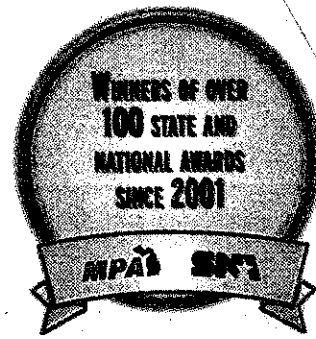
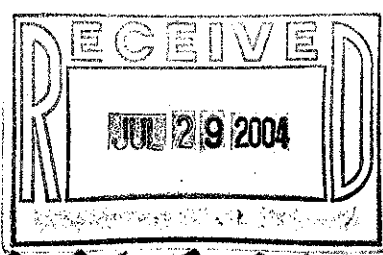


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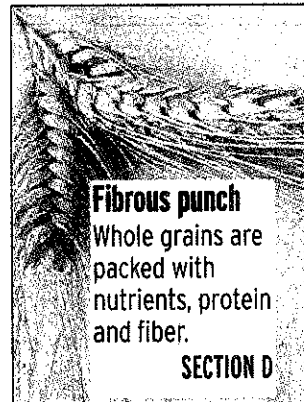
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Memo

Clerk's office open

The Canton Township Clerk's office will be open 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31 to accept absentee ballots.

If you are returning your absentee ballot by mail, Clerk Terry Bennett reminds that you must put 60 cents postage on because of the weight.

If you prefer, you may drop your ballot off at township hall.

If you have not voted it yet, you may do so at township hall when you drop it off.

Clerk Terry Bennett is urging voters to get the voted ballots into her office as soon as conveniently possible. Canton has some 51,000 registered voters.

Absentee ballots that are received on election day, Aug. 3, will be counted.

For more information, call the clerk's office at (734) 394-5120.

August off

Lemonade with BJ, a popular talk show at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays, will resume in September. WSDP - 88.1 FM is



closed in August.

Beti Smith will return at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 8 and feature the music of Cyrus Chestnut, an up and coming pianist.

BJ will not have a guest on Sept. 8, but will fill the show with music and announcements.

Liquor to join pop corn and soda pop

Despite some opposition, township board grants Emagine Theaters liquor license

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

"The magic of movies and more" is the motto of Emagine Theaters, which plans to open a \$14.5 million, 18-screen movie house later this year south of Ford Road and east of Lotz.

But it was that and more that precipitated discussion at Tuesday night's Board of Trustees meeting.

A public hearing was held on the theater's request for a liquor

license. The request drew opposition from one resident and township Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter.

Scott Edwards, an attorney representing Emagine, told the board the company operates two other theaters, one in Birch Run and one in Novi, and that alcohol is served at both those theaters.

"The concept is a little unique to Michigan," he said, "but it's very popular in other areas of the country."

Carl Slemmer, co-owner of Emagine Theaters with Paul Glantz, said there is a two-drink limit per customer and only one drink can be purchased at a time. When a customer buys a drink, he is given a glow-in-the-dark wrist band.

Dick Furrier, a resident of Sunflower subdivision, said he was opposed to the idea.

"I've lived here for 10 years," he said. "Leave your liquor bottle back in Novi. We're a conservative community in terms of lifestyle. Popcorn, soda pop and a bag of JuJu Beans were the fare I'm used to in theaters. I don't have good vibes about this."

Kirchgatter agreed with Furrier. "I think the theater is great," she said. "Dick is one of a

number of individuals who feel the same way. I'm not ready to grant a liquor license to a movie house in Canton Township."

Edwards responded that part of the reason for the sale of alcohol is competition.

"It's a two-hour period when you're doing something," he said. "You're not sitting in a bar and just consuming. This is a first-class luxury theater."

Slemmer said they had served liquor in the Birch Run theater for about seven years and they've not had problems.

"We don't hire anyone as a bartender under the age of 21," he said.

Trustee John Burdziak questioned the hours of operation for the bar.

Slemmer said the bar closes

30 minutes after the last show begins. "There's so little activity during the day there's no demand for it," he said.

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin asked what percent of business alcohol represented.

"It's less than 5 percent of our overall sales," Slemmer said. "It's a concession item and concession sales represent most of our profit."

McLaughlin said she had mixed emotions about the request.

"You folks have been extremely good to work with," she said.

Trustees approved the request on a 5-2 vote, with Kirchgatter and Bob Shefferly voting no.

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DOUG ASHLEY

Watching history

Democratic National Convention guest Brenda Howard of Canton is poised and ready to capture the excitement of the Democratic National Convention with her camera. Please turn to page A3 for a story about local representation at the convention and more photos.

It's officially over

Big Boy stays with minor adjustments

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Big Boy will stay. He just may have something of an identity crisis.

In a consent judgment granted Tuesday by 35th District Judge Ron Lowe, Canton Township and Big Boy Restaurant owner Tony Matar agreed that the statue of the little guy holding a hamburger on a platter can stay where it is.

The only condition — the words "BIG BOY" on his bib must be removed or covered up.

Lowe praised both sides for coming up with the agreement.

"From the outset I thought the consent judgment would probably be the best way for both of you to be satisfied," he said.

Under the order, the current size and location of the statue may not be changed without prior consent of the township. It

may be replaced by another statue of like size and character.

The case was dismissed with prejudice and without costs to either party. In the event the township enacts a new sign ordinance or changes the existing one, the Big Boy statue is grandfathered in and will be allowed to stay in place.

"Hopefully this (judgment) puts this to bed forever," David Lawrence, the attorney representing Matar, said after the court session.

After accepting the judgment submitted by Lawrence and Ron Witthoff, representing the township, Lowe added another unusual twist to the case, which has generated national publicity.

"We've had a lot of dialogue in here, but we never got the chance to ask what my opinion might be about the Big Boy," he said. "I don't know what my opinion might be about the Big Boy."

He then handed both attorneys copies of a thick document that he said his

PLEASE SEE **BIG BOY, A9**

Say Uncle takes 4th in class in Port Huron to Mackinac race

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Say Uncle, the 30-foot Henderson, that Canton resident Roger Pollack raced with six other crew members, came in fourth in its class and 24th overall in the annual Bacardi Bayview Mackinac Race July 17.

"It is the best that boat ever did," said Pollack, who has raced for about 15 years.

For the 80th time, the popular Port Huron to Mackinac race began July 17 about four miles north of the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron in Lake Huron. Sixty hours and some 300 miles later, Say Uncle arrived in Mackinac.

"We took the South Hampton course — the long course," Pollack said. "We were with the big boys."

PLEASE SEE **RACE, A9**

Couple remember the good old days of Canton

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

When Helen and Walter Griwicki moved to the Carriage Hills subdivision in 1972, the township was filled with dirt roads and corn fields.

"When we moved in here we had 50 ducks in our backyard," said Helen, 77.

Walter worked for a dairy on Six Mile Road and Helen was a factory worker.

"They're (factory workers) the

backbone of our country," she said. "I've worked from the age of 15. I lived in Highland Park, Detroit and Hamtramck when it was really Polish. I'm a Croatian. My mother and father came from Yugoslavia."

When she was younger she said she wanted to be an architect.

"I was a kid," she said. "They wouldn't let me into Cass Tech. They said women

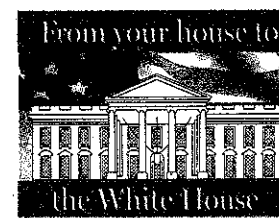
PLEASE SEE **COUPLE, A4**



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Helen Griwicki and her husband, Walter, have been married for 55 years and have lived at their Canton home since 1972. Above they are holding Angel, a dog they adopted from the rescue dog program.

Coming Sunday in your Canton Observer Elections



The Observer explores what motivates young adults to vote, and what they view as the key issues in this year's presidential race.

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PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The Canton Observer in cooperation with the Canton Council for Community Excellence announces the new People's Choice Award. The honor is part of the council's annual Design Excellence Awards program.

We are seeking nominations for landscape and design excellence in the community. Just fill in the nominating form below for any properties you feel deserve recognition. Mail it to Joanne Malszewski, Canton Observer editor, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170. The form must be returned to the Observer by 5 p.m. Friday, July 30. For more information call the Observer at 734-453-2700.

Judging will take place in August. An awards ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 7, 2004.

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A GOOD DEED

Geneva Presbyterian Church will hold its 2nd Annual Free Community Car Wash on 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, July 31 (rain date Aug. 7).

Absolutely no donations will be accepted. Cars will be washed simply to be a blessing to our community and in hope that people will be motivated to pass on a good deed of their own.

Free hot dogs and lemonade to all those receiving a car wash.

The church is located at 5835 Sheldon Road in Canton.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2004-2005 school year on Saturday, Sept. 11. Auditions will take place at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass and percussion students ages 12 and

older with at least three years of instruction.

Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Rehearsals and performances will take place at the new Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton.

In fall 2004 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings.

The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

Students should prepare a piece of their choice and a scale representative of their ability.

To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office by e-mail at

CelebrationYO@aol.com or call (734) 451-2112.

Scholarship funding is available for students living in Westland. Please contact the office for further information.

KIWANIS BREAKFASTS

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects, and the breakfast Saturday is a special one.

Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m. Aug. 7 and Sept. 4. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12.

Children age 5 and younger served free.

Proceeds from the breakfasts — which include all-you-can-eat eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and coffee, tea or juice — support community activities such as an annual scholarship, sweatsuits for First Step, Bentley Elementary School read-a-thon, church directo-

ries for area hotels/motels, Halloween Costumes for hospitalized children, Youth Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth.

The Masonic Temple is located at 730 Penniman.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School Wildcat athletic program is set for an 8 a.m. shotgun start Sunday, Sept. 12 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford Road in Canton.

Cost is \$100, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a T-shirt, a snack at the turn and a steak dinner following the golf.

The outing is a four-person scramble which includes longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests and a "skins" game.

To register, send a check made payable to Plymouth High School Athletics to Plymouth High School, 8400 North Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* has spent 69 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller List? See the rest of the list at www.cantonpl.org/nytbest.html.

WEB WATCH

www.rockart.org - information about "the Native American rock art in the Lower Pecos region of Southwest Texas"

www.arts.gov/pub/ReadingAtRisk.pdf - Reading at Risk: A Survey of Literary Reading in America

www.hawking.org.uk - Official site of Stephen

Hawking, theoretical physicist and author
www.pga.com - Official site of the Professional Golfers Association

NEW MATERIALS LIST

New Adult Fiction Books

■ "At Home in Covington" - Joan Medicott

■ "Darkly Dreaming Dexter" - Jeffrey Lindsay

■ "Drive Me Crazy" - Eric Jerome Dickey

■ "Within Arm's Reach" - Ann Napolitano

New Adult Non-Fiction Books

■ "Design Your Garden" - Diarmuid Gavin

■ "Essential Musclecars" - Mike Mueller

■ "Fat Man Fed Up: How American Politics Went Bad" - Jack W. Germond

■ "On the Brink: The Great Lakes in the 21st Century" - Dave Dempsey

New Children's Music

■ "Disney Karaoke. Volume 3"

■ "Open the Window" - Bob Livingston

■ "Tell it with M" - Doug Lipman

■ "The Muppet Show: The 25th Anniversary Collection: Music, Mayhem, and More!"

New Children's Videos and DVDs

■ "Hello Kitty & Friends. Vol.1, Fairy Tale Fantasy"

■ "Hello Kitty & Friends. Vol.2, Summer of Fun"

New Teen Books

■ "Love, Ghosts, & Facial Hair" - Steven Herrick

■ "Faeries' Landing. Volume 4" - You Hyun; translator, Woo Sok Park; English adaptation, Tim Beedle

■ "Begging for Change" - Sharon G. Flake

■ "Within Reach: My Everest Story" - Mark Pfetzer and Jack Galvin

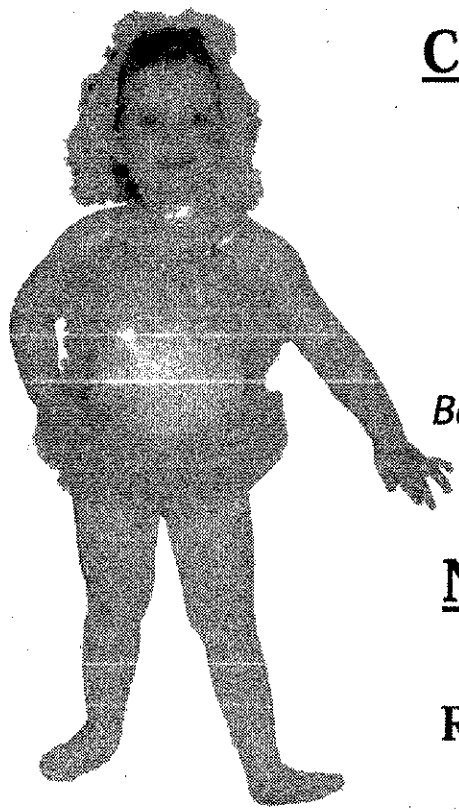
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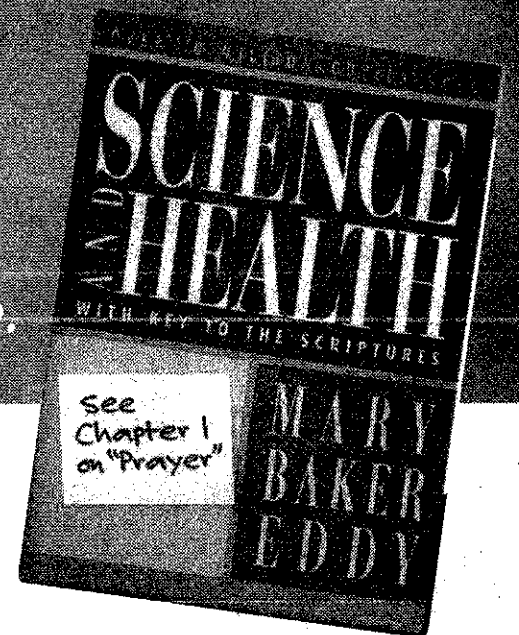
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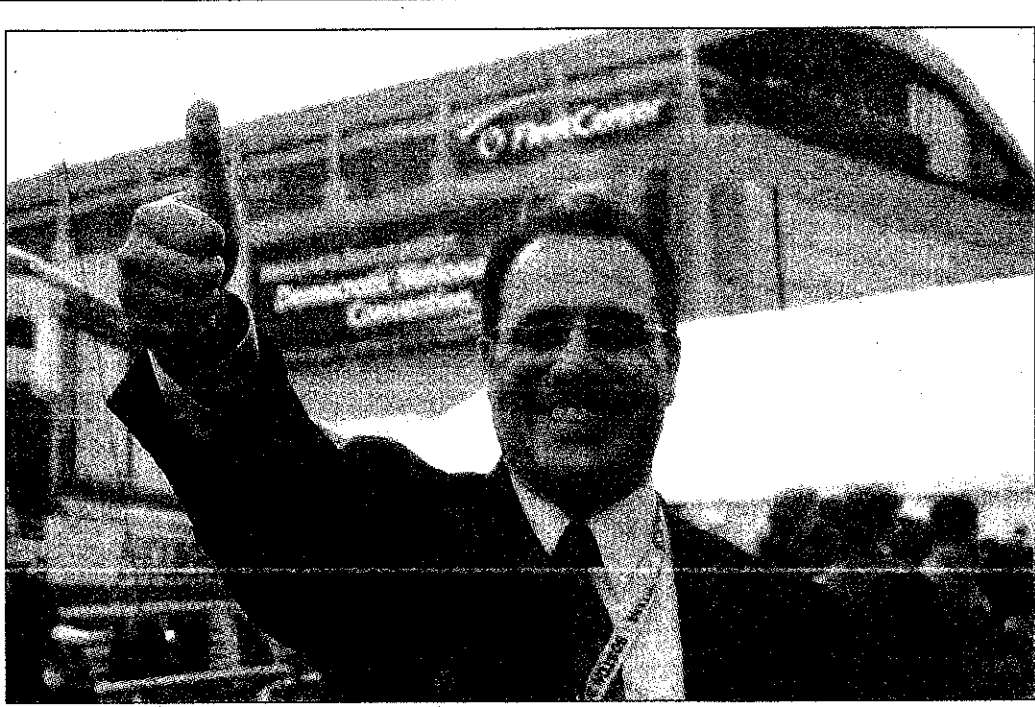
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Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano of Livonia gives a big thumbs up to the Democratic National Convention at Boston's Fleet Center.

Ficano looks for Kerry to define himself

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

On Monday Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano was looking forward to the evening session of the Democratic National Convention at Boston's Fleet Center when the party was rolling out its big names.

"It's almost like an All-Star game," Ficano said from Boston. "You bring out the big names like Bill Clinton and Al Gore. When it's this close it's important to get out your base."

This is Ficano's third national convention after attending Chicago in 1996 and in Los Angeles in 2000.

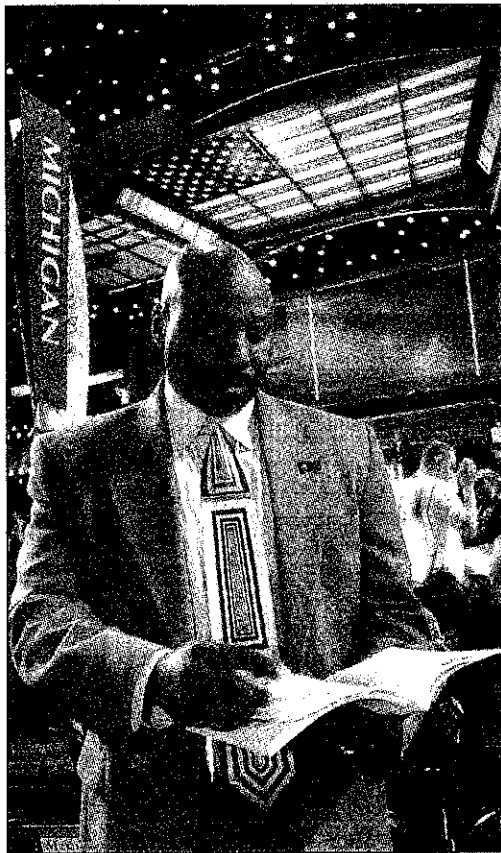
But the atmosphere is different this year. "There is no doubt that our lives have changed dramatically since 9/11," Ficano said. "I have never seen this level of security. The Fleet Center where the convention is being held is like a fortress."

Monday, Clinton, Gore, former President Jimmy Carter and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton set the stage for Democrats and their nominee, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who will be officially nominated this evening.

"It's interesting, the real goal is to let Kerry define himself and reflect the personal side of him," Ficano said.

The Michigan delegation will try to keep the focus on the economy and the loss of jobs, Ficano said.

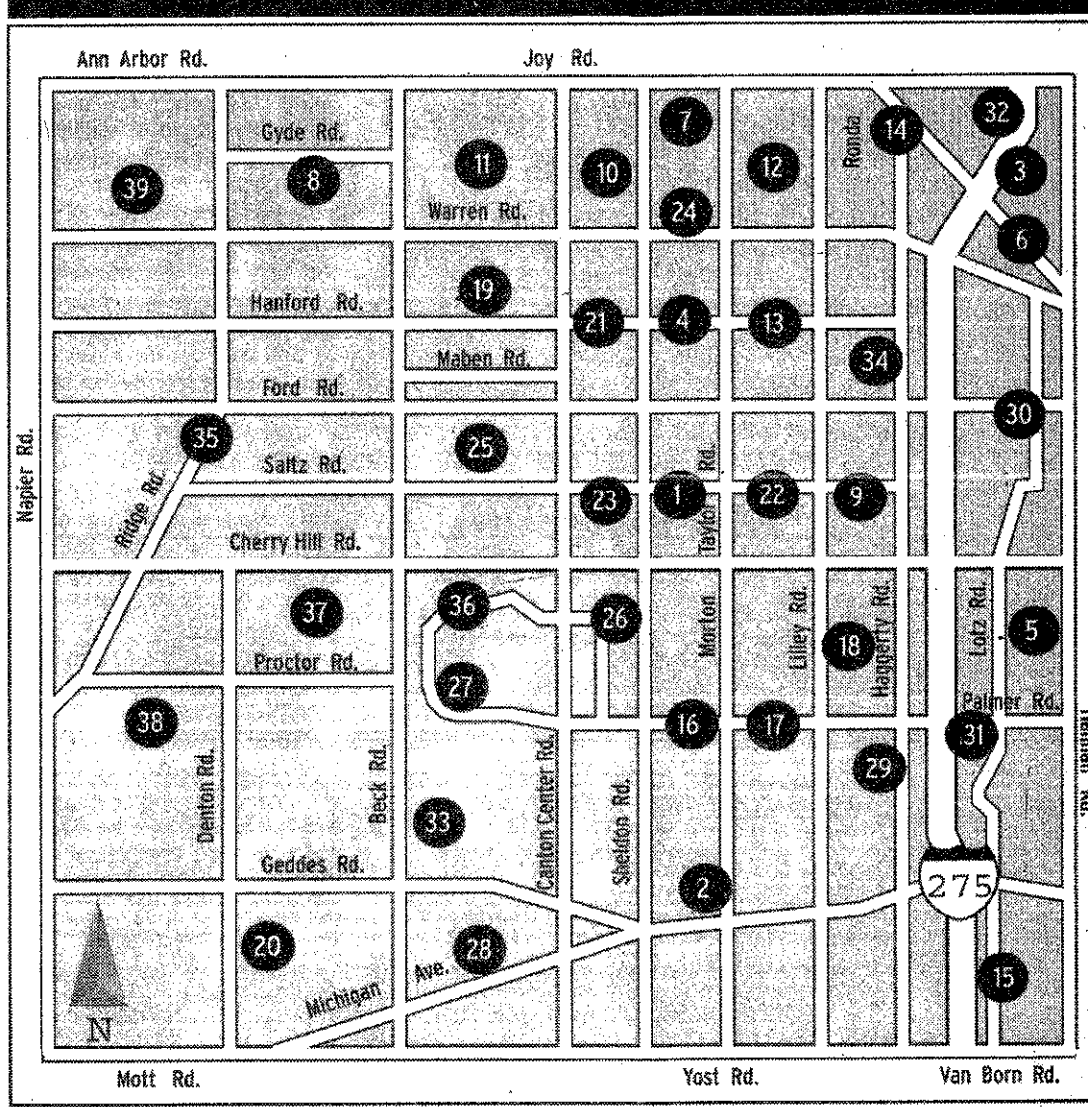
"There's been a lot of talking about an economic recovery, but we haven't seen signs of it in Michigan," he said. "Things like outsourcing are a big issue. When the President's economic adviser says outsourcing may be a



Eddie McDonald of Canton, aide to Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, checks out the schedule of speakers at the Democratic National Convention at Boston's Fleet Center.

good thing, that's a big difference from Sen. Kerry's views."

VOTING PRECINCTS IN CANTON



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- Canton Township has 39 precincts. Some of the precincts share an address. The following addresses correspond to the precinct map:
- Precinct 1: Name of Facility Address; (location information)
 - Precincts 1, 23: First Baptist Church, 44500 Cherry Hill (northwest corner of Cherry Hill at Sheldon).
 - Precinct 2: Tri-City Christian Center, 3855 Sheldon (between Michigan and Palmer).
 - Precincts 3, 10, 21: St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road (between Canton Center and Sheldon).
 - Precincts 4, 13: Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Road, (east of Sheldon between Warren and Ford)
 - Precincts 5, 31: Crescent Academy, 40440 Palmer (west of Lotz, north of Palmer).
 - Precinct 6: Royal Holiday Clubhouse, 39500 Warren (north off I-275 at the Westlano border).
 - Precinct 7: Salem High School, 46181 Joy (at Joy and Canton Center).
 - Precinct 8: Resurrection Catholic Church, 48755 Warren (Warren past Beck).
 - Precincts 9, 34: Eriksson Elementary School, 1275 N. Haggerty (between Ford and Cherry Hill).
 - Precincts 11, 19: Tonda Elementary School, 47501 Warren (between Cherry Hill and Beck).
 - Precincts 12, 14: Hulsing Elementary School, 8055 Fleet St. (Morton Taylor to Arlington, two stops and left)
 - Precinct 15: Walker Elementary School, 9932 Michigan Ave. (between Lotz and Hannan).
 - Precincts 16, 17: Bentley Elementary School, 1100 Sheldon (between Cherry Hill and Palmer).
 - Precincts 18, 29: Field Elementary School, 1000 S. Haggerty (between Cherry Hill and Palmer).
 - Precinct 20: Township Fire Station No.1, 1150 Canton Center S. (between Cherry Hill and Palmer).
 - Precinct 22: Hoben Elementary School, 44680 Saltz Road (between Canton Center and Sheldon).
 - Precincts 24, 25: Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center (south of Joy).
 - Precincts 26, 27, 36: Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway (west of Canton Center Road).
 - Precinct 28: Agape Christian Center, 45081 Geddes (between Canton Center and Sheldon roads).
 - Precinct 30: Mettetal Airport, 8550 Lilley Road (southeast corner of Lilley and Joy roads).
 - Precinct 32: Main Street Baptist Church, 8500 Morton Taylor (south of Joy Road, north of Warren).
 - Precincts 33, 37: Dodson Elementary School, 205 Beck N. (north of Cherry Hill, west of Beck).
 - Precinct 35: Human Services Building, 50430 School House Road (Ridge Road, north of Cherry Hill).
 - Precinct 38: Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge (south of Cherry Hill, east side of Ridge).
 - Precinct 39: Plymouth High School, entrance near the school store, room 401, 8400 Beck Road (south of Joy).

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LOCAL NEWS

DEATHS

B
Ontario Brugnoli, 82, of Farmington, died July 18.

C
Carol J. Carlson, of Garden City, died July 14.

G
Julia M. Goers, 71, of Farmington Hills, died July 17.

H
William D. Hackett, 80, died July 17.
Margaret M. Harrington, 82, formerly of West Bloomfield, died July 26.
Thomas J. Hatch Sr., 85, of Northville, died July 16.

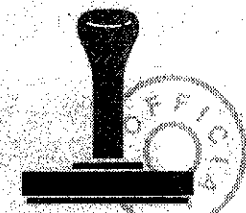
L
Yvonne C. Lee, 52, of Westland, died July 21.

Douglas K. Livy Sr., 83, of Birmingham, died July 23, 2004.
Allen R. Lulko, 42, of Canton, died July 14.

O
Edward J. Osewicz, of Garden City, died July 22.

Paul J. Ott, 77, formerly of Birmingham, died July 21.

P
Milo Waldorf Pletcher, 91, of Plymouth, died May 26.
Nancy Ann Porter, 68, died July 21.
Etta M. Prieskorn, 45, of Belleville,



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

died July 21.

R
Lillian Eileen Rebertisch, 82, of Lakeland, Fla., died July 18.

S
Frank Schuck, 85, of Birmingham, died July 22.
Kalani Simmons, 50, of Romulus, died July 18.
Oscar Kenneth Sweet, 60, of Belleville, died July 17.

T
Ann Thompson, 83, died June 29.
Joseph A. Tombrella, 45, of Clarkston, died July 19.
Richard Trefney, 73, of Livonia.

W
Joseph Varnhagen, 64, died July 21.

POLICE

Equipment stolen
A resident of the 200 block of Redfield Court told police someone entered her car recently and stole electronic equipment valued at about \$3,000.

Window damaged
A resident of the 42000 block of Creekview Court told police someone damaged a window at his home on July 23.
He said his wife heard a sound about midnight and when he investigated he found the outer window of a doorwall broken. A BB was lodged in the frame.

Business break-in
The manager of Metro Firestone on Michigan Avenue told police that when he arrived for work about 6:50 a.m. July 23 he found the front glass door smashed.
Inside the store he noticed the cash register drawer open and \$500 cash missing.

Bikes taken
A resident of the 1500 block of Valentine Court told police someone took two bicycles from the driveway of his home. The incident happened between 10 a.m. and noon on July 22.

Two officers join Canton police

Department of Public Safety recently hired two police officers - Richard Houk and Jeffrey Lewis. Both officers come from law enforcement backgrounds.

Houk and Lewis joined the department on July 19 bringing the total number of officers to 82. The officers were required to go through a vigorous testing process that included a written test, physical agility test, oral board, extensive

background check and psychological exam.

Houk, a 21-year old Westland resident, comes from the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. He is a graduate of the police academy at Schoolcraft College and also holds an associate's degree from the same institution. Houk is single and has no children.

Lewis, a 48-year-old Ypsilanti resident, come from Eastern Michigan University where he served as the director

of law enforcement. He also graduated from Eastern Michigan University where he earned a master's degree in Information Technology and a bachelor's degree in Public Safety Administration.

Lewis has attended staff and command classes at Northwestern University and is also a member of several local law enforcement committees. He has been married for 23 years and has three children.

No serious injuries in 3-car crash

Five people escaped serious injuries Tuesday in a three-vehicle accident shortly before noon at Lilley and Cherry Hill that tied up the intersection for hours.

According to Canton Police Detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler, a car driven by a 39-year-old Canton woman was traveling east on Cherry Hill when it was struck by another car, driven by a 19-year-old Canton man,

that was going south on Lilley. The impact spun the woman's car around, which was in turn hit by a semi-truck going north of Lilley. Neither the 19-year-old nor the driver of the truck, a 35-year-old Highland man, was injured.

The woman had two passengers in her car, her 15-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter. Firefighters had to use the Jaws of Life to extract the girl,

who was in the back seat, from the car.

All three were taken to the University of Michigan Hospital where the mother and son were treated and released. The daughter was admitted, although Mutchler said her injuries did not appear to be life-threatening.

Traffic in the area was tied up for hours while police investigated the scene.

COUPLE

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don't do that."

She remembers going to the original Fox Theater in Detroit. "We'd go to the show for 50 cents and we'd take a lunch," she said. "Downtown was fabulous. We used to meet at Hudson's under the Kerns clock. On Sundays we'd go downtown to Hart Plaza. Vernor's had a soda fountain. We'd sit on the riverfront and watch the boats go by."

When she was 56 years old, Helen said, she learned computers and went to work for an insurance adjuster in Plymouth.

"They sent me to school," she said. "I learned data entry and I worked there for eight years." She and Walter have seen many changes during their 55 years of marriage.

"I grew up in a mixed neighborhood in Detroit," she said. "We never looked at color."

And she's happy to see the growing amount of ethnic diversity in Canton.

"I call it the league of nations," she said.

But she doesn't like all the changes.

"It's getting too crowded," she said. "When we came here there was no Meijer, no church, there was a little store at the corner of Ford Road and Canton Center. Across the street was a dairy farm. There were cornfields everywhere."

And speaking of cornfields, Helen is afraid that with the loss of the farmers in the township, she's in danger of losing one of her favorite spots, Mary's Farm Market at Ford and Beck.

"I'm going to fight for her," she said. "Everybody knows her and loves her. I want to keep her here."

But then there are changes she does like.

"They're doing a lot of great things," she said.

"The theater at Cherry Hill. The Summit. The parks. But they need to do something more for the teenagers."

She has two daughters and three grandchildren, two girls and one boy.

She's an avid picture-taker and puts everything in scrapbooks for her children and grandchildren.

Even though it's an election year, she doesn't follow politics.

"We middle class people are too busy getting our kids on the right road," she said. "I don't have time for local politics."

And what's her secret for staying active?

"I enjoy life," she said.

