'm not talking about videos of the new baby or your weekend at Higgins Lake, though obviously that stuff is fair game.

I'm talking about movies that look like movies, with credits, music, professional-looking effects, the whole shebang.

In other words, this is for all those Spielberg wanna-bes out there.

The camcorder is the easy part. The key features to look

for are MiniDV recording and a FireWire port, the latter essential for connecting the camera to your PC. (If your PC doesn't have a FireWire port of its own, you can add one with an inexpensive expansion card.)

Models range from as low as \$300 to around \$1,000, but even the inexpensive ones record better-looking video than the bulky old analog camcorders of yesteryear. That's the beauty of digital.

As for the software, you have lots of choices. My advice: get started with a freebie. Windows Movie Maker 2, from none other than Microsoft, is available for download from the company's Web site.

It's a great way to get your feet wet with video editing and production, as it walks you through capturing footage from your camcorder, adding scenes to a timeline, and inserting transitions and special effects (it has some pretty cool ones).

Movie Maker 2 also has a slick AutoMovie feature, designed for the time-impaired, that automatically builds an MTV-style music video from the footage you provide. The results aren't always stellar, but it's a blast to play with - especially for kids. Alas, you can't burn your finished masterpiece to DVD. For that you'll have to graduate to a more robust (and less free) video editor.

Two products I heartily recommend are CyberLink PowerDirector 3 (\$79.95) and Pinnacle Studio 9 (\$99.99). They're both extremely powerful but very easy to learn and use.

One of the features I particularly like about PowerDirector 3 is direct-to-DVD recording, which transfers video straight from your camcorder to a blank DVD, complete with menus. Great way to archive all those old tapes.

Better still, there's a 30-day demo version of PowerDirector

you can download to try before you buy.

Pinnacle Studio offers no such trial, but you have my assurance it's a great program. It's a bit more sophisticated than PowerDirector, offering support for advanced features like 16-by-9 widescreen video, surround sound, and image stabilization (great if your camcorder doesn't already have that feature - mine doesn't).

I love these programs because they enable me to unleash my creativity. They put professional tools at my fingertips and don't cost more than a lowly writer can afford. I think you'll find them just as fun and rewarding.

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# Educated public, consumer advocates changed industry

About 20 years ago Esther Shapiro, director of Consumer Affairs for the city of Detroit, asked me to help her office investigate consumer complaints. The knowledge I gained from her and her staff was immeasurable. I considered it an honor to work for one of the most sincere consumer advocates in the country.

She set me up with a desk and chair in the Cadillac Tower building in Detroit. I would spend one day a week on the telephone, calling some of the companies with questionable business practices. I started out as the "go-to" guy when it came to appliance repair cases.

Later Shapiro had me taking on furniture cases, modeling agencies and working on other fraud investigations. She'd often close her office door so she couldn't hear me talking on the telephone.

Apparently my methods of communication were on the cutting edge of roughness which would not be approved by former mayor Coleman Young who was no master of the English language himself.

And so, 20 years ago Shapiro and her staff began the task of trying to straighten out all the consumer complaints concerning the heating and air conditioning industry.

Every year there would be headlines and stories in the newspapers and television stories reporting on companies ripping off consumers.

Stories reported on consumers who were charged \$6,000 for repairs on a \$1,000 furnace or charged for repairs with old parts (or no parts at

all). The industry looked bad, but the good guys in the business suffered as well from all the publicity.

They didn't like Esther, they didn't like me and when Jennifer Granholm became the attorney general, they didn't like her. The persistent effort by these dedicated women have assisted consumers and help keep the industry straight. Here it is, 20 years later, and I don't believe we read or saw one story this past winter in regards to someone being ripped off by a heating business.

I believe that most of the bad apples in that industry are gone.

I know it would be harder today for these bad guys to operate because the public is much more educated from radio, television and newspapers.

I also think that it is much easier today for the good guys in the heating and air conditioning business to get on the telephone and complain about the crooks.

It's around 10 years ago that I began writing this column but I was very rough on the industry back then.

Today, I would like to thank the greater majority of men and women who own and work in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning industry.

Consumers now know better than to get just one estimate on heating or air conditioning purchases.

They no longer believe the scam used for years about the leaking heat exchanger pitch used to make a quick sale of a furnace. They are smart enough to call others in the industry to check out prices given for repairs.

**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.

# Ornamental fencing goes high-tech

BY DAVID BRADLEY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Homeowners who covet the stately look of a wrought-iron fence, but not the maintenance worries, have a new champion in polymer fencing.

From even a few feet away it's hard to tell polymer fence from its iron brethren. Both

are sturdy and have the traditional good looks homeowners expect in this sort of fencing.

It's just that the polymer version doesn't need much, if any, upkeep.

Plus, the polymer look-alike is self-installed with a minimum of tools and skills.

The maker of a national brand of low-maintenance

fencing says consumers increasingly see polymers as a viable option to its heavy metal forerunners.

"It's hard for some consumers to think of this traditional fencing as anything other than iron," said Dick Cantley of GeoMatrix, the Troy manufacturer of EverIron fencing.

"But once they touch this or lift it and see it in action, it becomes a good-looking fence. That's the bottom line for people." The fence was introduced last year in a solid black color. Cantley says EverIron now makes a white version, too. Both colors are available with or without arrow-shaped finials.

## HOME CALENDAR

### Home decorating

The Do It Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail in Shelby Township, offers fun and easy home decorating classes for the "talent impaired." None of the window treatment classes requires sewing; none of the furniture building classes requires the use of power tools or a saw.

Each class takes place 7-10 p.m. and costs \$35. Class size is limited due to hands-on training. Call (586) 739-6319 to register or for a current schedule.

Swags and Jabots (Monday, June 28) will show how to make contemporary and traditional versions of this timeless window treatment.

In E-Z Build Chaise Lounge (Tuesday, June 29), create a beautiful, full-size chaise, great for a bedroom or family room.

### Ceramics

The Ann Arbor Art Center presents a variety of workshops in June during Sundays @ 1, a weekly series in which art center staff members are on hand

to provide instruction and projects that spark creativity for adults, children and families.

Workshops take place 1-2:30 p.m. Cost is \$12 per class. Participants may register at any time previous to the beginning of the workshop. Drop-ins are welcome although space is limited.

The schedule includes Open Studio (June 27), which will offer a selection of ceramic forms to decorate and glaze.

For more information or to register, go to the art center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor, call (734) 994-8004, or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

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



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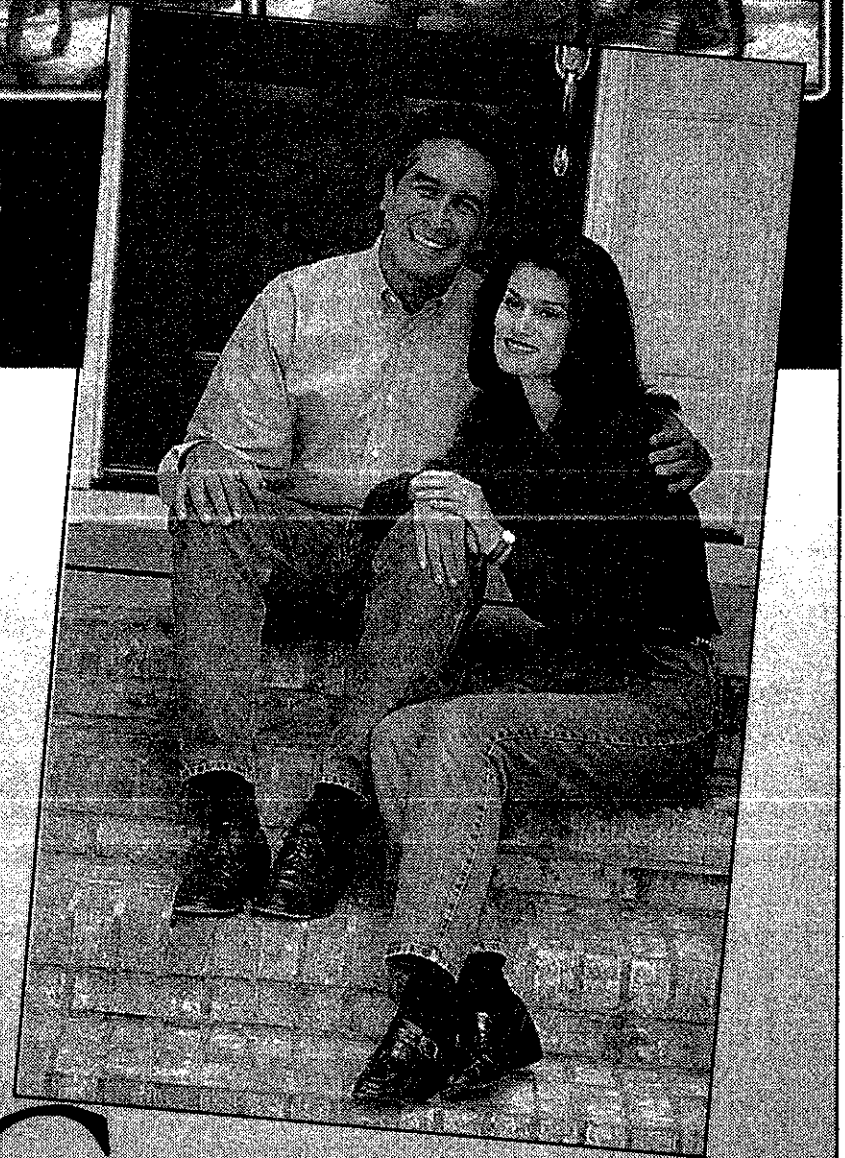
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## REFLECTIONS

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A gazebo sits in the middle of the yard. Water lilies, water hyacinths and dwarf cattails grow inside a pond. The water lilies will bloom in red, yellow, pink and white, and the hyacinths blue.

All of it is part of a yard full of color, greenery, dimensions and shapes. The signs reflect the gardener's approach to gardening and to life.

"I'm a very philosophical person," Baker said. "I love thought-provoking things." A sign nearby reads "My Garden is My Earthly Paradise."

### LITTLE TOUCHES OF ART

Patio blocks lead you to the rear of the yard, passing by an old Huffy bicycle with a handlebar basket filled with flowers. An old table and chair set once used by the grandchildren now is decorated with a rabbit theme, with plates that are sometimes filled with carrots for the dolls sitting there. A smiling bunny decorates another sign that reads "Life is Good."

As philosophical as Baker is, she is also whimsical.

There's a vegetable garden, also known as Baker's Acre Farm. Cucumbers, tomatoes, green peppers and acorn squash are grown here. "Tickle the Earth with a hoe, she laughs with a harvest," reads another sign.

## GARDEN WALK

**What:** The Canton Garden Club's sixth annual garden walk, Petals and Paths. Tour six lovely gardens. No strollers, please.

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

**Tickets:** \$6 presale, \$7 the day of the tour. Tickets may be bought from Keller and Stein Inc., 42158 Michigan Avenue, (734) 397-0800; Grayes' Greenhouse, 8820 Lilley, (734) 453-1220; Mary's Farm Market, 47453 Ford, (734) 981-2866; Backyard Birds, 627 S. Main, (734) 416-0600; and Judy Bloomquist, (734) 455-8283.

The rear of the yard contains a landscaped area with an apple tree, a Luteya bench and toile on a water fountain. Back here, Baker expects the stella d'oro day lily to be in bloom by the time of the garden walk, along with fringed shasta daisies.

A blue hydrangea (called Endless Summer) illuminates the back of the yard. Alkaline soil will make the plant bloom pink, while acidic soil changes it to blue.

Iris have not bloomed because too much rain and the covering up of the iris base has prevented the sun from reach-



Donna Baker of Canton loves gardening and manages to get the most from her yard by incorporating a water garden and gazebo in it. Baker's garden will be one of six featured on the Canton Garden Walk on Saturday.

ing the base and roots. "Iris need exposure to sun," Baker said. Inside the gazebo, a giant dragonfly hangs on the wall with hens and chicks growing on it.

Turn to the right and a face greets you on a tree. "I like a little whimsy, because you can't take life too seriously," Baker said.

She also plants begonias and geraniums. "I used to plant impatiens, but the slugs and the rabbits eat those. They don't eat geraniums and begonias."

But it's all enjoyment for Baker. Gardening "is not work for me," she said.

"One thing about gardening is that what might work in one garden might not work in yours. Plants can be temperamental."

### RETIRING 'TO' GARDENING

Baker remembered talking with employees who would retire from Ford Motor Co., where she worked, then return weeks or months later, and ask if they could come back. She remembers them telling her, "Oh my God, I'm so bored."

"Everybody always says, 'I'm retiring from work.' But if you're retiring from something, and not retiring to something, you will be bored," she said.

"I've been retired for 12 years and, to some, this would be work. To me, it's not work."

It's all summed up in a saying painted over the doorwall leading to the yard: "Never forget to regard the beauty of the garden for therein lies peace."



Bob Brand sits in front of his home in Beverly Hills. Brand's yard will be one of six featured on the Village Garden Tour on Sunday.

## GARDEN

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Brand said. "The biggest trick is having a plan, whether you plant one plant a year or plant the whole yard."

"You have to start with the things you want. Patios, swimming pools and play structures, you have to figure out all that stuff and develop all the plants off of those structures."

If you don't, the replanting and redoing of the yard can get expensive, Brand said. "If you have all these disjointed plans, it's a hodge podge five years down the road."

Joan Jensen, publicist of the Garden Walk and member of the Village Women's Club of Beverly Hills, said the walk organizers look for passionate and creative gardeners.

"It's a very generous act to open your garden to the public," Jensen said. "It's a combination of creativity, passion of gardening and a willingness of them to be so generous."

"It really is an enjoyable day." The walk features other gardens, including one inspired by trips featuring vignettes of Williamsburg, Va., Paris, Switzerland and Colorado. "It also has an incredible conifer collection on a tiny lot, that is exquisite in the details," Jensen said.

Another garden is on a large lot, featuring Asian motifs, small urns and Asian bells. "It is very harmonious," Jensen said. "There are a lot of conifers and minimal flowers. Both of these gardeners are enthusiastic gardeners."

### GARDEN TOUR

**What:** The Village Garden Tour in Beverly Hills. Six gardens will be featured, including a few expansive gardens, a professional landscape designer's creation and an East Beverly masterpiece on a 50-foot lot.

**When:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 27.

**Tickets:** \$12 on tour day and can be picked up, with a map and booklet, at Beverly Park on Beverly Road, one-half mile west of Southfield Road, between 13 and 14 Mile roads. Presale tickets are \$10 at the Beverly Hills Village offices, 18500 W. 13 Mile Road. Call (248) 645-1684 for more details.

Sponsored by the Village Woman's Club of Beverly Hills, the walk helps the club in uniting the women of the village in fellowship and community service. Funds have helped improve Beverly Park, added improvements at Groves High School, landscape village offices and pay for the Southfield Road beautification from 13 Mile Road to Beverly Road.

Last year's walk raised more than \$4,000.

"Our goal is to provide funding for these community projects," Jensen said. "These events go to very good causes."

# A 'Victory Garden' is also featured

Five other gardens will be showcased Saturday on the Canton Garden Walk.

Debbie Haskins' garden is described as her "victory garden."

Haskins has battled Stage 3-C melanoma. Doctors gave her little hope in her prognosis. That was three years ago.

So she went out to the yard, which was entirely grass, and started planting. That despite her undergoing interferon treatments, which she said "wiped her out" that first year.

Haskins was too weak to drive, so her husband drove her to the nursery and she'd pick out annuals. Then she planted them in new flower beds.

"And it was wonderful therapy," Haskins said. "Three years later, I'm still going strong."

"There's a saying that in the garden, you're closer to God than anywhere on Earth. I'm not a particularly religious person, but it's amazing how you always go back to that."

Haskins loves "everything" about her garden. "I like to call it a 'riot' of color," she says with a laugh.

"I would plant a four-pack of flowers, then have to sleep for two hours, but I did it," Haskins said.

"Have you seen the television show *Victory Garden*? Well, I call this my

victory garden."

Haskins said she is "absolutely thrilled" to be on the walk. "My oncologist said some bad things, and sometimes you need to get some hope," Haskins said. "I've had to make my own."

She's proud that she is on the walk.

"When you've been told what I've been told, and when I started three years ago, it was all grass, and now we're going to be on the garden walk, that is amazing," she said.

Sue Goins' garden is described as "a peaceful retreat from the busy-ness of everyday life." A waterfall in a large pond soothes, while a smaller pond enchants with its spraying fountain.

Walk through the arbor at the Smith house and soon you'll see three gardens with trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals.

Many of the plants here are heirlooms from parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents, including peonies, spiderwort, geraniums, iris, columbine and rose campion, along with bells of Scotland, daylilies and rose of Sharon and yellow roses.

A daughter's shade garden is full of plants that she plants, waters and plays in.

Another garden (Susie

Pidosny's) features garden favorites. There's a large selection of bleeding hearts, Jacob's ladder, hostas and a variety of daisies, and a large area of black-eyed susans, cone flowers, bee balm and ground covers.

Bruce and Pam Phillips enjoy secluded solace in the yard of the home they've owned for 27 years, going through children, myriad pets and trial and error.

This garden is described as "low maintenance" with an

abundance of perennials.

The garden areas vary from full shade to full sun.

The plants feature varieties of texture and color including dahlias, hydrangeas, grasses, hibiscus, hostas and roses.

Garden accessories, particularly antiques, are throughout the garden, from guarding antique lions, an antique garden chair and chaise. A Hansel and Gretel play cottage for children is another highlight of the yard.

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# Storms can startle dogs, send birds from their nest

Thunderstorms have a lot in common with winter. If I asked 10 people about storms, I'd probably get five who love them and five who hate them, with little agreement at all.



**About Animals**

**Dr. Brad Davis**

Even storm lovers have to admit they deliver problems. Besides flooding and terrible driving conditions, storms bring complications to the animal world, both domesticated and wild.

## NOISY DAYS

Many pets hate the noise. Wild critters often have their young thrown from their nest. What do you do when you find a baby bird?

This time of year several people call my clinic every week saying they've found a baby bird, or rabbit, or squirrel, or whatever, wanting to know how to take care of it. When people find a wild baby the nurturing instinct takes over, no matter the species (I'm always glad we're not in an area where people find a baby elephant, then keep it in a giant shoebox until old enough to release.)

I have heard many theories on how to help babies in the wild. These theories have often been passed down from generation to generation, and, since they worked once, they must be right.

The best way to take care of a baby bird fallen from the nest, or a baby animal away from mom? Three words.

Leave it alone.

Rarely will a mother in the wild leave her healthy children in danger. She will usually be there soon.

If you see a child at a mall wandering lost, what would you do? You would likely get security to make sure the child is safe, and in a place where the parents more easily can find him. You wouldn't take the child home and feed him until he's old enough to fend for himself.

Give Mom a chance, and usually she will come through. What if she doesn't? What if mom consciously made the decision that this particular young one should be eliminated?

Nature can be harsh. Mom made the decision for a reason. She has to make these hard choices, and does so naturally. While we can't conceive of the logic, it helps make a species stronger.

The best bet for making it would be to give mom the chance.

But what if you touched the animal? You may have heard that now that your scent is on it, the mom won't go near it anymore.