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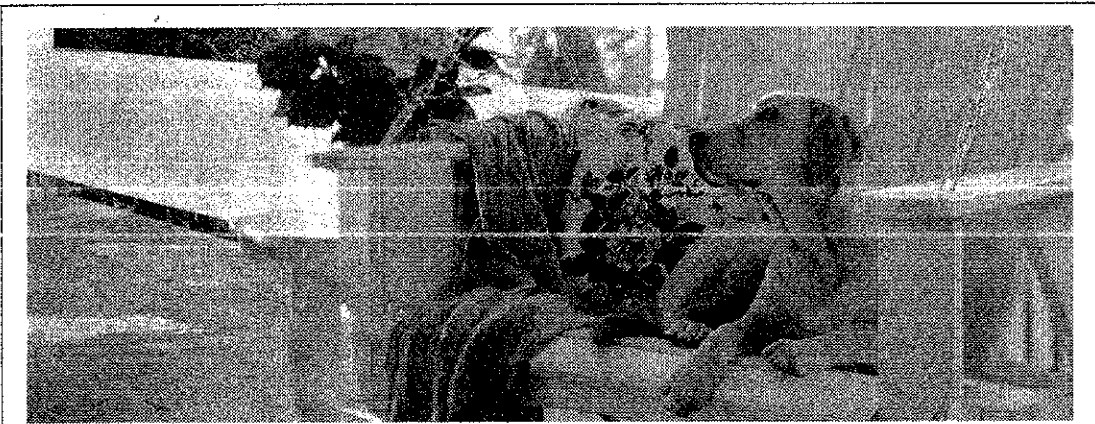
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton, notice is hereby given that a general Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; at which time, candidates for the Republican and Democratic parties and non-partisan candidates for the following offices will be voted upon in Wayne County:

- Representative in Congress- 11th District
- State Representative- 20th and 21st District
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Clerk
- County Treasurer
- Register of Deeds
- County Commissioner
- Delegate to County Convention
- Judge of the Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position Vote 1
- Township Supervisor
- Township Clerk
- Township Treasurer
- Township Trustee (Four)

and to vote on the following proposals:

County of Wayne - Proposition Q Ballot Advisory Questions
Shall section 3.115 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to provide that the County Commission may place advisory questions on the Ballot?
YES NO

County of Wayne - Proposition R Removal of Commissioner for Cause
Shall Section 3.115 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to remove from office by a 2/3 vote of the County Commission for conviction or admission of a Felony, and be disqualified from running for or holding a county office for 3 years; and to provide that a commissioner may be removed from office by a 4/5 vote for Misfeasance or malfeasance of office or for moving out of the District?
YES NO

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations:

Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd.
2	Tri-City Christian Center	3855 Sheldon S
3, 10, 21	St. John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	43721 Hanford Road
5 & 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Rd.
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	Resurrection Parish Church	48755 Warren Road
9 & 34	Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N. Haggerty Road
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Service
15	Winter/Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S. Sheldon
20	Township Fire Station #1	1100 S. Canton Center
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road
24 & 25	Canton High School	8415 N. Canton Center
26, 27 & 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
28	Agape Christian School	45081 Geddes
18 & 29	Field Elementary School	1000 S. Haggerty
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 Lilley Road
32	Main Street Baptist Church	8500 Morton Taylor N.
33 & 37	Dodson Elementary School	205 Beck Rd.
35	Canton Human Service Center	50430 School House Rd.
38	Cherry Hill Methodist Church	321 Ridge Rd.
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N. Beck Rd.

The Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, 2004 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday, August 2, 2004, those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4:00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day, August 3, 2004. All absentee ballots that are returned in person, must be returned to the Clerk's office by 4:00 P.M. August 3, 2004.

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you are unsure of your voting location, please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 394-5121.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

Kellogg Park pauses as dogs strut their stuff



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Golden retriever Jake, with Barbara Levinsky and her niece, Halle Randolph, 2, is the first-ever recipient of the 'Golden Paws' award. When Levinsky had a stroke and was unable to move, Jake howled for more than two hours, finally alerting a neighbor who called for help. Jake saved Levinsky's life.

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

People walking in Kellogg Park on Saturday may have noticed than usual dogs strutting their stuff on the tree-lined sidewalks.

That's because Michigan charitable organization Paws with a Cause held its fourth annual Laps for Learning Paws dog walk event Saturday, July 24, in Kellogg Park. The IAMS pet food company sponsored the event.

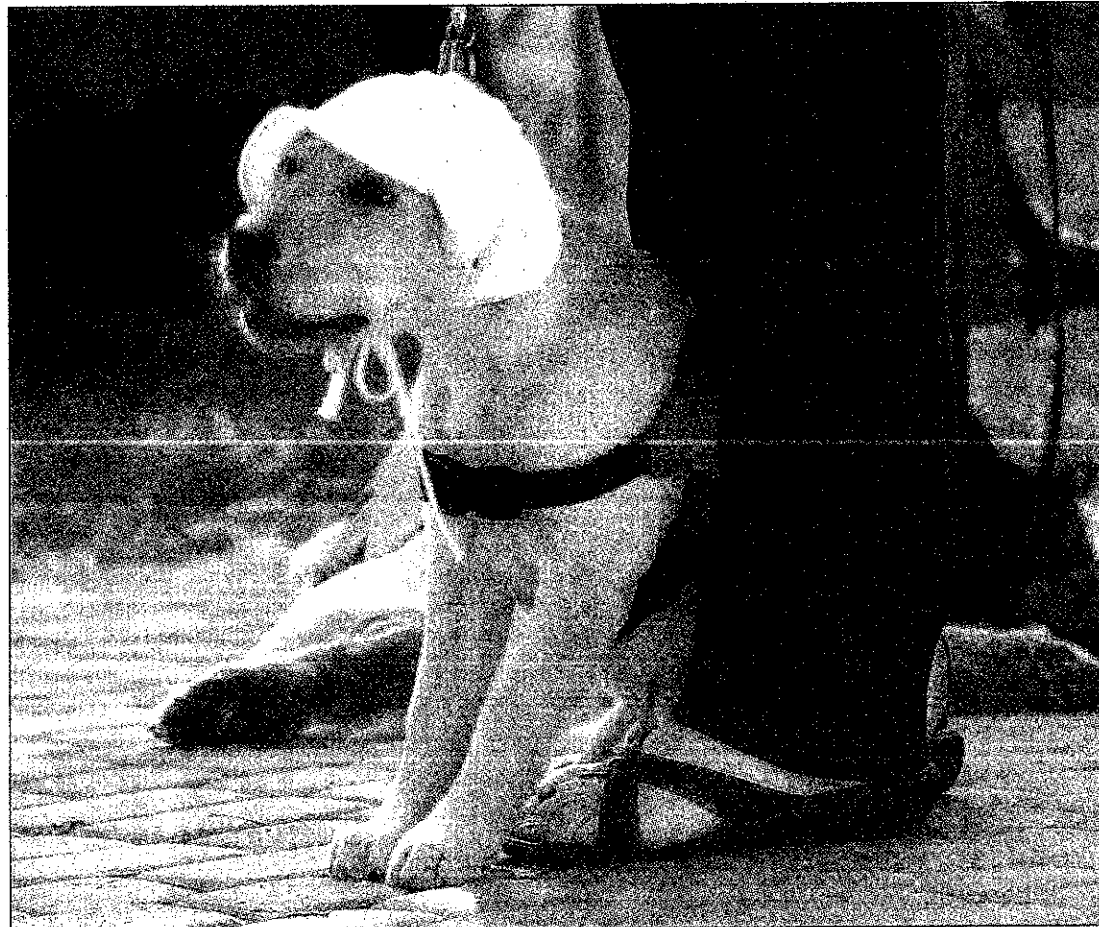
"We had 71 dogs this year," said Sue Brooks, southeast Michigan development director for Paws. "That's more than we had last year."

It was not just a walk in the park, either. Dogs could compete in agility competitions that sent them racing through tunnels, leaping through hoops, jumping over hurdles, dodging a tire obstacle course and more.

The bobbing for tennis balls event was particularly popular with golden retrievers. Other events, such as the owner/dog look-alike contest and the doggie talent show were attention grabbers, too.

The unseasonably cooler temperatures helped boost energy levels among the participating canines, according to Brooks.

"The weather was outstanding," she said. "Everybody in Michigan is probably saying it's



Cruiser is a soon-to-be Paws dog. Just a puppy now, he huddles at the feet of Gail Montgomery.

too cold (for summer), but for dogs running around, we couldn't ask for anything better."

Paws with a Cause opened the event to dogs and their owners from the community as well as Paws service dogs and

their human partners. Business sponsorships, pledges to participating walkers, vendor donations and more helped bring in nearly \$10,000 for Paws during the day's events.

Michigan-based Paws with a

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Many of those who exercise regularly are already familiar with strength training, which utilizes the weight or resistance to contract muscles. Resistance builds muscle, stimulates bone growth, boosts metabolism, and improves endurance. Recently rehabilitation medicine has taken notice of a new addition to resistance exercise called power training. As athletes have long known, strength is the ability to exert maximal force while power is the product of strength and speed. Optimal power reflects how quickly that force can be exerted. Power moves increase the speed or forcefulness of muscle contractions and can be used in combination with the slower, more deliberate moves of strength training. Power paired with strength is a P.S. Strength may ensure that an elderly person can walk across the street. Power paired with strength gets him or her to the other side before the light changes.



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Democrats have the edge in Wayne County

BY KRISTOPHER J. BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

Southeast Michigan will be prime campaign territory for both major party presidential candidates, but if history holds true Democrat John Kerry will gather the majority of Wayne County votes.

"The Roosevelt landslide of 1932 made Wayne County — especially Detroit — overwhelmingly Democratic," said Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics.

According to the Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections, Wayne County has voted Democratic for the last five elections.

Michigan Democratic Party executive committee member Katey Aquilina said Wayne County residents vote Democratic because they are



This is the next part in the series looking at the 2004 National election

concerned about social issues. "From my experiences with Wayne County, they vote very Democratic because they understand that the Democratic party is there for urban issues and they are there for the working class," she said. Some of those issues include job security.

"The main thing I'm interested in is jobs going overseas," said Livonia resident Rick McNutt. McNutt has been working for Ford Motor Co. for 36 years and as a United Auto Workers member, he said he's seen manufacturing jobs go to China.

"Working people are always concerned about 'Am I going to have health care? Am I going to have kids? Are they going to have a job?'" said Mark Brewer, Michigan Democratic Party executive chairman.

Another issue that concerns Wayne County is the condition of the state's economy. "Wayne County has particularly been hard hit by Bush's economic and trade policies — especially health care. We have over a million people in this state that are without health care," Brewer said.

Dearborn resident and Ford UAW worker Gary Smith plans to vote in September and asks, "where are my tax dollars going?"

There are about 150,000 members in the UAW's Region 1A, which covers Wayne County and state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) attributes the Democrat voting pattern to them and other auto workers.

Wayne County is also interested in urban sprawl.

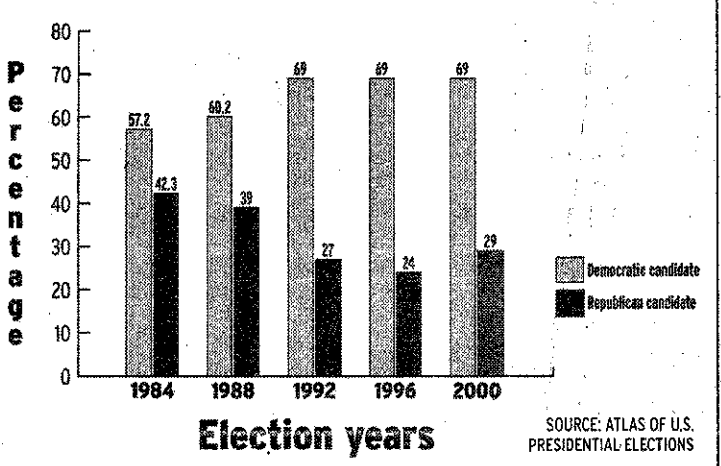
"A final issue is investing in our cities and our older suburbs. That's a real problem and we don't get enough money back from Washington to rebuild our roads," Brewer said.

Ballenger credits African Americans for the county's tendency to vote Democratic.

Still, some areas of Wayne County would like to see incumbent President George W. Bush in the

Wayne County voting trends

In the past five presidential elections, voting percentages for the Democratic party have stayed above 57 percent in Wayne County. However, out of the five elections, a Democrat has won only twice.



SOURCE: ATLAS OF U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

White House for a second term.

"I wish to see our president come to southeast Michigan and not just Oakland County. You can't just ignore Wayne County," Stewart said.

Some sections of Wayne

County are likely to vote Republican, Ballenger said.

"An important area is western Wayne County — Plymouth, Livonia — Grosse Pointe, which are competitive and Republicans can do well in," he said.

Garden City Democrat delegate ready for an 'awesome' week

BY MONICA FOUTS
STAFF WRITER

Carol Larkin of Garden City became part of American history when she signed her name to nominate John Kerry for president at the Democratic National Convention.

"It's a really proud moment when our chair stands up and passes Michigan votes for our nominee," Larkin said before departing for Boston, site of the convention.

"To be such a literal part of it (the political process) is really a privilege."

Larkin, chair of Wayne County's 11th Congressional District Democratic Party, joined Michigan's 155-member delegation at the convention to finalize the party's nomination, work on the party's platform and learn more about the issues.

This was the second time Larkin served as a delegate which she called an indescribable scene.

"It's awesome," she said. Larkin said it is an incredible feeling when everyone joins in the national anthem

during the opening session of the convention.

"It's just a wonderfully patriotic moment," she said. "It makes you proud to be an American and a Democrat."

Although the convention may seem to be just a festive rally for the Democratic Party, with the nomination a bit of a forgone conclusion, Larkin said the convention still serves an important function. Besides finalizing the nomination, Larkin said, the convention brings party members together to mold the platform, discuss the issues, and share ideas on how to succeed in November.

To get things accomplished with so many people at the convention, Larkin said each delegation appoints people to various committees to facilitate constructive discussion and inclusive input. Committees then go on to present their ideas at the main session for ratification.

"It's not all fun and games," Larkin said. "It's definitely educational."

Larkin said she's looking forward to learning from the multiple speakers at the con-

vention. She said everyday issue-specific experts bring party members up to date and give a good insider perspective on the issues — from health care to homeland security.

"We can then bring that back to the folks at home," Larkin said.

Larkin, who works full time as an assistant director of purchasing for Wayne County, volunteers at least 30 hours a week at the 11th District Democratic-coordinated (campaign) office. She said she thoroughly knows the mechanics of campaigns and loves to work behind the scenes.

Larkin said the first campaign she ever worked for was John F. Kennedy in Detroit. She was 10 years old. Larkin said her precinct delegate at the time, Millie Jeffries, was an inspiration to her.

"Millie Jeffries was a Democratic icon and a labor icon in my area. She had us 10-year-olds going door to door handing out vote pins for JFK," Larkin said.

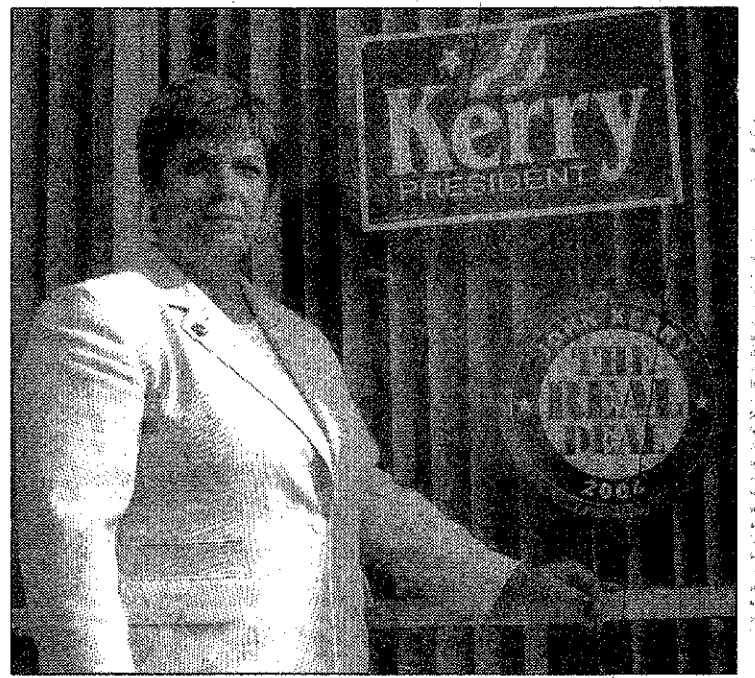
Larkin said she has been

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Eddie McDonald, Canton
Teresa Thomas, Redford
Carol Larkin, Garden City
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Theresa Thomas, Redford
Pamela Dobrowski, Wayne
Heather Ricketts, Livonia

interested in all things that have had to do with government ever since. She has voluntarily worked as an officer of either a Democratic club or a congressional district organization since the early '80s. This is her eighth year chairing the 11th Congressional District Democratic Party.

The Democratic Party is now motivated in an entirely different way, said Larkin, who attributes this new fire to the close 2000 election and the number of issues that people are now concerned with, such as the



MONICA FOUTS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

National convention delegate Carol Larkin stands outside the Democratic 11th Congressional District coordinated office in Redford.

economy, health care and homeland security.

"There's a momentum that I didn't feel four years ago; four years ago it was there, but it has really built," she said.

On the local level, cam-

paign volunteers are at an all-time high, Larkin said.

People she has never before heard from are asking what they can do to get involved. Larkin said she is hearing similar accounts from other districts as well.

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Efficiency main issue in register's race

Three candidates are running in the Democratic primary for the position of Wayne County Register of Deeds.

Ron Cleveland of Detroit and longtime political officeholder George Hart of Dearborn are running against incumbent Bernard Youngblood of Grosse Pointe.

The Register of Deeds Office is responsible for handling all documents relating to land transactions including deeds, mortgages, liens and lease agreements.

The position pays \$128,768 a year.

Questionnaires were sent to all three candidates. Ron Cleveland did not respond.

George Har, 80, has a long political career. He served as a Dearborn city councilman, Wayne County Commissioner and longtime state senator.

Bernard Youngblood, 54, is completing his first term as register of deeds. He is a licensed real estate broker and a member of the National Association of Realtors. He ran

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for county executive in 2000.

The winner will face Republican Willie J. Campbell in the general election in November.

Some answers have been edited for space.

1. Why are you the best qualified candidate?

Hart: As a former state senator and county commissioner, I understand how county government works and the laws that the control it functions. The functions of the Register of Deeds Office, like those of the other county offices (treasurer, prosecutor, clerk and sheriff) are all governed by state law and were enacted to assure that the public has a place to deposit and review records of all claims against

private property in the county. The efficiency and success of the operations of the Register of Deed's office depends upon knowing how to manage those state-required processes, as well as knowledge of public contracting requirements, archiving and reproduction processes, and most importantly, recording requirements.

Youngblood: As the current Register of Deeds, my hands on approach to the position has provided me with the knowledge of statutory requirements that affect the way business must be conducted within the department. The management skills that I acquired in both the private and government sectors have provided me with the background to recognize the needs of the department and react accordingly, both in work processes and technology. I bring to this office, the education, experience and business sense to provide to the public quality service and a quality product.

2. What needs to be done to improve efficiency in the regis-



Youngblood



Hart

ter of deeds office?

Hart: Instead of spending on personal luxuries, the current Register of Deeds should spend more on developing and implementing new procedures and training staff to process the increasing number of documents submitted to the office for recording each year. In addition, a second "shift" of employees should be added and the processes of the office "re-engineered" to utilize the expensive computer systems and equipment of the office around the clock rather than letting it sit idle 16 hours a day. The increase recording fee revenue generated by more efficient recording services would more than offset any increased staff costs.

Youngblood: Improving efficiency in the Register of Deeds' office is always an ongoing effort. We are always looking for new technology, legislation or procedures that will streamline the way service is provided and the way documents are recorded, maintained and researched. The mission of this office is to protect the integrity of the records that have been submitted for recording and to provide the most efficient methods of service to our customers.

3. What do you see as the major issue concerning the Register of Deeds office?

Hart: The Wayne County Register of Deeds Office currently has the largest recording backlog in the state of Michigan and one of the largest backlogs in the country, and the current Register of Deeds still refuses to comply with state laws and recording requirements that would permit the public to access and identify the documents that have been submitted but not

yet fully recorded in order to prevent fraud, as recently directed the Michigan Supreme Court. Not only does the large recording backlog permit dishonest people to commit fraud by selling and/or mortgaging the same property several times over before anyone is able to find a recorded document but it prevents honest persons from closing on the purchase of a new home or obtaining a mortgage at a lower interest rate.

Youngblood: The major issue currently facing this office is the protection of the most important possession an individual can possess and that is title on their home, land or business. An element of society is always striving to take an illegal advantage of citizens and what they have worked so hard for in their lifetime. This has become a national issue. Everyone pays when thieves forge documents, abuse and threaten those who may be vulnerable and use the system for their own illegal activity.

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Grief center draws 9-11 surviving friends and families

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

People who lost loved ones on Sept. 11, 2001, sometimes get to meet other people who lost loved ones on that day. But it's more unusual to meet people who lost loved ones in the same place on the same day.

It's become commonplace for this to happen at New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Northville-based grief counseling center. Two years ago, the center began offering a 9/11 grief support group for those who lost loved ones in hijacked jetliners, the Pentagon and the World Trade Center attacks.

Thirty-five names are on the 9/11 support group list, with participants hailing from all over metro Detroit and

Michigan. The group meets once per month.

Pat Whalen of Canton lost her 23-year-old daughter, Meredith, when the first plane hit the north tower of the World Trade Center.

But years before 9/11, when her two daughters were children, she lost her husband to cancer — and nine months later, her mother died.

About that time, Whalen met grief counselor Cathy Clough of Plymouth, who is now director of New Hope. Upon meeting Clough, Whalen learned that Clough's husband had recently died of cancer.

In an unusual twist, they discovered that Whalen's daughter, Meredith, sat next to Clough's son at West Middle School.



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Work planned on new nature trail

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

A nature trail and wetland project for Flodin Park on Saltz Road just west of Lilley moved a step closer this week when the township board approved awarding the construction contract to DeAngelis Landscaping Inc. for \$596,580.

The joint project, between the Municipal Services and Leisure Services departments, has been in the discussion stage for about two years.

The idea is to create a large wetland area on the south side of Fellows Creek that would be used to regulate high flows in the creek and improve water quality in the stream. The plans also include walking trails, wildlife observation areas and a pedestrian bridge over Fellows Creek.

Canton was awarded a grant for the design and construction of the project in 2003. Canton is responsible for paying half the \$837,000 grant or \$418,500. Wayne County is responsible for the other half.

"Canton Township has long been considered a leader in the watershed management field," said Ann Conklin, director of Leisure Services, "and this project will emphasize our commitment to environment."

She said the project would create about four acres of new wetland, relieve flows in Fellows Creek, reduce erosion downstream and enhance the habitat in the surrounding areas.

"Additionally the project will provide a much needed passive recreation area for our community by providing over a half mile of ADA accessible nature trails."

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19 applicants for vacant Schoolcraft seat

Nineteen applicants are seeking appointment to a vacancy on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

The board plans to conduct applicant interviews Aug. 9 and 10 and to swear in the new trustee at its monthly meeting August 25.

The 19 have applied to fill the unexpired term of Richard J. DeVries, who was found dead on June 8 in his Livonia apartment.

State guidelines require that

the appointee stand for election to the seat in the next school election, which will occur in mid-June 2005.

The term for this seat expires in 2009.

To be considered a candidate for the position, the individual must be a registered voter and resident of the Schoolcraft College district, which includes the school districts of Plymouth-Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville and

part of Novi. The board meets once a month and consists of seven members who are elected to six-year terms.

Applicants for Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees vacancy are Clarence Baker, Plymouth Township; Robert L. Breslin, Northville; Philip Neal Cascade, Northville; Anthony Dalimonte, Livonia; Robert David, Northville; John R. Elkins, Livonia; James G. Fausone, Canton; Karen Gaffney, Garden City; Marvin Gans, Northville; Anthony Heckemeyer, Northville; John Jensen, Livonia; Elizabeth M. Johnson, Plymouth; Ronald Lewis, Novi; Jane P. MacFarlane, Canton; Richard Noelke, Northville; David O'Neil, Livonia; Andrew Paris, Canton; Mark Petricca, Canton; and Margaret Slezak, Plymouth.

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RACE

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The weather was beautiful but good winds were lacking, which accounted for the 60 hour race.

"We got in about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. That disappoints everyone."

But the crew was strategic. About 100 miles out they realized they were in 12th place already. When they got to Presque Isle, a decision was made to head toward the shore where there was some breeze.

"We went for the beach. By doing that, we passed two larger boats in our course. We looked back and saw 50 boats. We had enough breeze to get by them and we never saw them again."

Plans are already in the works for Pollack. He and the crew are considering racing Say Uncle, owned by friend Kevin Lemonds, in the Chicago to Mackinac race next year. For certain, Pollack plans to race his own 33-foot Racer-X, that he owns with friend Dr. Matt Dubois, in the Port Huron to Mackinac event. Say Uncle and Racer-X are docked at the Grosse Ile Yacht Club.

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Roger and Brenda Pollack spend a lot of time sailing their own boat, Racer-X, docked at the Grosse Ile Yacht Club. Pollack and other crew members placed fourth in their class in the Port Huron to Mackinac race.

BIG BOY

FROM PAGE A1

clerk had just prepared.

"This is from the *Georgia Law Review*," he said. "It's an article written by Professor Russ Versteeg from the New England School of Law."

He told the attorneys the article made a "very compelling argument" about the issue of "dealing with signs and art and things that can cross over as to

how you should address those."

Lowe said the article suggested two approaches: Either write in the statute the definitions of signs and art or go into a trademark analysis.

"When you read the article, you find that's not too unreasonable because it acknowledges immediately that signs can be art and art can be signs," he said. "So it lets you have a foundation to review whether it does or does not violate your sign ordinance."

But Lowe didn't just happen upon the article.

"The interesting thing about the article," he said, "is that you generated so much press about the Big Boy that apparently up in New England they were reading about it and that's why this professor sent this article along saying, 'You might want to read it, judge. It might be helpful.'"

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Agricultural goes to higher density

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

Several amendments involving rezoning or changes to the township's future land use map won board approval Tuesday night, after already receiving the blessing of the planning commission.

An amendment to change the designation on the map for property in the Geddes/Denton/Mott/Barr roads area to allow greater density in development was approved.

"This is known as the southwest quadrant of the township," Municipal Services Director Tim Faas told the board. "At the moment it is primarily designated agricultural, single family residential on large lots and there is a mobile home park in

With the proposed changes, the designations will go to low density residential (two units per acre), medium low density (three units per acre) and in the area of the mobile home park some will go to four units per acre.

The request was approved with Clerk Terry Bennett abstaining.

A request to amend a portion of the zoning ordinance to allow "medical and dental clinics, offices or laboratories" as a permitted use in C-4, Interchange Service District, was also approved with one modification.

"This is in the northwest corner of the Lifetime Fitness Center area (south of Ford and east of Haggerty)," Faas said. "Jonna Realty Ventures has a tenant intent on constructing a medical building on this site."

The request was approved after commissioner Karl Zarbo suggested changing the word "laboratories" to "medical laboratories."

A request to rezone about 25 acres on the north side of Cherry Hill between Canton Center and Beck from rural residential to single-family residential was also approved.

And a request to rezone a 0.9 acre site north of Saltz and east of Beck also won approval.

A request by the George Auch Company to award a bid package to subcontractors for work required to complete fire station number 3 was OK'd. The bid amount was for \$2.6 million.

A request to award a six-year contract for waste disposal to Canton Waste Recycling also won the board's approval.

Dan Durack, administrative and community services director, noted that the current five-year contract had had no fee increases during its term.

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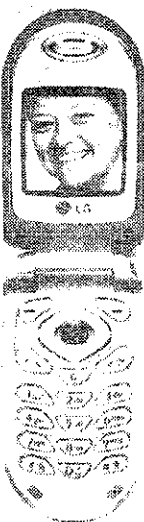
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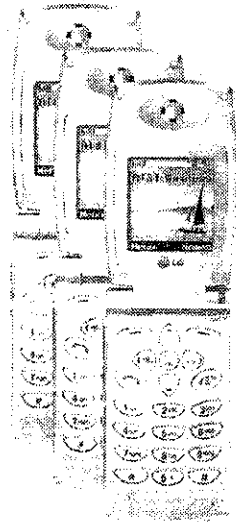
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OUR VIEWS

Donations must not be primary

The Canton Township Board of Trustees made quite a statement when it essentially canned Bank One in favor of Comerica more than a week ago.

Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter's recommendation to maintain Bank One as the township's bank was met head on by Supervisor Tom Yack.

He didn't mince words. Bank One has not ponied up as much financial support for the community as has Comerica, which in the end won the township's contract.

Kirchgatter was clearly disappointed that a majority of the township board counted financial contributions — in this case to the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill — primary in determining which bank should handle the township's accounts.

Other factors also were mentioned, including that Bank One is no longer a Michigan bank, its Canton branch has "not been maintained as it should have been," and Comerica has more branches in the community.

Clearly, the real reason is that Bank One donated only \$2,500 to the theater after what Yack said was "much arm-twisting." Compare that to \$100,000 over three years from Comerica.

It is rare that a government so publicly makes it clear that businesses are expected to be team players in the community. While the \$100,000 is a boon to the community, it cannot be held as a standard by which all other businesses must operate.

Never should a qualified business or individual be held hostage under the team player notion. It is wonderful to have businesses and individuals willing to contribute to Canton. That is a bonus.

Each case should be reviewed on its merits. In the case of Comerica, Yack had enough votes to change the banking contract. That was Comerica's reward for helping the community.

Township officials should tread cautiously in this area. Always, these issues must be made public and thoroughly discussed. The Comerica vote could set an unwieldy precedent that could have a chilling effect on business in Canton.

The choice to contribute must belong to the business — not to the township. It is human to reward those who help a cause. But contributions and the amount of contributions should never be the primary criteria for how the township board votes.

Evans best for sheriff

Wayne County Clerk Cathy Garrett and Prosecutor Kym Worthy are running unopposed in the Aug. 3 Democratic primary. But incumbents for sheriff, treasurer and register of deeds all face opposition for the Democratic nomination.

In the race for sheriff, incumbent Warren Evans was appointed to the position last year when Robert Ficano took office as county executive. As in past elections, the sitting sheriff is opposed by several of his deputies and others with police experience.

The most pressing issue is the sheriff's budget, which has locked Evans in a continuing battle with Ficano. All county departments have been hit with reduced budgets, but Evans complains that his department has been the hardest hit and is still required to provide mandated services, including manning for the county jails. His critics say Evans has overspent his budget on too many other programs, such as assuming police operations for Highland Park.

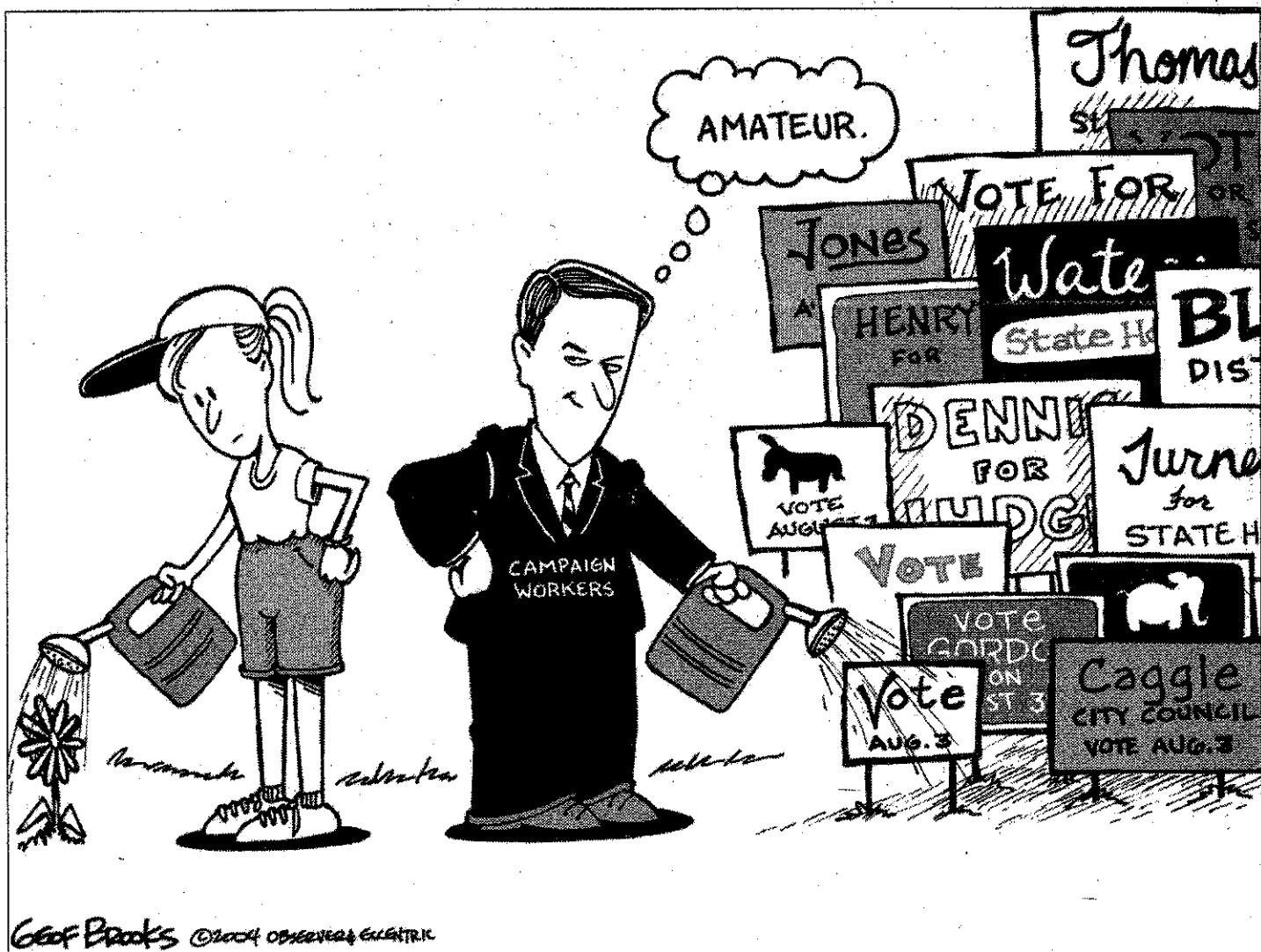
The seven candidates opposing Evans offer some solid experience and some good ideas, but we believe Warren Evans has earned the right to his party's nomination. He has the most experience as a former sheriff's deputy, assistant prosecutor and administrator. He has the right idea about redefining the sheriff's department as a service center for county police forces.

Evans needs to develop a better working relationship with the executive and help bring an end to the longstanding inter-party squabble.

The winner of the primary will face former sheriff and County Executive Bill Lucas, who is running unopposed in the Republican primary.

In the race for register of deeds, the major issue is efficiency in recording the deeds in a timely manner. The county has a large backlog in recording deeds and a case involving Wayne County is currently before the state Supreme Court. The case preceded Bernard Youngblood's 2000 election. Youngblood has brought some efficiencies to the office and promises to do more. We believe Bernard Youngblood is the better option in the primary against former state Sen. George Hart.

The treasurer's primary has been highly contentious. Incumbent Raymond Wojtowicz has been facing stiff questions about the awarding of contracts. But the real problem is the same as in the register of deeds office — quality and timeliness of service. County Commissioner Susan Hubbard has mounted a vigorous campaign against Wojtowicz. She presents good ideas on how to improve government service. We believe after 28 years it is time for a change and support Susan Hubbard.



LETTERS

Signs sprouting

Well, it's that time of the year again. Signs are sprouting all over the place. Verbal fertilizer is filling the air. Ads will soon be appearing in our newspapers. Campaign material will overflow our mailboxes. And endorsements and criticisms will flow like water over Niagara Falls. It is election time once again. Please indulge me and let me share a few of my thoughts with you.

Canton Township has been blessed with a number of highly qualified candidates this year for the office of township trustee. Selecting four from the field of Republicans will be extremely difficult. To date, I have read all the articles run by the *Observer*, studied the campaign mailouts and attended the 11th District Republican candidate forum. As many of you already know, I am a Republican. I have also been very involved in our community for quite a few years. Based on my observations and studies I would like to offer my thoughts of who should represent us, at home, for the next four years.

My first choice could only go to Melissa McLaughlin. Mere words cannot begin to describe how valuable an asset she has been to Canton since 1992. She currently serves on the planning commission, chairs the Canton Downtown Development Authority, Serves on the Canton Historical Society and is a current trustee.

Second choice goes to Karl Zarbo. Last year a vacancy was created on the board of trustees by the election of Phil Lajoy to the state Legislature. A number of people were considered to fill the empty seat, myself included.

The only logical choice was Karl. He has not let us down. His well thought-out reasoning and his professional background truly justify returning Karl to the board.

Third choice goes to incumbent John Burdziak. John is also one who thoroughly reasons out every decision prior to voting. He has served on the planning commission, been a representative from Canton to the Nankin Transit Commission, and served on several other boards. I have had the pleasure of calling John my friend for many years and will continue to trust his judgment.

Last, but not least. We have a vacancy created by the retirement of Bob Shefferly. My personal choice for the fourth seat is Todd Lajoy. Todd's business background, his commitment to Canton's future and his desire to look for new solutions to old and new problems mark him as deserving of the title, Canton trustee.

Several other candidates, although otherwise well-qualified, have only resided in Canton for a relatively short time and have not shown great interest in our community by being involved, nor by studying Canton's past history.

To conclude, it is the responsibility of every registered voter to gather and weigh all the facts and then make responsible decisions. Vote in the partisan primary in August and again in the general election in November. Please do not let apathy win.

Ralph Shurfeldt
Canton

No class

Here they go again. Politics as usual. Some of our opponents can't win on the issues because their platforms are devoid of substance so they are now desperate. Typical politics. It first started with the stealing of our ideas and quoting them as their own. Then they moved onto stealing lawn signs. Then they graduated to threats and gossip. Now, they have sunk to a new low: the publication of half-truths and bald-faced lies.

Why? Because we are kicking their tails in this election. Because of the "Big Boy statue" ad we ran. Because I am not afraid to stand up to ardent feminists and proudly and publicly declare that I am a pro-life Catholic and am a pro-traditional family man. Because I dare to expose the corruption in Canton and not just go along with what is proposed by the liberals who are hiding in Republican clothing. Because I am a true CONSERVATIVE Republican voice who represents the interests of the citizens and not politicians.

What really sickens me is that not only do these opponents violate Reagan's 11th Commandment (Avoiding Politics of Personal Destruction), these people have no desire to truly serve — they only have the desire to acquire power. That means they don't care who they hurt. They don't care if they ruin someone's reputation, career or dreams. They don't care if they hurt someone's wife, parents, kids or friends.

What really befuddles these people is that I have no plans to serve more than two consecutive terms. I only have the desire to make Canton a better place and work with the issues that the voters want addressed. And God knows, that scares them more than anything else.

I'll put my record up against anyone's. While these people just talk, I actually do. I proudly served as a U.S. Marine during Desert Storm. I have supported, as well as personally donated thousands of dollars to, folks such as: the VFW, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, First Step, Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, Humane Society, Toys for Tots, the Lions, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, various churches, the mentally handicapped, the elderly and various juvenile programs.

Oh, recall when I said I'd admit when I was wrong? Well, this is one of those times.

I thought these opponents had at least some class.

Well, I was wrong. They don't.
Todd Caccamo
Canton

They're wrong

I am tired of hearing election rhetoric about "repairing relations with our European allies." As an American citizen, I do not want to repair relations with our allies, unless it is they who will be doing the apologizing. It is they, not the United States, who are wrong about the war on terrorism.

Nancy E. Moore
Canton

Busy bodies

I am writing in response to the letter complaining about the township not citing residents for violating ordinances. The Canton citizen who wrote it could not be more wrong. My husband and I live on Beck Road and our home is visible to the entire community that passes by on the busy road, meaning our business is everybody's business.

Because of this we have township inspectors passing by everyday who have nothing better to do than to harass us about every little thing that we do on our property. Mind you, everything we have been cited on has been something that we have done to improve our home and property from correcting a mosquito problem to planting trees and bushes in our front yard.

The citations were not the result of a complaint from a neighbor, but of a nosy drive-by. If you ask me or any of my neighbors we will easily say that the township has become overzealous when it comes to handing out citations. The Big Boy controversy is an excellent example of how pathetic the township has become that it has to target a harmless lawn ornament that has been an American symbol for so long.

There are plenty of things in the community to complain about that could "improve the appearance of a community and provide a safe living environment." Focus your attention on the lack of sidewalks that are badly needed for the increasingly congested roads of Canton. Or the scarcity of parks within walking distances of neighborhoods for children to play in. Complaining about parked trailers and campers is just wasting precious energy that could be directed toward making Canton more children-friendly. You may think the ordinances exist to improve the community, but they do not. They are there to satisfy the whiners and busy bodies that will soon see a sign in my front yard that reads: "IF YOU CAN READ THIS YOU NEED TO MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS."

Verica Saveski
Canton

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— Ann Conklin, Canton Leisure Services director, about grant money from Wayne County.

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Modern conventions pale next to earlier gatherings

Here's some food for thought during this week's Democratic National Convention.

I've actually attended two of these events. One was a coronation, much like this week's Kerryfest is expected to be. The other was a firefight.

The coronation came in 1964 in Atlantic City, where President Lyndon B. Johnson was crowned the nominee; the convention even was timed so that he could accept that honor on his birthday. The moment of high drama came when he selected the "Happy Warrior," liberal Sen. Hubert Humphrey, as his vice presidential nominee, which added geographical (Minnesota/Texas) and ideological (liberal/Texaservative) balance to a ticket that was widely expected to do very well against a divided Republican Party that had nominated Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater, then seen as a wild-eyed right-wing radical.

It was my first national convention, and I was overcome with the sheer mass of political activists, all gathered in one very big hall, each contributing so much copious adrenaline that the convention floor eventually came to resemble a violently buzzing beehive.

My job was to make the signs for the "spontaneous" demonstration that was scheduled to go off, as I remember, at 8:36 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. Working next to me, hammering garishly printed "All The Way With LBJ" signs onto wooden laths, was a young United Auto Workers guy called Steve Yokich. Who would have known he would wind up president of the UAW? And who could have known that a young political activist, Jim Blanchard, then age 22 and attending his first national convention, would wind up as governor of Michigan?

But that's the way it is with national conventions. Of course, they're the place where party elders preen and spin before the TV cameras and where nominations are bestowed. But, equally important, they are also the places where the party's young talent first spreads its wings, meets (and sizes up) other talent, learns some of the steps, some of the moves.

The firefight took place four years later, in Chicago, where Mayor Richard Daley the First was king. Angry at the long, slow bloodletting in Vietnam and longing for the style and grace of Jack Kennedy, I had been involved in his brother Bobby's campaign for the presidency. We fought the good fight in Michigan, holding the labor people and party regulars who were backing Hubert Humphrey to a draw in the delegate selection process. It's still painful to remember, even nearly 40 years later, the feelings of shock and despondency when I learned that yet another Kennedy had been cut down by another gunman, this time in a grimy hotel kitchen in Los Angeles.

The delegates gathered in Chicago, where the atmosphere was electric. Anti-war liberals, including the "Chicago Seven," led by my old college friend Tom Hayden, were holding political theater demonstrations in the parks. Police were everywhere. The convention hall was behind barbed wire, and the delegates were driven through pressing crowds on buses with squad cars in the lead. Rumors were rampant.

Delegates were deeply and emotionally split: The regulars backed Vice President Humphrey (Johnson had withdrawn several months before); the anti-war crowd worshiped Sen. Eugene McCarthy; the despondent Bobby Kennedy backers tried to rally around Sen. George McGovern.

The emotional summit of the convention took place after the showing of a film memorializing Bobby Kennedy. On the floor of the darkened auditorium, people started — truly spontaneously this time — singing *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* in grief and defiance and anger. We sang on and on, 20 minutes, then 30 minutes. The convention managers simply could not stop it.

Here's what I wrote in a column published back then: "The demonstration was an enormous, spontaneous and, at the start, dignified outpouring of genuine emotion and respect, intensified by the fact that all the frustration and bitterness of the convention could be submerged in a common feeling. Rep. Carl Albert, a skilled and capable man at running the House of Representatives, evidently misread the nature of the outpouring and tried to gavel it to a halt. It didn't work. He tried again, and again. And a fourth time. And suddenly the entire convention came very near to going completely out of control."

The conventions this year will be entirely different. The Democratic convention, with no platform fights of old and no real decisions left to be made, is organized to appeal (in the few hours of prime time coverage the networks deign to grant) to the tiny fraction — maybe 10 percent — of voters who have not yet made up their minds. Next month's Republican convention will proceed in the same pabulumized way, content to crown President George W. Bush in a way designed to appeal to the same small slice of the electorate.

I suppose I'll watch both conventions for a bit. I'm interested to see if John Kerry can actually convey emotion in his speech and I will marvel at how President Bush, a man who has governed from the hard right, will present himself as a moderate. But I'm afraid I will come away from the process disappointed in the substitution of spin for substance and wishing forlornly for the passionate feelings and smoke-filled rooms of the old days.

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



Phil Power

LETTERS

Club endorsements

We are getting close to the primary election and the Democratic Club would like to have our endorsements considered:

- Anthony Abdallah for Wayne County sheriff.
- Audrey Monaghan for Wayne County Circuit Court judge.
- Retain Edward Ewell for Circuit Court judge.
- Susan Hubbard for Wayne County treasurer.
- George Hart for register of deeds.
- Kay Beard for county commissioner.

No matter who you decide to vote for, please exercise your rights and get out and VOTE!

Howard J. Becker
president
Westland Democratic Club

Gestapo tactics

I had been provided two free tickets to attend the Summit.

I decided to use them to take my 10-year-old son to the water park.

We arrived at 11 a.m. and were informed that "open swim" did not begin until 1 p.m. That is because pre-paid classes of several types were being conducted in the swimming area.

As a diversion we went to the sprinkler park between the Summit and the library. That was an enjoyable experience as there were several other families there with us enjoying the warm weather and the cool water.

At 1 p.m. (after lunch, of course) we went back to the Summit.

There I presented our free tickets and was informed that I must now sign the back of the free pass and my 10-year-old son must do the same.

After this I expected to gain entry, but the teenaged clerk then asked me for my driver's license. I gave it to her to confirm my signature, but she started typing my driver's license information into the computer. I asked her what she was doing. She said it was for security and that they would not mail me anything.

She then returned my driver's license to me and announced that now I needed to have my picture taken. I asked why and she told me that it was for security. She asked me if I had a problem with it. I said that I did, but that I would pursue it in another way — as we were headed to a swimming pool.

I told her that she would not be photographing my 10-year-old son.

My son and I then went to the pool area. We had a very nice time.

But we had to find our own way into the pool because the rude entry staff did not provide directions and the signage is poor.

While in the swimming area I became concerned when I noted that out of the approxi-

mately 32 employees I encountered (including the five lounging at the cash register) only two of them appeared to be older than 18. I may be mistaken, of course, but due to security I have no way to confirm that the Charter Township is not running the Summit swimming area on the labor of high school students.

I stayed very close to my son during the visit in order to augment the various lifeguards. For the most part they were vigilant, however, I am concerned because of the general age of the population, the lack of supervision by full-time employees, the lack of visibility of paid professionals and most importantly with the "security" aspect.

I can see where the Summit would like to pretend that the children are safe from abduction, but, considering there are several unguarded entries to the swimming area, I can't see how the Gestapo tactics at the front desk are going to solve a very serious problem. Maybe they could place a police officer in the pool the way they place them in the schools. I don't know where the badge would be pinned, but I am sure Mr. Yack could figure something out.

Is the charter township bureaucracy paranoid or just a bunch of control freaks? It's hard to say. It's a nice facility — I must say — but I am still at a loss to understand why such a small government is running such a large money making company.

As for my signature, photograph and personal home information, I am not comfortable with them collecting it, however, the township clerk didn't even get my voting precinct right in the last election so I don't think I have anything to worry about.

I wonder if this make-believe police state will be allowed to continue or will we be provided relief in November?

Alfred Brock
Canton

Kerry has vision

John Kerry spoke before the National Urban League in Detroit on Thursday. Kerry has a vision for America.

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He understands that it makes no sense that we spend \$50,000 a year to keep a person in jail instead of \$10,000 a year to fund Head Start, drug treatment and other programs that keep people productive and out of jail.

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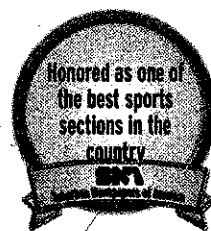
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MHSAA suffers setback in seasons court case

BY PAUL BEAUDRY AND BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITERS

Andrea Gorski was surprised. Then she was concerned. The Livonia Ladywood girls basketball coach had just heard that the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lawsuit against the Michigan High School Athletic Association, potentially paving the way for her team to shift seasons and play in the winter sports season — the same time as boys basketball. “I thought the ruling would be overturned,” said Gorski, whose all-girls school at least has the luxury of not fighting for gym time with a male counterpart.

“It’s not necessarily good for the girls in this state because it’s been working so well. We’ve been right up there in this state as far as volleyball and basketball scholarships. We also get a lot of media coverage by being in the fall. I’m concerned how we’ll be covered in the press.”

The court, in a 3-0 decision, upheld the ruling of U.S. District Court Judge Richard Enslin in 2002 that was to force the MHSAA to shuffle three sports to different seasons because their current seasons are discriminatory to female athletes.

While two sports will flop seasons — boys golf and girls tennis will move from fall to spring and girls golf and

boys tennis will move to fall — the primary focus is on the two sports at the heart of the original lawsuit by two Grand Rapids-area parents who felt the current mix of girls basketball in the fall and volleyball in the winter hurt their daughters’ chance at scholarships.

“It really doesn’t make much sense,” Salem girls basketball coach Fred Thomann said. “Girls basketball and volleyball have maximum visibility because no one else is in season. When the college coaches are in the off-season, we’re the only game going on.”

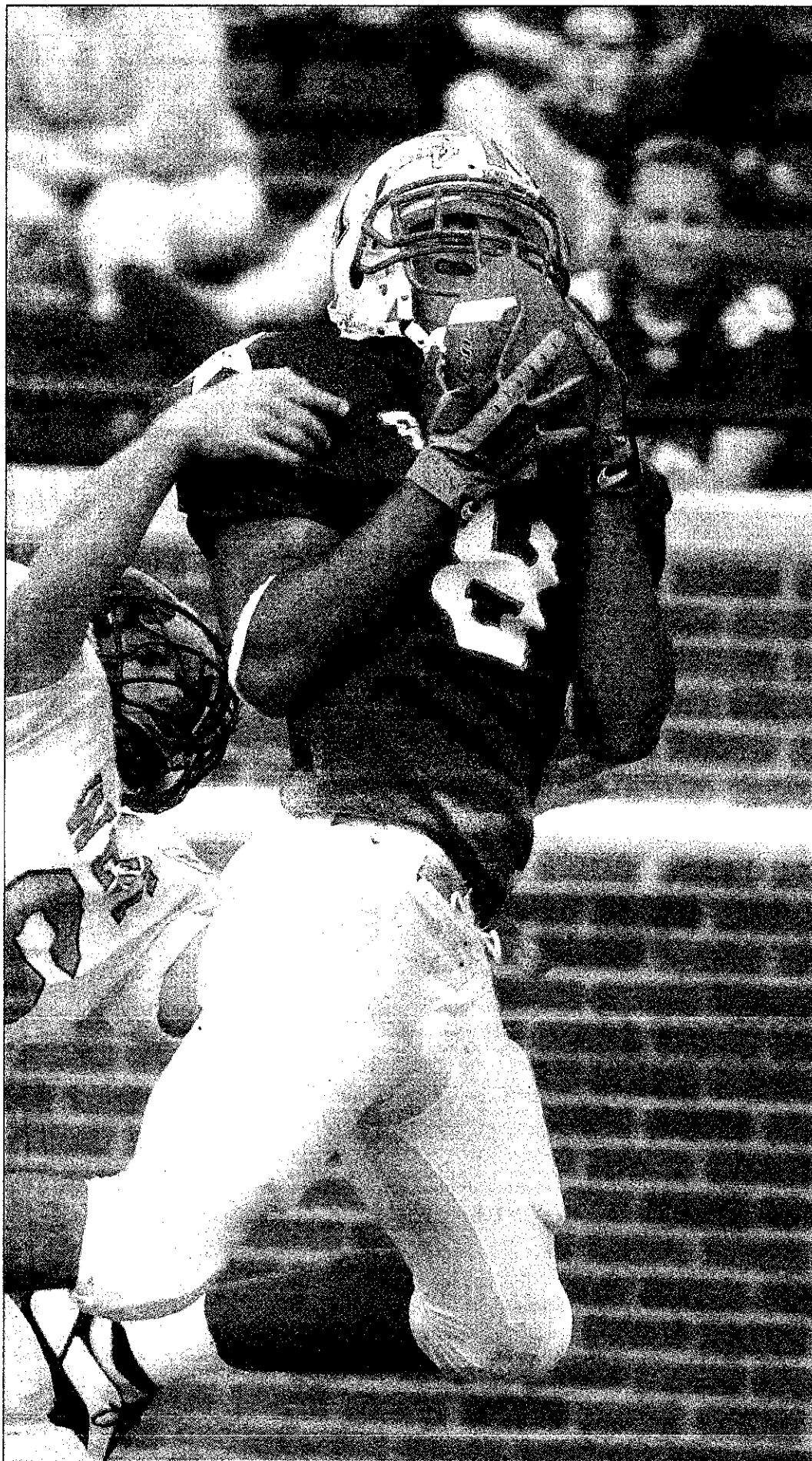
Schoolcraft volleyball coach Tom Teeters knows all about that. Teeters, who recently coached at Salem but is

now at Brighton, feels his sport will improve.

“My personal preference is that I like it the way it is, but it should probably be switched,” he said. “There are advantages and disadvantages, but for the sport overall I think it will improve volleyball in the state because clubs will be more important. They help produce better kids and thus kids will likely get more scholarships.”

“Right now, it’s a short club season, but the MHSAA has no concern of that at all, or should they. Time will tell. A few years down the road, I may have to make a decision (between coaching high

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TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton’s Devin Thomas outjumped a West defender for the ball in Saturday’s Michigan High School Football Coaches All-Star Game played at Michigan Stadium. This TD reception was negated by a penalty, but Thomas scored later in the fourth quarter.

East Stars talk tough, West Stars win game, 45-14

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

The whole week of training camp, the East All-Stars kept talking smack to the West squad — of how once they got on the football field together, they were going to prove which was the best football team.

Their was never a doubt about that after Saturday’s Michigan High School Football Coaches All-Star Game at Michigan Stadium.

The West scored early, often and with emphasis, taking the East squad to the woodshed with a record-setting 45-14 win.

“The most disappointing thing about it was people were talking all week and we got sidetracked,” Detroit Country Day linebacker Jonathon Pohl said as he walked of the field. “Our team was tight. What we said wasn’t the issue. But not backing it up is disappointing.”

So were the first three quarters. The West didn’t just take a lead — 45-0 through three quarters — it dominated. The reason?

Defense. While the teams were a statistical deadheat in total offense — 379 yards for the West and 331 for the East — the way they went about it proved to be the difference.

The West chose to grind it out and wound up with 318 yards rushing. The pass-happy East threw for all but 8 yards of its total offense — but four interceptions and a fumble recovery led to five TDs for the West.

“They came off the ends hard and they were tough to stop,” said Birmingham Brother Rice quarterback Doug Pickens, who was 7-of-17 passing for 112 yards. “They played good coverage and they put most of the pressure from the outside. I felt fine, they were just in my face.”

The pressure worked as East

LOCAL STARS’ STATS

Here’s how local players fared Saturday in the 21st annual MHSFCA All-Star Football Game at Michigan Stadium:

■ Doug Pickens, QB, Birmingham Brother Rice — 7-for-17 passing for 112 yards, one TD, one interception; eight rushing attempts, minus-24 net yards, one tackle.

■ Devin Thomas, WR, Canton — five receptions, 177 yards, one TD; one punt return for 17 yards; four kickoff returns for 119 yards.

■ Matt Smitherman, RB, Westland John Glenn — four rushes, 10 yards, one pass attempted was intercepted.

■ Darran Matthews, DB, Redford Thurston — one tackle.

■ Jonathon Pohl, LB, Detroit Country Day — six assisted tackles.

■ Trent Varva, OG, Lake Orion — played in several offensive series.

quarterbacks were picked off four times — three by Three Rivers defensive back Nic Thompson. He returned one off South Lyon QB Dennis Reedy for a TD and had another off a halfback pass from Westland John Glenn’s Matt Smitherman.

“The receiver was supposed to cut in the middle, but stayed out,” Smitherman said. “I did throw short. But they were a much better team. They ran a T-formation and it gave us fits.”

The East did get untracked in the fourth quarter with a pair of touchdowns. The first came four plays later than it could have as a 33-yard strike from Reedy to Canton wideout Devin Thomas was called back for illegal motion.

PLEASE SEE ALL STARS, B4

Local softball team takes ‘Pride’ in No. 1 ranking

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Today the Great Lakes, tomorrow the World Series! That could be the rallying cry for the Plymouth-Canton Pride, a girls 12-and-under fast-pitch softball team that is competing in the 56-team USSSA 12U World Series this week at the Canton Softball Center.

Heading into the World Series, the Pride had compiled a record of 48-21 and were ranked No. 1 in the USSSA Great Lakes “B” Division. The Great Lakes Division consists of teams from Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. “B” teams are made up of players from one community, while “A” teams consist of players from several cities.

“Before the season started, we were hoping to just finish at least .500,” coach Dan Bressler said. “But we won a tournament in May and started to come together after that. Now we’re shooting for at least a top-10 finish in the World Series this week.”

The Pride geared up for this week’s action by capturing first place in a USSSA World Series warmup tournament in Commerce Township the weekend of July 17-18. They defeated the Windsor Wildcats in the semi-

“Now we’re shooting for at least a top-10 finish in the World Series this week.”

Dan Bressler
coach Plymouth-Canton Pride

nal round before ousting the Riverview Pirates, 5-1, in the title matchup.

The Pride also won a National Softball Association tournament in Pottersville in May and a tourney they hosted in June.

A combination of clutch hitting, solid defense and the pitching of Amy Dunleavy has bolstered the Pride this season.

The Plymouth-Canton Thunderbirds will also represent the area in the World Series this week.

Pool play runs through today. The team with the best record in each pool advances to the championship bracket. The championship game is slated for Sunday afternoon.

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Pictured are the Plymouth-Canton Pride, who are representing the area in the Girls 12U Fast-pitch World Series which is taking place this week at the Canton Softball Center. The team consists of (front row, left to right) Erin Rhodes (Plymouth), Amy Dunleavy (Canton), Amanda Burnard (Canton), (middle row) Mary Johnson (Plymouth), Jessica Feldscher (Canton), CarolAnn Sexauer (Canton), Alyssa Taylor (Canton), Emily Pitcole (Canton), Alyssa Gietl (Plymouth), Jillian Brennan (Canton), (top row) coach Mike Burnard (Canton), coach Denny Taylor (Canton), Miranda Rysdorp (Canton), Leah Reinhold (Plymouth), Samantha Podorsek (Canton), and coach Dan Bressler (Canton).

Sidelines

Wildcat boosters

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 401 of Plymouth High School.

Since this will be the final meeting before the football season begins, it is important that players’ parents attend.

Whalers golf outing

The seventh annual Plymouth Whalers Golf Outing to benefit the players education fund will be held Tuesday, Aug. 31, at Northville Hills Golf Club, which is located on Sheldon Road in Plymouth, between Five Mile and Six Mile roads.

For the \$250 entry fee individuals will receive 18 holes of golf with power cart; a continental breakfast; full use of the club’s golf range, putting green and locker room facilities; complimentary beverages on the course; and a Whalers 2004 custom golf shirt.

A shotgun start for the four-person scramble will commence at 10 a.m. A luncheon and awards presentation will kick off at approximately 3 p.m.

For more information on playing in or serving as a sponsor for the outing, call (734) 972-3272.

Officials clinic

The United Federation of Officials is holding a soccer referee training class on Monday, Aug. 16, at St. Alfred’s School, 9540 Telegraph in Taylor.

While the class is geared for high school juniors and seniors, who will then be part of the MHSAA’s Officials Legacy Mentoring Program, interested adults can also take the class.

The class fee includes MHSAA registration fees.

Those completing the course will be eligible for officiating high school, junior high and CYO games in the fall.

For more information and enrollment, call Byron Beattie at (734) 281-3461.

Racing results

Several area racers ran well at Toledo and Flat Rock speedways over the weekend.

On Saturday, Livonia’s Cliff Tholen III was third in the 15-lap 4-Cylinder Stock Car feature, while Livonia’s Chuck Pankow was 17th in the Figure 8 20-lap feature.

In Street Stocks, Redford’s Chris Diovardi was second in his heat race, while Canton’s Paul Hahn was 10th in the 100-lap feature race and Justin Schroeder (Canton) was 14th.

On Friday night at Toledo, Canton’s Harold Fair Jr. was third in the 100-lap Late Model feature, while Pankow was ninth in the 25-lap Figure 8 feature.

XU signs Gallagher

First-team All-Observer pick Ryan Gallagher, a catcher-first baseman from Redford Catholic Central, recently signed an NCAA Division I letter-of-intent to play baseball at Xavier (Ohio) University, a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference.

The team captain helped the Shamrocks to the Division 1 semifinals and a 25-10 record.

Colony swimmers take league meet

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Colony Swim Club Crocodiles took the old adage "records are meant to be broken" literally at Saturday's Summer Independent Swim League championship meet held at the Newburgh Swim Club in Livonia.

The Crocodiles shattered a number of league and team records on their way to earning 451 points and the 2004 SISL title. The second-place Newburgh Swim Club finished with 389 points.

"Our swimmers all did a great job Saturday with many best times posted," said Colony coach Kathy Sonnanstine. "The win was definitely a team effort."

The highlights of the meet for Colony - which has now

finished first seven of the past 10 years - were the performances turned in by Lauren Seroka and Ben Dzialo. Seroka broke the league record in the girls 10-and-under 25 fly and Dzialo shattered the league mark in the boys 50 free.

Crocodiles who won at least two events were: Abigail Dworzanin (8-and-under girls 25 free and 25 back); Carlson (12-and-under girls 50 free and 100 IM); Seroka (10-and-under girls 25 breast and 25 fly); and Adam Seroka (12-and-under boys 50 back and 100 IM).

Other gold-medal efforts were recorded by: Sarah Dillon (girls 10-and-under 25 back); Robert Coe (boys 10-and-under 25 back); Laura Kushner (girls 12-and-under 50 back); Matt Jurcak (boys open 50 back); Paul

Napolitano (boys 12-and-under 50 fly); Max Yoas (boys 10-and-under 25 free) and Jessica Fricke (girls open 50 back).

The following Colony relay squads also captured first-place honors: mixed open free relay (Jessica Fricke, Tim Storch, Matt Jurcak and Dzialo); 10-and-under mixed free relay (Paige Goodwin, Kristen Muir, Maggie Kokoszka and Abby Madison); 12-and-under mixed medley relay (Laura Kushner, Carlson, Adam Seroka and Lauren Dworzanin); and 12-and-under mixed free relay (Mary Schremser, Napolitano, Casey Olson and Alec Martin).

Sonnanstine, who just completed her 13th year as head coach, was assisted by Renee Nowaske.

NEW COLONY TEAM RECORDS

- Seroka - 10-and-under 50 free, 25 breast, 25 fly and 25 free;
- Maggie Carlson - 12-and-under 50 free and 100 IM;
- Kate Musson - 15-and-under 50 free; and
- Ben Dzialo - open 50 free.

Max Yoas, 10, a member of the Colony Swim Club Crocodiles, finished first in his age group in the 25-meter freestyle event in Saturday's Summer Independent Swim League championship meet held at the Newburgh Swim Club in Livonia. The Crocodiles won their seventh league title in 10 years.



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Warriors ride wave of upsets to summer hockey title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Their official name was the Warriors, but the "Underdogs" may have been more appropriate during the 2004 Metro Summer Hockey League playoffs.

The seventh-seeded Warriors finished off a "Rocky"-like play-off performance by ousting the second-seeded Huskies, 4-3, in

Sunday night's Metro Summer Hockey League championship game played at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

The Warriors' game-winning goal was slapped into the back of the net by Brent Cooper with 2:47 left. Canton's Adam Krug assisted on the winner. Cooper is a member of the minor league Texas Tornados in the winter

while Krug skates for the Sioux City Musketeers.

Jimmy Spratt and Chris Bahash split time in goal for the Warriors. Joseph Rutherford and Rob Wagener shared time between the pipes for the Huskies.