Untrue. Set the animal back down. She will ignore the smell. If you have children, more than once in your life you've had to ignore the smell. This mom will, also.

"The number one most asked question (is) can I touch a baby bird and the parents take it back," wild bird rescuer Michelle Charlong said. "Yes! A bird's best asset is their eyesight, not their sense of smell."

How can the parent birds take care of a baby bird on the ground? Make it easier on them. Place the baby in a small, sturdy basket in the tree so they can take care of him up there. This also gives protection from cats, rats, and other predators that might think of the bird less as a baby and more as a snack.

## PLAY IN A STORM

"But, what about those storms? My dog gets so stressed out, I think he's going to have a heart attack!"

I would really not worry about heart attacks, as dogs don't eat a load of chili-cheese fries (or at least they shouldn't!).

Storms can be a real problem. Dogs become destructive when frightened, or even just stress to an unacceptable level. Sedatives like Acepromazine or Chlorazepate dipotassium can be prescribed by vets, and Benadryl can be given for taking the edge off (call your vet for doses they like), but behavioral training is key.

Get a CD or tape of thunderstorms. Play it quietly in the house whenever something good is happening for the pet, like playing, petting, getting treats or eating.

Progressively turn the volume up over the course of weeks, a little at a time, until you're playing it loudly. Now the dog will associate the noise with play. Then dogs likely will grab a toy whenever they hear thunder. . . now seen as a good thing.

(If you want to have some fun with it, flip your house lights on and off with the thunder when it gets very loud. It won't do anything for the dog, but it will make your neighbors wonder what's wrong with you!) The drugs might help for a few hours, but the behavior modification can last for a lifetime.

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I have a box filled with coupons. I grab a handful on the way to the store only to discover they have expired. How do I organize my coupons so they are useful?

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The specific system you use will depend on the amount of coupons you save, but all successful coupon collectors need three elements - good coupon sources, easy access to the coupons, and a good working knowledge of the cost of goods and services.

Coupon Sources:   
 ■ Coupon books are worth the investment. They range in price from \$5-\$30 depending on the size. Using a few of the coupons usually pays for the purchase of the book.

■ Most telephone books offer coupons in the back of the book.

■ The newspaper runs coupon offers and usually includes coupon inserts.

■ Stores offer coupons at their courtesy counter or on racks in the front of the store.

■ Scout for coupons in magazines.

■ Many items have coupons for same-day or future purchases printed right on the packaging.

■ Ask friends, neighbors, and relatives to give you newspapers and magazines they are discarding. You may even trade

extras on a regular basis with other coupon clippers.

■ Look for promotional coupon packet in the mail.

Accessing Coupons:   
 Unless she has a workable system to store and access coupons, even the best-intentioned shopper will quickly get discouraged. Many coupons have been clipped and left to expire without ever seeing the light of day.

To avoid this, buy a plastic filing box with a handle and files, labeled with the following categories: Entertainment (movies, video rental, museums, play and sporting events), Restaurants (fine dining, fast foods and pizza delivery), Services, cleaners, carpet and upholstery cleaning and oil change); Home repairs (electrical, plumbing, furnace, appliances); Car repairs (brakes, muffler, tune up.); Groceries; Travel (lodging and transportation); Purchases (clothing and household). Other categories are Free (always use coupons that give you something free and check this file often) and Rebate (keep separate envelopes for each rebate offer. Keep receipt, bar code and form in this envelope until you mail the rebate to the company) and One month (Place coupons that will expire in a month in this file. Look at this file often.)

Some categories, such as groceries, should be divided into sub categories. Within the file, create subjects such as dairy, cereal, meats, breads, bakery and frozen. Separate restaurants into groups; fine dining, fast food, and pizza.

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## USING COUPONS

Your storage system for coupons should be portable because many of the coupons are used away from your home.

Keep them in a file box with a handle that can be easily carried about and placed in your car. Look through your coupons often so you will know what is available. Choose restaurants, services, places to visit, and food items from coupons. The coupons that offer 'buy one, get one free' provide great savings and are readily available.

Some grocery stores advertise double or triple coupon days. Take advantage of these offers whenever you can. Such offers often include only those coupons worth 50 cents or less. And remember: Many brand name items are more expensive, even after using coupons, than equivalent generic products at regular price. Use common sense.

This same principle applies to services, but since we use services less often, we must be educated consumers. Just because a business offers a 20 percent discount doesn't mean they have the best deal in town.

We had an emergency plumbing problem in our home. I looked for a coupon that offered a discount for a service call. I called several companies from which I had coupons only to find out their prices with the coupon offers were generally higher than those I normally paid without a coupon.

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**Livonia**

The 15th annual Garden Walk presented by the Friends for the Development of Greenmead, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 26. Seven lovely gardens and yards will be available for viewing. All proceeds will benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 Saturday. Tickets may be bought from committee members or at any of the Livonia libraries, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, Greenmead office and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. For information, call (734) 466-2540

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**Sylvan Lake**

Sylvan Lake will host its first Home and Garden Tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26. The tour will include eight homes with gardens, and two additional gardens. Featured homes will range from the 1900s to more recently built residences. Proceeds will be used to replace the 90-year-old Sylvan Lake Community Center. Tickets are \$10 for groups of 10 or more, \$12 prior to the tour and \$15 at the time of the tour. The second annual Shake at the Lake, presented by Pontiac Theater IV, will also take place Saturday. This year's play, performed outdoors at the lake shore, will be Much Ado About Nothing. A combination ticket including the home and garden tour, the pre-play gourmet dinner and the play is \$60. (Tickets for the play are \$10, tickets for the gourmet dinner and the play are \$50.) For ticket information, call (248) 681-2750 or (248) 681-8624.

**Grosse Pointe**

The 13th annual Summer Garden Tour,

Saturday-Sunday, June 26-27, rain or shine. Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc. Twelve residential gardens, the gardens at the Children's Home of Detroit, and the Trial Gardens at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will be featured. Master gardeners will be available at each site to answer questions. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the tour homes for \$2 each or three for \$5. This year's prizes will be a Tiffany style table lamp with floral motif, valued at \$450, donated by House of Lights on Mack Avenue; and 14-karat white gold drop earrings with diamonds, valued at \$325, donated by Pat Scott Jewelers on Mack Avenue. Tickets are \$12 pre-tour, \$15 Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are available at several local florists and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial, 32 Lake Shore Drive in Grosse Pointe Farms. For information, call the Grosse Pointe Garden Center at (313) 881-4594 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday.

**Troy**

The Troy Garden Club's 30th annual Garden Walk, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and

6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 14. Six beautiful gardens around Troy will be featured. A boutique and raffle will take place at the Troy Historical Museum gazebo, 60 W. Wattles. Tickets are available in limited numbers at Telly's Greenhouse, (248) 689-8735; the Troy Historical Museum, (248) 524-3570; Wilkop Landscaping, (248) 828-0030; and Uncle Luke's Feed Store, (248) 879-9147; or by calling the Troy Garden Club at (248) 879-8621.

**Open Day**

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days program gives the public an opportunity to visit private gardens around the country. An Open Day is scheduled in Oakland County 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 11, rain or shine. Eight private gardens in Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills and White Lake will be featured. Start at the Hartwig Garden, 1320 Covington Road in Bloomfield Hills. Covington Road runs north and south between Telegraph and I-75. The address is just south of 16 Mile. (16 Mile is Quanton west of Woodward and Big Beaver Road east of Woodward.)

At the Hartwig Garden, buy the 2004 Open Days Directory, Midwest Edition for \$5. The soft-cover directory includes directions to the other gardens and a coupon for one free garden admission. (The Midwest edition, which lists more than 40 private gardens in Michigan, Illinois and Missouri, is also available by mail for \$5 plus \$1.95 shipping and handling; call The Garden Conservancy at (888) 842-2442. It is also sold in book stores.) Admission is \$5 to each garden. Reservations aren't required. For information and wheelchair accessibility, call (888) 842-2442.

**Northville**

The Gardens of Northville 11th annual Garden Walk, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 14. Sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville. Six gardens will be featured, from pristine and expansive to quaint countryside. In Mill Race Village, the Cady Inn will be a farmhouse kitchen where complimentary homemade delicacies and lemonade will be served.

Enjoy music as you browse through plants and garden items offered by local vendors. Raffle tickets will be available at Mill Race Village the day of the walk. Tickets sold in advance only, \$10, available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main.

**Huntington Woods**

The Seed and Sod Garden Club of Huntington Woods will present a Summer Garden Tour noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 18. Nine unusual and lovely Huntington Woods gardens, a garden boutique, and refreshments will be featured. Master gardeners and plein air painters will set up easels in each garden. Proceeds from the tour will be used to plant and maintain a children's garden at the Huntington Woods Library. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 on the day of the tour. Advance tickets are available at Huntington Woods city offices (Scotia at 11 Mile), the library and the recreation center (both four blocks south of 11 Mile and Scotia). For more information, call Karen at (248) 398-2004.

**GARDEN CALENDAR****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.

**Rain gardens**

A free workshop, Residential Rain Gardens: A Beautiful Solution to Water Pollution, will take place 6:45-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 30, at the Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver Road. Professional gardener Gail Dudzinski Morrell will present how-to tips for home gardeners, focusing on native plants and maintenance. Local rain gardens will be featured. The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority is sponsoring the workshop. Advance registration is requested. Call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 weekdays or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

**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.

**Rose programs**

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 Japanese Beetle Control for Roses, 1 p.m. Sunday, June 27, or 11 a.m. Monday, June 28; and Rose Propagation Workshop, 1 p.m. Sunday, July 4, or 11 a.m. Monday, July 5. Japanese Beetle Control for Roses is a lecture and hands-on demonstration by owner Roger Lindley. The program is free and reservations aren't required. In the popular hands-on workshop, participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation. Reservations are required; the \$25 material fee will be collected at the door. 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 or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flyer.

**Perennial gardening**  
English Gardens hosts free gardening seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all five locations. 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).

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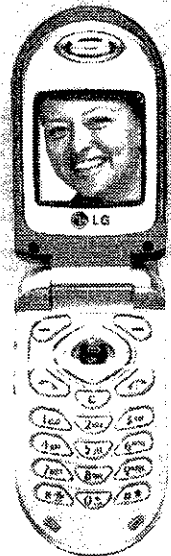
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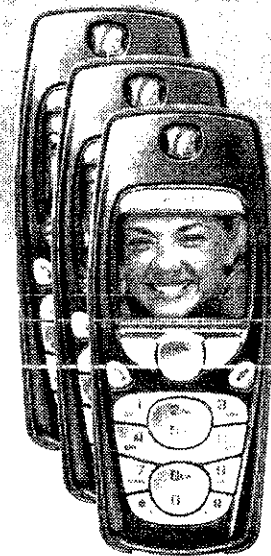
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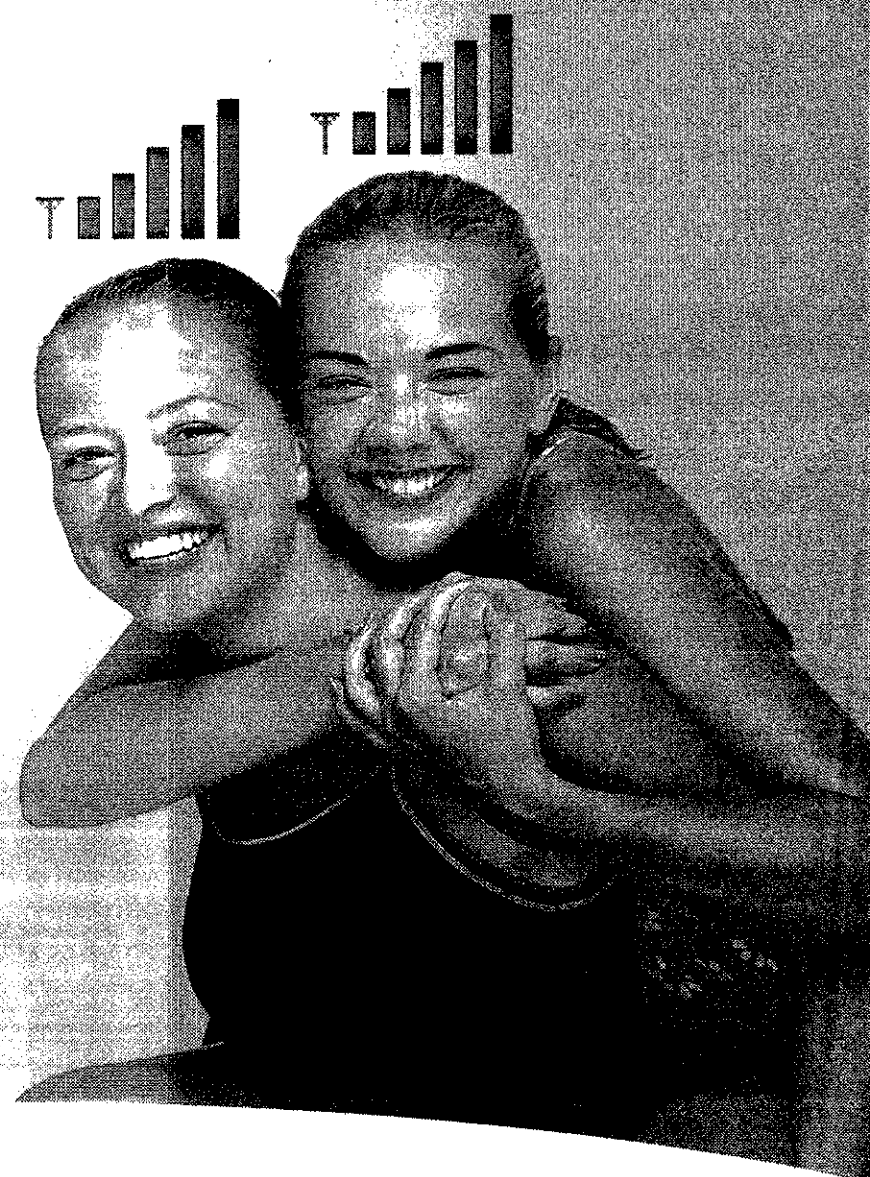
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# Maintain these items in warm weather

June is the perfect time of year to begin taking care of your spring and summer home repair and maintenance items.

Keith A. Paul, president of HandyPro Handyman Service Inc., Southeast Michigan's largest handyman service company, recommends maintaining these nine items this spring and summer:

■ **Gutters and downspouts** - Winter ice formations in gutters can cause the gutter to pull away from the house as well as break seals in gutter joints and downspout connections.

Loose or clogged gutters can allow rain to ultimately run into your house or collect near your foundation, causing your basement to leak.

These problems require gut-

ter cleaning, inspections and repairs or replacements.

■ **Paint** - Scrape, sand and repaint areas that have cracking or peeling paint or are in need of caulking, so that you don't end up with rotted wood or the need to repaint the entire house.

■ **Window and door screens** - Check the perimeter of the opening to verify any loose or missing caulk. In an effort to decrease your utility bills, recaulk any necessary openings.

■ **Pipes and outside hose spicket** - Before turning on your outside hose spicket, inspect pipes between the hose spicket and shut-off valve for signs of frost damage, splits or separated joints.

If everything is in good working order, make sure your outside hose spicket is turned off, and turn on the shut-off valve inside your home. Your outside hose spicket is now ready for use.

■ **Clean fireplaces and wood stoves** - Remove ashes and close your chimney flue.

■ **Attic** - Make sure all your gable, soffit and ridge vents are open to allow proper ventilation.

Make sure insulation covers the entire attic floor; look into hiring a professional to add more to meet recently updated building codes and reduce future heating and cooling costs.

Check to make sure your attic and/or whole house fans are working properly; consider

installing attic or whole house fans.

■ **Caulking and grout** - Inspect caulking and grout around tubs, showers and sinks; have it replaced if it is deteriorating.

■ **Air conditioning system** inspection and filter change - Have your air conditioning system checked by a licensed HVAC mechanic.

Replace your filter monthly. ■ **Deck** - Inspect your deck for loose nails and boards, and for rotted boards that need to be fixed or replaced.

HandyPro services Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties. To contact HandyPro, call (800) 942-6394 or visit www.handypro.com.

# Put ceramic tile on top of plastic laminate counter

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Is your kitchen countertop looking a little worse for wear? Has it got chips, dents and dings?

If so, here's an affordable answer to your problem: Install ceramic tile right on top of your existing plastic laminate top.

Start by removing the sink and covering the cabinets with heavy paper or cardboard.

Next, use a circular saw to

cut off the bullnose edge and rear backsplash. Then smooth out any uneven spots with a hand saw, belt sander and coarse sandpaper.

Lightly sand the entire top to create a better bonding surface. Then install the tile on thin-set adhesive applied with a grooved trowel.

Let the tile set up overnight and then grout it, using a rubber grout float and a damp sponge. When it dries, buff it with a soft dry cloth, and reinstall your sink.

## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - June 15, 2004

A Joint Study Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton and the Planning Commission was held Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter to chair the meeting in Supervisor Yack's absence. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Yack

Staff Present: Director Faas, Scott Daniels, Jeff Goulet

### Planning Commission

Members Present: Ron Lieberman, Victor Gustafson, Cathy Johnson, Melissa McLaughlin, Greg Greene

Members Absent: Greg Demopoulos, Katie Bovitz

### Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

### Approval of Minutes

None

Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments: None.

Board Member Reports: None

### Item 1. Future Land Use

Jeff Goulet presented a future land use map with the areas indicative of land use changes, proposed by the Planning Commission. There are 6 areas under consideration, with three (3) being quite large for the Planning Commission to vote on at their next meeting Monday, June 21, 2004. The 6 areas in question are Geddes, West of Denton Road, 1,000 acres, currently agricultural and very low density, proposed changes to low density, medium low density and medium density. Ford Road, North and South of Napier, 3 acres, currently rural residential and agricultural, proposed changes to very low density to low density. Canton Center Road, North of the Township Hall, currently very low density residential, proposed changes to medium high and medium low density. McClumpha, South of Warren and West of Ridge Roads, currently rural residential proposed change to very low density. Bloch/Brody, an 8 acre parcel proposed change from light industrial to industrial/ medium high density. Laird, an 12 acre parcel, currently medium density residential, suggested change to high density.

Mr. Goulet suggested these proposed changes would incorporate 2,900 units maximum, which equates to approximately 7,000 to 8,000 increase in population.

### Item 2. Sewer Study Update

Director Faas presented a presentation on the Sewer Study in the Charter Township of Canton, currently being done, however not completed. The metering project team members are the Canton Municipal Services Department Staff, Western Townships Utilities Authority Staff (WTUA), Wade-Trim - Consulting Engineers (local analysis), Ayers, Lewis, Norris & May - Consulting Engineers (Regional analysis), and Martin Controls Services - Martin Controls Services - Metering Contractor (installed, applied and maintained equipment).

The need to undertake the project is mainly due to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) instituting a ban on issuance of any sewer system extension (a.k.a. Part 41) permits for development flowing into the Cherry Hill trunk line in the spring of 2003. In order for the MDEQ to lift the ban the Township had to demonstrate that it had sufficient sewage capacity in its local collection system to receive additional flows. This is being accomplished by undertaking a flow metering study. Concurrent with this need, several developers were expressing interest in having the undeveloped areas along the western end of the community rezoned to accommodate densities greater than the Comprehensive Plan. This added analysis required us to undertake a community-wide flow metering analysis. In order to address both parties needs, the Township & WTUA engaged the services of engineering consultants and a metering contractor to analyze our sewer systems (collection, storage, transport and treatment.)