The Warriors scored first when Jason Bloomingburg (Canton) lit the lamp after taking a pass from Krug. The Huskies knotted the

game at 1-1 on the first of two Kurt Kivisto goals. He was assisted by Todd Pietila.

The Warriors regained the lead, 2-1, with 10:02 left in the second period when Livonia's Matt Krug deposited a pass from Ryan Burke. Steven Kuza was also credited with an assist on the goal.

Dan Riedel improved the Warriors' lead to 3-1 three min-

utes later with an unassisted goal.

Undaunted, the Huskies tied the game at 3-3 thanks to Kivisto's second goal with 6:03 to go in the second and Dwight Helminen's tally with 12:25 remaining in the game.

But Cooper erased the comeback - and sealed the Warriors' middle-of-the-pack-to-champions season - with his winner 10 minutes later.

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VALET SERVICES VILLAGE THEATER AT CHERRY HILL

Specifications are available at the Leisure Service Department, or you may call Brad Sharp at (734) 394-5363. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name. 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. This project is funded by federal grant funds and compliance with all applicable federal laws and regulations is required.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REPLACEMENT BOILER AND PUMP ROOM HEAT SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS

Western Township Utilities Authority is requesting proposals for the replacement boiler and pump room heat system modifications at its Middle Rouge sewage pump facility located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan. Further, all necessary labor, materials, equipment, maintenance and training are to be provided. Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by Friday, August 13, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. A public opening of the bids will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.

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Salem's Falcusan helps Hawks win national title

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Melissa Dobbyn certainly did her part as the under-18 Michigan Hawks seized the US Youth Soccer National Championship last weekend in Orlando, Fla.

In Sunday's final at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex, the U18 squad, receiving a pair of goals from Nicole Cauzillo (Northville) and one from Dobbyn, enabled the Hawks to score a 3-2 win over the San Diego (Calif.) Surf for the Frank Kelly Cup.

The win avenged a 1-0 setback in the opening round of the tourney to the Surf on July 20.

"It's unbelievable," Hawks captain Maureen Pawlak (Novi) said. "Our hard work has gotten us here and it's very rewarding. We've been together for 10 years and it's good to go out like this."

San Diego's Amy Epsten opened the scoring at the 10-minute mark, but Dobbyn tied it at 33 minutes before Epsten put the Surf up again at 63 minutes.

Cauzillo, who earned the 2004 adidas Gold Boot Award, then scored at 67 and 81 minutes to give the Hawks the victory.

Hawks goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming, meanwhile, took home the Golden Glove Award.

Other members of coach Tim Ernst's team included Jordan Falcusan and Marissa Sarkesian, both of Salem High; Lindsay Hill and Deanne Kubas, both of Northville; Erin Doan, Dearborn; Jill Kehler, Flint; Nicholle Lecznar, Bloomfield Hills; Megan Mains, Holt; Sophia Nunn, Grand Blanc; Kristi Vandebergh, Clinton Township; and Carissa

Willson, Fenton.

Epsten's goal in the 89th minute gave the Surf the 1-0 first-round win over the Hawks, who bounced back on July 21 for a 4-1 win over the World Class U18 Girls (N.J.) as Dobbyn had a hat trick and Cauzillo accounted for the second goal.

On July 22, the Hawks tied the United Quest Red (Ga.), 1-1, as Dobbyn tallied her fourth

goal of the tourney, but won the tiebreaker to reach the final.

Meanwhile, the U15 Hawks, coached by Jim Kimble, reached the final before losing to the California North's Mustang Blast as Heather Vandevanter scored the game-winner at the 31-minute mark.

The Blast also beat the Hawks on July 22 by a 3-2 count despite trailing 2-0 in

the opening 19 minutes following goals from Stephanie Crawford and Danielle Toney. Keelin Winters, Michaela DeJesus and Lindsay Pierce scored for the Mustangs.

In the opening round on July 22, the U15 Hawks and Dallas Texans '89 Red battled to a scoreless draw. On following day, the Hawks defeated United Quest Red (Ga.), 2-0, on goals by Emily Esbrook and

Toney.

In the U14 draw, the ESC '90 Black (Okla.) downed the Hawks, 3-0, on July 21; followed by a 4-0 loss July 22 to the Eagles (California South).

In the next round, Alicia Borstad scored a pair of goals in a 2-1 win over the Mount Laurel (N.J.) Strikers as the Hawks, coached by Derek Williford, finished 1-2 in the tourney.

Rams get reinforcements for Johnstown

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Rams finished their Livonia Collegiate Baseball League season with a 4-1 win Friday over the Panthers at North Farmington High School.

The 20-and-under Rams finished 21-9-1 in the LCBL, second to the first-place Michigan Bulls, a 22-and-under squad with a final mark of 28-2-1. The Longhorns wound up in third at 19-10-2.

"We came up big at the end, the Longhorns were one of the better first-year teams I've seen in this league," Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "Our pitching did a fine job all year. We carried only 15 kids all year and they were a dedicated group. Our kids didn't miss many games, and that's a compliment to this group."

Madonna University's Kyle Fedorka, who earned the pitching win, teamed up with Wayne State's Gary Zielke (Livonia Stevenson), Corey Krug and Paul Phillips on a six-hitter.

Losing pitcher Mike McCormick went all seven innings, allowing nine hits.

Nick Thurman, Evan Rodriguez and Ryan Heath each went 2-for-4 for the victorious Rams. Rodriguez, Thurman, Adam Schulz and Jon Weisman each had an RBI, while Rodriguez, Heath, Ben Darga and Matt Cunningham all scored runs.

Chris Pappas went 2-for-4 with a run scored on Shawn Hoorlebeke's triple for the Panthers (11-12-1).

The Rams are now headed to the 16-team All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AAABA) Tourney, Aug. 9, in Johnstown, Pa.

Berryman plans to pick up three players for the national tourney, including 6-foot-7 right-handed pitcher Matt Dillard (Eastern Michigan University) of the Longhorns; Saginaw Valley State right-hander Scott Schlaff of the Storm; and utilityman Gary Rosenberg (Johns Hopkins University) of the Panthers.

University of Michigan pitcher Jeff Niemiec (Livonia/Redford Catholic Central) is also eligible for the roster after spending most of the summer in a central Illinois wooden bat league.

The Rams will play two exhibition games in a tuneup for Johnstown, facing Troy Jet Box, an unlimited-age team at 6 p.m. Friday at Fraser; and Flint Haloburger at 6 p.m. Monday at Madonna University Park.

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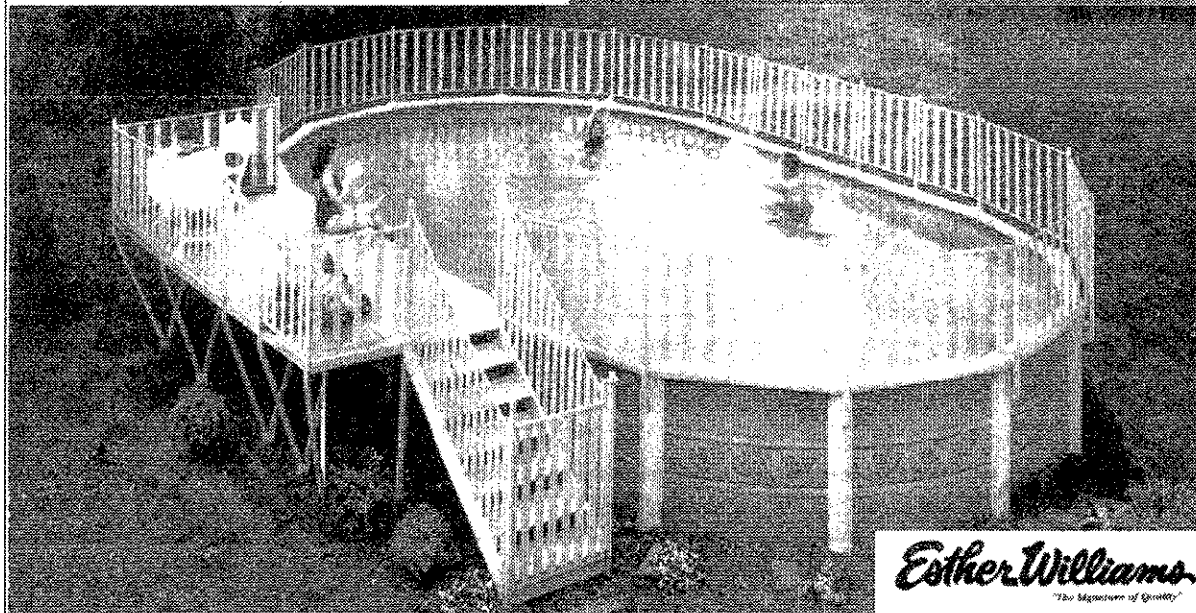
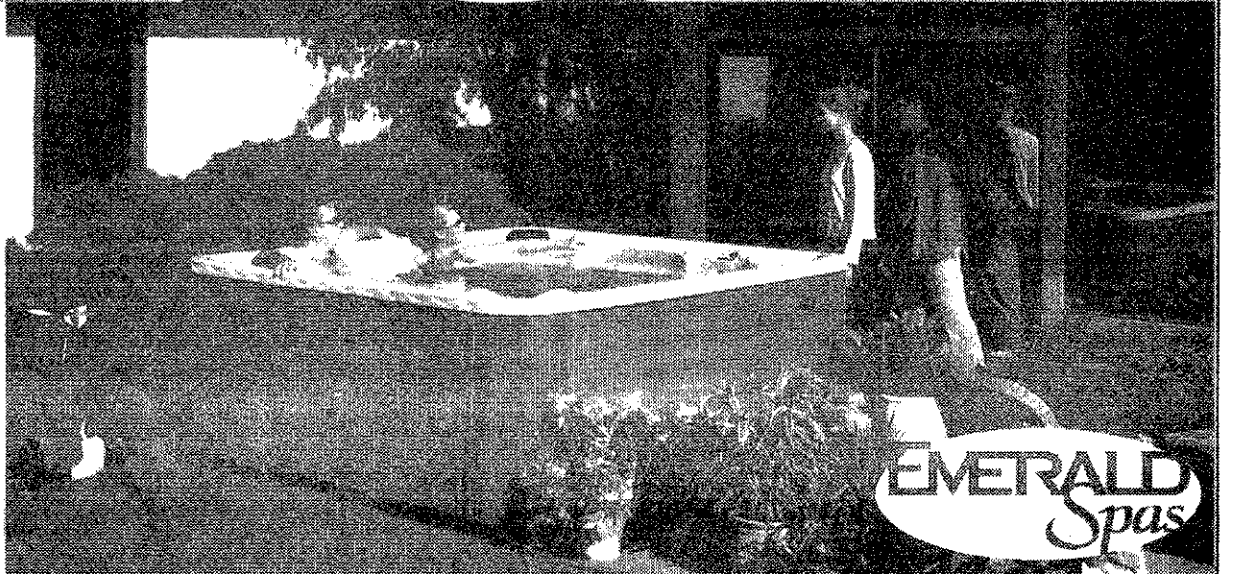
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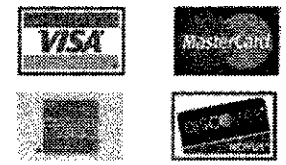


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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
PLANNING COMMISSION
PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENT 001**

ACTION: AMEND THE TEXT OF PLYMOUTH CHARTER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 99 BY AMENDING ARTICLE XXVIII, SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND ARTICLE XXXI, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF SAID ORDINANCE RELATED TO RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS, ESTABLISHED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PATTERN PRESERVATION, AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, August 4, 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 proposes on its own motion to amend Article XXVIII, Section 28.3 and Section 28.26 and Article XXXI, Section 31.8 as follows:

A. Section 28.3, Residential Design Standards, presently ends with sub-paragraph 6. Section 28.3 is proposed to be amended to add a new sub-paragraph as follows:

7. Protrusion of Metal Chimneys/Stacks

The protrusion of metal chimneys/stacks through roof systems more than nine (9) inches in height shall be enclosed with materials similar to the structure's, to provide a finished appearance.

B. Section 28.26 Established Single Family Residential Pattern Preservation, is proposed to be amended by replacing the existing language with the following:

It is recognized that there are portions of the Township that have been platted or developed as single family residential subdivisions or areas with lots of width, area, and/or depth which exceed the minimum dimensions required by this Ordinance under Article XX. Over time these subdivisions or developed neighborhoods have matured and established a character of single family dwellings with a specific pattern of lot width, area and/or depth resulting in a stable character consistent with the spirit and intent of the Ordinance. To allow some flexibility and protect property values and existing investments by maintaining the stability, established character, and quality of single family residential life, the following standards shall apply:

1. Lot Width, Area and Depth

(a) No existing subdivision lot or residential parcel which is zoned R-1, R-1-S, R-1-H, R-1-E, or R-2 shall be divided to create a new lot or parcel that has width, area, and/or depth, less than eighty (80) percent of its width, area, and/or depth.

(b) No existing subdivision lot or residential parcel that is located in a neighborhood where a specific pattern of similar width, area and/or depth has been established shall be split to create a lot with width, area, and/or depth which would be less than the average of all residential lots or parcels that are considered to be within the same neighborhood.

2. Minimum Frontage Requirement

(a) An existing subdivision lot shall not be further divided unless it has frontage on a public street for the entire minimum lot width required by Section 28.26.1 above.

(b) An existing residential parcel shall not be further divided unless it has frontage on a public street or on a private road as required by Chapter 43 of the Code of Ordinances, Private Road Construction and Maintenance, for the entire minimum lot width required by Section 28.26.1 above.

C. Section 31.8, Item 2, Public Hearing Requirement is proposed to be amended by replacing the existing language with the following:

2. Public Hearing Requirement

(a) Public Hearing Requirements for Use Variances

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of the appeal and give due notice thereof to the parties, and decide the same within a reasonable time. Upon the hearing, any party may appear in person or by agent or by attorney. Notice of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper which circulates in the Township and sent by mail or personal delivery to the owners of property for which approval is being considered, to all persons to whom real property is assessed within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the property in question and to the occupants of all structures within three hundred (300) feet. The notice shall be given not less than five (5) nor more than fifteen (15) days before the date the appeal will be considered. If the name of the occupant is not known, the term "occupant" may be used in making notification. Notification need not be given to more than one (1) occupant of a structure, except that if a structure contains more than one (1) dwelling unit or spatial area owned or leased, by different individuals, partnerships, businesses or organizations, one (1) occupant of each unit or spatial area shall receive notice. In the case of a single structure containing more than four (4) dwelling units or other distinct spatial areas owned or leased by different individuals, partnerships, businesses or organizations, the notice may be given to the manager or owner of the structure who shall be requested to post the notice at the primary entrance to the structure. The notice shall describe the nature of the appeal, indicate the property which is the subject of the appeal, state when and where the appeal will be considered and indicate when and where written comments will be received concerning the appeal.

(b) Public Hearing Requirements for Appeals other than Use Variances

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of the appeal, give due notice thereof to the parties, and decide the appeal within a reasonable time. At the hearing, any party may appear in person or by agent or by attorney.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Application 1842. 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 approval of the text changes as proposed, or as amended.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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ALL STARS

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Thomas got the call again and caught a pass at the 5. Three plays later, Reedy hit fullback Travis Gutc (Sandusky) with a touchdown, cutting the lead to 45-7.

The East got the ball right back (instead of a running clock in the mercy rule) and, on the third play, Thomas made it into the end zone when it counted on a 73-yard scoring strike from Pickens.

"It felt good to get a touchdown here," Thomas said. "It took us a while to make things happen. But the coaches said they were going to involve everyone in the offense, but it took them a while to come back to me."

Redford Thurston defensive back Darran Matthews didn't get

much of a workout in the secondary, but he did wind up with a solo tackle, with Pohl coming away with six assists and Pickens also making a tackle.

"In the second half, we stepped it up a bit, but it wasn't enough," Matthews said. "They were focused."

He also felt that the West was the side talking the most trash during the week.

"It came from both sides, but there was a bit more from them," Matthews said. "They backed it up though."

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Canton's Devin Thomas places the ball in the end zone after scoring a fourth-quarter touchdown for the East All-Stars in Saturday's Michigan High School Football Coaches All-Star Game played at Michigan Stadium.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

RULING

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school and college), but time will tell."

The shift, which likely won't happen until the 2005-06 school year at the earliest, causes three main concerns for coaches and administrators — finding officials, facility problems and fan support.

"One of my main concerns is we may not attract the casual fan, especially if the boys and girls are playing on the same night," Gorski said. "In the Catholic League, we enjoy getting some of the better offi-

cial. If the games are on the same day, they're not going to be able to work their schedule around the boys and we won't be getting the same quality of officials."

Churchill athletic director Marc Hage, as well as Thomann, felt that while the competition for facilities wouldn't be an issue at their schools, it would be at others.

"In our state, they build schedules around existing facilities to utilize maximum efficiency," Thomann said. "This could put some districts in a bind with the ruling."

"Because of our gym space (thanks to a new fieldhouse) there are ways to accommodate

it and work it out," Hage said. "You're just switching three volleyball teams for three basketball teams. But you also worry if there are enough officials."

Unlike newer schools, Redford Union doesn't have the luxury of a second gym. Athletic director and boys basketball coach Brett Steele didn't feel that facilities would be as big of a hassle as scheduling.

"Someone is going to have to practice from 8 to 10 p.m. It's that way with volleyball and it will be that way with the two basketballs in the same season," Steele said. "My concern is what this will do to the quality of the two basketball programs and attendance with both."

"If they play on the same day, you're splitting the student body, parents and other fans and that could have a negative effect. If you play on separate days, you have issues with officiating because of all the days with games scheduled. And there are concerns about who gets the priority

night. With girls basketball changing seasons, will the schedules of the two sports mesh like basketball and volleyball do now?"

Hage also said that this is far from the end of the fight — one that has gone on for six years.

"Even with the latest loss, I'm sure (the MHSAA) will appeal," Hage said. "I'm convinced a majority of the membership will want to continue to fight the fight. The feeling I've got recently is that the membership is pretty much aligned to keep the status quo. That goes not only for the member schools, but for athletic directors, parents and many of the athletes."

"I just want to be convinced that the original plaintiffs did it for the right reason, not just for college scholarship opportunities. I think they have to prove it in the end that they are discriminating against females."

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**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

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
COMBINED NOTIFICATION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON
THE ENVIRONMENT
REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about August 13, 2004, the above named Municipality will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93.383) for the following projects located in the Charter Township of Canton:

1. PROJECT: Human Services Center Construction, 50440 Cherry Hill Road, FY 2004, \$275,000. "Continuing Relevance."
2. PROJECT: Housing Rehabilitation, \$9,400. "Continuing Relevance."
3. PROJECT: Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency, \$1,500. "New."
4. PROJECT: Lots Purchase (Marlowe), \$40,000 (approx.).

5. DETERMINATION: It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and, accordingly, the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: Human Services Center Construction and Lots Purchase (Marlowe) are environmentally assessed under 24 CFR 58.36. Wayne-Metropolitan Community Action Agency is categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Board has been made by the Charter Township of Canton which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file with the Charter Township of Canton and is available for public examination, and copying (for a fee), upon request, at the office of the Community Services Division, 44237 Michigan Avenue, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, (734) 394-5194, Extension 5194, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. No further environmental review of the projects is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Community Services Division at the above described address. Such written comments must be received on or before August 12, 2004. All such comments so received will be considered and the Municipality will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the projects before the date specified in the preceding sentence.

6. CERTIFICATION: The Charter Township of Canton will undertake the project with Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974. The Charter Township of Canton is certifying to HUD that the Charter Township of Canton and Thomas J. Yack, in his capacity of Township Supervisor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the Charter Township of Canton may use the Block Grant Funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant; or (b) that the Applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in an environmental review process.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at: McNamara Federal Building, 17th Floor, 477 Michigan 48226. Objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after August 30, 2004, will be considered by HUD.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY BENNETT, Clerk

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**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN
(734) 453-1234**

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

- | | | |
|---------|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Z 04-16 | 171 Blunk | Non-Use Variance Requested |
| | | Rear & Side Yard Setback Variance |
| | | Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential |
| | | Applicant: David L. Griffin Jr. |

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City 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 the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator
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Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 08/06/04 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the following locations:

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Canton, MI 48187
734-981-0300
Unit 2036 household
Unit 4294 household
Unit 5222 household
Unit 5251 household
Unit 6217 household
Unit 6258 household | Shurgard of Westland
36001 Warren Rd.
Westland, MI 48185
734-326-6000
Unit 3094 household
Unit 3172 household
Unit 3178 household |
| Shurgard of Canton South
45229 Michigan Avenue.
Canton, MI 48188
734-398-5416
Unit 1005 household
Unit 3031 Church pews
Unit 4044 household
Unit 4126 household
Unit 4145 household
Unit 4150 household
Unit 4159 household
Unit 4215 household
Unit 4258 household
Unit 5336 household | Shurgard of Southfield
19350 W. 8 Mile Rd.
Southfield, MI 48075
313-277-1137
Unit 1096 household
Unit 1123 household
Unit 1199 household
Unit 1201 household
Unit 1229 household
Unit 1302 household
Unit 1307 household
Unit 2059 household
Unit 2132 household
Unit 2135 household
Unit 2241 household
Unit 2246 household |
| Shurgard of Walled Lake
1901 East West Maple Rd.
Walled Lake, MI 48390
248-689-4020
Unit 1111 contractor equipment
Unit 2010 household
Unit 3030 Pontiac Firebird
Unit 3031 Mazda RX 7
Unit 6004 household | Shurgard of Dearborn
24920 Trowbridge
Dearborn, MI 48124
313-277-2000
Unit 1300 household
Unit 2050 household
Unit 2283 household |
| Shurgard of Taylor
9300 Pelham Rd.
Taylor, MI 48180
313-292-2950
Unit 2001 household
Unit 2057 household
Unit 4037 household
Unit 5014 household
Unit 5097 household
Unit 6005 household
Unit 6082 household | Shurgard of Plymouth
41889 Joy Rd.
Canton, MI 48187
734-459-2200
Unit 3006 household
Unit 3007 household
Unit 5062 household |
| Shurgard of Livonia
30300 Plymouth Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150
734-522-7811
Unit 2063 household
Unit 3077 household
Unit 4132 household | Shurgard of Sthfld @ Telegraph
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Bucks falter in PDL playoffs; Jags take 3rd

The Boulder Rapids Reserves overcame two deficits en route to a 3-2 men's soccer victory over the Michigan Bucks in Premier Development League (PDL) playoff action last Friday night at Hefner Stadium in Fort Wayne (Ind.).

Javier Vegas converted a penalty kick with seven minutes remaining to give Boulder the win, advancing the Rapids Reserves (14-4-1) to the Central Conference Championship against the Chicago Fire Reserves, which ousted the Fever in the other semifinal.

The Rapids Reserves then defeated the Fire, 1-0, in over-

time, for the championship.

The Bucks-Boulder game featured end-to-end action from start to finish.

Michigan took the early lead on a goal by Ricky Strong (Rochester Adams) in the 17th minute, which held up until six minutes into the second half, when the Rapids Reserves' Miguel Guante buried a rebound off a free kick past Bucks' keeper, Jeff Wiese.

The seven-time Great Lakes Division Champion Bucks led again 2-1 after Joseph Kabwe scored at the 70-minute mark, but could hold the lead for only three minutes as Boulder answered on a corner-kick header by Brett Branan.

"I am disappointed with the result because I thought the boys played hard," Bucks coach Don Gemmill said. "But defensive breakdowns on set pieces cost us twice."

The Bucks had several scoring opportunities in the final minutes, but were turned away each time by the Boulder goalkeeper, Luis Robles.

Michigan finished its ninth consecutive winning season at 11-4-2.

Jaguars finish 3rd

The Detroit Jaguars finished third in their inaugural season in the Midwest Division of W-League with an 8-5 record.

The top two teams were the

12-0-1 Chicago Cobras and the 10-2-1 Ford Wayne (Ind.) Fever, both earning playoff spots.

The Jaguars capped off their season July 17 at Byers Field in Parma, Ohio with a 1-0 win over the Cleveland Internationals after losing at home the night before to the Fever, 4-2, at Total Sports

Complex in Wixom.

The Jaguars also split a pair of games the weekend of July 9-10.

Detroit downed the Windy City Bluez, 2-1, at Moraine Valley Community College Stadium behind goals from Canadian National Team member Melissa Tancredi and former Miss Soccer from

Canton, Anne Morrell (now playing at the University of North Carolina).

The first-place Cobras blanked the Jaguars, 1-0.

Therese Heaton, also on the Canadian National Team, finished tied for fourth in total points in the W-League with 35. She had a total of 16 goals, third best overall.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

FALL BASEBALL

The Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association will be holding registration for the 2004 Open Fall Co-Ed Baseball season on Saturday, Aug. 7, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The registration will be held in the Arts II room in the Summit in the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Registration is open to boys and girls ages 4-13 who are residents of Canton or Plymouth, or those who attend school in the Plymouth Canton Community Schools district.

All registrants must show proof of age and residency at the time of registration. Fees will range from \$70 to \$110 for recreation leagues.

Forms are also available in the lobby of the Summit and can be mailed in with a copy of the player's birth certificate and fee to the address printed on the flyer.

Parents of players aged 14-18 should contact the Canton Softball Center at (734) 483-5600 or Bob Unis at (734) 454-5725 for more information and registration forms.

Practices will begin at the end of August with games beginning after Labor Day. The season runs until the

end of October.

Those parents interested in coaching should note their interest on the registration form.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTINGS

The Plymouth High School athletic department will be holding two golf outings in the coming weeks.

The Plymouth Wildcat football golf outing is scheduled for Saturday 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.

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

Additionally, there will be a golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School athletic department Sunday, Sept. 19, at Hickory Creek. The event, a four-person scramble, will kick off with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

For \$100, participants will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, a T-shirt, snack at the turn and a steak dinner following golf.

There will be longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin and skins competitions available to the golfers.

For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE


The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River Challenge classes at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and 8 a.m. Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool.

The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class. (Webbed water gloves provided. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.)



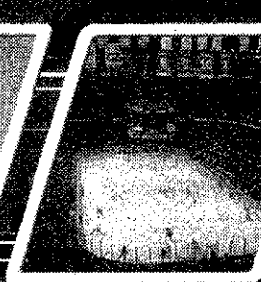
The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility. It is also therapy for sports injuries.

Swim ability is not necessary. Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own. You must wear your own water shoes to each class.

For more information, or to register, call (734) 466-2925 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.




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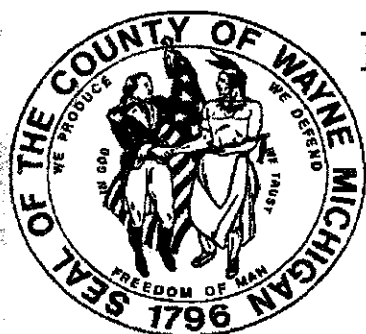
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As a public body, Wayne County must adhere to strict protocols when it spends public dollars. The laws which govern Wayne County, including the Wayne County Charter and the Comprehensive Procurement Ordinance, require prior approvals and authorization before public dollars are expended. These laws were created to protect the public treasury of the County of Wayne. Therefore, the following notice is issued pursuant to the Wayne County Charter, the Comprehensive Procurement Ordinance and the Uniform Budget and Accounting Act.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that these laws and procedures will be strictly adhered to and no County employee or official has authority, apparent or otherwise, to make payment or promise of payment for supplies or services without a contract approved by the Wayne

County Commission and executed by the Wayne County Executive, except as otherwise provided by law. Effective September 1, 2004, claims from vendors for services performed prior to the date of Commission approval of their contract will not be considered.

In addition, any agents or employees of the County who represent otherwise should be reported to the Department of Management and Budget, Bella Marshall, Chief Financial Officer for Wayne County at (313) 224-0446 or Carla Sledge, Deputy Chief Financial Officer at (313) 224-0696.

We ask the vendor community to work with the County to respect our governmental processes and protect the County Treasury. As public officials, we treat the public trust with the utmost respect and guard the public treasury with the utmost caution.

ROBERT A. FICANO
WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Bella I. Marshall
Chief Financial Officer

First Cast offers up tips on fly fishing

Eddie was excited. "I got a fly rod," proclaimed the freckle-faced 10-year-old, thrilled more over the fact that he was the first kid in the neighborhood to have one rather than over the rod itself. His uncle had found it in his garage and passed it on to his nephew.



Outdoor insights

Name
Last name

After five minutes, several ugly attempts at casting and a couple twisted knots he handed the rod to me. I didn't catch anything but the overhanging willow branch - twice - and finally losing our one and only popper.

That was the end of our fly fishing indoctrination. He laid the rod into the corner of the garage and I never saw it again.

Eddie never did get the hang of the fly rod and although I have caught fish on mine, I wouldn't call myself adept at it. Clumsily lucky probably sums up my fly fishing prowess.

Kids today have a much easier time learning about the sport than we did some 35 years ago, thanks to the efforts of the Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

The local fly fishing group is holding an outing called First

Cast for 8- to 14-year-olds interested in learning about the sport of fly fishing. The workshop is planned for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at the city of Southfield Library in the meeting room.

For just \$5 participants will receive instruction from volunteer fly fishers on the basics of fly fishing, casting, knots and equipment and streamside entomology (insects), pollution control, ethics, etiquette and conservation.

Anyone interested in exploring the First Cast program can get more information and register for the class by calling Mr. Dave Oakley at (313) 386-2141, sending e-mail to him at oak2153@yahoo.com or visit-

ing the Paul H. Young web site at www.paulyoungtu.org.

MORE FISHING FUN

Another popular fishing program that has introduced hundreds of beginners to the sport of fishing is continuing this summer at 17 state parks and recreation areas.

Each Tuesday evening at 6:30, experienced volunteers instruct participants of all ages on knot-tying, setting up a fishing pole, casting and using bait and lures. Participants then enjoy an evening of fishing in a relaxed environment.

The program runs through Aug. 10 and is offered locally at Metamora-Hadley Recreation

Area, Metamora, 810-797-4439; Pontiac Lake Recreation Area, Waterford, 248-666-1020; Proud Lake Recreation Area, Commerce Twp., 248-685-2433; Sterling State Park, Monroe, 734-289-2715; and Holly Recreation Area, Holly, 248-634-8811.

If you're traveling this summer keep in mind that the program is also offered at Bay City Recreation Area, Bay City, 989-667-0717; Fort Custer Recreation Area, Augusta, 616-731-4200; Holland State Park, Holland, 616-399-9390; Ionia Recreation Area, Ionia, 616-527-3750; Muskegon State Park, Muskegon, 231-744-3480; Port Crescent State Park, Port Austin, 989-738-

8663; Rifle River Recreation Area, Lupton, 989-473-2258; Sleepy Hollow State Park, Laingsburg, 517-651-6217; South Higgins State Park, Roscommon, 989-821-6374; Tawas Point State Park, East Tawas, 989-362-5041; Yankee Springs Recreation Area, Middleville, 269-795-9081; and Young State Park, Boyne City, 231-582-7523.

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

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

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

SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

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

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river-rat122@home.com.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

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

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and

Eight Mile roads. Visit www.mffc.org on the Internet for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

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

HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

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Accents

Scrapbooking

Memory Makers Magazine, a leading magazine for scrapbook ideas, has announced Camp Memory Makers, a 2-1/2-day scrapbooking camp, Friday-Sunday, Aug. 20-22, at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

The event will bring together hundreds of passionate crafters from around the region, eager to learn new scrapbooking techniques through an extensive lineup of classes taught by nationally known instructors.

For more information, or to register, visit www.campmm.com, e-mail campmm@fwpubs.com, or call Natalie at (800) 436-8700.

Classes at the camp will vary from basic scrapbook design to more advanced techniques, such as using 3-D methods.

They will be taught by such industry stars as Erika Ghumm, Jennifer Ditz McGuire and Trudy Sigurdson.

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Artist Carolyn Zeglen Kokko of Walled Lake made painted tiles featuring a plantation home for a kitchen in Farmington Hills.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Southern

Mississippi mansion mural adorns renovated kitchen

STORY BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

There's a Southern "flavor" to the kitchen of the Liefer residence in Farmington Hills that doesn't have to do with recipes.

It's from the mural on the backsplash by the range top: a 12-by-20-inch painting of Stanton Hall, an actual antebellum mansion in Natchez, Miss.