Director Faas stated that the project components are as follows: Metering - Data Acquisition, Existing System Flow Modeling with analysis from our local and regional system, population projections, Preliminary Flow Projection from data collected from our local, regional systems, and wastewater treatment plan system and our final report, however is not complete.

Director Faas stated that the preliminary findings are: Improvements to the local collection system are needed to transport the future flows with the community effected by rezoning and undeveloped land.

Additional regional system storage (additional basins) is needed now and in the future.

The full expansion of YCUA will be necessary, sooner than later.

We will have to retain all the capacity that the Township has in the Rouge Valley Interceptor System (RVIS) in Wayne County.

Additional density requests in the southwest quadrant can likely be supported with some minor capital improvements.

Mechanism for funding improvements (Township and Developers) needs to be worked out once the scope of improvements is better defined.

Director Faas stated that electronic Permanent Flow Meters have been inserted into sewer pipes to measure the level (depth) of flow over a long time period, at specific locations, where the local collection system connects to the WTUA regional system. There have been 40 locations within the Township that house these Flow Meters, 30 are temporary and 10 permanent. These sites are monitored every two weeks for extraction of data. Flow metering is at every major connection point on the WTUA interceptor along Haggerty Road (since Oct. 2003). The primary goal for the 10 permanent flow meters

is to use data acquired from these flow meters as input to the regional system model developed by ALNM for WTUA. Secondary goal is to be able to monitor flows over the long term to more effectively manage our collection system (requirement of CMOM legislation.) The primary goal for the 30 temporary flow meters is to identify areas that may demonstrate capacity deficiencies in the local collection system. The secondary goal is to have a high percentage of homes with footing drains tied to the sanitary sewer service connection.

Three (3) professional quality rain gages are also located in Canton. These gages are located at Michigan at Haggerty (WTUA Lower Rouge Pump Station), Joy at Haggerty (WTUA Middle Rouge Lift Station), and Canton Parks Maintenance Facility (behind Municipal Complex.) Four events were chosen from the data for calibration purposes. October 14, 2003 received 1.55" of rain, November 18, 2003 received 0.80", May 1, 2004 received 1/16" and May 10, 2004 received 1.13". All events had at least one week of dry weather preceding the rain event. Clerk Bennett inquired if there was any way to measure infiltration into our system, Director Faas stated that they would not know this answer until all the data had been calculated. These gages have a specially designed 12-inch diameter funnel on top to catch rain and direct the water onto the "tipper", which electronically records the number of tips.

There are two (2) computer models used to analyze the rate of sewage flow within Canton's local collection. The Haested Sewer Cad computer measures the output and the EPA-XPSWMM (a.k.a. SWIM) measures the input of sewage flow within WTUA's regional system.

In the existing system flow modeling, all pipes and manholes for both the local collection system and regional collection system models had to be input and checked for accuracy. Computer models output the flow over a period of time based on current population conditions. System pipes cannot surcharge under MDEQ design standards during a design storm.

In the local system, flow at each major connection is modeled to match the response recorded by the flow meter for the actual events measured. Ten inputs to the WTUA model were required to accurately analyze flows.

In the regional system, output from Canton's local system are added into the WTUA regional system model. Regional model routes flows from each connection point to the WTUA pump/lift stations. At each WTUA facility the outlet capacity to the WWTP's is maximized together with storage of excess flows in the underground basins to match the incoming flow.

The current population in Canton is 83,000. The future population projections were computer based on the following categories:

- 10 or 11 large undeveloped tracts (>50 acres in area)
- Small undeveloped tracts (miscellaneous)
- Existing constructed development not occupied

The projection assumptions were anticipated density (d.u./acre) figures were multiplied by the area. That product was multiplied by the design criteria the MDEQ requires us to use for occupancy rates for multi-family (2.5 pph) and single family dwellings (3.2 pph). Our actual current occupancy rate per dwelling is on average 2.8 pph. As such the MDEQ data may slightly overproject the ultimate population. This ensures that long term changes in a community have sufficient capacity should occupancy rates increase.

| Preliminary Population Project    | MDEQ Design | Current Occupancy Rate |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| 2003 Population                   | 83,000      | 83,000                 |
| Anticipated Increase to Build-Out | 46,760      | 38,977                 |
| Future Population                 | 129,760     | 121,977                |

The preliminary flow projections for our local system is that of the three most critical trunk sewers were analyzed so far (Cherry Hill, Palmer, Geddes.) Section of the sewer along Lilley (north of Cherry Hill.) Others may be analyzed later before final Sanitary Sewer Master Plan is updated.

The preliminary flow projections for our regional system is the interceptor along Haggerty Road, which is acceptable, underground storage requirements, which need to be increased in size, and the WTUA pump stations are acceptable.

The preliminary flow projection for waste water treatment plant system is the YCUA expansion. YCUA is expanding to 25 million gallons per day, plus future expansion to 29 million gallons per day.

DWSD/RVIS (Detroit and Wayne County): we will keep all current capacity, plus negotiate long term extension of 1961 agreement. This is a change from the 1988 agreement between the three (3) WTUA communities (Canton, Plymouth, and Northville Townships).

The Municipal Services Department will continue to refine and define analyses further over the next 8 weeks, review Capital Improvement Program options concurrently, Wade Trim will complete Sanitary Sewer Master Plan update plus model runs to all trunk lines connecting to regional system, Ayers, Lewis will finalize the regional system analysis. The due date to complete our report is August 4, 2004.

Trustee Burdziak inquired if the Charter Township of Canton will never be able to be independent of the Detroit System. Director Faas stated that no, that Canton will remain in the Detroit System forever.

Chuck Langski, Denton Road, inquired how long will it take DEQ to respond once the final report is submitted. Director Faas stated 2 to 3 years, however Canton will proceed early this fall.

Director Faas stated that after the final report is completed, he will schedule another joint study session with the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:55 p.m..

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

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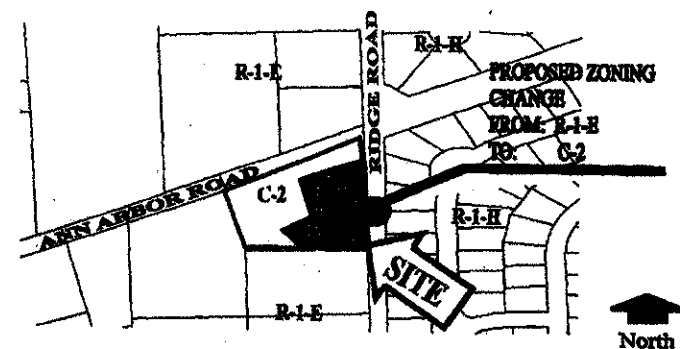
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP  
**REZONE FROM:** R-1-E, Single Family Residential District  
**REZONE TO:** C-2, General Commercial District  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, July 21, 2004  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcels R78-048-99-0033-000 and R78-048-0034-000 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to C-2, General Commercial District. The property addresses are 9125 and 9161 Ridge Road.

Application 1838



### AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 002 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R78-048-0033-000 and R78-048-0034-000.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 99.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary  
Planning Commission

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone (734) 453-3840. TDD users: 1-800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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| Shurgard of Canton South<br>45229 Michigan Ave.<br>Canton, MI 48188<br>734-398-5416<br>Unit 1015 household<br>Unit 4109 household<br>Unit 5036 household<br>Unit 5251 household  | Shurgard of Plymouth<br>41889 Joy Rd.<br>Canton, MI 48187<br>734-459-2200<br>Unit 1009 household<br>Unit 3020 household<br>Unit 4042 household   |
| Shurgard of Walled Lake<br>1901 East West Maple Rd.<br>Walled Lake, MI 48390<br>248-669-4020<br>Unit 1134 household<br>Unit 3030 household<br>Unit 3031 household<br>Unit 3045 household<br>Unit 4006 household<br>Unit 4046 household<br>Unit 5004 household<br>Unit 7031 household | Shurgard of Sthfld @ Telegraph<br>24200 Telegraph<br>Southfield, MI 48034<br>248-208-9000<br>Unit 1027 household<br>Unit 1082 household<br>Unit 1096 household<br>Unit 1131 household<br>Unit 2001 household<br>Unit 2040 household<br>Unit 2051 household<br>Unit 2166 household<br>Unit 2175 household<br>Unit 2187 household<br>Unit 3024 household<br>Unit 3026 household<br>Unit 3040 household<br>Unit 3053 household<br>Unit 3070 household<br>Unit 3133 household<br>Unit 3164 household<br>Unit 3248 household<br>Unit 3249 household |
| Shurgard of Dearborn<br>24920 Trowbridge<br>Dearborn, MI 48124<br>313-277-2000<br>Unit 1116 household  | Shurgard of Southfield<br>19350 W. 8 Mile Rd.<br>Southfield, MI 48075<br>248-357-1137<br>Unit 1002 household<br>Unit 1054 church pews<br>Unit 1079 household<br>Unit 1143 auto frame<br>Unit 1169 household<br>Unit 1197 household<br>Unit 1214 church pews<br>Unit 2018 office goods<br>Unit 2069 household<br>Unit 2109 household<br>Unit 2126 household<br>Unit 2149 household<br>Unit 2161 household<br>Unit 4006 household  |
| Shurgard of Westland<br>36001 Warren Rd.<br>Westland, MI 48185<br>734-326-6000<br>Unit 4020 household  | Shurgard of Livonia<br>30300 Plymouth Rd.<br>Livonia, MI 48150<br>734-522-7811<br>Unit 2017 household<br>Unit 3097 household<br>Unit 4044 household  |

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Confessions: Sat. 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
734-427-5220

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**CHURCH OF CHRIST WEST**  
291 East Spring Street • Plymouth 48170  
Sunday Worship • 11am & 6pm  
Bible Class  
Sunday 10am & Wednesday 7pm  
734-451-1877  
Michigan Bible School  
Tuesday & Thursday 7pm  
John Natfuo  
www.churchofchrist-west.org

## CHURCH OF GOD

**Riverside Park Church of God**  
11771 Newburgh Road  
Livonia  
Corner of Plymouth  
and Newburgh  
734-464-0990

**Service Schedule:**  
Sunday School.....9:30am  
Sunday Worship.....10:45am  
Sunday Evening.....6:30pm  
The Purpose Driven Life • Wednesday at 7:00pm  
Childcare Provided

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

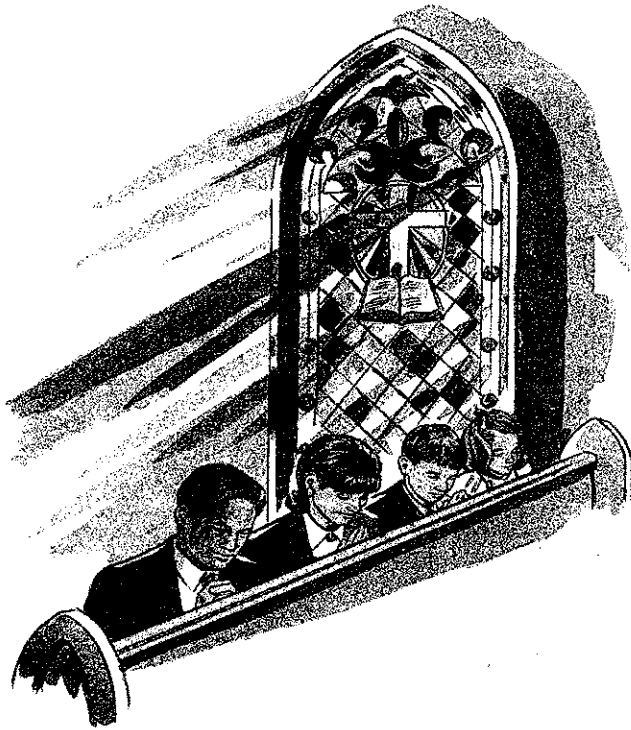
**First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth**  
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI  
734-453-0970  
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Reading Room 550 South Main  
Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
734-453-1676

## CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

**PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
45601 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1926  
Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.  
Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.  
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.  
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN: 455-3196

## CONGREGATIONAL

**Mt. Hope Congregational Church**  
30330 Schoolcraft Livonia • 734-425-7280  
(Between Middlebelt & Merriman)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Nursery Care Available  
"The Church You've Always Longed For."



## UNITED METHODIST

**Clarenceville United Methodist**  
20300 Middlebelt Rd. • Livonia  
474-3444  
Pastor James E. Britt  
Worship Services 8:45 & 11:15 AM  
Sunday Eve. Bible Study 6:00 PM  
Nursery Provided  
Sunday School 10 AM

**RICE UNITED METHODIST**  
20601 Beech Daly  
Redford, MI 48240  
Reverend Gregory Rowe  
Sunday Worship at 11:15am  
Children's Church at 11:30am  
313-534-4907

**ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST**  
30900 Six Mile Rd. (Bet. Merriman & Middlebelt)  
Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt, Pastor  
10:00 A.M. Worship & Church School  
www.gbpm-umc.org/stmatthews-livonia  
Nursery Provided • 734-422-6038

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• Dynamic Youth and Children's Programs  
• Excellent Music Ministries  
• Small Groups For Every Age  
• Outreach Opportunities  
Pastors:  
Dr. Dean Klump, Rev. Deborah Thomas

**First United Methodist Church of Plymouth**  
45201 North Territorial Road  
(West of Sheldon Road)  
(734) 453-5280  
www.pfumc.org

**NEWBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Stephen Ministry Congregation  
36500 Ann Arbor Trail  
between Wayne & Newburgh Rds.  
734-422-0149  
Worship Service and Sunday School  
9:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Terry W. Allen  
Rev. Barbara E. Welbaum  
visit our website: www.newburgumc.org

**Aldersgate United Methodist**  
2 blocks south of Plymouth Road  
10000 Beech Daly  
8 am Traditional Worship  
9:45 am Praise Singing  
10 am Cont. Family Worship  
www.aldersgatemi.org

## PRESBYTERIAN (U.S.A.)

**GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**  
5835 Sheldon Rd., Canton  
(734) 459-0013  
Sunday Worship & Sunday School  
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
June 20-September 5 • 10:00 a.m.  
Education For All Ages  
Childcare Provided • Handicapped Accessible  
Resources for Hearing and Sight Impaired  
www.genevachurch.org

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**NATIVITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
9435 Henry Ruff at West Chicago  
Livonia 48150 • 421-5406  
Rev. Larry Hoxey, Pastor  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
and Youth Classes  
Nursery Care Available  
-WELCOME-

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Main & Church • (734) 453-6464  
PLYMOUTH  
WORSHIP SERVICES  
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Dr. James Skimins Senior Minister  
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Rev. Mary Jean Bird Associate Minister  
Accessible to All

## NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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Casual, Contemporary,  
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**ST. TIMOTHY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, USA**  
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Summer Hours through September 5:  
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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson, Pastor

**Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
9601 Hubbard at W. Chicago, Livonia, MI  
between Merriman & Farmington Rds.  
(734) 422-0494  
Contemporary Service 9:00 am  
Traditional Service 10:30 am  
Nursery Care Provided  
We Welcome You To A Full Program Church  
Rev. Richard Peters, Pastor  
Rev. Kellie Bohlman, Associate Pastor

## LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

### Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church

Rev. Luther A. Werth, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Robert Bayer, Assistant Pastor  
*With Jesus Christ, love really can be all it was meant to be!*  
Sunday Worship 8:30 am & 11:00 am  
Sunday School at 9:45 am  
Staffed Nursery for young children every Sunday  
734-522-6830  
Early Childhood Center Register now for Fall child care and preschool (734-513-8413)  
Location 14175 Farmington Road (just north of I-96)  
www.christsaviors.org

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD**  
25830 GRAND RIVER at BEECH DALY  
313-532-2266 REDFORD TWP.  
Worship Service 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School 9:15 & 11:00 A.M.  
Nursery Provided  
The Rev. Timothy P. Halboth, Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor

**HOSANNA-TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL**  
9600 Levee • So. Redford • 313-937-2424  
Rev. Steve Eggers  
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.  
Christian School Pre-Kindergarten-8th Grade  
For more information call 313-937-2233

**Risen Christ Lutheran**  
48250 Ann Arbor Road  
(1 Mile West of Sheldon)  
Plymouth • 453-5252  
Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:00 a.m. (Adults & Children)  
Pastor David Martin  
All are Welcome! Come as you are!

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN Church & School**  
5885 Veroy  
1 Blk. N. of Ford Rd., Westland 425-0260  
Divine Worship 8 & 11:00 A.M.  
Bible Class & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.  
Monday Evening Service 7:00 P.M.  
Kurt E. Lamoart, Pastor  
Richard Schumacher, Principal/Youth Director

**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
32430 Ann Arbor Trail • Westland, MI  
734 422-5550  
Sunday Bible Study ..... 9am  
Sunday Worship Service ..... 10am  
Wednesday Evening Service ..... 7pm  
Rev. David W. Zeuschner, Pastor

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
Rev. Kirk D. Miller  
46001 Warren Road (just west of Canton Center)  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am  
Sunday School at 10:45 am  
734-414-7422  
Our mission at Grace Lutheran is to make, teach and send out disciples who share Christ with all people.

## EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

**Timothy Lutheran Church**  
8820 Wayne Rd.  
(Between Ann Arbor Trail & Joy Road)  
Livonia • 427-2290  
Jill Hegdal, Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Avail.)  
http://www.timothyilivonia.com

**HOLY CROSS Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Nursery at Both Services  
Handicapped Accessible  
Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
(734) 427-1414 • 39656 6 Mile Rd., Livonia  
VISITORS WELCOME 1/2 Mile West of Middlebelt

## LUTHERAN CHURCH WISCONSIN SYNOD

**ST. PAUL'S ev. LUTHERAN church & school**  
17810 Farmington Road • Livonia • (734) 261-1360  
May thru October • Monday Night Service • 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Worship Services 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor James Hoff  
Pastor Eric Steinbrenner

## EVANGELICAL COVENANT

**FAITH COVENANT CHURCH**  
14 Mile Road and Drake, Farmington Hills  
(248) 661-9191  
Sunday Worship and Children's Church  
9:15 a.m. Contemporary  
11:00 a.m. Traditional  
Child Care provided for all services  
Youth Groups • Adult Small Groups

## EPISCOPAL

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
16360 Hubbard Road  
Livonia, Michigan 48154  
421-8451  
Wednesday 9:30 A.M. .... Holy Eucharist  
Wed (Sept.-May) 6:00 P.M. .... Dinner & Classes  
Saturday 5:00 P.M. .... Holy Eucharist  
Sunday 7:45 & 10:00 A.M. .... Holy Eucharist  
Sun. (Sept.-May) 10:00 A.M. .... Sunday School  
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available  
www.standrewschurch.net  
The Rev. C. Allen Kannapell Rector

## EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

**WARD Evangelical Presbyterian Church**  
40000 Six Mile Road  
"just west of I-275"  
Northville, MI  
248-374-7400  
Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor  
Traditional Worship and Sunday School  
8:00, 10:15, 11:30 A.M.  
Contemporary Worship  
9:05 A.M.  
Nursery Provided During All Morning Worship Services  
Evening Service • 7:00 P.M.  
Services Broadcast 11:00 A.M. Sunday  
WMUZ 560 AM



### It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

**The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.** R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15



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

**JUNE**

**Single Point Lighthouse Cafe**  
An evening of relaxation and fun with live entertainment by other Single Pointers 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 25, in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. \$5, includes games, fellowship, music, snacks and specialty coffees. Free child care. Call (248) 374-5920.

**50th anniversary celebrations**  
Dinner and live music 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at St. Hilary of Redford, 23901 Elmira. Tickets \$8. Call (313) 533-1560. Mass at 11 a.m. Sunday, June 27, followed by noon picnic with food, music, baseball game, magician and moonwalk. Inviting all current and former parishioners, grade school alumni, all current and former staff, neighbors and friends.

**Boutique/bake sale**  
The sale is noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at St. Mary's Basilica Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Admission is \$1. Vendors interested in participating should call (248) 478-7062. The sale is presented by St. Mary's Basilica Ladies' Society.

**Anniversary celebration**  
Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit celebrates its 35th anniversary with a party and picnic that begins with the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 27, at the church, 9083 Newburgh. For more information, visit www.holyspirit-livonia.org.

**Benefit concert**  
Geneva Presbyterian Church (5835 Sheldon Road, Canton) is hosting a benefit concert featuring the Spirit of Detroit Gospel Choir, Geneva's children and Prayz Team 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. A love offering will be received. Half of the proceeds will go to the Spirit of Detroit Choir and half will go to support a missionary journey to Rwanda this summer by one of Geneva's members. Refreshments will be served following the concert. For more information, call (734) 459-0013.

**Neighborhood Bible Time**  
Begins Sunday, June 27, and continues to Friday, July 2 (registration begins at 6 p.m., program ends at 9 p.m.), at Grace Baptist Church, 28440 Lyndon, north of I-96, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads, Livonia.

The summer youth crusade is for all children and teenagers and focuses on faith, family and freedom. For more information, call (734) 425-6215.

**Carillon Series**  
10 a.m. and noon Sundays, June 27; July 4, 11 and 25; and Aug. 1, 8 and 15; at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 626-2515.

**Church day camp**  
For ages 5-12 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 28-July 1, St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, south of Grand River, west of Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For more information, cost and registration, call (248) 474-0584.

**Vacation Bible School**  
For children age 3 to grade 12, 6:15-8:35 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 28-July 2, the theme is "Far Out Far East Rickshaw Rally, Racing to the Sun," at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. No registration fee. Call (313) 537-7480.

**Sports Camp**  
Begins with a Bible study followed by instruction in various sporting activities and participation by children age 4 through sixth grade 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 8, at Harvest Ministries Church, 23233 Drake, Farmington Hills. Call Bob Trejo for information, (248) 478-1511.

**CBC Day Camp**  
Began Monday, June 14 and continues for 11 weeks. There will be fun field trips, Christian-based lessons and lunch provided daily. The cost is \$160 per camper each week. Camp is limited to the first 14 campers and there is a \$25 deposit due in order to hold the camper's spot for each week. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with pre-care (8-9 a.m.) and post-care (4-5 p.m.) available for an extra \$35. To register or for more information, call camp director Ethan Allen at (734) 306-2391.

**Addiction No More**  
Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

**Sunday Summer Worship**  
Continues Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through Sept. 5, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. A contemporary "Praise Forth" service takes place every fourth Sunday. Visitors always welcome. Antioch Lutheran Preschool starts its 2004-2005 program year for 3- and 4-year olds on Sept. 13. Spaces still

available for new enrollees. Call (248) 626-7906.

**UPCOMING**

**Summer Series**  
ADD/ADHA: The Latest Research Findings. Defining, diagnosing and treating ADD/ADHA. Recognizing common myths and understandings about this condition. Transforming the Difficult Child. Raising a child with discipline and love and what to do after the child behaves positively. Utilizing the Nurtured Heart approach in parenting a child with challenging behavior. 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 and 21, in the Msgr. Alex Burnett Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

**SonGames**  
Vacation Bible School for age 4 through grade 6 graduates 9:15 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 19-23, at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail. Program includes Bible stories, songs, crafts, snacks and puppet shows. Closing program and carnival 6 p.m. Sunday, July 25. No charge. For information, call (734) 453-5534 or visit www.plymouthbc.org.

**Heroes of the Bible**  
For preschool through fifth grade 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 2-6, at Wellspring Church, 36350 Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 442-0412.

**Vacation Bible School**  
Register now through for "Lava Lava Island" Vacation Bible School to be held 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 9-13, for preschool to grade 6 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, east of the I-275 overpass, Livonia. The cost is \$15. Call Jen Pifer at (734) 464-0211.

**Spirit Days**  
5-8pm, Saturday, Aug. 7, and 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, Aug. 8. Spirit Days will explore the life and worship of Christians around the world, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 26212 W. Six Mile, Redford. Light meals each evening with worship and activities. Call (313) 537-3778.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other takes place Friday-Sunday, Sept. 10-12, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524, or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wme.

**Noah's Ark Christian Preschool**  
Strong academic program in a fun-loving Christian environment at First

United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne. Call (734) 595-6002. Students are taught phonics, Bible verse, sign language, numbers and letter recognition, craft and songs. Morning and afternoon sessions available for fall 2004-2005. Cost is \$30 a week for three day program. \$20 a week for two days.

**Fall Boutique**  
Oct. 23, at St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Jude Circle), West Chicago and Inkster roads. Table rental is \$25. Call Nancy at (313) 93701741 or Joan at (313) 937-1670.

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

**School registrations**  
Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School (9600 Leverage, Redford) is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2004-2005 school year. After-school care available 3-6 p.m. For more information, call (313) 937-2233.

**Registration time**  
Our Lady of Good Counsel is taking registrations for the 2004-05 school year in the K-8 program. Call Principal Kay Reilly or secretary Terri O'Connor for information at (734) 453-3053.

**New Sunday School**  
Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church, 5085 Orion Road, Rochester, for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 652-7774.

**ONGOING**

**Single Point Lighthouse Cafe**  
Single and feeling alone? Come join us. Single Point Ministries invites you to join more than 550 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present. The ministries has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to receive a newsletter, call (248) 374-5920.

**Detroit World Outreach**  
Non-denominational church with cutting edge drama productions, contemporary-energized music, hi-tech video and lighting, relevant life-changing messages, ministries for all ages; services times are 8 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday (Sunday school

for all ages at 9:30 a.m.), Wednesday services 8:45 a.m. and 7 p.m., and service for ages 18 to 28 Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., at 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.wayofvictory.com.

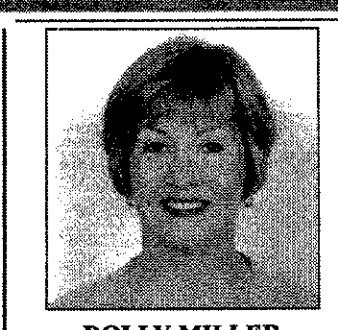
**Prayer group**  
After a short recess, the St. Edith "Disciple of Love" prayer group resumes its weekly meetings 7 p.m. Thursday, in the A.V. room, back entrance 2, 15089 Newburgh, south of Five Mile, Livonia. All are welcome for songs, praise and worship. For more information, call (734) 464-8906,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

**Single Point Walking Club**  
Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. All fitness levels welcome. Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, and PACS People Active in Christian Study Bible study group. Call (248) 374-5920.

**Sunday worship**  
All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads in Livonia, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. There is also a 9:45 a.m. education hour for all ages. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

**Passages**  
Obituaries, Memorials, Remembrances  
1-800-579-7355 ♦ fax: 734-953-2232  
e-mail: OEObits@oe.homecomm.net

**ALBERT ARLIN SAGER**  
Age 72, of Avon Park, Florida, passed away on Thurs., June 17, 2004 at his residence in Avon Park. He was born on May 31, 1932 in Dearborn, Michigan, to Albert Anthony & Lucille Helen (Mihelich) Sager. Mr. Sager was an engineer for Ford Motor Co. for 34 years, serving in the US Navy during the Korean War, of the Catholic Faith, and has been a resident of Avon Park since 1994, formerly of Pentwater, Michigan. He is survived by his wife - Loreta I. Sager of Avon Park, FL; Daughter - Leslie Chaffin of Farmington, MI; Sons - Martin Sager of Livonia, MI and Chris Sager of Canton, MI; Sisters - Gloria Russell of Pentwater, MI and Pat Dimarin of Westland, MI; and 7 grandchildren. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at 3pm in the Founders Hall at Highlands Ridge in Avon Park, FL, with the Rev. Ken Geren officiating. Memorial contributions may be given in his memory to the Good Shepherd Hospice of Highland County, PO Box 1884, Sebring, FL. 33871. Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home of Sebring, FL.



**DOLLY MILLER**  
Age: 56. Beloved mother, loving wife, sister and friend, passed away Sunday, June 20, 2004 in Austin, Texas. Dolly was born May 15, 1948 in Ypsilanti, Michigan and spent her childhood in the Wayne-Westland area. On September 8, 1979 she married Clarence J. Miller in Canton, Michigan. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, where she raised two children and was very active in various charitable and community organizations. A Registered Nurse, Dolly enjoyed traveling and shopping in such places as China, Thailand, Hong Kong, Turkey, Europe, Iran and the Bahamas, before moving to Austin, Texas. Dolly loved boating and swimming with her family on Lake Travis when not scouting for real estate or decorating her home. Dolly was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon & Estelle Yearout and sister Anita Yearout. Dolly is survived by her husband Clarence; son Brett; daughter Adrienne; brothers Gentry (Sharon) and Dempsey Yearout and several nieces and nephews. Dolly was a very kind and compassionate person who had many close friends who sought and enjoyed her company over the years. She will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 25, 2004 at 3pm at Weed-Corley-Fish Chapel with Pastor Donald Patterson officiating. Memorial services can be sent to Hospice Austin (1-800-445-3261) in lieu of flowers. Interment will take place later at the Red Oak Grove Cemetery in Floyd, Virginia. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX 78705; (512) 452-8811. You may view memorials online at www.wcfish.com

**JOSEPH W. MACHLEIT**  
Age 67, of Roscommon, formerly of Redford, died June 20, 2004. He was born March 30, 1937 in Detroit to Walter and Dolores (Miller) Machleit. He met Sharon L. Kennedy while working at Hudson's Northland and they were married on July 19, 1956 in Detroit. He was an avid Red Wings fan and enjoyed gardening and spending time with his family. Joe is survived by his wife, Sharon, 5 children, Ann Machleit and friend Raymond Webster of Roscommon, Laura and husband Robert Spangler of Redford, Brenda Machleit of Livonia, Tom and wife Tammy Machleit of Taylor and Donna and husband Matt Nolf of Romulus. 9 grandchildren and a son-in-law, Leo Hayes of Taylor. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Walsh Funeral Home, 143 Lake St., Roscommon, MI 48853.

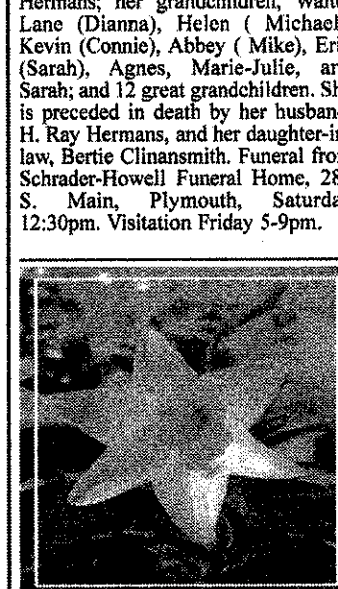
**LUIS R. FANEGO, M.D.**  
June 21, 2004, age 77. Beloved husband of Ana Maria (nee. Gutierrez). Dear father of Luis F., M.D., Ana Maria Fanego-Francus (Michael J.) and Jose R. Fanego. Grandfather of Luis F. Fanego, David A., Rebecca A., and Andrew L. Francus. Brother of Maria F. Gonzalez (Alfredo). Also survived by many nieces and nephews and "Aunt" Diosdada Batista. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile), Thursday 3-8pm. Prayer Service, Thursday 7pm. Funeral Mass, Friday 10am at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church at 9:30am. Rite of Committal Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family suggest memorial tributes to American Stroke Association, Dept 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678

**BERTRESS**  
**"BERTIE" CLINANSMITH**  
Age 66, of Plymouth, died June 20, 2004. She was born June 3, 1938, in Ann Arbor. She was a resident of Plymouth for 44 years. She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Plymouth. She was proud to have worked in the cafeteria at West Middle School in Plymouth for over 20 years. She also enjoyed bowling and participated with a league for many years. She is survived by her husband, Walter; her children, Walter Lane (Dianna), Helen (Michael) Fein, and Kevin (Connie Halabarda); her grandchildren, Joshua, Lindsay, Justin, Jeffrey, Jacob, Jennifer, Jessica, Jake, Brandon, Shaun, Lauren, and Nick; her sisters, Florence (Jim) Booth, Helen (Andy) Gilbertson, and Frances (Jim) Lorenz; and her brother, Gordon (Audrey) Dibble. She is preceded in death by her sister, Geraldine Dibble. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday 1:30pm. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**DORA JANE BRADY**  
June 16, 2004. Age 88. Beloved Mother of Carolyn (Mark) McQuiggan & Susan (George) Schmidt. Dear Grandmother of 3 and Great-grandmother of 2. Memorial Service 1 PM Saturday, June 26th at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, 33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Road). Visitation Saturday 10 AM until time of service. Interment in Alpena, Michigan. Memorial Contributions may be made to Samaritan Counseling Center, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, Brady Memorial Fund.

**HELEN EMILY HERMANS (nee Lidke)**  
Age 88, lifelong resident of Superior Twp., died June 22, 2004. She was born December 31, 1915, in Superior Twp. She attended Frains Lake School, Ypsilanti High School, Plymouth High School, and Cleary College. She worked at Ford Motor Company, and also worked at the Willow Run Bomber Plant during World War II. She was active in the 4-H Clubs of Salem and Superior Twp. She was a member of North Superior Extension Service. She also taught Sunday School at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Plymouth. She is survived by her sons, Walter Clinansmith and Fred (Denise) Hermans, her stepdaughter, Mary Hermans; her grandchildren, Walter Lane (Dianna), Helen (Michael), Kevin (Connie), Abbey (Mike), Erik (Sarah), Agnes, Marie-Julie, and Sarah; and 12 great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, H. Ray Hermans, and her daughter-in-law, Bertie Clinansmith. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Saturday 12:30pm. Visitation Friday 5-9pm.

**In Memory Of**  
**JESIKA RENEE SMITH**  
Age 18, of Columbus, OH and Westland, MI, landed in the arms of the angels June 19, 2004. Preceded in death by grandparents Jack and Pauline Crosby, Billy and Verna Smith. Survived by son Shane Renee Finley II and his father Shane Finley; mother Crystal Dryden (Mike Justice); father Richard Smith; sister Jennifer Smith (Wally Mihalik); brothers Richard (Nina) Smith II, Erik Dryden; nephews Gunnar, Richard III, Kyle, Jeremy, Blayd, Ryan, Kane; nieces Kimberly, Amber and Sabrina; many aunts & uncles and other cousins and friends. Visitation Wednesday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at COOK & SON - PALLAY FUNERAL HOME, 1631 Parsons Ave., where service will be 2 p.m. Thursday. Rev. Dr. Wm. L. Snider officiating. Interment Obetz Cemetery.



**ROGER KEITH ALBERTIE**  
Of Orchard Lake, June 21, 2004. Beloved husband of Kay. Dear father of Karl Elliott (Brian), Keith (Jackie) and Kyle. Grandfather of Graham, Greta, and Emma. Dearest son of Ella Mae Albertie. Brother of Curt and Rick. Mr. Albertie was president of RKA Petroleum Companies. Family will receive friends at A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road (between Maple and Big Beaver), Thursday, 4-8 PM, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Friday, 10 AM. Memorial tributes American Association of Neurological Surgeons, 5550 Meadowbrook Dr., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 or Gift of Life Foundation, 2203 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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# Expert shares advice on buying router

Here's a question Carol Reed, The Router Lady, hears a lot: "Which router should I buy?" There's a world of experience behind her tips for do-it-yourselfers.

"First you need to make a few decisions about what kind of routing you expect to do," Reed said.

"If you're just starting out or looking for a router to replace what you have because it's inadequate, I suggest a medium-duty, fixed-base router, 10-12 amps, with 1/4-inch and 1/2-inch collets included."

Reed teaches woodworking tools and skills and is known for her way of explaining every aspect of woodworking in clear, simple terms.

She has appeared on ABC, NBC and FOX television affiliates and local and syndicated radio programs sharing her knowledge of woodworking.

Here are some nuggets of wisdom from The Router Lady's toolbox on buying a router:

- Choose a brand that has other collets and other bases readily available.

- Consider how easily it works with the jigs you'll need.

- Shoot for an all-purpose, do-everything machine.

- There are three types of routers. The lower handle of a fixed-base router offers the best control. A trim router only uses 1/4-inch bits. Plunge routers

allow you to make interior cuts.

- Several manufacturers sell router motors that accommodate more than one type of base.

- Look for symmetry of the screw-hole pattern for the screws that attach your router's base plate to its base; it's much easier.

- Look for a router in the 10- to 12-amp range weighing about 6 pounds for ease of control.

- A flat head or motor cap is a good choice so the router can be placed upside down with the sharp bit out of the way while you make another setup. This also frees both hands for bit adjustments.

- Some inexpensive routers have a plastic motor cover and base; as they warm up, they tend to stick in spite of lubrication.

- Make a list of important features and see which one offers you the most at the best price, although you will probably pay 25 to 35 percent more than you expect for a quality router that you'll love to use again and again. That's where the real value lies.

Reed's most recent book, *Router Joinery Workshop: Common Joints, Simple Setups & Clever Jigs*, is a guide to the router for beginning through experienced woodworkers.

For more information, visit [www.routerlady.com](http://www.routerlady.com).

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We recently attended the 59th annual National Hardware Show in Las Vegas. We were in search of the latest and greatest in new home products.

Some of the products we saw are so new they won't be shipped to stores until later this summer.

## ATTIC DEK

Need additional storage space for luggage, holiday decorations and the like? Don't rule out the attic.

Laying sheets of plywood in the attic during new home construction is a simple and inexpensive task. However, if you're already in your home, fitting a 4-by-8-foot sheet of plywood through the attic access might be a problem.

Planking can be easier to get through the opening, but can be a heavier load on the ceiling than is plywood.

We aren't against using plywood or planking as attic flooring. There are, however, some disadvantages to constructing a wood floor in the attic:

- Most attics are filled with wiring and piping. Attaching plywood or wood planking to the ceiling joist can conceal these items and make wiring or plumbing modifications difficult.

- Plywood is heavy and cumbersome. That weight

could cause ceiling sag. That's why we were impressed when we discovered a new attic flooring product called Attic Dek.

The product is a floor system consisting of nothing more than 16-inch-square plastic panels that look like drainage grates.

Each panel - or high-impact plastic tile, if you prefer - looks like a tic-tac-toe board because it is filled with a symmetrical pattern of square holes.

The holes make each panel lighter, less expensive to manufacture and buy. And, they provide a way to view wiring or piping that would otherwise be hidden by a solid flooring system.