The handpainted mural, by artist Carolyn Zeglen Kokko of Walled Lake, incorporates Nancy Liefer's passion for the Old South into the room.

"This is my most prized possession in the whole world right now," Liefer said.

"It's the Scarlett O'Hara in me." Natchez dates back to

the 1700s and is the oldest town on the Mississippi River. Stanton Hall was built in 1857 by Frederick Stanton, who spared no expense in importing materials and constructing the estate.

The mansion - described as "magnificent and princely" in an article

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Show explores natural living, fashion, art at Novi Expo Center

Experience the newest in innovative and affluent products at the Natural Living, Home, Art and Fashion Show at the Novi Expo Center next week.

The event will take place Friday-Sunday, Aug. 6-8. The Novi Expo Center is at I-96 and Novi Road.

Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Aug. 6, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 7, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Aug. 8.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for ages 13-17, and free for ages 12 and under. For a discount coupon, visit www.lifeintl.com/expo.htm.

Sign up on line at www.lifeintl.com/expo.htm or call (800) 987-5544. All credit cards accepted.

Holistic and alternative natural living products, new home products, design, interiors, antiques, fine art, jewelry, photography, and beauty products will be included at the event.

More than 40 free seminars and stage shows will be offered, on topics from the newest in health products to how to set up a new home theater.

A personal consultation with a professional astrologer or psychic will be available.

Special guests will include feng shui expert Dennis Fairchild, business astrologer and author Gwen Miller, and furniture expert Greg Eitelman of Roche Bobois.

Fashion shows with styles by Detroit's leading clothing stores, and a special tribute to fashion photographer Helmut Newton will be featured.

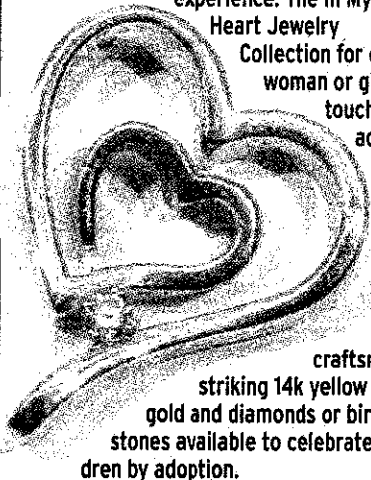
Visitors may enter to win tickets to Fash Bash from the Detroit Institute of Arts and dinner and show tickets from the Gem Theatre.

The show targets upper moderate to higher end consumers, according to show officials.

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Submissions

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

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

Keep that new furniture nice Luxury show home shows off new design

Recently we purchased new furniture and carpeting. How do I keep it clean and looking new when I live with four other people?



Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

It is possible to keep furniture and carpet looking like new for many years but it will require rules, training and discipline.

You will need cooperation from the entire household. You must first decide how high a priority this should be.

Considering the answer to this question, make a list of rules that will help you to accomplish your goal. Also based on the priority, decide whether to strictly enforce the rules or use them as loose guidelines.

Decide what will work best for your situation. You may have to sell your family on the idea that the new rules are necessary. You could make household members aware that there will be more money for other things if it is not spent replacing existing items. You may need to establish a reward and consequence system for your children. I have included some possible rules below.

Choose to eat and drink at tables instead of eating while sitting on furniture or in carpeted areas.

No matter how careful you are, accidents still happen. Spilled food items will leave permanent stains and lasting odors. Dairy products are particularly notorious for leaving odors.

THE DIRT ON DIRT

Dirt is an enemy to fabric. It will break down fibers and fade the color of furniture and carpets. You must protect your home from "dirt attacks." One preventative measure is to remove your shoes before entering your house.

Place baskets or shoe racks in strategic locations to store dirty shoes. An entry-way closet or the garage floor next to the entry door are two possibilities. Once inside, wear slippers or go in stocking feet.

More often than not, even regular guests in your home will learn and respect your rules. For others, you can simply vacuum when your guests leave. This will prevent dirt from getting ground into the carpet. Put mats outside the entry doors if you wish. Place throw rugs just inside the front door and the back doors, particularly on rainy or snowy days. When you are expecting a repairman, create a path of throw rugs to his destination in your home. He most likely will not have clean boots or shoes.

Sit on the furniture in clean clothes. Instruct children to change clothes when they have been outside playing. Sand, dirt, and sweat wash out of clothes easier than furniture. Another way to protect your furniture from soil is to cover with sheets or blankets. This does not look very attractive but it works well with small children. You might invest in a couch cover while your children are young.

CARE FOR FURNITURE

If a family member is ill and wants to lie on the sofa to

watch television for the day, first cover the sofa. Prevent sticky fingers on furniture by washing children's hands after they eat. Put doilies on the back and arms of chairs to catch dirt and oil from people's hair. A quilt works well for the back of the sofa, and you can probably find one that will match your furniture. Quilts and doilies can be easily washed when you spring clean.

Clean spills from furniture or carpets with water or plain club soda. Use an old towel to absorb spills. Place the towel on the spill and walk on it. If it is a messy spill, add water to the area to dilute the spilled liquid and then repeat the process of walking on the towel. Do this immediately, before a stain has time to set.

Occasionally, your furniture or carpets will require professional cleaning. Although sometimes necessary, a thorough professional cleaning can be especially hard on carpeting, breaking down the fibers and fraying the ends. When possible, use the dry clean method. Steam cleaning should be reserved for heavily soiled areas.

Follow these suggestions and you will not need to clean your home as often. You will have controlled the damaging elements to your furniture and carpet. An ounce of prevention is always better than a pound of cure.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "A few rules will save time and money!"

Send your questions and success stories to: **Diana Koenig**, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester, MO 63011. Email dianakoening@hotmail.com or www.domesticplanner.com.

Builders, architects and bankers created a \$1.8 million luxury Show Home to help raise money for local charities, while at the same time allowing participants an opportunity to win various prizes.

The Ultimate Show Home was built through the efforts of Custom Homes by Derocher, Dominick Tringali Architects, The Somerset Collection and Standard Federal Bank. The home incorporates the latest trends and design ideas. It is completely furnished by Somerset Collection's finest retailers.

With a \$10 donation, you will be able to tour this magnificent home, starting Saturday, July 24 to Sept. 10. Your Show Home ticket will include a shuttle service to the Show Home from The Somerset Collection. It will also entitle you to an entry to win the master bedroom set at the Show Home, valued at \$11,000 and a complimentary gift from Williams-Sonoma Grande Cuisine or The Bombay Company. Tickets can be purchased at the Concierge desk at The Somerset Collection North.

A contribution of \$1,000 will automatically enter you into a \$1 million raffle. Only 1,800 tickets will be sold for this raffle and each participant will receive a one-year membership in the exclusive Somerset Platinum Program. This program includes free valet, coffee or tea from Starbucks, free gift wrap, coat check and other various gifts throughout the

year. It will also include two strolling dinner tickets, hosted by Capital Grille at Somerset Collection, on the day of the drawing, Sept. 12.

Participants are eligible to win: \$1 million, first prize; a miniature playhouse (displayed in Somerset Collection Grand Court); second prize; a \$5,000 Somerset Collection shopping spree (including 10 hours with an interior designer), third prize.

The Somerset Home and Garden Show has scheduled more events in The Somerset Collection Grand Court.

The miniature Show Home playhouse - a replica of the full-sized version - features flowering gardens, a stone pathway and brick facade. Make a donation and your child can be architect for the day.

Your child will receive an authentic architect tube filled with supplies to use their wildest imagination in drawing their own dream home. Their artwork will be displayed at The Somerset Collection and their name will be entered into a drawing for a miniature motorized Porsche or miniature motorized Golf Cart. The drawing will be held Sept. 12.

For the golf enthusiast, with a \$10 donation, you can show your prowess in a hole-in-one "million dollar shot." You will receive an official Ryder Cup golf ball and a chance to putt on a professionally designed golf green, The Links at Somerset. Should you get a hole-in-one, you will be put in

a raffle to win one of two grand prizes, a \$1,000 Home Show ticket for the \$1 million drawing or two tickets to the Ryder Cup opening ceremonies on Sept. 16 at the Oakland Country Club.

Ticket sales will go toward helping three local charities: JVS, Grace Centers of Hope, and Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County.

JVS's goal is to help people meet life's challenges through counseling, training and support service in accordance with Jewish values of equal opportunity, compassion and responsibility. JVS believes the best way to help people is to make it possible for them to help themselves.

Grace Centers of Hope, formerly Pontiac Rescue Mission, is Oakland County's oldest and largest homeless shelter since 1942. It is a faith-based non-profit organization dedicated to changing the lives of men and women with children suffering from homelessness, drug addiction, alcoholism and domestic abuse.

It is committed to creating community by providing shelter, recovery and rehabilitation.

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County, working in partnership with God and the communities in Oakland County, builds simple and affordable homes for families in need, creating stronger communities to live and work.

For further information, please call Jennifer Sheets at (248) 549-8500.

Oak floors are buried treasures

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Jen asks: "I have an oak hardwood floor that is covered with carpet and pad. I want to remove the carpet and pad and clean and finish the oak floor. Any advice?"

"Buried treasure" - that's how we refer to an oak floor that has been covered with wall-to-wall carpet.

Hardwood floors were "standard equipment" in homes until plywood and cost-conscious construction made the way onto the scene.

"Unearthing" an old wood floor can add significantly to the appearance and value of your home. Although a carpet and pad can offer some level of protection, the nails used to hold the tack strip at the perimeter and staples used to attach the carpet could mar an otherwise pristine finish.

Carefully remove the carpet

and pad. If the pad is attached with staples, carefully remove them using pliers.

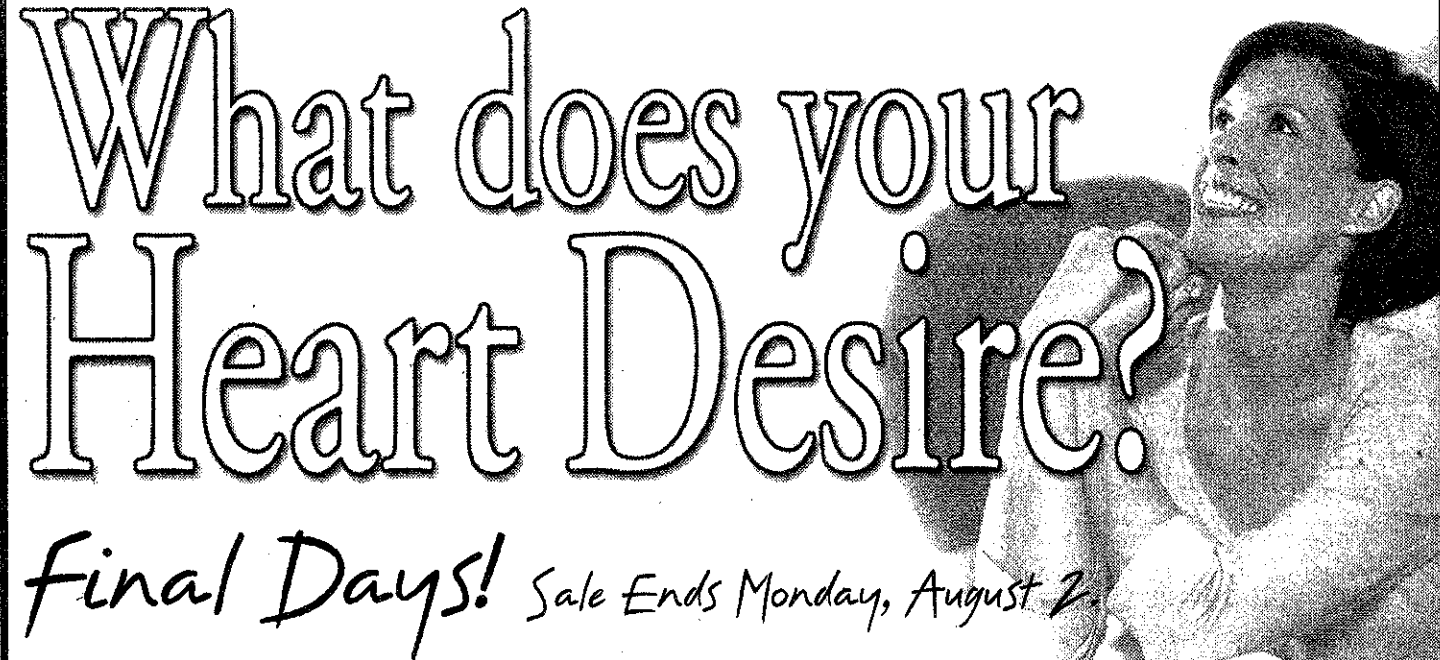
Use equal caution to remove the tack strip using a pry bar and a small hammer. Be sure to place a small shim shingle or other protection between the pry bar and the floor.

With the carpet and pad out of the way, thoroughly vacuum the floor and then sponge mop a small section at a time, using a cleaning solution such as Spic-and-Span.

Remember: Wood and water don't mix, so be sure to go easy on the water. Once clean, use a soft, white terry cloth dampened with mineral spirits to test if the finish consists of wax or a hard finish such as polyurethane. If the surface appears dull after wiping a small section with mineral spirits, it is waxed. If the finish appears to be revitalized, the finish is likely polyurethane.

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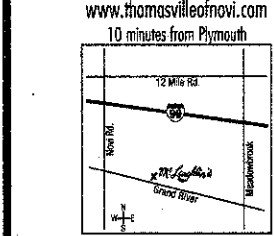
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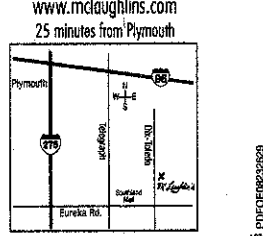
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HOME CALENDAR

Fashion dolls
The Barbie and Friends Fashion Doll Show will take place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Wayne Tree Manor, 35104 Van Born in Wayne. The show will feature vintage and limited edition Barbies by renowned doll artists and fashion designers, pink box series Barbies and other fashion dolls and accessories. Admission is \$5 (free for under age 10. For information, call (734) 455-2110.

Bird expo
The Ann Arbor Cage Bird Club, a non-profit educational and charitable organization, will present its 19th annual Bird Expo 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at Weber's Inn, 3050 Jackson in Ann Arbor. Admission is \$3 for adults, free for under age 12. The event will include talks on Choosing a Parrot Species and on Better Bird Care and Behavior Problems. Birds, play stands, toys, T-shirts and raffles will also be featured. Money raised from the expo is donated to local and international avian conservation groups, pet bird health research, veterinary scholarships and bird rescues. All birds will have a visual check by an avian veterinarian before entering the show. Guests aren't allowed to bring their pet birds to the expo. Strollers are discouraged, due to heavy traffic. For more information, contact Melanie at (734) 662-4582 or melaniecunningham2000@yahoo.com, or Mary at (734) 326-0720 or mdw@0123@aol.com, or visit www.aacbc.org.

Meadow Brook Hall
Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, offers a variety of tours and delicious food. Meadow Brook Hall's Thoroughly Modern Tullie tour showcases Matilda Rausch Dodge-Wilson as a modern and progressive woman beyond her time. All three levels of Meadow Brook Hall are included on the 1-1/2-hour tour, which takes place 10:30 a.m., noon, 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Admission is \$15, free for ages 2 and under. The general tour at Meadow Brook

Hall includes the main and entertainment levels of the house. Tours last approximately 45 minutes and take place 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. daily, now to Labor Day. Admission is \$12.50, free for ages 2 and under. The new Garden and Architectural Tour explores the gardens of Meadow Brook Hall and amazing architectural structures surrounding it. Tours are available 12:45 p.m. Monday-Sunday, now to Labor Day. Admission is \$8, free for ages 2 and under. Kniele Cottage has undergone some renovations to ready itself for the summer months. New landscaping provides the perfect setting to enjoy a lemonade and cookie stand, oversized tic-tac-toe game, and croquet on the lawn outside the cottage. Inside the cottage children can enjoy an activity center and kid-friendly music. Meadow Brook Hall's Café Cappuccino is the perfect place for a refreshing mid-afternoon snack. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, now to Labor Day, Café Cappuccino offers snacks, sandwiches and popular summer beverages and cocktails. Inspired by luxurious picnics of old, full-service summer lunches with champagne are served 12:30-2 p.m. daily on the sun porch. Reservations are required for summer lunches. Cost is \$55 per person, \$50 for members. All proceeds from Meadow Brook Hall programs support its preservation and interpretation. For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.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.

Get the lowdown on fact or fiction

My Sunday night radio show features a fantastic segment we call "Fact or Fiction." That's not a surprise. I think every radio show in this country has a segment called Fact or Fiction.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Of course I'd believe that, as I'm the one

who writes it. In the game, we read two fake facts and one true fact. The first correct caller wins a prize. An example would be:

■ The Sacramento Film Festival featured a film called Carrot Wars, a spoof of Star Wars featuring a cast of guinea pigs.

■ The tradition of carrying a rabbit's foot for luck began in Rome, when Caesar Augustus pardoned a prisoner carrying a rabbit's leg, because he appreciated a fellow hunter.

■ In 1978, an inventor named Benjamin Cross patented contact lenses for flies, which are still sold regionally as souvenirs.

With the game it's all in fun. If any or all of these are true, so what?

Chances are you won't be buying contact lenses so your fly can watch Carrot Wars while sitting on your rabbit's foot.

Web sites and Internet chain letters, along with old wives tales, often get people believing something they shouldn't. Here's a few things I've heard or read.

"Sweiffer Sweeps contain Ethylene Glycol and can kill your dog or cat if they lick the floor after you sweep with one!"

When I received this e-mail, I was surprised. I had just dusted our way too extensive bulldog nick-nack collection with the Sweiffers, and swept up with the Sweeffs. Tasting my fingertip, I found no hint of the sweet taste Ethylene glycol supposedly has.

(I've never been able to figure out how they know that Ethylene glycol (antifreeze), one of the most potent poisons in the world, tastes sweet. But I digress.)

Turns out the whole thing is a load of hooey; totally untrue. Sweiffers are safe.

A few years ago a laundry wrinkle remover was a victim of a similar e-mail rumor.

While it might have been a concern for Shar-pei owners who liked their dog's wrinkles, it was perfectly safe.

Another product that makes a room or fabric smell fresher faced the same Internet rumor. These products all outlasted the false information.

"Don't feed your dog grapes or raisins! They are toxic to dogs!"

First off, anything that can cause diarrhea probably should be thought out before giving to the dog. Secondly, this just sounds silly, but believe it or not, it's TRUE!

Granted, we're not talking about your Great Dane eating a single raisin and falling over lifelessly.

However, you should control how many you give to prevent illness.

I have a simple formula: Take the weight of your dog in pounds, and divide by 2.2. That will give you your dog's weight in kilograms. Now multiply by zero. That will give you the number of grapes and/or raisins you should be giving your dog or cat.

"When you have a new puppy, the best way to house-break is the tried and true method of rubbing their nose in the mess when you find it."

Never ever do this. Ever.

Dog trainer Brian Donovan has said many times that dogs are so easy to train that you can do everything wrong and still get it done. The fact this sometimes works seems to prove that. The way to train a dog is through immediate

association. This means catching them in the act. If they make a mess, and you don't catch them making the mess, you can't correct him.

When I say this, some will say, oh, the pup knows! When I come in and there's a mess, he acts nervous and guilty! If someone was going to rub your nose in such a mess, you'd be nervous, too.

Pups associate the punishment with the mess being there, and with you being there, but not with making the mess.

They worry about you seeing it, but not when they are making it.

Positive reinforcement by getting the pup outside and praising good behavior works best.

Ask your vet or call a good trainer for more ideas.

Sometimes discerning fact from fiction, especially when you read it on the internet, can be difficult. Call and ask people who would know. Never take Internet suggestions at face value. By the way, they really did make Carrot Wars, meaning someone had just a little bit too much time on their hands.

Dr. Brad Davis is the Medical Director for the VCA of Garden City. Write him there with questions and comments. Send E-mail questions or comments with your e-mail address to Questions@animaltalkradio.com.

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Charles Dixon of Hardwood Floor Inspections LLC of Farmington Hills is one of three individuals recently awarded NOFMA®-Certified Wood Flooring Inspector (NOFMA®-CWFI) credentials by NOFMA, the Wood Flooring Manufacturers Association.

The certifications earned by Dixon, Craig Dewitt of RLC Engineering of Clemson, S.C., and Genia Smith of Accent Hardwood Flooring of Durham, N.C., will be effective for two years.

Certification must be maintained through continuing education and practice in the flooring inspection field.

NOFMA currently has six Certified Wood Flooring Inspectors.

"The graduates of NOFMA Certified Wood Flooring Inspectors are among the country's best trained and most capable wood flooring inspectors," said Mickey Moore, NOFMA's technical director, who oversees the certification program.

"They each have undergone many hours of training in all aspects having to do with proper manufacture, installation and performance of wood

flooring. And through supervised field testing they've proven their ability to properly inspect a floor and report their findings."

The NOFMA-CWFI program is the only certification program to require a combination of educational training, practical experience, and both site review and report review in order to earn credentials.

The inspector must successfully complete a five-day training course and pass a written exam at the conclusion.

Those who pass the exam must then complete a minimum six-month probationary period, during which they are required to conduct on-site wood flooring inspections accompanied by a NOFMA representative.

In addition, certification prospects must submit reports from other site inspections, each of which describes a different type of flooring performance problem.

Because inspections often are used in dispute resolution between homeowners, flooring contractors and manufacturers, the ability to accurately and succinctly report findings is just as important as an inspector's

knowledge of wood flooring, Moore said.

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In a recent issue of *House & Garden*, results of a color study co-sponsored by the magazine and Pantone Inc. revealed that respondents want color in their homes.

The findings range from the reaffirming of the intriguing and the startling. Here are a few of the surprising insights into the decorating mind of the American consumer.

■ If the fresh paint job wasn't the color hoped for, an overwhelming 73 percent would repaint within a month. More women (45 percent) than men (37 percent) insisted on repainting immediately.

■ Blue has always been America's favorite color, with 47 percent saying that they loved it as children and 32 percent saying they will still decorate with blue more than any other color.

Credit the garden with the second-most-popular decorating color in the country - green.

■ Some Americans are scared to use gutsy color at home, but if they were to take the plunge, the top three picks would be fiery red, orange and bright yellow.

"Bold color started in fashion, and now it's becoming mainstream," said Lisa Herbert, Pantone executive vice-president.

Although orange is the color most often considered too garish to use in the home, it shouldn't be ruled out as it makes a statement.

After orange, the most disliked colors are chartreuse, yellow and indigo. The only colors that no one hated were pale apricot, soft yellow and royal blue.

■ Forty-four percent say that the living room is the room where color is most important.

Leatrice Eiseman, executive director, Pantone Color Institute, isn't surprised.

"The living room is where we present ourselves to friends and family," said Eiseman.

The top three colors for the bathroom are sky blue, pale apricot and royal blue.

After white, 24 percent love yellow in the kitchen.

■ When shown four popular color combinations featured in the pages of *House & Garden*, almost half of respondents chose the royal blue-yellow scheme.

While both sexes cited blue-and-yellow as their top pick, they diverged on their second choice: Men went for brown-and-blue, while women preferred the red-purple combo.

Only 8 percent selected the pink-and-chartreuse combination.

■ Twenty-six percent of respondents admitted to having been tempted to buy black sheets, and 21 percent already bought them, while twice as many Democrats as Republicans say they have boldly bet on black.

■ A beautiful garden abloom with red roses and tulips? No! Red is the color least desired in the garden, followed by orange and purple.

■ Seventy-nine percent polled say it is a top priority that furniture be just the right color, while 80 percent agreed that color mattered most in fashion.

Less than 20 percent insisted on a specific hue for their computers and cell phones.

Forty-five percent insist on a specific hue when buying a small home appliance.

Almost two-thirds won't shell out for a large appliance unless it comes in their preferred color.

Hot-blooded red is the favorite shade when it comes to cars.

When it comes to the toothbrush, blue is America's first choice. Romantic lilac is the surprise runner-up.

On the Internet:
Pantone Color Systems -
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TILES

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in the *Mississippi Free Trader* in 1858 - covers an entire city block. Its style is Greek Revival and Italianate.

Features of the palatial home include an arched hall that is 72 feet long, Sheffield silver knobs and hinges, bronze chandeliers, white marble mantels that were sculpted in New York, massive gold-leaf mirrors that were ordered from France, and rosewood furnishings accented with silver.

Today Stanton Hall is a National Historic Landmark, the headquarters of the Pilgrimage Garden Club, and the setting for elegant social functions in the city.

INTEREST

Liefer has visited Stanton Hall three times, including as a third wedding anniversary present. She is interested in the architecture and history of the antebellum period, and has been giving volunteer lectures on the history of Natchez for 10 years.

The Lieferers have lived in

their Farmington Hills house for 22 years. Last year they completed a renovation of the kitchen, which involved taking out soffits.

The contractor, Bruce Lorence of Perfection Plus of Redford, did beautiful work, including adding crown molding around the room.

Nancy Liefer was looking for a focal point in the new kitchen tile work that would be different from the usual food motif. She decided to go with something related to her fascination with the South.

"I wanted something special back here," Liefer said.

Her husband, Dennis, helped her with the project. "He was there every inch of the way," she said.

The couple looked at ceramic tile stores in the area. Nancy Liefer's sister, a graphic designer in Savannah, Ga., searched ceramic dealers there.

The hunt was unsuccessful, until Nancy discovered Kokko's handpainted custom design services available through Beaver Tile and Stone in Farmington Hills.

In her company, Artistiko, Kokko also paints murals, faux finishes and trompe l'oeil; reworks furniture; makes floral arrangements; designs

mosaics; and makes bracelets out of old jewelry.

Liefer met with the artist, and gave her books and photos of Stanton Hall. Kokko was enthusiastic. The best thing about her job is when people choose custom work about their special interest, she said.

"That's what life is all about - expressing yourself," Kokko said.

DETAILS

The painting is on 15 stone tiles, each measuring 4 by 4 inches. It is framed on the left and right by "columns" of fluted ceramic tile.

The scene shows the front and one side of the mansion, with a blue sky, graceful trees and bright azaleas.

Kokko featured such details as the intricate ironwork, Corinthian columns and pediment of the building, as well as the curve of the gallery and the widow's walk.

Kokko painted the tiles at her studio, and treated them with a sealing process she developed to protect them from heat and splashes of food.

A light under the microwave over the range top shines a tiny spotlight on the painting.

"This is my pride and joy,"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Homeowner Nancy Liefer thinks that the work serves as a focal point for the room.

Liefer said of the work.

Visitors love the painting and want to know all about it. She might not have done it 10 years ago, Liefer said.

"As you get older, you dare to dare."

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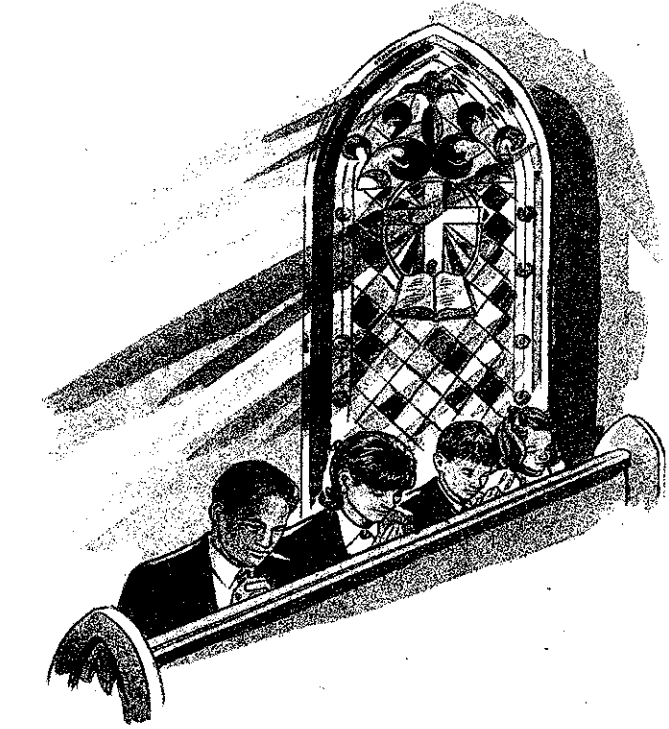
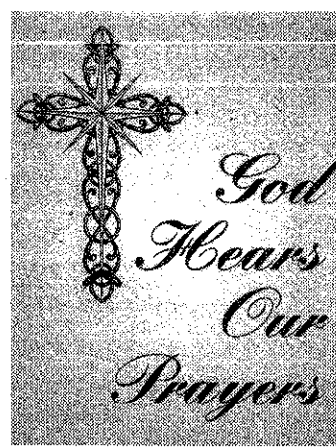
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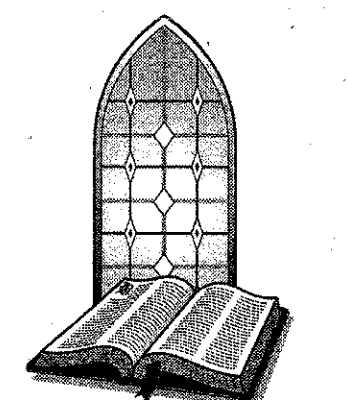
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JULY

Summer Spirituality

An evening for ages 18 to 35 to explore being a Catholic in the world 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at St. Fabian Parish on 12 Mile, west of Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. The topic is reflecting God in work and relationships. Sponsored by Genesis Ministry of Oakland County and Campus Ministry at Oakland Community College. For more information, call Tom at (248) 522-3748 or send e-mail to tadona-hoo@oaklandcc.edu.

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UPCOMING

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Cranbrook Carillon Series

Scottish Sunday celebration 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, John Gouvens, carillonist at Culver Academies in Indiana, joins the St. Andrew's of Detroit Pipe Band and Scottish Dancers for a fun and music filled performance, the series continues each Sunday at 4 p.m. through Aug. 15, at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road, one block west of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. The public is welcome. For information, call (248) 644-5210.

Carillon Series

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Movie Mondays

For kindergarten through fifth grade, join us for movie, popcorn and drinks 1:30-3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, at First Congregational Church, Wayne Road between east and westbound Michigan

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Yard sale

Master's Hands Ministries holds a Yard Sale 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 5-7, at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington, Livonia. Dollar bag sale noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. All proceeds benefit poor of Haiti. Donations for the sale will be accepted noon to 7 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Aug. 3-4 at the church. For more information, call (517) 750-1898.

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Begins 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, with quiet prayer and ends in celebration of the Lord at 9 p.m., includes prayer time, Bible reading, celebration in worship with song and a call to discipleship, at Ford Field, Detroit. Participants should bring their Bibles. Free tickets are available at Straight Gate International Church, 10100 Grand River, Detroit or by calling toll-free 1-866-664-8385. Lower and Upper Deck general admission seating is free. Preferred Floor Seating is \$50 (plus service fees). Tickets may be purchased at all TicketMaster outlets and online at www.ticketmaster.com and at the Ford Field Ticket Office, 2000 Brush Street or by calling (313) 262-2003. For more details and group rate information, go to www.oneinworship.com. Advance tickets for parking can also be purchased through Ford Field for \$8 on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Spirit Days

5-8 p.m. 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.

Olympic Village Celebration

Be an Olympian. Games, sports activities and contests, dunk tank, international crafts, preschool fun zone, and food 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 8, at First Congregational Church, Wayne Road between east and westbound Michigan Avenue, Wayne. No charge. All welcome. For information, call (734) 729-7550.

Davey & Goliath's Camp Creation

A Super Gospel Celebration Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, between Grand River and Freedom, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 474-0584.

Vacation Bible School

Join God's Team at the Son Games 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13, at First Congregational Church, Wayne Road between east and westbound Michigan Avenue, Wayne. No charge. For information, call (734) 729-7550.

Son Games

A week of sporting fun. Children will discover how to live as members of God's team as they take part in songs, skits, crafts, games, Bible stories and snacks 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Redford. Call (313) 937-3170 for registration information.

Garage Sale

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 12-14, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 West Six Mile, Redford. For more information, call (313) 534-

7730.

St. Mary's Festival

Annual Family Festival hosted by The Basilica of St. Mary, includes Middle Eastern food and entertainment, games for children, church tours 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, August 13, 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Aug. 14, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at 18100 Merriman, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-0010. Lamentation and procession with shroud of Virgin Mary 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.

Service in the Park

Live music is the highlight of an outdoor church service when the congregation of Heart of the Hills Church celebrates 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, under the Kiwanis Pavilion in Rochester Municipal Park. Everyone in the community is invited to attend this special event which will take place - rain or shine. A picnic lunch with games follows the service. Bring your picnic baskets and blankets and join in the fun. Located on Orion Road at Silver Bell in Rochester, Heart of the Hills Church is a contemporary interdenominational church which uses relevant, humorous preaching and present day music to minister to its congregation. For more information, visit www.heartofthehills.com or call (248) 652-7774.

Divorce Recovery Workshop A workshop for those going through divorce, contemplating divorce, or divorced for any length of time to help you heal and grow 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19 to Sept. 30, at First Presbyterian Church Northville. New facilitators and some new speakers. For more information, call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.

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CBC Day Camp

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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.

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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 will take place Friday-Sunday, Sept. 10-12, Oct. 15-17, and Nov. 19-21, at St. John's Family Life Center, 4401 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/wmwe.

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Fall Boutique

Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Jude Circle), West Chicago and Inkster roads, Redford. Table rental is \$25. Call Nancy at (313) 937-1741 or Joan at (313) 937-1670.

School registrations

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School (9600 Laverne, Redford) is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2004-2005 school year.

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Registration time

Our Lady of Good Counsel is now 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.

Synagogue services

Services are 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

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Prayer group

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

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.



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ANN THOMASON

Passed away suddenly at age 83 in Annapolis Hospital on June 29th. Ann's husband left her a widow at age 38 with 4 children to care for. She worked various jobs in order to do this: her favorite one at Garden City Parks and Recreation, where she was affectionately known as "The Log Cabin Lady" by the many children she befriended there. She retired at 67, from Stahl Mfg., where she had worked as a machine operator. After retirement, her greatest joy was caring for her daughter's dogs, while she and her husband worked. They were like children to her and she pampered them terribly. A twice-yearly trip to the Soaring Eagle Casino with her daughters was something she always looked forward to with eager anticipation. Mom was always so easily pleased and was extremely grateful for the smallest favor or act of kindness shown her, and she readily forgave the most painful transgressions committed against her. Ann was preceded in death by her son, Blake Thomason and is survived by daughters, Judy Jaynes, Bonnie Booth and Lora Michalik, and son-in-law Paul Michalik. Four grandchildren also survive: Richard Thomason, Scott Booth, Keith Booth and Eric Michalik, along with 3 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at UH Funeral Home in Westland, on July 2nd, with burial at Cadillac Memorial Gardens.

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REV. JOHN H. ETTEMA

Age 82, of Holland, died Monday, July 26, 2004 in Holland, MI. He served as pastor of the Grace Reformed Church of Allen Park, MI and was also the former Chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol in the Detroit area. Surviving is his wife Marilyn of 58 years. Children: James Ettema and Elaine Rado of Chicago, IL, Dale and Elizabeth Ettema of Los Angeles, CA, Pamela and Krishna Sawhney of Bloomfield Hills, MI, Michael Ettema of Santa Fe, NM, Roger and Janelle Ettema of Howell, MI; 9 grandchildren. Services are 11 a.m. Thursday at the Trinity Reformed Church, 712 Apple Avenue, with the Rev. Mark Mast officiating. Burial will be in Graefschap Cemetery. Visiting is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Life Story Funeral Homes-Mulder Chapel, 188 West 32nd Street. Memorial contributions may be made to the Evergreen Commons or Western Theological Seminary. For more information, visit www.lifestorynet.com.

RICHARD TREFNEY

Born in Cleveland, Ohio September 7, 1930, 73 years old. Resident of Livonia for 36 years. Beloved husband to Carol Trefney for 50 years. Predeceased by his father Joseph and mother Rose (Boucek) Trefney. Brother to Diane Bernaciak (Dale) and the late Evelyn Marsak (Frank). Devoted father to Craig (Jan) Trefney, William (Phyllis) Trefney, Alan (Cheri) Trefney, Donald (Mary) Trefney and Karen (Larry) Drake. Proud grandfather to 11 grandchildren: Alyssa, Alexander, Justin, Maggie, Eric, Chelsey, Ashley, Joshua, Michael, Abby and Derek. Uncle and great uncle to many. Electrical engineer, avid sailor and bagpiper. Served in the U.S. Navy for 7 years. Dedicated husband, father, grandfather and friend. Great source of humor and wonderful story teller. His presence will be greatly missed by all that knew him.

ROGER JAMES TATE

49, former resident of Troy, died peacefully in his West Branch home Thursday, July 22, after an extended illness. Surviving is his wife Lorna, sons Roger II and Robert, children Nichelle, Lydia and Paul at home. After cremation, his ashes will be spread over White Fish Pointe.

VIOLA SPARKMAN

Age 80, of Plymouth, died July 26, 2004. She was born September 26, 1923, in Cannon Co., Tennessee. She is survived by her granddaughters, Melissa (Jeffrey) Snyder and Michelle (Michael) DeYoung; her great-granddaughters, Sarah, Rebecca, and Madison; her daughter-in-law, Roxana Sparkman Jacobs; her sister, Hazel Moffitt; and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, Robert Gordon, and her son, R. Wayne. Funeral from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, Thursday 1pm. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the National Kidney Foundation.

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MARGARET M. HARRINGTON

82, formerly of West Bloomfield, Michigan and most recently of Stuart, Florida, died on July 26, 2004. For almost 53 years, Marge was married to her true soul mate, the late Arthur R. Harrington. Together they raised four children: Patty Townsend (Ted), Peggy Harrington (the late Richard Burgess), Kathy Harrington (Charlie Moles), and John Harrington (Meribeth) and treasured their seven grandchildren: Tim (Georgina), Katy (Justin Michaud), Meredith, Laura, Chris, Lila and Daniel, and one great-granddaughter, Alabama. The family gives heartfelt thanks to Marge's sister, Eleanor Leonard ("Aunt Elly") of Stuart whose love and devotion is unsurpassed. Marge will forever be remembered as a loyal wife, a loving mother, a warm and gentle "Nana" to her grandchildren, a good sister to Elly and the late Christina O'Connor, a kind aunt, and to those who knew Marge well, as an all-around grand lady who "enjoyed being a girl." Marge will be greatly missed by all who knew her. The family invites you to join them at a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 1200 SE 10th St. Stuart, FL 34996 on Saturday, July 31, at 10am to remember Marge and to celebrate her life. If anyone wishes to honor Marge, a contribution to Hospice of Martin and St. Lucie, 1201 SE Indian St., Stuart, FL 34997 would be most appreciated.

PHYLLIS TRACY

July 20, 2004. Age 85. Devoted wife of the late Donald P. Beloved mother of Linda Whyte, Leslie Marriott (Lynn) and Patricia Williams (Richard). Dear Grandmother of Kelly, Matthew, Jonathan, Jason, Andrew, Eric, and Carolina. Great Grandmother of Samantha, Nathan, Patrick, Cody, Jacob, Stefan and Carson. Member of Chapter CD P.E.O. Sisterhood for 50 Years. Memorial service Friday, July 30, 2004, 11AM at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly (2 bks. S. of Plymouth Rd), Redford, MI. Memorials suggested to Aldersgate United Methodist Church or Angela Hospice.

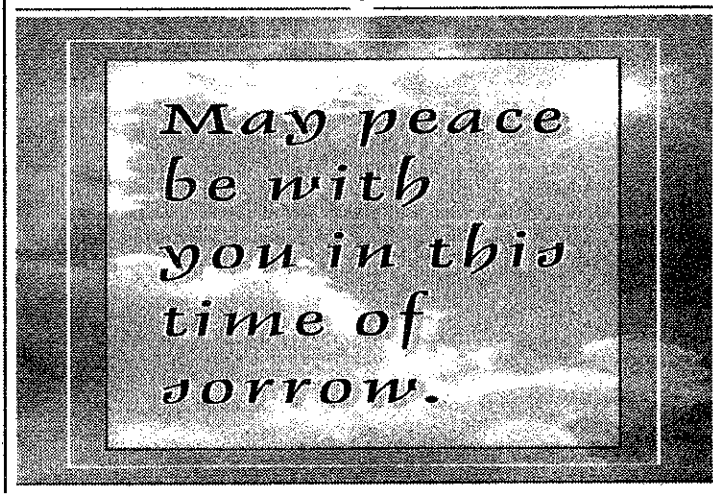
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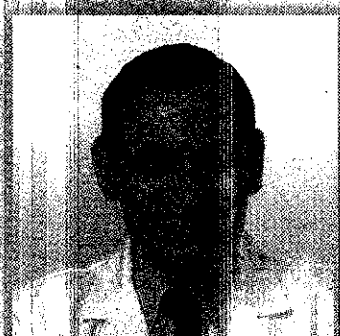
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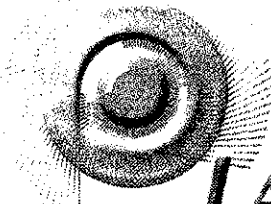
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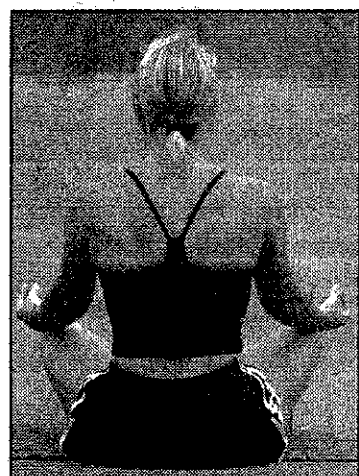
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Meditation has become a worldwide hit. In fact, 1.5 million people practice this simple technique for greater health and happiness. The National Institutes of Health has invested millions of dollars to study meditation and similar methods because of all the remarkable benefits. For example, a recent study found that headache sufferers had a 32 percent reduction in the frequency and severity of migraines after meditation.

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The pool industry is making new waves - with pools that offer plenty of backyard fun while also serving as beautiful and functional extensions of living space. With smart innovations in design and maintenance, pools are more attractive than ever.

So how do you decide which pool is right for your lifestyle? Today's pool designs are limited only by a lack of imagination.

"People are looking at pools differently," said Marc Campbell, senior vice president at San Juan Pools in Lakeland, Fla. "They are not just places to splash and play anymore."

To help you escape to your own back yard, the National Spa and Pool Institute (NSPI) and Pool People USA offer these pool styles and splashy ideas to get you started.

■ **Above ground**
These pools are usually less permanent than other styles and most can be drained and moved if necessary. On average, sizes range from 8 to 28 feet with depths up to 6 or 7 feet.

■ **Inground vinyl**
Traditional inground pools have reinforced walls with vinyl liners. Rectangular pools are the most common, but other shapes are available. Many new liner patterns and colors are available to enhance the poolscape.

■ **Inground granite**
The most elaborate of pool styles, the inground granite are permanent reinforced pools with concrete and plaster.

These allow for a wide variety of options such as waterfalls, custom steps and special entries built in any shape and with many plaster finishes or pebble applications.

■ **Fiberglass**
Pool units are a one-piece shell installed directly into the ground. These are usually made of a full fiberglass molded shell, but some combine concrete or other materials with the fiberglass. There are several styles and shapes available.

No matter what style you select, how you outfit this extension of your home is up to you says Lew Akins, a fellow NSPI Builders Council member.

■ **Water without walls**
Some of the most popular ideas in pools now involve the lack of pool walls. Most notable are playful and pretty beach entries - a gently sloping entrance to the pool that mimics a beach in looks and feel.

Wet decks are extremely popular, says Campbell. "You can lie in about 4 inches of water and read your magazine and stay cool."

■ **Fountain fun**
Fountains that gently bubble or those that make a big splash create a sound shield for your pool and help keep it clean.

And some are downright fun. Intermittently squirting fountains in a beach-entry area will entertain little ones for hours.

Fountains coming from and highlighting statuary or antique Greek urns make a beautiful, timeless statement.

Laminar flow fountains shoot a stream of water about the thickness of your finger through the air. The water holds together to create a moving, watery tube that will carry the glow of fiber-optic lighting. Foaming fountains mix water and air for a frothy, mushroom-head effect.

Lots of manufacturers are offering adjustable nozzles to let you control how high and how far your fountain will go.

■ **Water falling**
Always popular, waterfalls continue to be one of the most requested design elements on pools. Sleek sheets of water fall over granite platforms to offer a secluded area for swimmers.

Other versions are playful cascades that splash and fall from real or manmade rocks. Some waterfalls let you

increase or decrease the rate of fall to get the sound of gently falling rain or a turbulent rain shower.

■ **It's automatic**
Turn on your waterfalls, light your night and take the work out of pool work. There's automatic equipment to meet all these needs. Just program and relax.

Many of these controls are computer-friendly, allowing you to telelink to your system. You can then operate pool functions via telephone from the office or your mobile phone.

"The automatic systems are computers in their own right," said Akins. "They are incredibly simple to operate. On-screen programming walks you right through it."

■ **Light it right**
The right lighting will not only enhance your poolscape, but it also will make it safer.

Glowing incandescent lighting can spotlight water features as well as garden and architectural elements. Perimeter lighting will make a pool look magical at night. Little lights set in stone illuminate walkways and steps.

Fiber-optic lighting offers colors to suit any mood. These high-tech, yet accessible systems work by transmitting light from a source located away from the pool through high-quality glass or acrylic fiber-optic cables. Color wheels make coloring your world as easy as flipping a switch.

■ **Carefree fun**
Today's superior chemicals, state-of-the-art equipment and advanced cleaning techniques have made pool care pretty much carefree.

With automated systems, it takes little more than a touch of a button or a flip of a switch to cover or uncover the pool, clean it, control the temperature and dispense the chemicals.

Pool maintenance has gone high-tech. Magnetic water conditioners turn oil and other substances into larger particles so that the filter can pick them up. Salt chlorine generators (which turn ordinary salt into chlorine) keep pools sparkling.

■ **Energy efficient**
Energy-efficient filters and pumps sometimes garner power company rebates but always pay for themselves in the long run.

Campbell says that small pools (a trend in itself) combined with heat pumps make for energy-efficient backyard retreats.

Thermal pool blankets or solar covers have soared in popularity. Lightweight and relatively inexpensive, they attract the sun's heat and can increase a pool's temperature by as much as 10 degrees. There's even a new liquid solar blanket that can be thrown in the pool to form a layer to attract heat.

■ **Layers of protection**
Simple safety is one thing that defies all trends. There's no substitution for old-fashioned supervision.

And, "The way to protect your children 365 days a year," said Campbell, "is to teach them to swim well."

State and local governments have area-specific barrier requirements and codes.

Beyond that, self-closing and self-latching gates and doors should surround your pool. Window latches, good lighting and portable telephones also are easy and excellent protection devices.

Pool safety covers that meet the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM International) safety standards will provide an added layer of protection - a horizontal fence, if you will. Covers also cut down on day-to-day operating costs by reducing heat loss, chemical usage and water evaporation.

Automation makes them push-button easy. Additionally, there are in-pool motion detectors and alarms that will let you know if anyone is in the water. Other types of wireless-transmission alarms strap onto children or pets and shriek if they get wet.

But in the end, common sense, practicality and supervision never go out of style.

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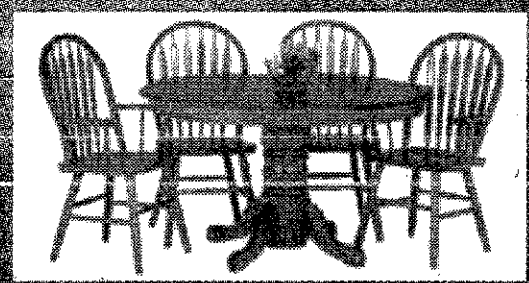
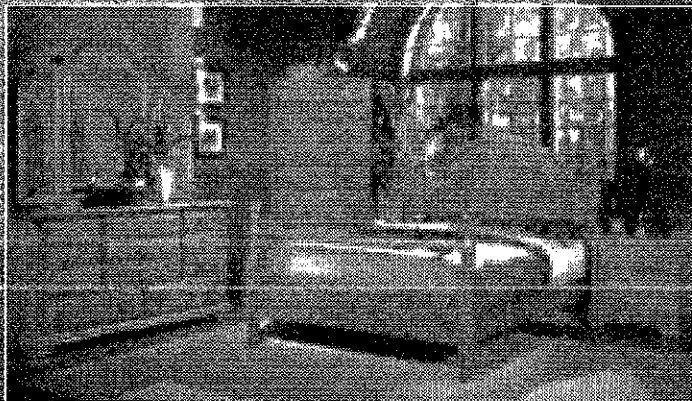
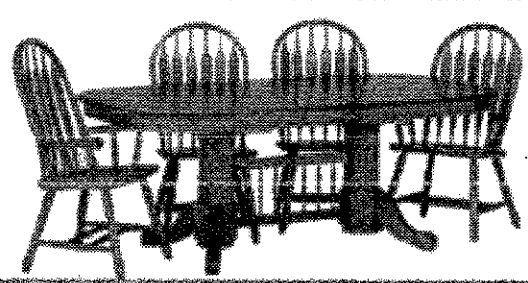
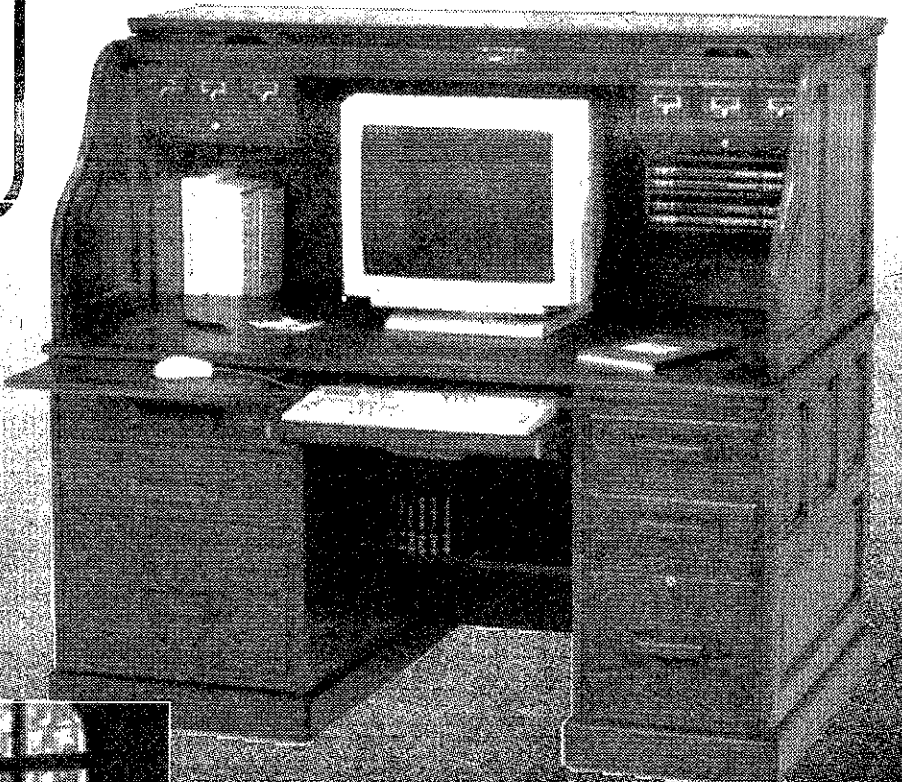
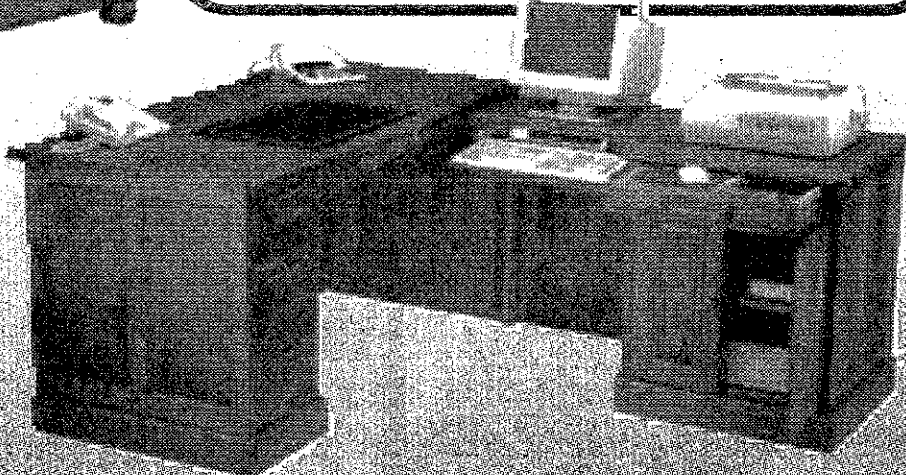
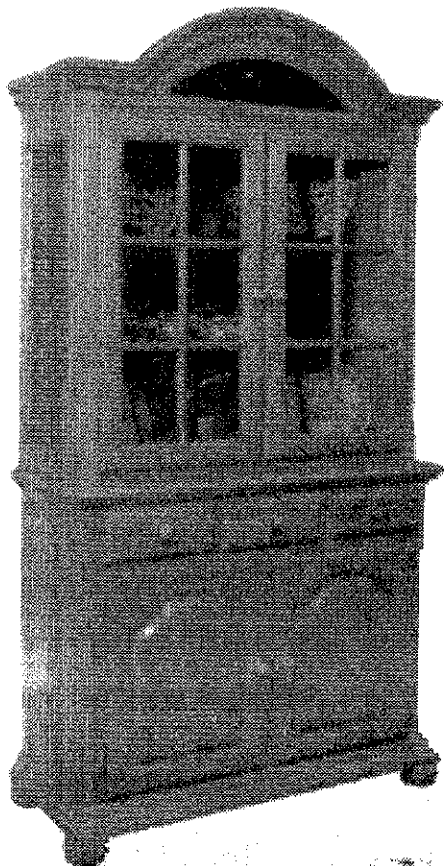
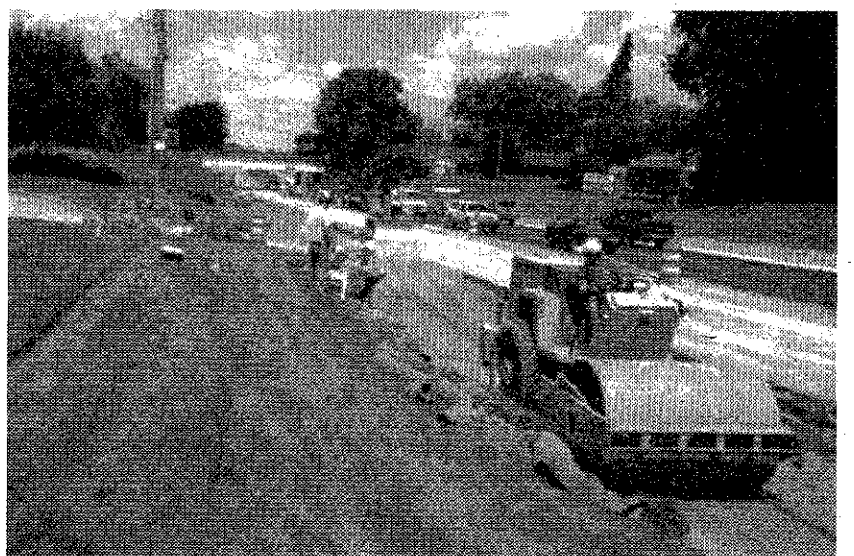


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Black raspberries deserve a revival

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

A hundred years ago, black raspberries were at least as popular, perhaps more so, than red raspberries.

Sometimes called blackcaps, these jet-black brambles resemble blackberries, but are smaller and firmer. Blackcaps also are less juicy, so have more intense flavor and resist rot either on the plant or in your refrigerator.

The plants grow wild throughout the eastern United States.

Blackcaps can be cultivated. Commercial cultivation began around 1850 and within 50 years, thousands of acres were being planted in western New York alone.

Alas, few people today appreciate this delectable fruit - mostly because blackcaps were always regional, rural favorites, so they declined in popularity as people moved to the cities.

You can enjoy these fruits either by seeking out wild

plants or by planting them yourself.

In the latter case, start your patch by buying disease-free plants from a nursery, and planting in a sunny location where the soil is rich and well-drained.

Annual pruning - a simple, four-step procedure - keeps a black raspberry patch productive and easy to pick, and averts disease problems.

The first step in pruning is to cut to the ground all the old canes that have finished fruiting. Do this sometime after you finish harvest and until growth begins next spring.

For the second step in pruning, cut the top 2 inches off all the new canes in summer, when they reach 18 to 36 inches tall, to stimulate the growth of side branches that will fruit next summer.

Go over the plants a few times during the summer, as often as new canes reach pruning height.

The last two steps in pruning should be done while the plants are dormant and leaf-

less.

Cut away any diseased, damaged or spindly canes.

Finally, shorten side branches on canes that remain so that they are 6 to 18 inches long, shortening those that are fat and most vigorous the least.

You could also start your planting by transplanting wild plants to your garden, but these plants may carry diseases.

Named varieties, bought from a nursery, not only start out pest-free, but also have had an edge over wild plants in fruit size, firmness and flavor. Some of the best older varieties are Jewel, Bristol and Alan.

Breeders today are working to further improve blackcaps.

Haut is one such variety, recently developed at the University of Maryland.

The future may hold blackcaps that bear all summer long, even those with white fruits. A thornless one would be a sure favorite.

Be careful when heating water in microwave

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Microwaves, first introduced in the '50s, are a must today for fast heating and cooking.

Today you'll learn that there's danger lurking there too if you super-heat water for soups and brew. Maybe you've heard the tale - and think it's just another urban legend - about someone

heating water in a microwave and the water then exploding, causing severe facial burns and scalding. Well, believe it.

Sometimes water heated in a smooth container doesn't boil when it hits the proper temperature because the smooth surface keeps bubbles from forming and escaping.

The result? The water is heated far beyond its boiling

point, and when you place a spoon or powder in the super-heated water, steam escapes in a rush, blasting extremely hot water out too. The way to prevent this is to add mixes or tea bags to the water first, then microwave it with a stir stick or plastic spoon in it.

Also, be sure to never heat liquids for more than two minutes on high.

Here are 8 reasons why trees die

Owen Tree Service Inc., which serves Southeast Michigan - including Oakland, Lapeer, Genesee, Macomb and St. Clair counties - gives the following eight reasons why trees die.

■ **Accidents** - Automobiles, storms and even lawn mowers can cause bark damage and wounds on trees.

You can avoid tree wounding by planting trees in sheltered locations or by providing some sort of barrier.

Be very careful while using lawn mowers and weed trimmers, as careless use can damage the roots and bark of even large trees.

Check for any damage incurred during heavy storms, and treat it promptly.

Remember: The integrity and stability of a tree changes over time.

■ **Too much herbicide** - When used properly, chemicals can benefit trees and their growth. Improperly used, herbicides can interact with the roots and damage the tree's health.

Make sure the instructions for application are carefully followed. Seek professional help whenever you are unsure.

■ **Soil compaction** - This is a slow tree damage process, often with few or no other

signs of the cause.

In compacted soil, pore space has been reduced and roots don't get enough oxygen. Often the tree slowly declines and dies.

Soil compaction can be avoided by aerating the soil, by mulching, and by preventing soil disruption around trees on construction sites.

■ **Bad planting** - Planting is one of the most important processes to ensure the tree's health and longevity.

Make sure the planting hole is two to three times wider, but no deeper, than the tree's root ball.

Plant trees promptly and make sure they get adequate water so that roots don't dry.

■ **Watering** - Both over- and under-watering can be harmful for trees. Watering is critical for all trees in dry spells as well as for young or newly transplanted trees.

Monitoring the soil moisture is one of the best ways of making sure that adequate water is provided.

■ **Location, location, location** - Trees need proper sunlight and should be appropriate for the climatic conditions, or plant hardiness zone, of the area.

Visualize the actual height the tree could reach and make

sure there are no power lines in its path and the tree is a good distance from the house, other structures and other plants.

■ **Painting tree wounds and filling cavities with concrete** - Paint on tree wounds will actually trap moisture in the wood, increasing the chances of decay.

If you want to paint a wound for cosmetic reasons, use a very thin coating of wound dressing.

Trunk cavities filled with cement make the tree unusually rigid, which can restrict the tree's movement in high winds and leave the upper portion of the canopy to bear the brunt of the force.

■ **Improper pruning** - Pruning should follow standards established in *ANSI A300*, published by the American National Standards Institute.

Proper pruning is a tree health treatment, but one of the most neglected tree care practices.

Have a professional arborist evaluate your trees to help you determine potential weaknesses and dangers. Ask the arborist to look for stress cracks, weak branches and other subtle indicators of potential hazards.

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Steppables, gardens

Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy, presents programs 10 a.m. Saturdays. A relatively new brand of perennial plants is ideal for between pavers and stepping stones. In Jeepers Creepers: Steppables (July 31), Debbie Knitz will teach you how to select and grow these low-profile plants that will tolerate at least some foot traffic. In Butterfly and Hummingbird Gardens (Aug. 7), learn which plants are available to attract these whimsical creatures to your back yard. Last year's class was visited by a guest hummingbird. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

Garden gala

Gala in the Garden, an art show in the garden with local artists, entertainment and refreshments, will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1,

at Shades of Green, 496 E. Avon Road in Rochester Hills. Admission is free. Call (248) 651-1620 for information.

Pond tour

The second annual Pond and Garden Tour of the Pond and Garden Club of Metro Detroit will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31, in Detroit and in the Inkster Road-Nine Mile area. Tickets are \$10 for adults, free for supervised children under 12. Tickets may be bought in advance by calling (313) 867-0324 or (313) 533-5609. They will be available Saturday at Focus Hope Park, across from 1355 Oakman Blvd., between Linwood and Hamilton in Detroit, where the tour will begin.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of fast-paced programs 1 p.m. Saturdays that will enable Michigan gardeners to succeed with roses in their gardens this summer. Preparation and Planting of a Rose Garden will be the topic July 31. The program will feature a slide presentation and garden demonstration of how to get your roses off to a good start. Admission is free and reservations aren't needed. Japanese Beetle Control on Roses, a lecture and hands-on demonstration by Roger Lindley, will take place Aug. 7. Admission is free and reservations aren't needed. Each program will last about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather; bring a hat if it's sunny.

Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. Its roses are also available at the Northville Farmers Market. Great Lakes Roses is open only Fridays and Saturdays now to Aug. 25, but its phone is answered 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. It will be open five days a week beginning Aug. 28. For information about Great Lakes Roses, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

Detroit Rose Society

Members and families of the Detroit Rose Society will have a potluck gathering Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center on Ridge Road, one block south of I-696 and one block west of Woodward Avenue. Bring your own beverages and place settings and a dish to pass. The doors will open at 1:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 2 p.m. After the potluck dinner, awards and ribbons will be given to participants of the Spring Rose Show.

Iris sale

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have its annual Iris Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center, 3500 Marais (three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile). Admission is free. The public may attend. Many types of bearded irises will be for sale. Come early for the best

selection.

For more information, call Ann at (248) 280-0848 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Herb Fest

The Daytime and Evening Herb Study Groups of the Friends of the University of Michigan Nichols Arboretum and Matthaei Botanical Gardens will again host Herb Fest. Herb Fest will take place noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Gardens, 800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. The afternoon will include a weed walk on the trails with community herbalist Jim McDonald, educational displays, herbal treats such as lavender or sumac lemonade and dandelion petal cookies, and a presentation, Simple Remedies from Herbs and Common Items in the Kitchen Pantry, by herbalist Joan Wysocki. Come stroll the Gardens and meet with herb enthusiasts for a delightful Sunday afternoon. Dress appropriately for the weed walk. Admission is \$10 for Friends of the Arboretum and Matthaei, \$15 for the public. To register, call the Gardens at (734) 998-7061. For more information, contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or call (248) 349-5310.

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.

Designer Interiors by Mary Olk wins award

For the fifth year in a row, Designer Interiors by Mary Olk has been honored with a Building Association of Southeast Michigan's Sales and Marketing Award for its unique ability to add essential sales appeal to new home models.

Designer's Interiors work at Curtis Building Company's Whitehall II model at the neo-traditional Cherry Hill Village in Canton was honored with a Silver Award at the Sales and Marketing Council's awards celebration held last month at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth.