Each panel is attached to the top of the ceiling joist with five screws and is configured to interlock with other adjoining panels. Removing a panel later is as simple as removing the five screws used to mount it.

For more information on Attic Dek, contact the manufacturer by calling (800) 676-6904 or visiting [www.atticdek.com](http://www.atticdek.com).

## PLASTIC RAZOR BLADES

Someone has developed a double-edged razor blade that is safe! The reason is simple: It's made of plastic. Sort of like the evolution from glass baby bottles to plastic ones.

A company called ScrapeRite has come up with a double-edged plastic razor blade that comes with its own

blade holder or handle to make gripping the blade simple and easy.

Not every scraping job requires a steel edge, so it makes sense to use an alternative device that is safer.

For more information on the new double-edged plastic razor blade, contact the manufacturer by calling (386) 547-9172 or visiting [www.scraperite.com](http://www.scraperite.com).

## EASY CROWN MOLDING

Installing wood crown molding is one of the more difficult and expensive trim projects.

If you are on a limited budget, or live in an apartment where the landlord won't help financially, crown molding may be out of the question. Unless, that is, you decide to use a new product called Easy Crown Molding.

The inventor told us that he wanted to create a crown molding that was extremely inexpensive and that didn't require special tools for installation.

So, he developed a hollow crown molding made of lightweight, paper-thin plastic.

Installation is easier than any prefabricated trim we have seen.

All you do is peel back the peel-and-stick cover and press each piece in place.

There aren't any fancy miter cuts to make. Each piece comes with one end that is coped (precut to fit against the opposing piece in an inside

corner connection). The other end is square.

You install around the room from left to right. Each piece is less than 4 feet long, and overlap connections are made with double-sided tape. Outside corners are ready-made and peel and stick in place.

Molding patterns are limited, but a company representative told us that additional styles will be available soon.

For more information on Easy Crown Molding, contact the manufacturer by calling (973) 762-7700 or visiting [www.easycrownmolding.com](http://www.easycrownmolding.com).

## LED FLASHLIGHTS

We couldn't believe our eyes when we got a look at the latest in lighting technology: LED lighting.

We can look into most flashlights without having to squint or otherwise protect our eyes. However, when we were asked to take a peek at the lighted end of a brand-new LED flashlight - in broad daylight, no less - we were surprised. It actually hurt.

The flashlight was tiny (about 5 inches long) but the beam it projected was brilliant - incredibly bright. The 1-watt LED bulb is designed to last for 200 hours.

For more information on all kinds of new LED lighting, contact the manufacturer by calling (866) 607-3527 or visiting [www.quality-items.com](http://www.quality-items.com).

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Side dish

Cool coffee

Iced coffee is a welcome refresher that is worth making carefully. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you prepare your icy brew, courtesy of Dunkin' Donuts:

For a full-flavored pot of iced coffee, double the amount of ground coffee you would normally use to brew hot coffee. For an added flavor kick, try vanilla or hazelnut ground coffee.

After brewing, add ice until the mixture doubles in volume, then add milk, cream or sugar to taste.

Brew your coffee in the evening and store it in an airtight container in the refrigerator for quick and easy access in the morning.

As with hot coffee, always start with the highest-quality fresh coffee beans.

Keep coffee beans at room temperature and use quickly. If coffee beans are stored in the refrigerator or freezer, they may absorb food odors and condensation, and the flavor of the coffee won't be up to par.

Grind your coffee just before brewing; pre-grinding may cause your coffee to get stale. The grind level should match your coffee brewer or individual taste; finer grind coffee yields a stronger flavor, while coarse grind will yield a weaker flavor.

Store unused ground coffee in an airtight container that is not see-through, in a cool, dry place, away from heat or sunlight, and not in the refrigerator or freezer.

Clean your coffee brewer and carafe of any residue or oils from previous brewing.

Always use fresh, cold water for brewing coffee. More information on iced coffee on the Web at: <http://www.dunkin-donuts.com>.

Enjoy Greek foods

Be a Greek for a day at the annual Opal Fest Friday through Sunday at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 Wattles Road, just east of Crooks, in Troy.

The festival features live Greek music, flaming cheese, gyros, lamb, grape leaves, shish-kabob, loukoumathes, a cultural exhibit, dancing and church tours.

Festival hours are 3-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$2 per person, children under 12 free and \$6 per family. (Admission is free 3-5 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.)

St. Nicholas parish will be re-enacting a symbolic lighting of the Olympic flame and carrying it to officially open the 11th annual Opal Fest. The Troy Flame Run begins at City Hall to St. Nicholas church. Chris Demetral, Troy's own Olympian, will be running in the Flame Run at 4:30 p.m. and be available for autographs.

# The Lowdown ON Lettuce

Toss up a tasty salad by mixing and matching

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
STAFF WRITER

Green or red, bitter or sweet, crispy or soft, leafy or not. And that's just the basics.

When it comes to lettuce, the variety of types is nearly endless. And that's good because so are the possibilities for tasty salads.

But it seems the task of tackling all those varieties may be somewhat overwhelming as you attempt to concoct the "perfect" salad.

No need to worry. Although there are no set rules for salad-making, a little lettuce know-how will have you chopping and mixing in no time.

TEXTURE TIME

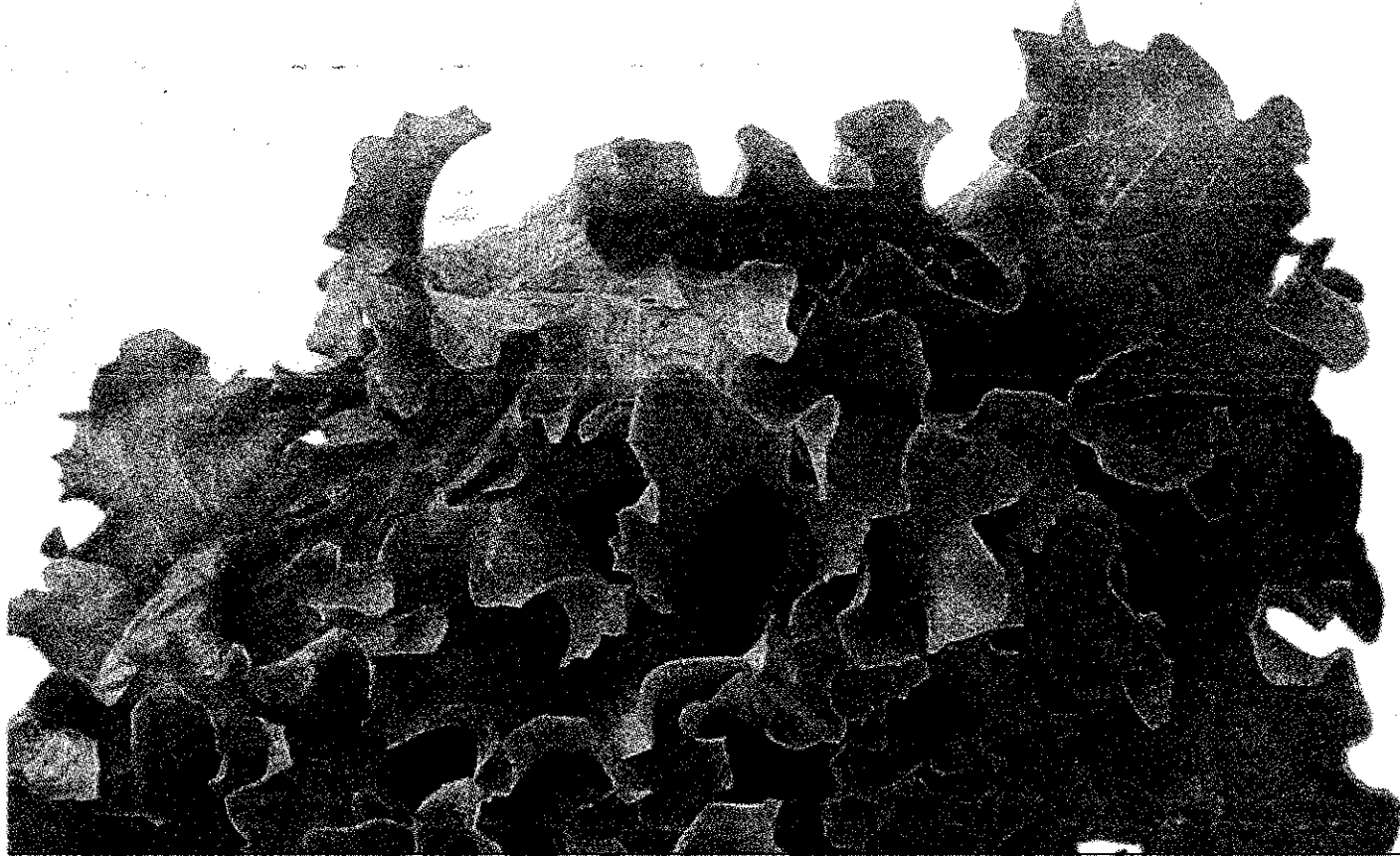
"Different textures in salads are important," said certified master chef and Schoolcraft College instructor Jeff Gabriel. "When you have soft lettuce in a salad, you'll want to have something crispy, too."

Certified executive chef and Oakland Community College instructor Kevin Enright agrees.

"All lettuces have different textures and flavors," he said. "Some are mild, some bitter, some sweet, some soft, some coarse. You need to balance all those textures and flavors."

Salads are very visual, so to make a good salad, you can just look at the lettuces and mix and match the different textures, flavors and colors, he said.

PLEASE SEE LETTUCE, D2



## Drink wines from Italy's most ancient cellars

The story of the legendary origin of Avignonesi in Italy's Tuscany region is a classic.

In 1309, Pope Clement V transferred the papal residence from Rome to Avignon, France. In 1377, when Pope Gregory XI moved the papal residence back to Rome, some noble Avignon families left France to follow him.

One of those families became known as Avignonesi (meaning one who comes from Avignon in Italian), probably to simplify an otherwise difficult-to-pronounce (at least for Italians) French name.

In years that followed, the Avignonesi family separated into three branches which settled in Rome, Siena and Montepulciano.

Palazzo Avignonesi in Montepulciano was built in the latter half of the 15th Century. In 1970, Ettore Falvo married an Avignonesi who owned the I Poggetti estate in Montepulciano. Ettore and his brother Alberto owned the La Selva vineyard in nearby Cortona. In 1974, the two prop-



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erties merged and have been run by the Falvos ever since.

In doing so, they took over the Avignonesi cellars in the palazzo, doubtless among the most ancient in Italy.

"Essentially," said Alfredo Falvo, Alberto's 25-year-old son who is now part of the marketing side of the winery, "the Falvos refounded Avignonesi, investing greatly in modern winemaking equipment, selecting the local grape varieties and introducing international ones such as chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and pinot noir."

Today, Avignonesi consists of four wine-producing estates: the original I Poggetti and La Selva had Le Capezzine added in 1988 and La Lombarda in 1998.

VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO

At I Poggetti, Avignonesi grows prugnolo gentile, a clone of sangiovese famed for the wine called Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. Although Vino Nobile can be made 100 percent from prugnolo gentile, winemaker Ettore Falvo blends in about 15 percent of two other grape varieties: canaiolo for color and mammolino for an aromatic lift.

"Blending varieties," Alfredo noted, "add notes of distinction to prugnolo gentile which has berry tones, earthy notes and great structure."

In 1997, the Falvos wanted to expand their vineyard holdings without jeopardizing the Avignonesi reputation. They chose the region of Puglia and the Li Veli vineyard, planted entirely to the red grape variety negroamaro.

Both 2000 Li Veli Salento Rosso \$13 and 2000 Li Veli Salice Salentino Riserva \$36 have limited availability in Michigan but are worth a search.

AVIGNONESI WINES

■ 2002 Chardonnay (\$12) is known as "Bianco" everywhere but in the United States. It is a unique unoaked blend of 85 percent chardonnay and 15 percent sauvignon with the nature of chardonnay and a citrusy quality from the sauvignon.

■ 2001 Rosso (\$13) is an easy-to-drink blend of prugnolo gentile, cabernet sauvignon and merlot aged 12 months in oak.

■ 2000 Vino Nobile di Montepulciano (\$21) makes a big fruit statement from start to finish. Powerful and generous.

■ 1999 Grandi Annate, a blend of prugnolo gentile and cabernet sauvignon, comes from special parcels within Le Capezzine and I Poggetti and has only been made in vintages 1991, 1993, 1997 and 1999.

"We're looking seriously at bottling Avignonesi Grandi Annate from 2003 but the final decision has not yet been made," Alfredo noted.

Contact the Healds by e-mail at [focuswine@aol.com](mailto:focuswine@aol.com).

WINE PICKS

The following are the top wines from our recent taste-off:

■ 2001 J. Lohr Estates Paso Robles, \$15, incredible wine for the money.

■ Truly delicious blend of merlot, syrah, and cabernet sauvignon is showcased in 2000 Barnwood Trio, \$35.

■ 1999 Beringer Knights Valley Alluvium (76 percent merlot), \$30, is a consistent winner vintage after vintage.

■ 2001 Lambert Bridge, \$24, has lively spice notes and a good grip without being tannic.

■ 2001 St. Clement, Napa Valley, \$28, displays polished elegance.

■ Wallet friendly: 2001 Raymond Estates, \$10.

■ Cellar Selection: 1999 Chalk Hill Adele's Vineyard, \$100.

## TASTE CALENDAR

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

## Wine tasting

Unique Restaurants will conduct a casual wine tasting the first Wednesday of each month 6-8 p.m., alternating at a different Unique restaurant. At each tasting, guests can sample featured wines selected around a specific theme - including regional best bets and the finest wines of 2004. URC's Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon will be on

hand to describe the wines, answer questions, and guide guests through the more subtle aspects of wine tasting. The Wednesday Wine Bar costs \$35 per person and includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and a variety of cheeses. URC rotates the event among four of its fine dining restaurants: Shiraz, Morels, No. VI Chop House & Lobster Bar and Northern Lakes Seafood Company. The next Wednesday wine tasting features Germany's White Wine Artistry on July 7 at Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 North Woodward (at the Radisson Kingsley), in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 646-7900 for information.

## Kids get cookin' in 'Small Chef' challenge

When you mention cooking with children, most parents think of spills, drips, stains and one big mess!

But this summer, parents across the country will also find that cooking with youngsters, albeit messy at times, may have some especially sweet rewards - including a chance to win a \$25,000 scholarship.

To help promote the importance of cooking with children, All Laundry brand, which features laundry detergent formulated to get out 99 top food stains, is sponsoring the Small Chef-Big Mess Challenge.

The challenge encourages aspiring, pint-sized gourmets to roll up their sleeves, gather their favorite ingredients, get creative and have some messy fun in the kitchen.

Children ages 6-12 are encouraged to submit their tastiest and messiest original recipe, and a photo, for a chance to win the grand prize of a \$25,000 scholarship and an opportunity to meet and cook with celebrity chef Rachael Ray on national television.

Five finalists will be selected to travel to New York City to compete in a cook-off competition in November.

Based on the results of the cook-off, one grand prize winner will be selected and the other finalists will each receive

\$5,000.

The contest began June 20 and runs through Aug. 15, 2004. Official Small Chef-Big Mess Challenge rules and entry forms are available at [www.all-laundry.com](http://www.all-laundry.com).

Entry forms are also available on specially marked packages of All Laundry detergent.

At the Web site, parents can also find special recipes and tips for making cooking (and cleaning) with youngsters easier.

Five finalists will be announced in October and a grand-prize winner will be announced in November.

Ray is a noted chef, author and host of the Food Network's *30 Minute Meals with Rachael Ray* and *\$40 a Day*.

A judge in the contest, Ray is also lending her expertise to provide child-friendly recipes and useful tips for minimizing the mess in the kitchen to help parents increase their enjoyment and frequency of cooking with youngsters.

Ray, who grew up in a family that cooked together, knows firsthand the valuable lessons and lifelong skills children gain by cooking with their parents.

"Cooking is a wonderful way to help kids build their confidence. It also keeps everyone entertained and fed... especially during the summer months," she said

## LETTUCE

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## FULL OF FLAVOR

As for flavor, mixing different types of lettuces and adding dressings to complement the lettuces are key in creating a tasty salad.

For example, a good summer salad might include red Bibb, green Bibb and spinach, Gabriel said. The Bibb lettuces are a little bit sweet and the spinach has a vegetable flavor so there is a nice taste contrast, he said.

Gabriel said all varieties of dressings can be used on various lettuces, but if you use a bitter lettuce, you may want to use a sweet dressing, such as celery seed vinaigrette, mustard honey dressing or raspberry vinaigrette.

And if you use mild lettuces, you may want to use a dressing with more zip, like tomato vinaigrette, or a herbal or garlic vinaigrette, he said.

## TIPS ON TYPES

But which lettuces have which textures and flavors? Knowing the basics about some common types may help guide you in the right direction as you pick up the ingredients for your next salad.

Susan Baier, food management professional and Oakland Community College program coordinator and instructor, said there are basically two categories of lettuce: hard and soft.

The hard lettuces have a lot of crunch and body and the soft lettuces are tender and delicate, she said.

Hard lettuces include iceberg, romaine and frisée. Soft lettuces include leaf lettuces, Boston, mache and baby spinach.

Baier said iceberg is crispy and bland; romaine is robust and somewhat crispy; red and green leaf are soft and have a slightly tangy flavor; Boston is sweet, mild and soft; Bibb is similar to Boston, but a little bit crispier; mache is soft with a mild nutty flavor; frisée is crunchy and bitter; radicchio is bitter; and arugula is peppery and spicy.

"Bitter lettuces have a strong flavor," Baier said. "They are so strong they leave a bitter taste in the palate after they are eaten."

Spicy lettuces are similar to eating radish sprouts and mild

## GREENS WITH GRILLED VEGETABLES &amp; CHÈVRE

Greens mix:

- 1 head romaine
- 1/2 head red leaf
- 1 head frisée
- 1/2 head radicchio
- Garnish:
- 4 Roma tomatoes, peeled by blanching
- 1/2 pound beets, roasted
- 1 red pepper
- 1 yellow pepper
- 2 small zucchini, cut 1/2-inch thick on bias
- 1 small eggplant
- 1 small fennel, shaved
- 1 stalk chèvre cheese, slice 1/2-inch round or Parmesan, fresh, shaved w/vegetable peeler

Tear greens into bite size pieces. Soak, spin dry and chill. Remove seeds from peeled tomatoes and dice medium.

Oven-roast beets until tender or steam. Cut beets julienne. Roast peppers and cut into medium dice. Brush eggplant with seasoned oil. Season zucchini, eggplant, and fennel with olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper. Grill until al dente.

Combine greens with tomatoes, beets and fennel. Toss with a balsamic vinaigrette or Greek style dressing. Plate on 9-inch garnish with warm grilled zucchini and eggplant. Top with Chèvre cheese or shaved parmesan.

Recipe courtesy of Susan Baier, food management professional and Oakland Community College program coordinator and chef instructor.