"This recognition is particularly gratifying given the outstanding competition in the market, and the challenge we had at Cherry Hill to make this home stand out in a development of multiple builders," said Mary Olk, president and founder of Troy-based Designer Interiors.

Whitehall II's design/merchandising combines lush colors and functional, stylish furnishings. Sophisticated cabinetry complements jewel-colored

kitchen accessories and a family-sized breakfast nook, while inviting living room detailing entices potential buyers to relax by the fire with their favorite book.

Custom bedding and drapery conveys a regal aura in the master suite, punctuating the homes appeal to move-up buyers.

Designer Interiors' long-term success in the market has pushed its annual production volume from about 10 new models or community clubhouses a year a decade ago to more than 50 models in 2003.

Other recent, high profile assignments have included the 2003 Homearama model for C.R. Miller Homes at Stratford in Washington Township, as well as a Mocerri Companies' show home at The Oaklands in Oakland Township, which served as a featured attraction during an earlier Somerset Collection Home and Garden Show.

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Whole grains pack those salads with nutrients, protein and fiber

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Summer picnics often consist of the traditional potato salads and pasta salads to go along with the meat or chicken fare for that day.

Food lovers who think about changing their eating habits should consider a healthy revision. Whole grains can add a fibrous punch of nutrition and a refueling of the old tank this summer without the symptoms of overeating and packing the calories.

The American Dietetic Association suggests that at least three of the recommended six to 11 servings from the grain foods group come from whole grains.

"Most Americans fall short of the 25 grams of fiber recommended as a minimum daily requirement," said Gail Posner, registered nutritionist with Healthy Ways Nutrition Counseling in West Bloomfield. "Whole grains can help with heart disease and preventing cancers.

Check out whole grain recipes and more grain information on pages D2 and D4.

They are rich in fiber, soluble and insoluble, B vitamins, and a good source of iron, selenium and vitamin E.

"With a little bit of practice, you can make them taste great."

Oats, rye, brown rice and whole wheat are some of the whole grains we've traditionally seen on the shelves, but there's also a whole new culinary world with less traditional grains, now beginning to work their way into the mainstream — amaranth, kasha, quinoa (pronounced KEEN-wah), spelt, teff and triticale.

Susan Bellinson, marketing director of Whole Foods Market, believes that more people are purchasing whole grains and incorporating them into their diets.

"(Whole grains) are not

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Gail Posner calls her lemon rice salad one of her favorite dishes in the summer.

Don't want to cook? Here are prepared foods

You may want to try a salad in one of the accompanying recipes for lunch or dinner, but if you'd rather purchase prepared foods, there are all kinds of alternatives available. Spotting whole-grain foods may be tricky. The best way to determine if a product is whole-grain is to read the ingredient list and look for "whole wheat" as the first ingredient. Here's where you can find whole grains in a traditional supermarket

(although a health food section may contain additional whole-grain products):

Breads: Whole-wheat breads, pita bread, hamburger rolls (check first ingredient for the word "whole")

Crackers: Triscuits, some crisp breads (Ry Krisp, Wasa, Kavli and Ryvita. Check first ingredient for "whole rye")

Breakfast cereals: Oatmeal, shredded wheat, some raisin brans, muesli

(Try products like Total, Product 19, Fiber One, Cheerios, Wheaties and All-Bran)

Snacks: Popcorn, popcorn cakes, rice cakes, some tortilla chips

Grain dishes: Whole-wheat pastas, rice labeled "brown rice," kasha, bulgur, tabbouleh salad mix

Other: Whole-wheat flour, some pancake and bread-machine mixes

Source: *Prevention* magazine

Discover wines from New Zealand's South Island

We ended our recent New Zealand North Island wine journey in the capital city of Wellington. To continue further south, one needs to cross to the South Island via Cook's Strait, either by ferry or plane. The latter is a transportation mode to consider since New Zealand's weather is changeable and a ferry crossing can get quite rough.

The ferry lands in Picton on the South Island. Blenheim, the central city in the Marlborough region, is only a 30-minute drive away. Marlborough is famous for sauvignon blanc, but if you visit the tasting room at Villa Maria, you'll learn that winemaker George Geris does not confine his talents to sauvignon blanc. He also makes pinot gris, riesling, chardonnay and pinot noir.

We're particularly



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impressed with Villa Maria's pinot noirs. The Reserve at \$42 is outstanding.

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Marlborough is composed of two east-west parallel valleys that run to the Pacific Ocean on the east coast of the South Island. The north valley is known as the Wairu and the south is the Awatere. The Awatere Valley is cooler with stony soils and precipitous cliffs, a good place to grow cool climate varieties like chardonnay and pinot noir.

Other wineries of note in Marlborough include the giant Montana (marketed in the United States as Brancott); Forrester Estate, Lawson's Dry Hills and Cloudy Bay, the winery that first brought attention to New Zealand sauvignon blanc. Winemaker Kevin Judd said, "I don't know why so many wine journals use 'gooseberry' as a descriptor for New Zealand sauvignon. Except for the English, there are very few people who know how gooseberries smell and taste. I prefer to describe Cloudy Bay sauvignon blanc as having passion fruit, grapefruit, citrus and mango with an herbal edge."

In an interesting discussion with General Manager Gerry Gregg at Montana (Brancott),

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WINE PICKS

Some unusual white wines to help you beat summer's heat:

■ 2003 Bonny Doon The Heart has its Rieslings (\$15) with 9 percent residual sugar and has an off-dry finish that will pair with virtually any spicy Asian dish.

■ 2002 Rudolf Muller Piesporter Goldtropfchen Kabinett (\$10) is a summer sipper to pair with sushi.

■ 2003 Dry Creek Vineyard Dry Chenin Blanc (\$9) is versatile as an aperitif, with summer salad or Asian-inspired dishes.

■ 2003 Fairview Viognier (South Africa) (\$18) and 2003 McManis Viognier (\$10) have uplifted floral aromas.

■ 2003 Ca'del Solo Malvasia Bianca (\$13) has a touch of residual sugar, but in good balance.

■ 2003 Fox Creek Verdelho (\$13). Try it, you'll like it.

■ 2002 Marques de Caceres Antea (\$9), a White Rioja produced mainly from the viura grape, is unique and delicious.

All wines mentioned are available in metro Detroit. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

Side dish

Safe canning

If you have always wanted to learn to "can," now is the time.

The Michigan State University Extension office in Oakland County has just updated the Home Food Preservation Course, a complete seven-week class that starts with basics of food safety and also covers low-acid canning, pressure canning, high-acid canning, jams and jellies, pickles and all

freezing and drying methods. Detailed instructions, worksheets and the latest up-to-date U.S. Department of Agriculture-tested and -approved recipes and methods are given. You can work at your own pace in your own kitchen to complete the lessons. At the completion of the course, a certificate of completion is sent to each participant.

Cost of the class is \$30, which includes all handouts, printing and mailing charges. To receive an enrollment form, call the Food and Nutrition Hotline at (248) 858-0904, Monday-Friday. The Food and Nutrition Hotline is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday to answer all your nutrition and food safety and food preservation questions.

Wayne County residents can visit www.msue.msue.edu/wayne/ for information on canning. The MSU extension office in Wayne County can be reached by calling (313) 833-3412.

Juicy tidbits

Wine may be the headline-grabbing health tonic du jour, but don't dismiss juice, which is loaded with vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, suggests *Self* magazine.

Learn which drink should be your main squeeze by following a few simple guidelines. Like the fruits and vegetables from whence they come, different varieties provide different benefits, but some are better for you than others. Check out which of the following juices you want to be sweet on, Shannan Rouss writes in *Self*.

The winners are veggies: They're a gulp above other juices. Tomato juice has vitamins aplenty and lycopene, which may cut your cancer risk. Eight ounces of carrot juice serves up more than 20 times the vitamin A of most other drinks.

Sometime sips: Apple and pineapple are much lower in vitamins than most juices, but hybrids such as cran-apple or pineapple-grapefruit offer extra vitamin C. You can also add some apple or pineapple juice to seltzer for a flavor kick. Choose 100 percent juice over blends, ades, punches or splashes.

Fiber favorite: Dried-plum juice (aka prune juice before marketers tried to spin it as more than just a laxative) is, no surprise, tops for fiber (10 percent of the daily value per cup). It also provides 17 percent of your daily iron.

LEMON RICE SALAD

4 cups cooked brown rice
1 large apple, diced
1/4 cup dried cranberries or dried cherries
1/2 cup shredded carrots
2 tablespoons canola oil
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 teaspoons sugar

Mix oil, lemon juice, cinnamon and sugar. Pour dressing over remaining ingredients. Chill overnight. Serves eight.

Approximately 180 calories per serving.

BARLEY AND BLACK BEAN SALAD

1 cup pearl barley
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained and rinsed
3 green onions, thinly sliced
1/2 cup no fat honey dijon salad dressing

Prepare barley as directed on package. Combine other ingredients. Chill. Serves six.

CRUNCHY VEGETABLE BURRITO

1 whole wheat tortilla or whole wheat pita
1 piece of lettuce, torn into bite-sized pieces
2 tablespoons shredded low fat cheese
1/2 cup shredded carrots
1/2 cup chopped broccoli or celery
1/2 cup canned beans (drained, garbanzo, kidney, black bean, etc.)

Place lettuce on tortilla or pita. Mix all other ingredients together. Place on tortilla and roll up.

PASTA PRIMAVERA

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups broccoli flowerets
1 cup thinly sliced carrots
1/2 cup sliced green onions
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon dried whole basil

2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
1/4 teaspoon salt, if desired
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup Chablis or other dry white wine
3 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese

Place oil in a large nonstick skillet; place over medium heat until hot. Add broccoli, carrots, onions, garlic and basil; sauté five minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender, stirring often. Add mushrooms, salt, pepper and wine; cook two minutes or until mushrooms are tender.

Serve over whole wheat pasta (like Prince Healthy Harvest) or partially cooked pasta. Delicious hot or cold.

The above recipes are courtesy of Gail Posner of West Bloomfield.

CRANBERRY QUINOA SALAD

1 cup quinoa
2 cups water
1/2 cups whole cranberries
4 tablespoons fresh lime juice
4 tablespoons honey
1 tablespoon lemongrass, minced
1 teaspoon garlic, minced
1/2 teaspoon serrano peppers, seeded, minced
1 tablespoon mint, minced
1 tablespoon cilantro, minced
1/4 cup red onion, minced

Rinse quinoa several times. Bring water and quinoa to boil, simmer 20 minutes or until all liquid is absorbed. Combine 2 tablespoons honey, lemongrass, garlic and peppers, and add to quinoa. Chop cranberries with 2 tablespoons honey and lime juice in food processor or blender; combine with quinoa. Add mint, cilantro and red onion, mix thoroughly and serve chilled. Serves 4.

Nutritional information Per 1/2 cup serving: 143 calories, 3 g protein, 1.5 g fat (0 g saturated fat), 31 g carbohydrates, 0 mg cholesterol, 8 mg sodium. Exchanges: 2 breads.

BAKED MILLET CROQUETTES

When you want something more elegant than a basic cooked grain, transform it into croquettes. Millet's fluffy, somewhat sticky texture works well here.

1 tablespoon sesame oil
1 cup millet
3 cups water
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 small onion, finely chopped
1/2 pound fresh spinach
1/2 teaspoon chile powder
1 teaspoon fresh dillweed or 1/2 tsp dried
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 cup walnuts or pecans

Preheat oven to 375°F. Heat oil in a large saucepan and add millet. Stir for 3 minutes until millet gives off a nutlike fragrance. Add water and salt. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to medium and cook for 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed.

Thoroughly wash spinach and place immediately in a hot skillet. Cover and steam over medium heat until spinach wilts. Remove spinach, drain and finely chop. When millet is ready, stir in spinach and remaining ingredients.

When cool enough to handle, form millet mixture into golf ball-sized croquettes. Place on an oiled cookie sheet and bake for 20 minutes. Serve warm with your favorite sauce or creamy salad dressing. Serves 6.

Nutritional information per serving: 334 calories, 10.5 gm. protein (12 percent), 8 gm. fat (21 percent), 56 gm. carbohydrates (66 percent), 0 mg. cholesterol, 228 mg. sodium. Exchanges: 3 starch/bread, 1 veg, 1/2 fat

PACIFIC RICE SALAD

Use apricot nectar, with its heavenly fragrance, in the dressing for this appealing chicken, mango, red pepper and rice salad.

1 cup apricot nectar
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1 tablespoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast, cut crosswise into 1/2-inch strips

1 cup brown rice
1/2 cup wild rice, rinsed
3 cups water
2 large red bell peppers, diced
1 mango, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
1/2 cup thinly sliced scallions
1 tablespoon organic honey
1 large lime, cut into 8 wedges

Prep Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

In medium bowl, mix together apricot nectar, lime juice, chili powder, salt and black pepper. Measure out 1/2 cup of apricot mixture and set aside. Add chicken to remaining apricot mixture, cover and refrigerate while you cook rice.

In medium nonstick saucepan, combine brown and wild rice with the water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer until rice is tender and water is absorbed, 50 to 55 minutes. Spread rice in a baking pan and place in freezer for 15 to 20 minutes, or until cooled to warm.

Place chicken and marinade in medium skillet. Place over medium-high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, stirring frequently, until chicken is cooked through, 4 to 6 minutes. Drain chicken and place in salad bowl.

Add rice, bell peppers, mango and scallions to bowl and toss gently. Whisk honey into reserved apricot mixture and pour over salad. Toss to mix. Serve with 2 lime wedges per person for squeezing over salad.

Per serving: 453 calories, 3.3g total fat, 0.6g saturated fat, 0.8g monounsaturated fat, 0.9g polyunsaturated fat, 5.4g dietary fiber, 28g protein, 81g carbohydrate, 49mg cholesterol, 497mg sodium

Good source of: fiber, potassium, magnesium, selenium, beta-carotene, vitamin C

Recipes courtesy of Susan Bellinson of Whole Foods Market in Ann Arbor.

How to fix 'em

When you shop and prepare whole grains, just like any other food, you should examine them before you purchase them.

The most important thing to look for in grains is undamaged kernels. The outer bran layer protects the kernel's flavor and nutrients from destruction by light and air. Whole grains should be stored in airtight containers in a cool, dry place, out of direct light. Choose organically grown grains for best flavor.

Here's how to prepare them:

Rinse: Just prior to cooking, rinse the grain thoroughly in cold water until the water runs clear.

Strain them to remove any dirt or debris.

Pre-soak: This optional step can reduce cooking time and save energy (40 percent) by soaking hard grains overnight, or for 6-8 hours. Cook them right in their soaking water.

Boil/Simmer: As a general rule, bring water to a boil, add grain and return to a boil (see below for exceptions to this rule).

Then reduce heat and simmer, covered tightly, until done. (Resist the urge to lift the cover - the momentum of the steam will be lost.) Use broth or fruit juice instead of water for flavoring.

Test: Test grains for doneness - most whole grains are slightly chewy when cooked.

Fluff: Many grains benefit from fluffing. When grains are done cooking, remove from the heat and gently lift and separate them with a fork. Replace the cover, and allow to sit for 5-10 minutes before serving.

Source: Whole Foods Market

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processed, so you have all the nutrients of the grains left intact," Bellinson said.

Buy it in bulk and you can use a little bit (1 cup) instead of 4 cups in the boxed brand versions, Bellinson said. "When you shop in bulk, you only use a little," she said. "It's a great way to try new whole grains."

Some of the more obscure whole grains are slowly catching the attention of the public.

Heather Glowinski, manager of the deli department at Good Foods Co. in Canton, said the deli sells a lot of tabbouleh which features the traditional bulgur wheat. "But sometimes we'll use the quinoa," she said. "The taste is similar, but the texture is different. Bulgur is more dense, while quinoa is fluffier. We use a lot of the bulgur all the time. Customers are eating a lot of tabbouleh because it is healthy for you."

Variations on tabbouleh include shredded carrots and peppers or other kinds of vegetables, she said.

Quinoa also can be purchased in pasta form. Bellinson said she enjoys quinoa.

"It's a very ancient grain," she said. "It has more protein in it than most of the others with a light wheat and nutty flavor."

It has a much lighter taste than tabbouleh. Bellinson likes it in a fruit salad with cranberries, lemongrass, garlic, peppers and fresh herbs. (See related recipes.)

Quinoa also can be used in casseroles and burgers with a mix of vegetables and baked. "It's a nice summer grain because it is so light," Bellinson said.

Rice makes wonderful salads, she added: "Cook a brown rice and toss with asparagus, carrots and scallions. You can also mix with half barley and half bulgur wheat."

Millet comes together when cooked and makes a mashed potato-like texture, Bellinson said. "That's good with burgers and casseroles. It has a mild flavor, so you can flavor it up however you like," she said.

The grains are used in everything from cereals to pasta, cold, hot and side dishes, Posner said. They help you feel full longer.

"It will sustain your hunger with fewer calories," Posner said. "Sometimes I think we overeat, because we eat the same thing." The goal for the summer should be to eat a new grain, Posner said.

In researching whole grains, learn to be a label reader, Posner said: "Look for whole wheat as the first ingredient listed."

Posner suggests using 100 percent whole wheat bread. "Instead of white rice, try the brown rice," she said. Prince has introduced a whole wheat pasta, while Hodgson's Mill sells whole wheat couscous, a Moroccan pasta.

"Barley makes a great summer salad," Posner said. She enjoys a barley and black bean salad. (See related recipe.) Substituting brown rice for the refined white rice shouldn't make any difference in the recipe. "But the brown rice is not stripped of the endosperm and the germ in the outer coating."

Posner recommends trying a few before deciding on what whole grains you might prefer. It marks a change of pace in the everyday routine of dinner.

"Keeping variety in your diet is important," she said.

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he said, "We produce 14 different styles of sauvignon blanc for the world market and each is determined in the vineyard."

He related that the style for the United Kingdom is picked at 19 percent sugar, producing an overtly grassy, green, herbal style that the English love. At the other end of the spectrum, the

style targeted for the United States is picked at 23 percent sugar to emphasize the grapefruit, passion fruit and mango characters that Americans like.

Continuing south of Kaikoura, about 30 minutes north of Christchurch, there's Pegasus Bay, a winery jewel. There, Matt Donaldson and his wife Lynnette Hudson make a blend of sauvignon blanc and semillon that sets it apart from the Marlborough style.

Hudson spent several vintages

in Burgundy learning how to handle finicky pinot noir and the depth of character of Pegasus Bay pinots is impressive.

Today, the south central region known as Central Otago is getting the most attention for its pinot noir. Accommodations in Queenstown are ideally suited for winery visits, hiking, fishing or bungee jumping. Nearby Arrowtown, a small gold rush village, is quite charming with excellent restaurants and shops.


New Zealand wine regions are

attracting attention of producers in the U.S. Gallo has started to make wine in the Marlborough area and Gary Andrus, former owner of Napa Valley's Pine Ridge Winery, has planted vineyards in Central Otago.

The Big Picture: An Essential Wine Adventure in Cromwell (near Queenstown) offers the best Central Otago wine overview. Check out the Web site: www.wineadventure.co.nz

In addition to the Villa Maria Estate wines that we recommended last week, look for the following New Zealand labels in metro Detroit wine shops: Babich, Brancott, Cloudy Bay, Craggy Range, The Crossings, Giesen, Goldwater, Kim Crawford, Koura Bay, Lynskays, Matua Valley, Mills Reef, Nobilo, Serena, Spy Valley, Te Mata Estate, Thornbury, Tohu, Trinity Hill and Whitehaven.

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Use common sense with food when picnicking

Whether you're spending time camping, boating, enjoying the beach or the local park, it's time to pack the picnic basket.

While packing the basket, remember to use simple, common sense food safety rules so no one gets sick from the picnic food.



Lois Thieleke

from the meat and other perishables, so you don't have to keep opening the cooler to get a drink. Take along bottled water or boxed juices.

Take along extra water to keep hands and all utensils clean. Marinate meat and poultry in the refrigerator prior to going on the picnic.

Pack Safely: Take the meat directly from the refrigerator or freezer and put in the cooler with ice or freezer packs. Keep the raw meat and poultry wrapped separately from cooked foods or foods that will be eaten raw. Pack the cooler full so it maintains the cold temperature. Keep the cooler in the air-conditioned car and not in a hot trunk. Open and close the cooler quickly to maintain the cold temperature.

Keep the cooler in a shady spot after you reach your destination. Cover it with a blanket. Take along the amount of food that you can safely eat so you won't have leftovers.

You cannot let perishable foods sit out while you go swimming, hiking or fishing. Food sitting out more than two hours is not safe. The time frame is reduced to just one hour if the outside temperature is above 90° F.

Grill Safely: Cooking is key to safe meat and poultry. Cook ground beef patties to 160° F. The color alone does not determine doneness.

Don't groan, but the safest way to ensure meat safety is to use a meat thermometer. Insert the thermometer in a hamburger patty sideways about two to three inches or until the point reaches the center of the patty. A "medium rare" steak should be cooked until 145° F, a "medium" steak 160° F, and a "well done" 170° F. Chicken should be cooked to 180° F in the

thigh and breast 170° F. Always wash the thermometer before and after use.

Cook meat and poultry completely at the picnic site. Partial cooking at home before you leave just invites bacteria to survive and multiply. Use clean tongs or spatula to remove food from grill. Do not use an unwashed plate for raw or cooked food.

Clean Thoroughly: After using the toilet facilities, changing a baby's diaper, playing with animals, before or after touching any foods, wash your hands! Use soap and water and rub them vigorously. Unwashed hands are a prime cause of food-borne illness. If no hand washing facilities are available, pack disposable wipes for cleaning hands. Do not rinse and re-use sponges or wiping cloths contaminated with raw meat juices to wipe the picnic table or where the utensils are to be placed.

Reducing Picnic Waste: Do you think about how much trash you create when you go on a picnic? (Many of these items are headed for the landfill!) Purchase food and beverages in recyclable containers. Either take them home to recycle or drop off at a recycle center on the way home. Try to limit the use of paper plates, cups and utensils. Purchase a set of reusable picnic dishes, and it will save you money in the long run. (Besides it is really hard to cut a steak on a paper or styrofoam plates.) Many of the paper plates are so flimsy that it is very difficult for children and adults to handle them when filled with food.

Buy a heavy-duty reusable plastic tablecloth. It can be easily washed and air-dried or buy several yards of colorful terry cloth, hem the ends and use as a tablecloth. It can be thrown in the laundry for many reusing events. It needs no ironing, just fold. Cloth tablecloths are also available.

The idea for a picnic should be relaxing, stressfree and enjoyable. According to the Center for Disease Control every year there are 76 million food borne illness and as many as 5,000 deaths. Enjoy your summer and the picnic season, but please take food safety seriously.

Make the picnic memorable for the fun and fellowship - not because people got sick from improperly handled food.

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Reinventing ratatouille

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Looking through my collection of ratatouille recipes, I notice they reflect the evolution in American cooking since the 1960s.

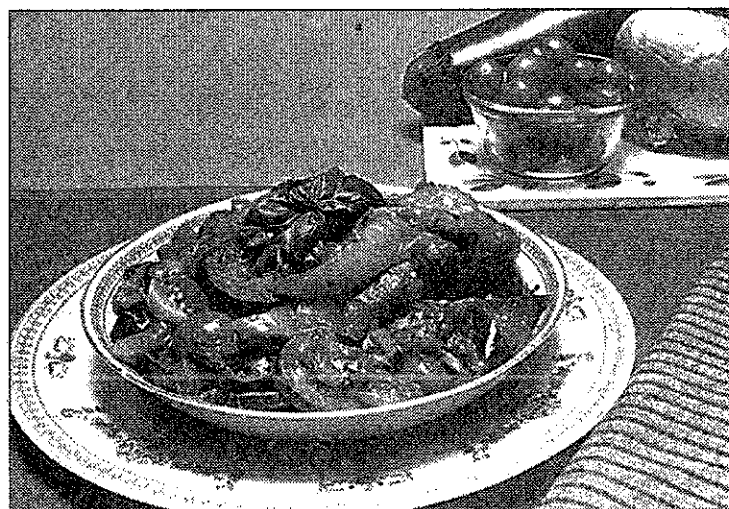
Perhaps Julia Child first taught you, along with me, to make this French classic. Her recipe follows the painstaking Provençal style, with vegetables sautéed individually and then layered together in a big casserole. The result, rich with olive oil and garlic, embodies the leisurely pace of southern France.

It is what we now call Slow Cooking. Depending on the demands of life, peeling tomatoes and scrubbing three pots to prepare this recipe could mean either a pleasant morning in the kitchen or a laborious chore.

In time, many cooks moved from worshipping ethnic authenticity to a fascination with California-style fusion cooking. This included grilling nearly everything, even the vegetables, for ratatouille.

My favorite recipe from this period came from San Francisco chef Joyce Goldstein. It cuts down indoor kitchen time, especially cleaning up, but standing over the grill turning vegetables piece by piece is tedious for large batches.

The ratatouille I make now is my own creation. It melds techniques from earlier favorites, plus twists on the usual ingredients. The flavors of this ratatouille are strong but mellow, thanks to sweet bell peppers, sweet onion and Asian eggplant. I still brown squash and eggplant Julia's way, enjoying the caramelized flavors this produces, and I char the peppers on a grill or over a gas flame. (Commercially-bottled roasted peppers also work nicely.) Cooking spray helps cut down on the olive oil needed. Then I add cherry tomatoes, cooking them



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just enough to pop gently, and a touch of hot pepper.

RATATOUILLE WITH SWEET PEPPERS

- 1 small eggplant, about 5 ounces, thinly sliced
- Olive oil spray
- 1 medium green summer squash, thinly sliced
- 1 medium yellow summer squash, thinly sliced
- 1 large Vidalia or other sweet onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 3 fresh garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 large red bell pepper, roasted, peeled
- 1 large yellow bell pepper, roasted, peeled, seeded and cut in 1/4-inch strips
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil, or 1 1/2 tsp. dried
- Pinch of cayenne pepper (optional)
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup grape tomatoes seeded and cut in 1/4-inch strips

Place eggplant in a bowl. Spray lightly with olive oil spray, tossing to coat evenly. In another bowl, do the same with the squash. Set both within hands reach near the stove. Coat a large pot liberally with the spray. Heat over medium-high heat. Add and sauté eggplant until lightly browned, turning the slices

often, about 4 minutes. Transfer eggplant to a plate.

Add onions to the pot. Coat liberally with cooking spray. Cook 1 minute, stirring occasionally. Mix in garlic and cook, stirring until onions start to color, about 1 minute. Add squash, peppers, eggplant, basil and cayenne pepper. Mix in tomato paste. Cover and cook over medium heat 5 minutes. Uncover and cook 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add tomatoes and cook 3 minutes. Transfer to a large container with a lid and allow to cool to room temperature. Refrigerate up to 3 days. Bring ratatouille to room temperature before serving. It tastes best when cooked the day before serving.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 32 calories, 0 g. total fat (0 g. saturated fat), 7 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 36 mg. sodium.

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Bella Cucina di Plymouth offers hands-on cooking classes in the lower level kitchen at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth, which is located at the corner of North Territorial and Beck Roads. Classes are every Tuesday night from 6:30-9:30 p.m. with a new menu change every month and class sizes limited to 12. Please call Beth at (734) 454-4659 for reservations.

Book signing

Gregory Zotos of Livonia will sign his new book, Gregory's Pita Pocket Full of Simple Greek Recipes, 4 p.m. Saturday, July 31, at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, 21800 Marter in St. Clair Shores (phone (586) 779-6111).

The book signing will take place at the church's annual Greek Festival. A percentage of the book sales from the event will be donated to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church.

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.

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PEARLED BARLEY

Lightly milled to retain all of the germ and at least two-thirds of the bran. Use in grain salads, soups, stews and chili. Great as a stuffing for peppers, tomatoes or poultry. Mix with cooked beans and spices for vegetarian "meat loaf."

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 3/2 cups.

Combine grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 60-75 minutes.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 176; protein, 5g; fat 0.5g; carbohydrates, 38g; fiber, 7.8 g; sodium 0 mg

BARLEY FLAKES

From lightly toasted pearled barley rolled into flakes.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 3 cups. Combine grain with boiling water; add a pinch of salt. Lower heat and simmer 25 minutes or until water is absorbed.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 83; protein, 3g; fat, 0.7g; carbohydrates, 21 g; fiber, 3.7 g; sodium 0 mg

BUCKWHEAT

The edible fruit seed of a plant related to rhubarb. Not related to wheat or other grains. Available toasted (brown) and untoasted (white). Traditional kasha is made by first toasting in skillet with an egg for extra flavor. Use alone or with other grains, in pilafs, casseroles, stuffings.

Gluten: no

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 2 cups. Combine grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 20 minutes.

1/2 cup (cooked) contains: calories, 104; protein, 3.5g; fat, 1g; carbohydrates, 12 g; fiber, 2.5 g; sodium, 0 mg

KAMUT WHOLE GRAIN

Recently rediscovered ancient Egyptian wheat. Rich, buttery flavor, with a chewy texture. Kernels are 2 to 3 times larger than wheat. Contains gluten but successfully used by some wheat sensitive people. Use cautiously if you are highly sensitive. Great hot or cold as a breakfast grain, marinated in salads, or mixed with rice and beans.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 3 cups. Best soaked overnight. Drain after soaking. Combine grain with boiling water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 30-45 minutes, until grains are plump (cooks in 90 minutes if unsoaked).

1/2 cup (cooked) contains: calories, 104; protein, 3.5g; fat, 1g; carbohydrates, 12 g; fiber, 2.5 g; sodium, 0 mg

KAMUT FLAKES

From lightly toasted whole grain kamut rolled into flakes. Use like oatmeal.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 2 cups. Combine grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 15-20 minutes.

1/2 cup (cooked) contains: calories, 104; protein, 3.5g; fat, 1g; carbohydrates, 12 g; fiber, 2.5 g; sodium, 0 mg

MILLET

Mild, very digestible grain, often used by people on wheat-free diets. Good balance of essential amino acids. Serve with sautéed vegetables and beans, as a stuffing, or in soups, stews or risotto.

Gluten: no

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cups to 2 1/2 cups.

Combine grain with boiling water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 20-25 minutes; remove from heat, fluff and let sit covered for 10 minutes. Optional: for an extra-nutty flavor, toast millet in a pan without oil before boiling.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 150; protein, 5g; fat, 1.5g; carbohydrates, 34 g; fiber, 3 g; sodium, 0 mg

ROLLED OATS

Steam or dry heated rolled whole oats. Good source of B vitamins and minerals, including calcium and iron. Contains about 3 times more fat than wheat. The foundation for hot breakfast cereals and granolas. Use in grain burgers, cookies and quick breads, and as a thickener in soups.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 2 cups. Combine grain with boiling water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 15-30 minutes.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 77; protein, 3 g; fat, 1 g; carbohydrates, 13 g; fiber, 2 g; sodium, 0 mg

STEEL CUT OATS

Steamed and cut whole oat groats. Chewy texture. Perfect hot cereal for cold weather breakfasts.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 4 cups. Combine grain with water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 30 minutes.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 170; protein, 6 g; fat, 3 g; carbohydrates, 29 g; fiber, 5 g; sodium, 0 mg

POPCORN

Derived from corn that has a hard protein outer layer covering the inner starch layers. Toss popped corn with Parmesan cheese, sea vegetable sprinkles or nutritional yeast. Store dry popcorn in a tightly sealed container, in the refrigerator, to retain its moisture content.

Gluten: no

QUINOA

High protein ancient grain. Light and chewy with a nutty flavor. Use in grain salads, as a stuffing, in enchiladas or fajitas. Great with salsas and chutneys.

Gluten: no

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 2 cups. Rinse several times before cooking to remove bitter tasting coating. Combine grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 20 minutes. (Optional) For an extra-nutty flavor, toast grain before cooking.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 140; protein, 5 g; fat, 2 g; carbohydrates, 25 g; fiber, 4 g; sodium, 0 mg

WHITE BASMATI RICE

(Also, White Jasmine Rice, White Texmati Rice) Basmati is a hulled long-grain, aromatic rice imported from India. Aged for 1 year to develop its full flavor. A must for Indian and Middle Eastern Cuisine.