## GREENS WITH CITRUS AND AVOCADO

Liner:

- 2 heads radicchio or red Belgium endive
- 2 heads red oak
- Greens mix:
- 4 ounces baby spinach
- 1 small bunch watercress
- 1 head frisée
- 2 head Boston
- Garnish:
- 1/2 pineapple
- 1 grapefruit section
- 2 orange sections
- 1/2 jicama
- 1 whole avocado
- 1/2 red pepper, cut into 1-inch julienne

Wash liner leaves and leave in whole leaves. Tear greens mix into bite size pieces. Soak, then spin

dry. Peel pineapple, cut into 1/2-inch quarter length-wise pieces. Section orange and grapefruit. Slice jicama thin julienne on a mandoline. Cut avocado in half, remove peel. Cut halves into quarters. Serve with orange vinaigrette.

Recipe courtesy of Susan Baier, food management professional and Oakland Community College program coordinator and chef instructor.

## SPINACH AND HOT BACON

- 10 ounces baby spinach
- 2 ounces mushrooms
- 1/2 red pepper
- 1/2 pound bacon
- 4 hard-cooked eggs

Wash and spin dry, if necessary. Slice mushrooms thin. Cut pepper in 1-inch thin julienne. Oven-bake bacon until crisp. Drain and crumble. Using quarter-style egg slicer, cut as needed for plating. Serve with hot bacon dressing.

Recipe courtesy of Susan Baier, food management professional and Oakland Community College program coordinator and chef instructor.

## HOT BACON DRESSING

- 1/2 pound onion, minced
- 1 pound bacon, diced
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups vinegar
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 ounce salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 ounces cornstarch
- 8 ounces water, cold

Sauté bacon until crisp, then drain off the fat and reserve. Sauté onion until clear in the bacon fat. Combine water and vinegar and heat to a boil. Add sugar, salt, and pepper.

Blend the cornstarch, cold water, and hot water fat into a smooth paste. Stir half into the hot water and vinegar. Heat to boiling; the mixture will thicken slightly.

Cook about 10 minutes. Add onion and bacon. Add only enough of the remaining cornstarch mixture to thicken.

It may not need all of it. Pour hot over salad greens, spinach or shredded cabbage just before serving. Keep warm.

Recipe courtesy of Susan Baier, food management professional and Oakland Community College program coordinator and chef instructor.

lettuces have little flavor and tend to pick up the tastes of dressings and other ingredients in the salad, she said.

## SPIN AND SERVE

Now that you have the low-down on lettuce, you may need a few tips for preparation.

When shopping for lettuce, if you decide on bagged salads, be sure to choose those that are loose in the bag because that means they are drier and will last longer, Enright said.

With fresh lettuce, Baier said to wash the lettuce in cold water for about 10 to 15 minutes and then spin it dry.

Gabriel suggests investing in

a salad spinner for drying lettuce.

"You want the lettuce dry so that the dressings stick to it," he said.

After washing and spinning comes cutting.

Gabriel said softer lettuces like Boston and Bibb need to be cut with a sharp stainless steel knife because they will bruise if you tear them apart

with your hands.

But he said crisper lettuces like iceberg and romaine can be torn apart.

Baier said lettuces are best when tossed and served right away.

However, she said if you put lettuce and a paper towel (to absorb moisture) in airtight plastic bag in the refrigerator, it can be kept for up to a week.

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## MAC & CHEESE CASSEROLE CUPS

- 3 cups skim milk
- 2-1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1-1/2 cups reduced fat shredded mild Cheddar cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded light Mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces elbow macaroni, cooked and drained

Preheat oven to 350 °F. In a medium saucepan, slowly add 1 cup of milk to flour, stirring constantly until all lumps have dissolved. Add the remaining milk, stirring thoroughly. Place on stove and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally until sauce thickens. Add 1 cup of cheddar and all of the Mozzarella and Parmesan cheese; stir until blended. Add macaroni, stirring gently to coat well.

Line muffin tin with paper muffin cups and place one scoop of macaroni and cheese mixture into each muffin cup. Top with reserved 1/2 cup shredded cheddar.

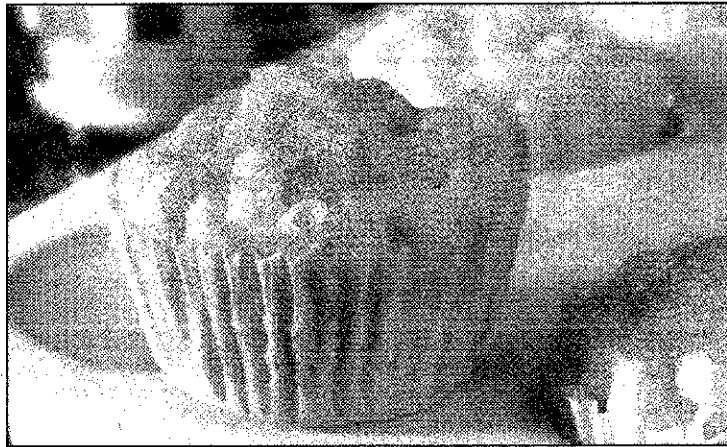
Bake 15 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving. Makes 10 servings.

Recipe created by John Folse, cheesemaker and owner of John Folse & Co., Gonzales, La.

Nutritional facts per serving: Calories 260; Total Fat 10 g; Saturated Fat 6 g; Cholesterol 30 mg; Sodium 440 mg; Calcium 40 percent daily value; Protein 18 g; Carbohydrates 22 g; Dietary Fiber 1 g.

## BUNCHA BANANA PUDDING

- 2 (3 ounces) packages vanilla cook and serve pudding mix
- 4 cups 1 percent lowfat milk



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- 20 vanilla wafer cookies
- 3 bananas, sliced
- Optional garnish: whipped cream, graham cracker crumbs

Prepare pudding with lowfat milk as directed on package. Spoon one cup of pudding into 2-quart serving bowl and top with 10 cookies and half the banana slices. Continue layering with 2 cups of pudding, remaining cookies and bananas. Top with remaining pudding, cover and refrigerate 3 hours or overnight. Garnish with whipped cream, graham cracker crumbs or banana slices if desired. Makes six servings.

Recipe created by John Folse.

Nutritional facts per serving: Calories 290; Total Fat 4 g; Saturated Fat 2 g; Cholesterol 10 mg; Sodium 350 mg; Calcium 20 percent daily value; Protein 6 g; Carbohydrates 60 g; Dietary Fiber 3 g.

## CUCUMBER-YOGURT DIP

- 1 cup lowfat plain yogurt
- 4 ounces lowfat cream cheese
- 1/2 cup diced, seeded cucumber
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- Optional garnish: cucumber, sliced thin mint leaves

Stir yogurt and cream cheese until smooth. Add remaining ingredients; stir to blend. Serve with raw or blanched vegetables, such as carrots, celery, tomatoes or zucchini. Makes three servings.

Recipe created by chef Sandy D'Amato, Executive chef/owner of Sanford Restaurant and Coquette Café, Milwaukee.

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## Fix this chicken quickly with ginger and almonds

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This distinctive recipe for chicken lavished with a balanced range of seasonings from fruity to peppery comes from the 2004 Food & Wine: An Entire Year of Recipes annual cookbook (Food & Wine, \$29.95).

Bonus points for the chicken dish: Cooking it takes only about half an hour, and fresh apricots are now in season.

### CHICKEN WITH FRESH APRICOTS, GINGER AND CRACKED ALMONDS

- 16 whole blanched almonds (2 ounces)
  - 2 teaspoons unsalted butter
  - 4 ripe apricots, pitted and quartered
  - 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
  - Four 6-ounce skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
  - Salt and freshly ground pepper
  - 1 teaspoon finely grated fresh ginger
  - 1 scallion, white and green parts thinly sliced separately
  - ½ teaspoon very finely grated lime zest
  - ¼ Scotch bonnet or habanero chili, seeded and thinly sliced
  - ½ cup dry white wine
  - 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- Preheat the oven to 350° F. Put the almonds in a pie plate and

bake for 8 minutes, or until fragrant and browned; let cool. Crack the almonds coarsely with the side of a large knife.

In a large skillet, melt the butter. Add the apricots, cut side down, and cook over moderate heat until lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Turn the apricots and cook for 1 minute longer. Transfer to a plate.

Add the olive oil to the skillet and heat until shimmering. Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper and add to the skillet. Cook over moderately high heat until browned, about 7 minutes. Turn the breasts and cook over moderately low heat until just white throughout, about 7 minutes longer. Transfer the chicken to the plate with the apricots.

Add the ginger, scallion whites, lime zest and chili to the skillet and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Add the wine and simmer over moderately high heat, scraping up the browned bits from the bottom of the skillet. Add the maple syrup, apricots and chicken and simmer just until heated through; season with salt and pepper.

Transfer the chicken to plates and spoon the sauce on top. Sprinkle with the cracked almonds and scallion greens and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

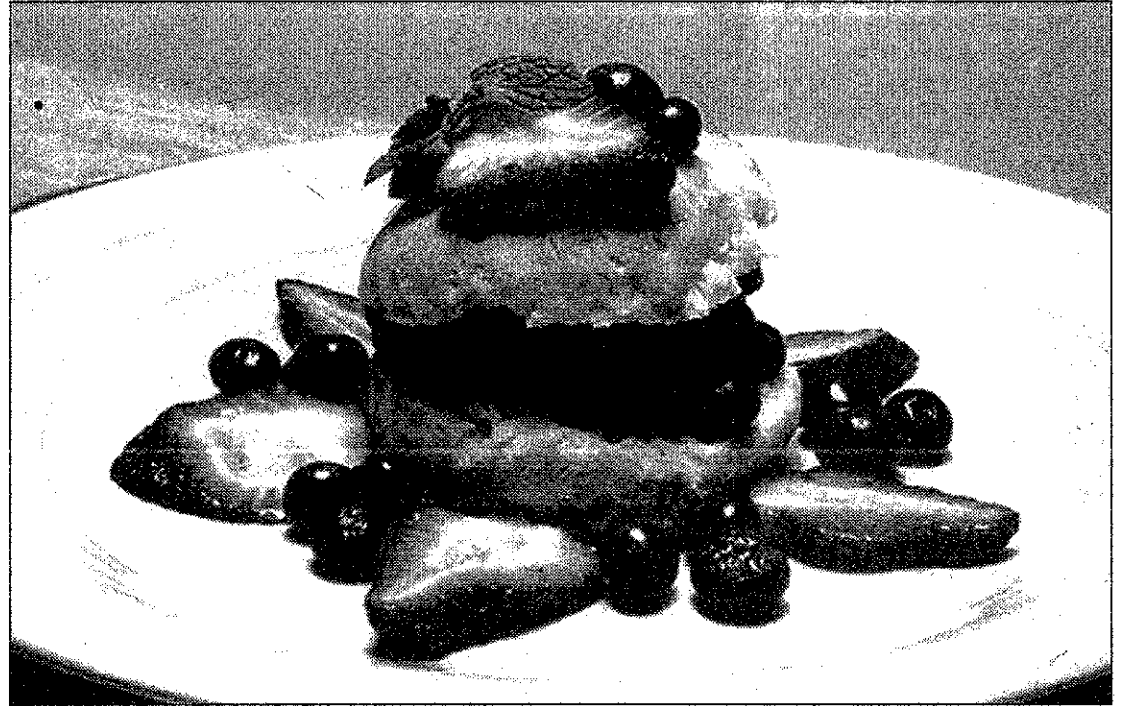
## Create a sumptuous shortcake

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

Shortcake was already known in 1594, when a recipe for it appeared in an English cookbook. Not long after, Shakespeare alluded to it in his comedy, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," with a character he called Alice Shortcake. Even back then, shortcake was similar to what we know today — rich, soft, crumbly from butter or lard and often, though not exclusively, served with fresh berries.

In the colonies, shortcake and wild strawberries were paired as early as the 17th century. This dessert's popularity spread until in the 1850s, thanks to a decade of "strawberry fever," when it became the classic American dessert Strawberry Shortcake continues to be.

For purists, the proper base for a fresh berry shortcake is a biscuit lightened with baking powder, but there are so many other versions that The Oxford Companion to Food says shortcake is a term of "dismaying diversity." After the Civil War, it often took the form of sponge cake, a cornmeal biscuit, piecrust dough and even crisp meringue.



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Enjoy strawberry shortcake this month.

Your ideal version is probably the first strawberry shortcake you ever ate. Similarly, whether you prefer the berries sliced or mashed usually comes from your earliest shortcake experiences.

Today, it's easy to use store-bought individual sponge cakes that have indentations to hold berries. But for those wanting the old-fashioned flavor of the classic biscuit-style shortcake, but without the unhealthy high levels of saturated fat, homemade is always best. This easy-to-make shortcake biscuit, which uses baking powder, will bring back memories of traditional versions. It contains just enough butter to ensure that classic rich flavor, plus the more healthful canola oil. And the use of whole-wheat flour makes the biscuits even more health-savvy, without sacrificing either texture or flavor.

### SHORTCAKE BISCUITS WITH BERRIES

Canola oil spray

- 1½ cups unbleached white flour
- ½ cup whole wheat or whole-wheat pastry flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 3 to 4 tablespoons sugar for the biscuits, plus more for the berries, according to taste
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 4 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 cup fat-free (skim) milk
- 1 pound fresh strawberries
- 1 pint fresh blueberries or 2 cups frozen
- ½ cup orange juice
- 1½ cups vanilla frozen yogurt, softened slightly (optional)

Preheat oven to 425° F. Spray a nonstick cookie sheet with oil spray. Set aside.

Hull strawberries and slice into a bowl. Add fresh blueberries, if using. Mix in orange juice and sugar to taste. Set aside 30 to 60 minutes. (If using frozen blueberries that are defrosted, stir in just before assembling shortcakes.)

In a medium bowl, mix together the flour, salt, baking powder and sugar. Use a pastry

blender or a fork to cut the butter and oil into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse meal. Add the milk all at once. Stir until it is just incorporated and there are no lumps.

Form 8 biscuits by dropping well-rounded quarter cups onto the cookie sheet. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until biscuits are done. (Use a toothpick to test centers).

Cool on a wire rack.

Use a serrated knife to gently slice off the top third of each biscuit. Top with some berries and juice. Lay the top third of the biscuit on berries. Top with more berries and juice. Place remaining berries around each biscuit. Garnish with frozen yogurt, if using, and serve.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 270 calories, 11 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 41 g. carbohydrate, 5 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 405 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research. Jacobi is author of The Joy of Soy.



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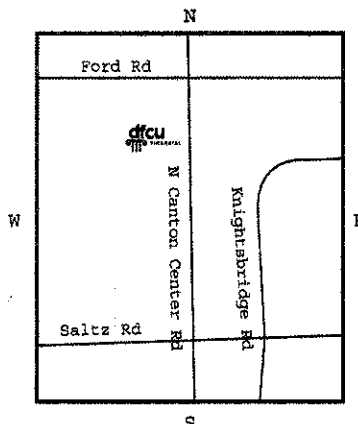
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# Enjoy vegetarian creamy potato and onion soup

BY J.M. HIRSCH  
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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Once the shock of learning I had begun the nine-month countdown to becoming a father wore off, it quickly was replaced by joy and, of course, utter and complete horror.

As the chef about the house, I am daunted by the thought that what I feed my wife I also feed my child-to-be.

My conscience is heavy with the knowledge that not enough of this or too much of that could cost Inking (as the thus-far gender-neutral child has come to be known) those crucial IQ points that would have assured entry to Oxford.

So, gone are the carefree nights of tossing together whatever strikes me and washing it down with a bottle of Chianti. Meals must be planned and oh-so-carefully prepared.

Thankfully, there are any number of books aimed at helping vegetarians (and not so) dads-in-the-making navigate the critical prenatal culinary landscape.

Sadly, I have yet to find one that doesn't 1) cause even more fear by detailing ills that will befall my child if even one meal is unbalanced, 2) require a degree in nutrition and nine months of study to master, or 3) subject my wife to horrible meals.

One book included suggestions that pregnant women avoid raw meat, seafood that isn't fresh and foods that don't "smell or taste right," guidance I always had assumed good for anyone.

Another book, this one intended specifically for vegetarian women, included the helpful advice that sniffing glue was bad. I urged my wife to lay off the craft projects.

Yet another book took a moralistic approach that includes dire warnings for anyone so callous as to ingest seemingly even a single refined grain. Pregnant or not, my wife won't live on brown rice alone.

Five months in to this culinary adventure, I've learned some valuable kitchen tips not often found in cookbooks or the roughly 9 million glossy pregnancy-related magazines.

First, too much of one thing is bad.

At the start of her pregnancy, my wife was on the road a

great deal, sometimes for 18 hours a day with little access to healthy food. Being a caring husband, I made her a delicious trail mix of nuts, seeds and nearly a dozen different dried fruits.

Being a picky and easily bored, I mean, wonderful wife, she eventually objected to the virtual saddlebags of munchie mix I would try to send her off with each day. Variety is key. On a side note, in an effort to use up the barrel of trail mix, I've since discovered it is great on ice cream.

Second, just because it's good one day doesn't mean it will be the next.

Did I mention my wife is a picky eater? Pregnancy has intensified this. We went through a bout of trying to concoct an acceptable recipe for a smoothie high in fruit, calcium and protein. This wasn't a pretty (or inexpensive) process.

No matter what protein powder I brought home, they all invariably were fine the first night but chalky the next. This despite the addition of whole milk, bananas and even ice cream. We eventually gave up on smoothies.

Third, pregnancy is no time for experimenting with new foods.

In my defense, I'd never had fiddleheads before. Here in the Northeast there is only a short window during which they can be found at the grocer, so not trying them now meant waiting another year.

Let's just say they didn't sit well on a certain pregnant stomach. So much for being over morning sickness...

Finally, chocolate still reigns supreme, especially after a recent study suggested consuming it while pregnant might help produce happier children.

So what do I feed my pregnant, mostly vegetarian wife? Other than chocolate? My apologies to Atkins addicts, but carbs seem to be the universal language of the pregnant woman.

Pasta is big. Mashed potatoes are popular. Did I mention chocolate and ice cream?

To demonstrate just how thoughtful I am, I let my wife select the recipe for this story. Not surprisingly, her first choice was mashed potatoes.

We compromised with a soup that uses them as its base.

Creamy potato and onion soup, from Rose Elliot's *The Vegetarian Mother and Baby Book* (Pantheon Books, 1996), is deceptively simple, yet quite delicious.

Though the recipe calls for a combination of butter and olive oil, vegans could use just oil, or substitute soy margarine. Those who don't mind the dairy might consider stirring in a bit of cream at the end for extra richness.

Elliot doesn't provide amounts for the seasonings. Those indicated are what I found worked well, but measurements should be adjusted to taste. Fresh dill stirred in at the end would be a nice variation.

## CREAMY POTATO AND ONION SOUP

1 pound peeled potatoes, cut into medium chunks (about 5 potatoes)  
4 medium onions, peeled and roughly chopped  
4 cups water  
3 tablespoons butter  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil  
Salt (1 1/2 teaspoons)  
Freshly ground black pepper (1/4 teaspoon)  
Nutmeg (1/8 teaspoon)

Combine the potatoes, a quarter of the onions and the water in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil, then cover and cook until the potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes.

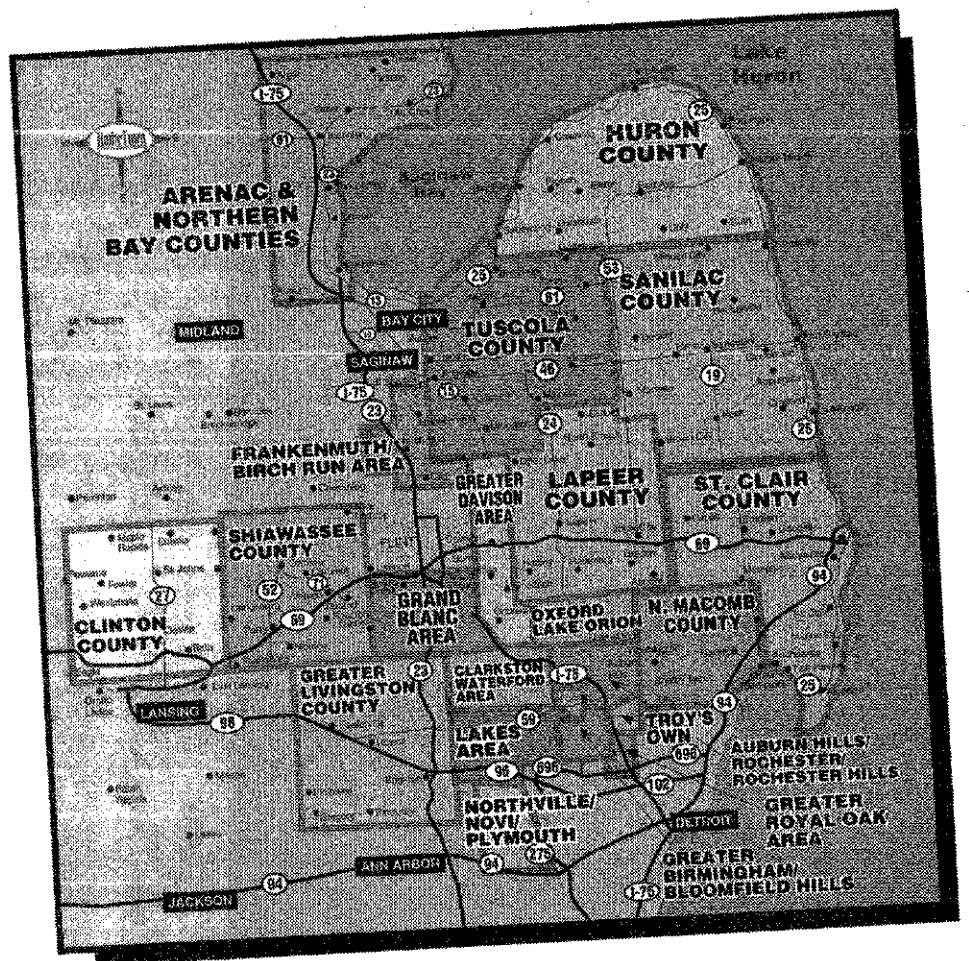
Meanwhile, heat the butter and oil in a skillet. Add the remaining onions, cover and cook over a low flame for about 15 minutes, or until very soft.

Transfer the potato mixture, including water, to a blender or food processor and puree until smooth. Return the mixture to the saucepan. Add the onions and butter to the puree.

Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg and heat another few minutes over a low flame.

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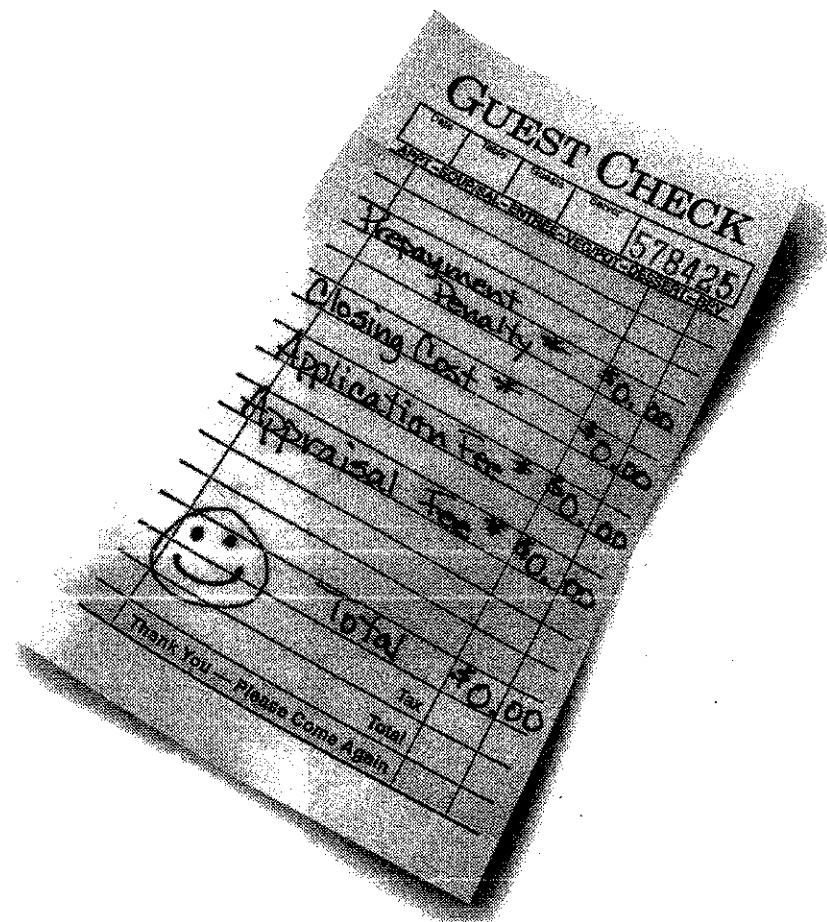
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# Invite whole grains to the picnic

It's the picnic season and time to think about what to pack that is healthier than old-fashioned fare like fried chicken and potato salad, which are off the charts in fats and calories. Ideally, picnic food should be filling yet refreshing, leaving you energetic enough afterwards for a few games with a ball or Frisbee.

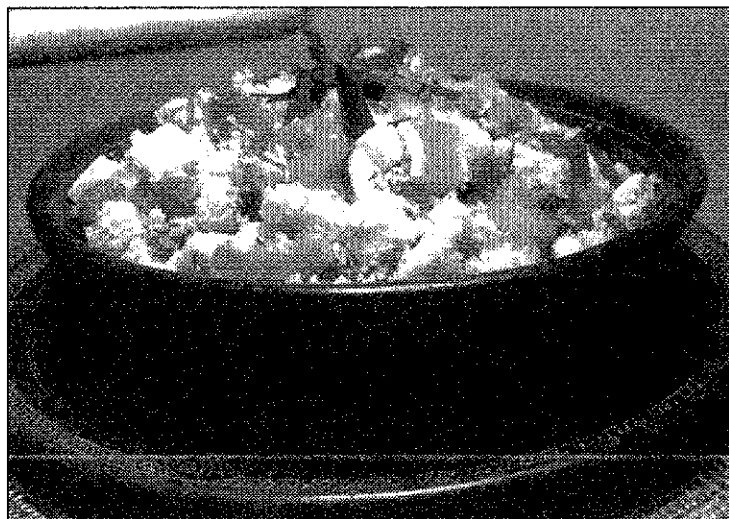
A hearty salad made of whole grains and vegetables will fill you up rather than out, and it's good for your health as well.

Whole grains are always preferable to refined grains. They provide more fiber, more long-lasting energy and are richer in minerals and health-protective phytochemicals. They also lower our risk of cancer and other health problems.

Some weight-loss diets prohibit or restrict grains, giving them a bad rap. But in regards to health, refined grains and whole grains are very different. Refined grains, such as white flour, white rice and many ready-to-eat cereals, can drive blood sugar up quickly, which could lead to overeating and weight gain. On the other hand, the fiber in whole grains slows the rise in blood sugar and helps you to feel satisfied longer.

Whole grains can help control diabetes by helping to regulate blood sugar and insulin levels. They also help alleviate health problems like constipation, hemorrhoids and diverticulosis. The soluble fiber in whole grains like oats and barley may help lower blood cholesterol, and the insoluble fiber in whole wheat and bran helps keep the digestive tract healthy.

The following meal-in-a-salad contains a healthful balance of whole grains, vegeta-



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Whole grain salad also provides an interesting variety of textures, colors and seasonings - a perfect dish for any summer picnic.

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### WHOLE-GRAIN SALAD

- 3 cups cooked (and cooled) brown rice, or whole-grain pasta, couscous, bulgur, or quinoa
- 1/2 yellow or orange bell pepper, cut in bite-size pieces
- 1/2 tomato, seeded, cut into bite-size pieces (optional)
- 1/4 cup chopped radish
- 2 scallions (1/4 cup), green and white parts, or 1/2 cup chopped red or Bermuda onion
- 1/4 cup finely chopped dried fruit, like
- 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts, sesame seeds, or sunflower seeds, or chopped almonds, walnuts, or pecans
- 3-4 ounces diced low-fat mozzarella cheese
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste, if desired
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1/2-2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped

fresh (or 2 teaspoons dried) chives or flat-leaf parsley  
2 tablespoons finely chopped (or 2 teaspoons dried) fresh mint, cilantro, or chervil  
apricots, raisins, dates, figs, currants

In a large bowl place bell pepper, tomato, radish, scallions, dried fruit, nuts (or seeds) and cheese. Mix lightly with fork. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Fluff cooled grain with a fork and season to taste with salt and pepper. Add to the bowl of salad ingredients, mixing it in lightly with fork.

Into a small container with a tight-fitting lid, pour the juice, oil and herbs. Cover and shake well until combined. Drizzle over the salad and mix in lightly with a fork.

Serve or refrigerate, covered, up to 2 days.

Makes about 4 servings.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 328 calories, 13 g. total fat (3 g. saturated fat), 44 g. carbohydrate, 10 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 112 mg. sodium.

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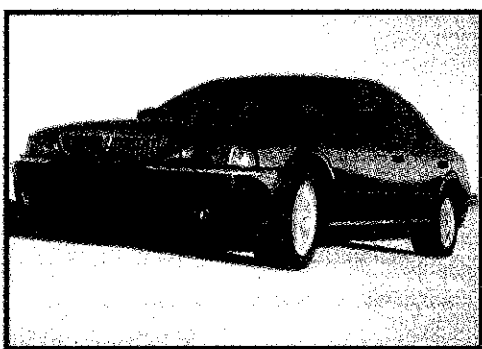
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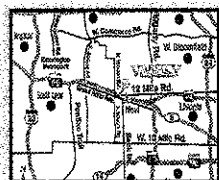
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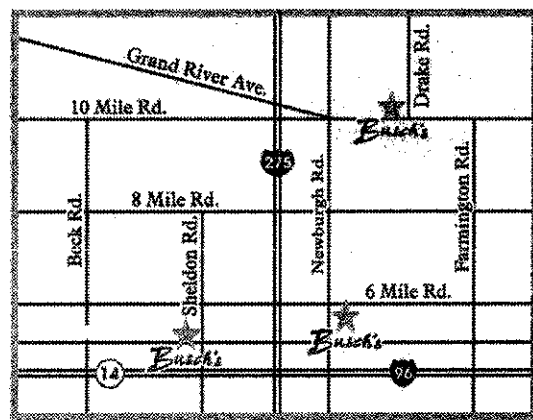
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## Question attorney's allegiances

I have lived in two separate condos with two separate management companies and have found that in both instances the attorney retained by the management company is also the attorney recommended to represent our association. It was not until we had a problem with the management company that this was known. What do you think?

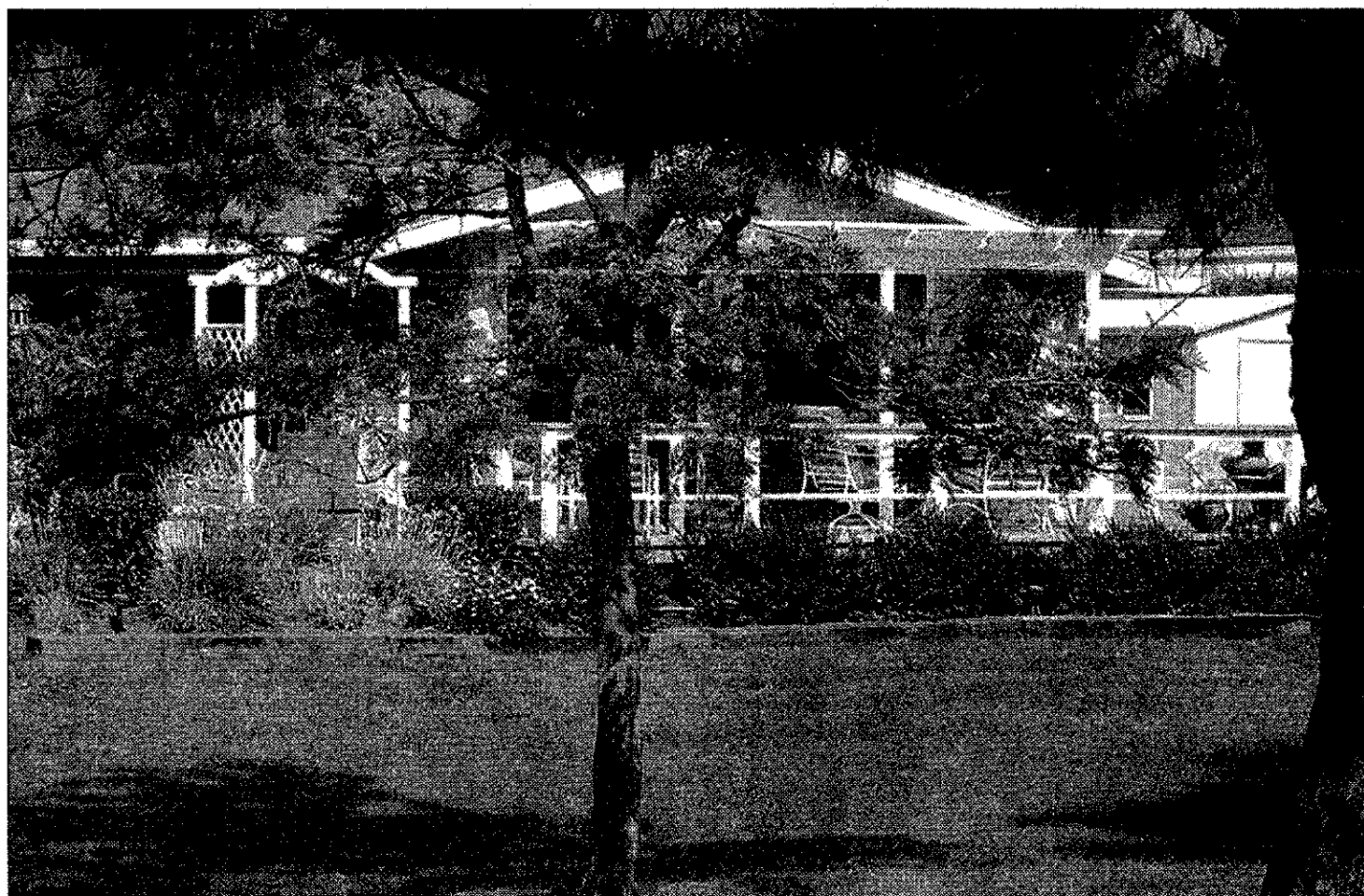
I think you have had bad luck in picking associations and management companies. The attorney and the management company should have advised the board of directors of the association of the fact that the attorney represents the management company when the attorney was recommended to the association. Indeed, I have seen situations where the management company's attorney has drafted the management contract for the association purportedly on behalf of the association. This could possibly be a conflict of interest, particularly if there is a non-disclosure, and is certainly not a good business practice. You are best advised to ask questions concerning your attorney's ability to represent your association effectively without any allegiances to third parties with whom the association is doing business.

I am leasing a unit to a young couple who are about to have a child and I don't want them there. They are on a month-to-month and I want to evict them. Do you see any problem?

The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to evict residents because of their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status or disability. So if you rented an apartment to a young couple that later has children, you can't evict them because you don't like having children in your complex. If you are terminating the lease for some other reason, make sure you have justification for doing so.

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Take pictures of your home during spring and summer so potential buyers, who might be looking at it in the winter, can see what they have to look forward to.

## Snap to it

Help potential buyers picture your house without snow

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

Your camera might help you sell your house.

It also might tell you to repair your leaking gutters.

Yes, the pictures you take spring, summer and autumn might transport potential buyers past the bleakness of a winter day when the real estate agent brings them to your place.

Lynn DeJohn will tell you what a good idea it is to have an album of house photos that buyers can look through. DeJohn is a sales agent with Quality GMAC Real Estate, Plymouth.

"I had a customer recently who was very proud of her beautiful yard, but she was selling before anything bloomed," DeJohn said. "Pools and decks are hard to sell covered with snow."

DeJohn urges clients to make the house look pretty and colorful for the photos they take during the growing seasons — without ripping everything out and spending a million dollars on totally new

landscaping. "Edge the lawn, trim the shrubs," she said, "at least put some potted flowers out."

Add to what's there, agrees Jack Knowles, vice president of Dietrich Bailey & Associates, landscape architects in Plymouth.

### NEAT AND TIDY

"Maintenance," Knowles said. "Make sure everything is neat and tidy, plug in seasonal flowers, such as impatiens or petunias to get some accent color in the photos."

Use potted plants, he said, even small trees in colorful terra cotta containers, to make the house more appealing.

And then go get the camera. Junebug Clark thinks you ought to be taking pictures of your home all the time, just to have in your library and handy when you need them.

Next to the camera, Clark

said, your No. 1 tool is lighting. Clark is head of Junebug Clark Photography, Farmington.

"The secret," he said, "is to know what time of day your house looks really good. Our house faces east, so morning is best time to get pictures of the front, and evening in back. Shoot as early as you possibly can in the light an hour and half after sunrise and before sunset. It's richer then and you'll get extra color into areas under overhangs, for example."

"Shoot just before the sun pops, when you'll have the brightness of dawn without the harshness of direct sunlight making heavy shadows." You might try an "establishing shot" that shows the whole house from the street, and then move in for closeups of planting groups and individual plants.

Do three-quarter views, he said, and angles from realistic perspectives — how people

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sales agent

actually see your house. A shot coming up the front walk, for example, or from the driveway.

Look through the camera, you might discover an area "that needs visual help" where you might plant something.

A photojournalist whose work, he said, is taking "pictures that tell stories of real people doing real things," Clark suggests shooting after a rain, when colors often are more vivid.

Or during the rain, he said, when you might discover that the water hitting the roof isn't going where it's supposed to go.

## Mortgage rates continue upward trend

BY JEANNINE AVERSA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages rose, a trend that isn't expected to clip the wings of the housing market, economists said.

In its weekly nationwide survey of rates, Freddie Mac reported June 17 that rates on benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages climbed to 6.32 percent, up from 6.30 percent.

Thirty-year mortgage rates hit a low this year of 5.38 percent the week ending March 18. Since then, they have slowly moved upward.

Rates for 15-year, fixed-rate

mortgages also rose this week to 5.70 percent, up from 5.67 percent last week. But rates for one-year adjustable rate mortgages dipped to 4.13 percent, down slightly from 4.14 percent last week.

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.

"The recent increase in mortgage rates has given the housing market a slight breather from the frantic pace in lending that has been prevalent over the last few years," said Frank Nothaft,

Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Rates on 30-year mortgages could rise to 6.9 percent by the end of this year, which would still be considered low by historical standards, according to some economists' estimates. But they believe an improved labor market will help offset the impact of rising rates and support demand for homes.

Some economists are forecasting sales of previously owned homes to set a new record this year and believe sales of new homes will finish up close to a record high.

This time a year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages aver-

aged 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. Thirty-year and 15-year loans each carried an average fee of 0.5 point this week, while one-year ARMs carried an average fee of 0.7 point.

In a separate report, refinancings accounted for 33.8 percent of total mortgage loan applications filed last week, up from 32.6 percent in the previous week, the Mortgage Bankers Association said.

**Mortgage Bits**



Timothy Phillips

## If cash is king, credit is queen

A popular Golden Rule derivative states that, "He who has the gold, makes the rules." In the real estate world, that means that a buyer with cash can usually buy on his terms whenever and wherever he desires.

Not surprisingly, there's not an abundance of such cash buyers in the home purchase market. What's the next best thing to cash? Credit. In fact, categorically, it is much easier for a person with very little cash and great credit to purchase a home than it is for a borrower with a wheelbarrow full of cash and lousy credit.

Why do lenders place such an emphasis on credit? Your credit score is a numerical representation of how reliably you pay your monthly debts. A borrower with a score of less than 600 has a one-in-nine chance of defaulting on his mortgage, while credit scores of just over 700 yield less than one default in every 124 borrowers.

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## Developers transform houses of worship into condominiums

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When St. Peter and Paul's Church closed and was bought by a private developer, there was a lot of resistance from South Boston residents. Not only was their beloved church closing, but it was being turned into something anathema to this working-class neighborhood: luxury condominiums.

As the Boston Archdiocese prepares to put 60 church properties up for sale, developers and real estate brokers predict they will be scooped up for condominiums, a trendy re-use for churches with a hot market right now.

"Huge, huge, huge, huge," said Peter LaBranche, a real estate agent at Prudential Edna Krantz in Newton, where two churches are to be closed. "They'll sell in a heartbeat,

overnight, in 10 minutes."

Eric Reenstierna, an appraiser who specializes in church properties, said converting a church into condominiums is often difficult and expensive because of the desire to preserve unusual architectural details - but also the need to build floors within often cavernous buildings. Developers also often have to contend with strong opposition from former parishioners.

"The big hall with high ceilings can have its uses, but the churches are designed for one use and that's religious, so they aren't an easy proposition in terms of converting them for residential use," Reenstierna said. "They are expensive and there is a lack of community acceptance, there's a kind of aversion to living in a building that was once a church."

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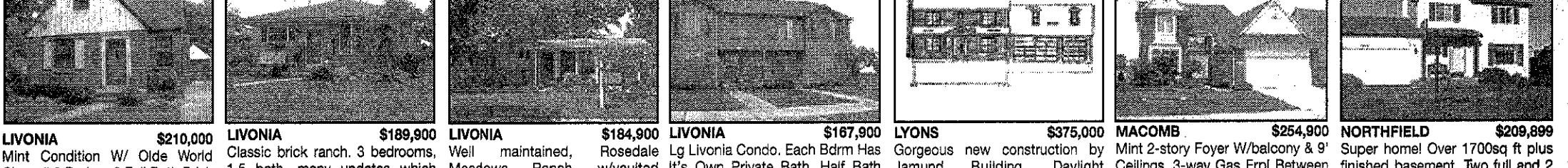
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**NORTHVILLE** \$829,000  
**STUNNING CAPE COD IN WOODS OF EDENBERRY.** 4 yr old beauty tastefully decorated with many upgrades. 3 car garage, butler's pantry, exercise room off MBR suite. Corner lot, beautiful landscaping & patio. (24066132)

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**PLYMOUTH** \$349,900  
**CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
Extensively remodeled. Custom trimwork, hwdwd floors, ceramic bath, huge kitchen. (23A40810)

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**NOVI** \$348,500  
**GREAT HOME CLOSE TO SCHOOLS.**  
Charming home w/updated kit & brkfst area, formal LR/DR, FR w/tp & built-in bookcases, fin bsmt w/lots of storage & full bath. 4 seasons sunroom. (60MAN2)

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**LIVONIA** \$344,900  
**"LIKE NEW" SPACIOUS COLONIAL.** Excellent location, condition & price! Beautifully updated thru-out with field stone FR, finished basement, central air, patio & more. Move right in! (24063436)

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**STERLING HEIGHTS** \$337,900  
**JUST MOVE RIGHT INTO THIS SPOTLESS HOME!** Outstanding Aspen II home has 2400 SF, 4 BR, 2.5 BA open flr plan w/lovely kit w/contour island. 2 staircases for convenience. Raised brick patio for relaxing! (24033669)

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**LIVONIA** \$279,900  
**1/2+ ACRE YARD IN LIVONIA** Updates include new furnace, roof, windows. Pride of ownership shows. Hardwood floors, kitchen has updated counters & flooring and huge walk-in pantry. (01PIC2)

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**CANTON** \$259,900  
**LARGE 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL.** 4 BRs/2.5 BAs, 2,248 SF. Lg open kit, oak cabs, island & brkfst nook, 1st flr Indry, Lg mstr ste, cathedral ceiling, W/C, full bath, soaking tub & dual sinks. (23P3487)

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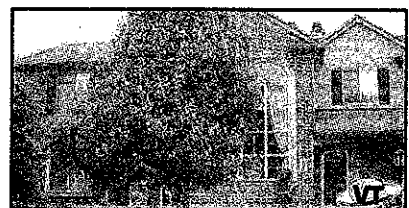
**NORTHVILLE** \$249,900  
**NICE CLEAN & PRIVATE CONDO.** Private southern view from this grt ranch condo. LR w/cathedral ceiling, nice kit, formal DR w/nice sliding door to deck, 2 car att gar & walk to common pool. (24064761)

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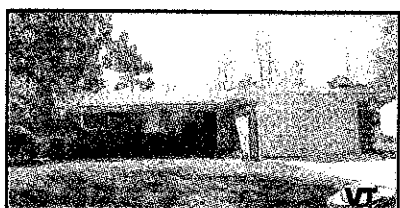
**WHITMORE LAKE** \$249,000  
**LAKE VIEWS OF WHITMORE LAKE!** Pleasant neutral open flr plan offers 3 BRs, 2.1 BAs, nice sized kit & DR! Full fin bsmt, huge deck. Situated on lg tree! lot w/lake views. No HO Assoc or dues. (24053209)

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**CANTON** \$236,900  
**WOW! UPGRADED TO THE GILLS**  
Professionally decorated 3 BR, 2.5 BA end unit condo. 1st flr mstr ste w/WIC, full bath & jetted tub. Maple kit, GR w/stone FR, 1st flr Indry, deck & more! (S172)

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**NOVI** \$224,900  
**PRETTY AS A PICTURE FULL BRICK RANCH.** Lovely updated kit, cozy FR w/tp, nice LR, 3 BRs. Full house attic fan, comfortable FLA room, partially fin bsmt and great private yard that backs to woods. (24065927)

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**PLYMOUTH** \$220,900  
**FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT!** Inviting LR, FR. Available upgrades. Lndscpng, sprnkrlr sys, lawn main. (23A1205)

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**CANTON** \$219,900  
**EVERYTHING UPDATED!** 4 BRs, 2 BAs, over 1700 SF, hwdwd flrs in some rms, great kit, lots of curb appeal & backs to park! Great location, Plymouth-Canton schools & more! (A4415)

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**LIVONIA** \$214,900  
**HUGE, HUGE, YARD!** In the hub of Livonia sits this brk ranch w/FR. \$5000 decorating allowance at closing. Kit has oak cabs, pergo flr, updated bath. Newer furn/AC. Much more! (G14812)

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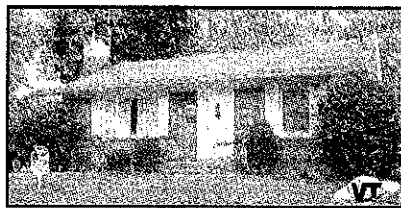
**PLYMOUTH** \$194,900  
**THE "ARBOR" has an open flr plan.** Fin LL rec rm next to laundry & powder rm. Townhome community will feature lndscpng, sprnkrlr sys, lawn main/snow remov. Low asso fees. (23A1205)

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**SUMPTER** \$192,900  
**CONTEMPORARY W/ OVER AN ACRE!** 3 bedroom, 3 bath contemporary ranch. Great room, skylights, cathedral ceilings, 2+ car gar. 1.35 acres. (23S20220)

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**LIVONIA** \$189,900  
**GREAT HOUSE IN GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD!** 3 BR, 1.5 BA brk ranch in lovely Rosedale Gardens features newer rf & wndws, full bsmt, and FP in LR. Well maintained w/beautiful lg backyard, 1 yr warranty & more! (I32849)

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**INKSTER** \$177,500  
**BETHE FIRST OWNER** This 3 BR, 2 BA beauty has all the amenities. Sit in front of the fireplace or grill out on the back porch. Full basement you can finish how you want. (H452)

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$174,900  
**PARADISE WITH PRIVACY!** Pride of ownership shows in this 3 BR ranch w/30x15 family room. Gorgeous perennial gardens w/ponds and fountains! Prestigious paver brk patio, 2 car garage. (W21623)

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**LIVONIA** \$168,900  
**WONDERFUL ALL BRK BUNGALOW!** Very clean & updated, great white kit, updated wndws, plumb & electrical too. Beautiful hwdwd flrs, coved ceilings, 2 car garage & a finished bsmt - wow! (A9591)

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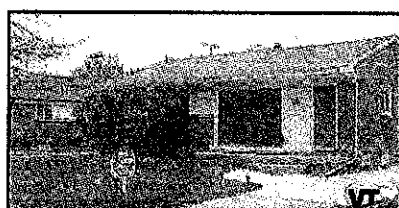
**NORTHVILLE** \$162,900  
**CLASSIC COUNTRY PLACE CONDO, GREAT AREA.** 2 BRs, 2.5 BAs, neutral decor, freshly painted nice enclosed patio w/perennials, 1 car detached garage. Formal DR & nook. Newer wndws & water heater. (24068314)

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**CANTON** \$162,000  
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**REDFORD** \$159,900  
**TRULY A 10!** New kit w/ceramic flr & glass/oak cabs, vinyl wndws, tear off, updated main bath, mstr has half bath, refinished hwdwd flrs, fin bsmt w/full bath, wet bar & more. (C12081)

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**WAYNE** \$157,000  
**GREAT FAMILY HOME** Excellent 3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch. 2 car garage. DR has bay windows overlooking lovely yard. Finished bsmt w/ separate laundry area. O/A and newer copper plumbing. (G368)

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**NOVI** \$154,800  
**RANCH DETACHED CONDO** Great 2 BR carriage unit w/1 car direct access garage. New wndws, carpet, neutral decor. Very open floor plan. Move right in! (45PEL2)

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**WESTLAND** \$147,900  
**POPULAR TONQUISH VILLAGE** 3 BR, full brick ranch, w/full basement, garage, newer wndws, doors, alum trim. Roof & A/C 8 years. 2 car garage. Home warranty. All appl's included. (23M31620)

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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$145,000  
**ORIGINAL OWNER** Squeaky clean well maintained 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch with finished basement, newer roof & original owner pride. (G860)

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**SOUTH REDFORD** \$139,900  
**SOUTH REDFORD CUTIE!** Lg eat-in kit, newer wndws, vinyl porch rails, steel entry drs, newer rf, furn w/CA, newer gar, cement drive & patio. Security system, warranty & more! (F10013)

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**REDFORD** \$139,900  
**CHARACTER AT A PRICE YOU CAN AFFORD!** Slop by this charming 3 BR, 1.5 BA brk ranch. Updates incl rf, wndws, furn, AC, main bath, security sys, fin bsmt, custom deck & much more! (O24317)

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**REDFORD** \$129,900  
**SOLID BRICK RANCH!** In area with brand new homes. Within a block of Lawson Field - offers tennis, basketball & play area. Nice floor plan with finished basement. (L19158)

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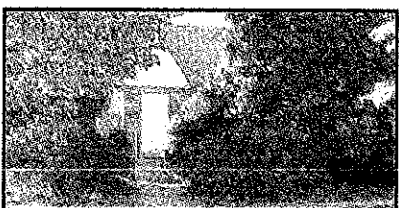
**WAYNE** \$129,900  
**WAKE UP WITH A SMILE** in this cute all brick ranch. Beautiful updated kitchen, newer wndws, doors, alum trim. Roof & A/C 8 years. 2 car garage. Home warranty. All appl's included. (23M31620)

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**REDFORD** \$128,000  
**TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS** Sharp oak kitchen w/ceramic floor, wndws, copper plumbing, cement, storm doors, 4 ceiling fans, roof shingles. 3 BRs, 2 BAs, part fin bsmt, 2 car garage. (I184)

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**WAYNE** \$126,900  
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**BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM BRICK BUNGALOW** Full Brick home with large master bedroom. All appliances included: 2 stoves, fridge, washer, dryer, freezer & microwave. Furniture is negotiable! (M177)

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**REDFORD** \$119,900  
**UNIQUE RANCH** offers awesome heated 2 car gar w/winterroom, phone & 220 elec. Outside hot/cold faucets, sprinkler sys, new rf, newer furn w/AC, newer kit, updated elec, and more! (B17676)

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**WAYNE** \$116,900  
**ADORABLE BRICK RANCH** 3 BR, 1 BA, 2 car garage, completely updated kitchen & bath. New flooring throughout. Freshly painted. Built-in dishwasher. Updated electrical, home warranty. (G388)

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**INKSTER** \$114,800  
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## The 2004 Nissan Quest

Advertising Feature

### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Suddenly, minivans are interesting again. After Chrysler's 15-year domination of the automotive segment that it created in 1984, Honda finally introduced the industry's first worthy competitor with its Odyssey a few years ago. And if that competition stirred new excitement in the minivan niche, the latest significant entry - Nissan's Quest - could really shake things up.

Nissan's advertising for this unique new vehicle makes a bold, if implicit, claim for Quest: This is the first really new thing to come along in minivans in quite some time. And after putting a Quest to good use, I can attest that there's truth in advertising involved here. From its industrial-chic styling to its passenger-bay sunroofs to a nifty storage compartment for the driver that has been put in a most unusual location, Quest is all about providing the unexpected to minivan buyers who've gotten quite used to the conventions invented by Chrysler's models. And for the most part, Quest delivers nifty features in an overall package that is worthy of soccer moms, hockey dads and their families.

Let's start where Nissan apparently did: the styling. Nissan didn't try to fool consumers into thinking Quest is some kind of sport-utility vehicle or van-SUV hybrid. This vehicle is all mini-van, starting with the fact that you can move on foot throughout it. In designing Quest, Nissan optimized the boxy compartment that defines a minivan.

But Nissan gave Quest a bulky nose, strong and angular lines that sweep back from there, extremely high side panels, a swept-down roof and a chopped-off rear end that make a definite robotic statement. It's a minimalist, chiseled design that's different and functional - but not necessarily esthetically pleasing. And I do have one strong exception to the practicality of the design: The side panels ride so high in the rear that the driver's blind spots are expanded, creating what I can only call a mild safety hazard.

What is an unadulterated hit are the skylight slots that Nissan designed into the roof of Quest that stretch on either side, over the second and third rows of seats.



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Passengers can deploy roller shades to keep the sun out. Combined with a more or less standard sunroof over the front row, the overall effect is wonderfully open and sunny, dispelling much of the feeling that passengers can get in other minivans of being stuffed in the rear of a shoebox.

Quest is fitted with a powerful V6, 3.5-liter, 240-horsepower engine, taken from the 350Z sports car, and is available with a smooth five-speed automatic that would be perfectly at home in an expensive luxury car. It provides adequate pick-up and pep for a family vehicle that one hopes would not be taken off-road or up twisting mountain roads. At 18 miles a gallon in city driving and 25 on the highway, Quest's fuel efficiency doesn't match those of its Chrysler and Honda competitors.

Quest has crisp steering and feels more stable in corners than an SUV. Otherwise, there was little remarkable about the Quest's handling. On bumpy roads, its suspension is suspect. Overall, it has a much heavier and not as nimble feel as both Odyssey and the Chrysler series of minivans.

Nissan is consistent in carrying its pseudo-industrial design theme in the interior. Surfaces are basically flat, angled, or round, with few wrinkles or other texturing in between, giving the cockpit a bit of a feel of the inside of the Spaceship Enterprise from Star Trek. I liked the

location of the instrument panel, the shifting lever and all other controls and instruments in the center of the cockpit, a feature that only a few other vehicles, including Saturn's Ion small car, have dared to try.

There are many other bits of utility that I appreciate in Quest, making it a fun vehicle simply to explore. The front-row drink holders, for example, fold down into the middle from the bottom of the driver's seat, and there are two sizes of wells - one could easily hold a Big Gulp. Compartments of all shapes and sizes abound, including one in the front to hold a cell phone that is slotted right behind the pull-out ash tray and a surprise compartment in front of the driver that pops up from the dashboard, a shallow and strangely shaped well that, nevertheless, could hold a variety of objects. The plethora of spaces is a feature in the passenger area as well, where there are compartments for DVDs, sunglasses and other paraphernalia.

Overall, the rear is plenty spacious. There are three headrests for the rear seat, a nice extra that you don't find in many vehicles of any sort. An apron covers rear cargo from those who would peek into the rear window.

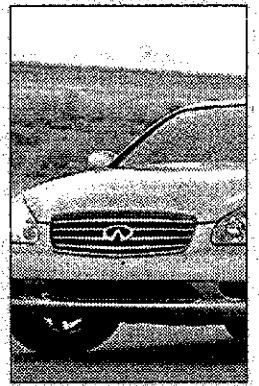
And that's one thing you can expect if you buy and drive a Quest: People will be curious. You can't say that about every minivan.

Write Dale at [daledbuss@aol.com](mailto:daledbuss@aol.com).

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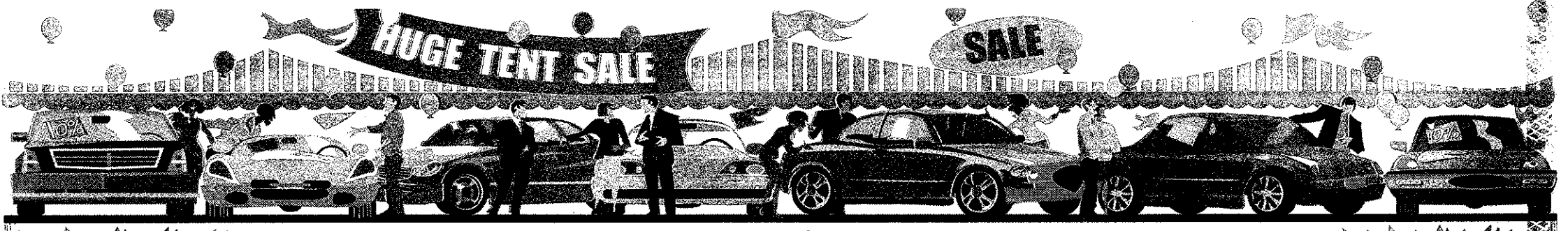
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