Jasmine is a hulled long-grain, aromatic rice organically grown in Thailand and the U.S. Similar to basmati rice, this is a classic stir-fry accompaniment.

Texmati is domestic white basmati grown in Texas. A cross between basmati and long grain American rice.

More fluffy, with a milder flavor and aroma than imported basmati.

Gluten: no

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 1 1/2 cups. Add rinsed grain to boiling water; return to boil; simmer 15-20 minutes; let stand for 5 minutes.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: (numbers based on Basmati): calories, 178; protein, 4 g; fat, 0.66 g; carbohydrates, 39 g; fiber, 1 g; sodium, 0 mg

BROWN RICE

(Also, Basmati, Texmati, Long Grain, Medium Grain, Short Grain and Sweet Brown) Brown rice has a chewier texture than white rice. Long grain brown rice remains separate and fluffy when cooked.

Medium grain cooks up stickier than long grain. Both can be used in pilafs, stir-fries, rice salads, and paella, with curried vegetables, or as a side dish with meat, seafood or chicken.

Sweet brown rice is a very sticky and chewy rice, good for sushi and puddings.

Gluten: no

Preparation: grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 2 cups. Combine rinsed grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 45 minutes.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: (numbers based on long grain brown) calories, 171; protein, 3.6 g; fat, 1.3 g; carbohydrates, 35 g; fiber, 1.6 g; sodium, 0 mg

WEHANI RICE

This long grain rice has a red bran layer. Its aroma while cooking is similar to hot buttered popcorn. Chewy and sweet, similar to the flavor of variety Basmati. Combine with a variety of veggies and nuts to create colorful hot dishes and cool salads.

Gluten: no

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 2 cups. Combine rinsed grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 45 minutes.

WILD & BROWN MIX

20 percent lake-harvested wild rice and 80 percent long grain brown rice. Parboiled to decrease cooking time. A milder and more economical alternative to wild rice.

Gluten: no

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 3 cups. Combine rinsed grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 45 minutes.

WILD RICE BLEND

A hearty blend of long grain brown rice, sweet brown rice, wehani, japonica, and wild rice. Good for soups and main dishes.

Gluten: no

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 3 cups. Combine rinsed grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 60 minutes.

WILD RICE

The seed of aquatic grass. Low in fat and high in B vitamins. Combine with other grains, use with smoked turkey as a salad, or with apples and squash.

Gluten: no

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 3 cups. Combine rinsed grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 60 minutes.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 142; protein, 5.8 g; fat, 0.4 g; carbohydrates, 30 g; fiber, 2.4 g; sodium, 0 mg

RYE

High protein grain with small amount of gluten. High fiber with slowly digesting complex sugars. Use in pilafs and casseroles with other grains, beans, and your choice of seasonings.

Gluten: yes

For softer grain, soak overnight and simmer 2-3 hours.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 141; protein, 6 g; fat, 1 g; carbohydrates, 29 g; fiber, 6 g; sodium, 0 mg

SPELT

Similar appearance and nutritional profile to wheat except that spelt has 30 percent more protein. (May be well tolerated by some wheat sensitive people but those who are highly sensitive should proceed with caution.) Use like wheat, alone or with other grains, in pilafs, casseroles, stuffings, and hot breakfast cereals.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 3 cups. Soak 6-8 hours or overnight. Combine grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 45 minutes. Can also be pressure cooked for 50 minutes (use 1 cup grain to 2 1/2 cups water). Also cooks well, overnight, in a crock pot.

1/2 cup (cooked) contains: calories, 100; protein, 4 g; fat, 1 g; carbohydrates, 26 g; fiber, 3.5 g; sodium, 0 mg

SPELT FLAKES

Heated and rolled whole Spelt. Use like rolled oats or kamut flakes.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 3 cups. Add rinsed grain to boiling water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 20-25 minutes.

1/2 cup (cooked) contains: calories, 77; protein, 3 g; fat, 0.5 g; carbohydrates, 15 g; fiber, 2.5 g; sodium, 0 mg

7 GRAIN CEREAL

Hearty blend of organic wheat, oats, high beta glucan barley, soy beans, buckwheat, wheat bran, corn, and millet. Primarily used as a breakfast cereal.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 2 1/2 cups. Slowly add grain to salted boiling water, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 140; protein, 6 g; fat, 1.5 g; carbohydrates, 25 g; fiber, 5 g; sodium, 0 mg

TEFF

Common Ethiopian grain. Sweet and malty flavor. Rich source of calcium, magnesium, boron, copper, phosphorus and zinc. Contains twice as much iron as wheat and barley.

Gluten: no

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 4 cups. Lightly toast before cooking for a richer flavor. Combine grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes.

1/2 cup (cooked) contains: calories, 102; protein, 3 g; fat, 0.5 g; carbohydrates, 20 g; fiber, 4 g; sodium, 0 mg

WHEAT

Chewy texture, high in protein. High gluten. Use in grain salads and side dishes. Also good for sprouting.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water

ratio: 1 cup to 3 cups. Combine rinsed grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 45-60 minutes.

Can also be pressure cooked, with less water, for 50 minutes. For breakfast "congee," use 6 cups water to 1 cup grain, and cook overnight in a crock pot.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 157; protein, 6 g; fat, 0.7 g; carbohydrates, 34 g; fiber, 5.8 g; sodium, 0 mg

WHEAT FLAKES

Heated and rolled whole wheat. Use like rolled oats, spelt or kamut flakes.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 3 cups. Combine rinsed grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 30 minutes.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 83; protein, 3.3 g; fat, 0.4 g; carbohydrates, 18 g; fiber, 3.8 g; sodium, 0 mg

BULGUR WHEAT

Partially cooked cracked wheat. Quick cooking. Principle ingredient to make tabouli. Mix with nuts and seasonings for stuffings.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 2 cups. Combine grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to a boil and simmer 15-20 minutes. Alternative method: add 1 cup bulgur to 2 1/2 cups boiling water; cover; remove from burner; let sit for 1 hour.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 150; protein, 5 g; fat, 0.5 g; carbohydrates, 33 g; fiber, 4 g; sodium, 0 mg

COUSCOUS

Pre-cooked whole-grain or milled wheat, similar to bulgur but lighter in flavor and texture. Quick cooking. Available as whole wheat and Semolina. Use as a light "bed" for spicy vegetables and stews, or in a risotto with curried vegetables.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 1 1/2 cups. Add to boiling water; add a pinch of salt; simmer for 2 minutes.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 162; protein, 5.5 g; fat, 0.2 g; carbohydrates, 33 g; fiber, 2 g; sodium, 0 mg

CRACKED WHEAT

Wheat berries cracked into small pieces. Use in casseroles with brown rice, in grain salads, or as a stuffing.

Gluten: yes

Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 3 cups. Combine grain and water; add a pinch of salt; simmer for 25 minutes.

1/4 cup (dry) contains: calories, 140; protein, 5 g; fat, 0 g; carbohydrates, 29 g; fiber, 6 g; sodium, 0 mg

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WHOLE GRAINS



Preparation: Grain to water ratio: 1 cup to 4 cups. Combine grain and water; add a pinch of salt. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 60 minutes.

Crab and avocado salad layered with flavor

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) — If the success of a dish was determined solely by its appearance, this salad of crab and avocado would win hands down.

Chilled crabmeat, buttery avocado, zesty salsa, and creme fraiche combine beautifully in the little layered salad, giving it an array of textures and colors and the variety of complementary ingredients.

The result is worth the extra time and effort needed to build its impressive structure. To create the colorful layers, use ring molds measuring 2 inches in diameter by 1 1/2 inches in height. The molds help to produce the salad's precise shape and height.

Following are instructions for making ring molds using aluminum foil. Although the process is tedious and time-consuming, it's inexpensive. Pre-assembled ring molds can also be purchased at restaurant and kitchen supplies stores for about \$3 each.

To make aluminum-foil ring molds:

■ Gather aluminum foil, a pair of scissors, a roll of tape and a ruler.

■ Measure and cut eight pieces of foil 6 inches in width by 12 inches in length.

■ Place one piece of foil on a flat surface with the shorter end facing you.

■ Starting from the bottom of the sheet, create a 1 1/4-inch fold.

■ Make seven more folds (for a total of eight folds; the folded strip will end up 1 1/2 inches high).

■ Bring the two ends together so they overlap 1/4-inch; secure with tape.

■ Adjust foil to create a smooth circle.

■ Repeat process with remaining foil.

To produce a larger serving, follow the same instructions but increase the size of the mold. For example, use squares of foil that

are 12 inches wide by 12 inches long. Using the same quantity of ingredients, you can produce four satisfying portions. Consider serving this larger salad with a bottle of wine and a loaf of crusty French bread for a light lunch.

Olivier Andreini, associate professor in culinary arts at The Culinary Institute of America, suggests an easy method to make ring molds.

"Go to your local hardware store and purchase pieces of PVC pipe in the diameter you need, then have the store cut it to the desired height. The molds are dishwasher safe and can be used repeatedly.

"You can utilize molds for many different applications," Andreini adds. "If you buy different color PVC for different diameter sizes they are easy to locate when you need them."

The following recipe is among the 425 in *The Culinary Institute of America's Garde Manger, The Art and Craft of the Cold Kitchen*, Second Edition (Wiley, 2004, \$65).

SALAD OF CRAB AND AVOCADO

- 1 large red bell pepper (about 1/2 pound)
- 1 large yellow bell pepper (about 1/2 pound)
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium tomato
- 1/4 cup red onion, finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons chopped cilantro
- 1/2 jalapeno, seeds removed, cut into fine dice (about 1 tablespoon)
- 2 ripe avocados, peeled, cut into 1/4-quarter inch dice
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup creme fraiche, sour cream or yogurt
- 1 cup crabmeat, picked over (8 ounces)
- Paprika, as needed
- 8 cilantro sprigs for garnish

Preheat oven to 375° F and prepare foil ring molds according to previous directions, reserve for later use.

Rub each pepper with olive oil.

Roast peppers on rack in the oven until the skin becomes loose, about 35 to 45 minutes. Do not allow the peppers to color. When cool enough to handle, remove the skin and the seeds from the peppers.

While peppers are roasting, cut an X into the bottom of the tomato. Bring a pot of water to a rolling boil. Drop the tomato into the water. After 10 to 15 seconds, remove it with a slotted spoon. Immediately plunge the tomato into the ice water to stop the cooking process. Pull away the skin and cut the tomato in half. Gently squeeze out the seeds. Dice the tomato (to make 3/4 cup) and reserve for salsa.

Puree the different colors of peppers separately in a food processor and pass each color through a fine-mesh strainer. Season each with a dash of salt and a pinch of pepper. Set aside and reserve for later use.

About an hour before molding, mix the tomato, onion, garlic, cilantro and jalapeno to form a salsa. Combine the avocado, lime juice, salt and a pinch of pepper.

For each portion, in the foil mold, layer avocado mixture, tomato salsa and crabmeat. Press each layer into the mold gently. Make sure the last layer is pressed firmly into the mold. Spoon creme fraiche, sour cream or yogurt on top of the crab and smooth it even with the rim of the ring mold. Lightly dust with paprika.

Transfer the filled ring to the center of an 8-inch plate and carefully lift off the ring mold. Place a cilantro leaf as garnish on top of each salad. Garnish the plates with the red and yellow pepper puree.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per 5-ounce serving using low-fat plain yogurt and cooked snow crabmeat: 150 cal., 8 g pro., 9 g carbo., 10 g fat, 310 mg sodium.

Recipe from *The Culinary Institute of America's Garde Manger, The Art and Craft of the Cold Kitchen*, Second Edition, Wiley 2004, \$65, which combines clear, illustrated explanations of basic methods in full color. The book is available at bookstores nationwide or at: <http://store.yahoo.com/ciaproch> efstore/texandman.html

Blueberries at their summery best in lemony cheese tart

The Lemon Curd recipe was inadvertently omitted from last week's edition.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blueberries may be described approvingly as nutrient-dense, and low-calorie, but most of us are just pleased that at the peak of their season they taste so juicy good.

Fresh fruit can be a no-work dessert eaten as is, sprinkled with sugar, drizzled with cream. Yet it takes only a little more work to turn the fruit into a seemingly dressed-up dessert — as in this blueberry cheese tart flavored with lemon curd.

You can buy the pie crust ready made, and the lemon curd, too. But the creamy curd, a smooth, thick sauce sold in the jams and jellies sections of supermarkets, is simplicity itself to make and the homemade version has a taste as fresh as the berries.

LEMONY BLUEBERRY CHEESE TART

(Preparation 10 minutes, baking and cooling 20 minutes,

chilling time 2 hours)

- 9-inch frozen pie crust, thawed
- 8-ounce container (1 cup) mascarpone cheese, or 8-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 5 tablespoons lemon curd (recipe follows)
- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- Preheat oven to 375° F.

Press the pie crust into a 9-inch tart pan with removable bottom, or leave in the original aluminum pie tin. With the tines of a fork, pierce the bottom and sides. Bake until lightly browned, about 10 minutes; refrigerate until cool, about 10 minutes.

In a small bowl, stir together cheese and 3 tablespoons of the lemon curd until smooth. (If mixture is too thick to spread, stir in a small amount of milk.) Spread mixture in the bottom of the cooled tart shell.

In a medium-size bowl, gently stir the blueberries and the remaining 2 tablespoons lemon curd until thoroughly combined. Spoon the blueberries evenly over the mascarpone layer. Cover and chill 2 hours. To serve, remove the sides of the tart pan,

if used; cut into wedges.

Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 290 cal., 2.8 g pro., 19.8 g fat, 26 g carbo., 122 mg sodium, 28.4 mg chol.

LEMON CURD

(ADAPTED FROM A RECIPE BY MAIDA HEATTER)

- 3 large eggs plus 1 egg yolk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 stick (4 ounces) unsalted butter, cut in pieces
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon peel (yellow part only)
- 1/3 cup fresh lemon juice

In the top of a large double boiler, lightly whisk eggs, yolk and sugar; stir in the butter, lemon peel and juice. Place pan over simmering water over medium-low heat; cook, stirring frequently, until thick, about 20 minutes. Strain and cool. Refrigerate or freeze leftovers for another use.

Makes 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 cups.

(Blueberry recipe created for AP by the U.S. Highbush Blueberry Council)

Spice up beef-broccoli salad with kimchi

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A beef salad you can make in 20 minutes needs a really peppery ingredient to bring it to a taste level that justifies the adjective "spicy." In this beef and broccoli recipe, the instant fiery agent is kimchi, a Korean condiment that's also commonly eaten in Japan.

The recipe is among the widely varied, well illustrated collection in the 2004 *Food & Wine: An Entire Year of Recipes* annual cookbook (Food & Wine, \$29.95). The editors explain that kimchi is made from a variety of vegetables, but brined napa cabbage with hot red peppers and garlic are the most familiar ingredients. Kimchi is sold at many supermarkets and Asian food shops.

SPICY BEEF AND BROCCOLI SALAD WITH KIMCHI

- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- 3 cups water
- 3/4 pound broccoli, cut into 1-inch florets, stalks peeled and cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices
- 1 pound trimmed beef rib eye, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce (see note)
- 1 tablespoon unseasoned rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon Asian sesame oil
- 3/4 cup thinly sliced kimchi

In a small skillet, toast the sesame seeds over moderate heat until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Transfer the sesame seeds to a plate to cool.

In a medium saucepan, bring the water to a boil. Add the broc-

coli florets and stems and cook until they are bright green, about 2 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the broccoli pieces to a colander and refresh under cold running water. Gently pat the broccoli dry with paper towels.

Add the sliced rib eye to the boiling water and cook until medium rare, about 40 seconds. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the beef to a plate. Spread the beef slices in an even layer and season them generously with salt and pepper.

In a large bowl, combine 3 tablespoons of the cooking water with the soy sauce, rice vinegar and sesame oil. Add the broccoli, sliced beef, kimchi and sesame seeds to the bowl and toss the salad well to coat all the ingredients with the dressing. Transfer the beef and broccoli salad to serving dishes and serve at once. Makes 4 servings.

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Italian cuisine queen has much to celebrate

BY MOLLY GORDY
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NEW YORK (AP) — Let us journey through time. The year is 1954, an era when women were encouraged to marry young and become stay-at-home moms. In contrast, Marcella Hazan is single at 30, a biochemist with two doctorates who lives and works on Italy's sun-kissed Adriatic Coast. She is slender of frame, dark of hair, sharp of tongue and warm of heart. Flash forward to 1974, an era when women postpone childbearing in favor of law and medical school, or rising up the corporate ladder. Marcella Hazan has exchanged her white lab coat for an apron so she can spend more time being a mom. She is grayer at the temples, but still blunt in speech and generous in spirit as she gives private cooking lessons out of her dingy New York apartment. We arrive at 2004, an era when most octogenarians are retired and either widowed or divorced.

Not Marcella Hazan. Although white of hair and slow of step, she is as earthy, vibrant and feisty as ever. In April she celebrated her 80th birthday in Baltimore by accepting a lifetime achievement award from the International Association of Culinary Professionals during its annual conference. And in October, she will celebrate her 50th wedding anniversary with the publication of her sixth cookbook. It is appropriately titled *Marcella Says*.

Hazan and her husband Victor divide their time between a 16th-century palazzo in Venice, and a beach house in Florida near their son and his family. Twice a year they travel to New York, where Marcella gives a three-day course on home cooking at the French Culinary Institute, her only teaching in the United States. Only amateurs are admitted, and only a dozen students are accepted in each class.

Such is the life of the woman who is the acknowledged queen of Italian cuisine in America, a culinary mentor as popular as the balsamic vinegar she regrets introducing to U.S. tables in 1971. "This, I think, was my greatest mistake," said Hazan, who also popularized the use of pesto, with happier results. "Real balsamic vinegar, the kind I showed Craig Claiborne to put in his New York Times column, is aged for years in oak barrels, very expensive and so strong you use only a few drops as a garnish," she said.

"Now it is so popular that Americans buy a cheap version made with caramel at the supermarket and pour it over their salads by the gallon."

She sighed. "An entire generation is growing up without knowing the delights of a good red-wine vinegar." The American penchant for ingredient abuse, including the excessive use of garlic, is as strong today as when Hazan first started teaching cooking in 1969.

That, and her observation that students today ask the same questions as 35 years ago, is what prompted her to write *Marcella Says*.

"This book is different from the others. It comes directly out of the teacher-student relationship," she said. "Always the students ask me: 'How long do you cook it, Marcella? How do I fry without making it greasy, Marcella? How do I choose which shape of pasta, Marcella? How do I keep my tomatoes from turning watery in the sauce?'"

"So many questions, all the time, I thought: 'Why not answer all in one place?' So the first part of the book has no recipes, only teaching and learning. It's called Master Class."

The book's second half features 120 recipes with the inventive spin on Italian classics that readers may recall from Hazan's best-selling

cookbook *Marcella Cucina* (HarperCollins, 1997, \$35). In this case, however, the ingredients are limited to what she could find at her local supermarket in Florida. She jokes that there are so many recipes featuring savory cabbage that her editor asked if Publix was offering it on sale.

This section also includes what may be the book's most important feature: For the first time, Hazan intersperses with her cooking instructions boldfaced versions of the little grandmotherly tips for which her classes are famous.

A recipe for Fricassee Chicken With Almonds, for example, is interrupted by "Marcella Says: I don't buy peeled almonds because I never know how long they have been on the shelf and blanched almonds turn rancid more quickly than unpeeled ones."

In a similar vein, she interrupts the ingredients list for Frozen Nougat and Chocolate Dessert with "Marcella Says: You must not pulverize the chocolate, otherwise the dessert will become dark. To avoid this problem, I use semi-sweet miniature chocolate chips that I use whole."

The Associated Press viewed an uncorrected proof of the book, whose publication is awaited in food circles with the zeal that art dealers reserve for Rembrandts.

Hazan, you see, announced with great fanfare in 1998 that she had retired from writing cookbooks so she could spend more time with family and friends.

"It takes me five years to make one cookbook, because I test every recipe over and over again," she explained. "Also, my English is not good, so I write in Italian, and my husband must translate everything."

She changed her mind because of her difficulty in finding Italian ingredients for her previously published recipes at the supermarket near her winter home in Florida.

"There is nothing in this book you can't make with local ingredients in their proper season," Hazan promised. "But that's where true recipes come from, throughout time," said the woman who counts Julia Child among her former students. "You cook the meal from what you have." The following recipes, from the manuscript *Marcella Says*, exemplify Hazan's approach to Italian cuisine. Both the main dish and the dessert feature an ingredient native to Italy — almonds — that is accessible and affordable (as opposed to their more expensive cousin, pignoli, or pine nuts.)

Both require a certain amount of time to prepare, but no special expertise. And both can be prepared in advance, and kept for several days.

FRICASSEED CHICKEN WITH ALMONDS (POLLO IN FRICASSA CON LE MANDORLE)

- 3 1/2- to 4-pound chicken
- 2 ounces, about 1/3 cup, whole almonds, shelled but not peeled
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 3 garlic cloves, peeled and lightly smashed with the flat part of a heavy knife blade
- 1 cup flour, spread on a plate
- 1 cup dry Marsala wine
- Fine sea salt
- Chopped dried hot red chili pepper, 1 teaspoon or more, adjusting the quantity to taste and to the potency of the chili
- A warm serving platter

Wash the chicken pieces under cold running water, then set in a footed colander to drain.

Drop the almonds into a small saucepan of boiling water. Two minutes after the water returns to a boil, drain through a sieve. Wrap the almonds in a dampened dish towel. Rub the almonds briskly in the towel, and remove those almonds with loosened peels. Remove the peels. Wrap up the remaining almonds and repeat the rubbing procedure until all the almonds are peeled. Put the almonds in a

food processor fitted with the steel blade and chop until pulverized.

Put the butter and oil in a 12-inch saute pan together with the garlic and turn on the heat to high. Stir the garlic from time to time. When the butter melts completely and its foam begins to subside, dredge one chicken piece at a time in the flour and slip it into the pan to brown. When all the chicken pieces have been browned on one side, turn them and brown the other side. When they have all been thoroughly browned, remove the breast pieces, and set them aside in a bowl.

Add the chopped almonds to the pan, stirring them with a wooden spoon for about a minute to brown. Add the Marsala, salt and the chili pepper, turning mixture over with the wooden spoon. When the Marsala has bubbled for about 1 minute, turn the heat down to the lowest setting and cover the pan. Cook for 1 hour, then return the breast pieces to the pan. Cook for about 15 minutes or as long as necessary for the meat to come easily off the bone. Transfer the fricassee to the warm platter and serve at once.

Head-of-time note: If you are serving the chicken for dinner, you can cook it through to the end that morning. Refrigerate and reheat gently in the same pan.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.
Recipe from the unpublished manuscript of Marcella Says, scheduled to be published by HarperCollins in October 2004.

Semifreddo translates literally as half-cold. Its name comes from the fact that it always contains some ingredient such as biscuits, candied fruits, nuts or ricotta that does not freeze solid.

FROZEN NOUGAT AND CHOCOLATE DESSERT (SEMIFREDDO AL TORRONE E CIOCCOLATO)

- 6 ounces Italian nougat (torrone) with almonds
- 6 eggs
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 2 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1 tablespoon dark rum
- 1 pinch of salt
- A 2-quart or larger bowl

Use a sturdy chopping knife to cut the nougat into small pieces, then grind it to a granular consistency in a food processor fitted with the steel blade.

Separate the eggs; you will need only 4 of the whites. Refrigerate the remaining 2 for another use.

Put the yolks in a large mixing bowl, and add the sugar. With an electric beater whip the mixture until it becomes pale yellow and creamy.

In another bowl, preferably a chilled metal one, whip the cream until it is quite stiff.

Add the whipped cream, the chocolate bits, the rum, and 1 1/4 cups of the ground nougat to the beaten egg yolks, stirring well to distribute all the ingredients uniformly.

In a clean bowl, use the mixer to whip the four egg whites with a pinch of salt until they form stiff peaks. Fold them gently into the nougat batter.

Sprinkle the remaining nougat over the bottom and sides of the two-quart bowl. Pour the nougat batter over it. Pull a sheet of plastic film tightly over the bowl and place it in the freezer. The semifreddo will be ready to serve the following day, but keeps a full week.

When ready to serve the semifreddo, remove the bowl from the freezer and take off the plastic film. Choose a serving plate with a lip and a diameter that accommodates the width of the bowl. Soak a dish towel in very hot water, wring it out, and wrap it around the chilled bowl. Slide the blade of a long thin knife around the inside edge of the bowl to loosen the dessert from the sides. Set the plate upside down over the bowl, hold the bowl and plate firmly together, invert the bowl, and give it a good shake. You will feel the semifreddo release from the sides of the bowl and drop onto the serving plate. Lift off the bowl and serve the dessert at once, cut into wedges.

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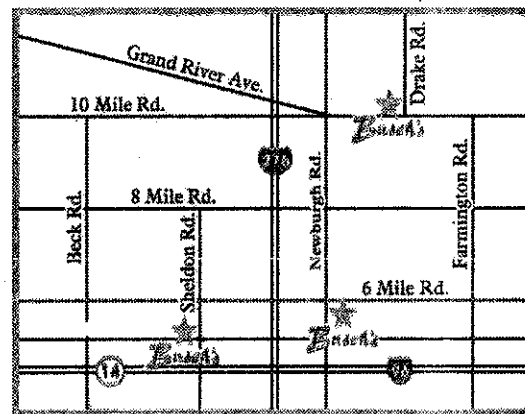
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Lots of investment opportunity in Des Moines, Iowa

I am considering investing in the Midwest and am thinking about the real estate opportunities in Des Moines, Iowa, since I have heard there is a great deal of expansion. Do you have any knowledge of that area?

I have been monitoring Des Moines for a number of years and am pleased to report that there is a tremendous amount of residential development in the downtown area adjacent to the river and in the old warehouse district. As in many other cities in the Midwest, old warehouses are being converted to condominiums and, in one instance, an art deco national historic registered hotel is being converted to a condominium. There is also substantial retail and commercial growth in the downtown area, as well as, of course, in the suburbs. Downtown Des Moines appears to be a great opportunity for development as there is a substantial amount of raw land still available for growth and the economy seems to be steady.

Are there any exceptions to the Michigan law which bars adverse possession of public land?

In the May 20 column, I noted that the Michigan Statute does not permit the adverse possession of "public grounds" i.e. state land. There is a court created exception to the rule, however, which takes place when a person has taken adverse possession of state land at least 15 years before March 1, 1988. The reasoning behind this rule is that the statute barring adverse possession of public land did not take effect until March of 1988; therefore, anyone who has adversely possessed state land prior to March of 1973 has a vested right to the property and may make a successful claim of adverse possession. The rule still remains however, that the law bars adverse possession against state land for all claims where possession of the property in question took place after March 1, 1973.

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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

For first-time home buyers

BY RITA BROWN
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The commitment to purchase a home, particularly for a first-time buyer, has the potential to be an anxiety-riddled proposition. Emotions can run amok, but being prepared can notch down the drama and expedite the final transaction. Here are some steps prospective first-time home buyers can take before expending time, energy and money.

Know your finance options

So what should, what could, prospective first-time home buyers do to diminish their anxiety? As with most endeavors, knowledge is power. Maureen Francis, real estate professional with Snyder, Kinney, Bennet & Keating of Birmingham, emphasizes the need for prospective purchasers to have an accurate understanding of their financial options.

"It is a good idea to sit down with a lender at least a few months in advance to get an idea of how much the buyer feels comfortable paying, and take care of any credit issues that might impact the mortgage the buyer will receive from a lender," she said. Spending the additional time in financial preparedness can add up to substantial savings during purchase negotiations.

Identify needs, set priorities

How long are you planning to stay in the home

'I want my clients to really understand what they're getting, whether it's about contracts or repairs a home may need.'

Leslie Palmitier
real estate broker

you're planning to purchase, and what are your needs? A single buyer or young couple has different needs than a retired couple or large family. Understanding needs, immediate and long-term priorities and knowing your finance options can eliminate inappropriate choices. The idea of a "fixer-upper," a favorite among first-time buyers, can be seductive, but not necessarily practical, Francis says.

"They (first-time home buyers) need to have an understanding of what it costs to fix the big things that are no fun to repair vs. doing the cosmetic things that make a house a home," she said. "A wet basement or leaky roof might take a lot of money to repair. We try to point some of those things out before we get to the point of making an offer and hiring an inspector."

A young professional spending long hours career-building rarely has the time or energy needed to do major home repairs. So why look at that cute fixer-upper if time constraints suggest a condo?

"I make it a point to educate my clients as much as possible," said Leslie Palmitier, associate broker

for Max Brook of Rochester. "I want my clients to really understand what they're getting, whether it's about contracts or repairs a home may need."

"When we first started looking for a home, we were more idealistic. We really wanted all the bells and whistles ... and we were looking at the more cosmetic things, charm and character, by the end we were looking at structure," said Debi Khasnabis of Troy, recalling when she and her husband, Kevin Upton, began their search for a new home earlier this summer. Once the couple became more familiar with the search process, they opted for a more pragmatic approach to finding a home.

"We found it helpful to request and review seller's disclosure statements," Upton said.

By concentrating only on well-maintained properties, Khasnabis and Upton removed a number of homes from consideration that did not meet their refined criteria.

Know the market

Researching the current market is vital. Review comparable home sales and offerings in the area you're

looking in to determine how long they were, or have been, on the market; comparing the listing price to actual selling price. This information will help you negotiate a realistic offer to purchase.

Placing needs and wants into the context of market availability for the first-time buyer is imperative.

"We realized that what we wanted and what we could really get were different," Khasnabis said.

Plan for unexpected expenses

Financing considerations go beyond what type of mortgage to obtain and how much to put down. Francis believes that educating the client includes making sure there is complete understanding of all the seldom discussed costs incurred prior to, during and after the sale.

"First-time buyers have never paid real estate taxes," Francis said. "It's important for them to understand how millage rates vary, even within one city, and how taxes will change after ownership is transferred."

The bottom line for first-time buyers is understanding finances and financing options, analyzing needs and focusing on appropriate properties. For more information, visit www.fanniema.com and www.freddiema.com. The Web site operated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, www.hud.gov, also offers a number of informational links and helpful advice for first-time home buyers.

Mortgage Bits

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APR figures have their limitations

Federal Truth-in-Lending laws require lenders to provide potential borrowers Annual Percentage Rate (APR) disclosures. While these calculated figures are supposed to make for more informed consumers, they are usually more confusing than helpful.

Borrower bewilderment over this mystical APR figure usually manifests itself in common questions like, "Is this figure my actual interest rate?" and "Why is the APR so much higher than my mortgage note rate?" Hopefully, this brief explanation will help you know how and when this APR figure may be helpful.

APR is the "effective" annual interest rate borrowers realize over the entire life of their loan. It is based on the mortgage type and interest rate, its amount and term and the buyers' total closing costs. The APR represents the interest rate that borrowers "feel" after factoring in their loan's costs. The closing costs on a small mortgage amount will yield a much higher APR than would the same very same closing costs calculated for a mortgage with a higher loan amount.

Looking to the extremes, the APR for a "no-cost" mortgage (if there truly were such a thing) would be the same as the mortgage note rate. Meanwhile, an infinitely large loan amount would also force the APR and note rate be equal. At all other times — essentially always — the APR and your mortgage note rate will differ and the APR will almost always be higher.

MORTGAGE SHOPPING

Using the APR to mortgage shop is useful only when comparing loans of similar type, amount and term. APRs become less useful when any of these factors change and they almost completely lose their utility when considering adjustable-rate products and mortgage hybrids.

Since APR figures make no provision for changes in your payoff schedule or potential future refinances or home sales, making mortgage decisions based purely on APRs can result in terribly poor financial decisions. Borrowers would be much better served to ask their mortgage loan officer to fully explain the details of their mortgage selection as they relate to the borrowers' specific financial goals.

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46406 Aarons	\$225,000	7735 Thornwood	\$115,000	16396 Park	\$228,000	17448 Wakenden	\$108,000
2067 Arcadia	\$177,000	47941 Vistas Circle S.	\$320,000	20121 Saint Francis	\$122,000	17738 Wakenden	\$140,000
41559 Bedford	\$125,000	41223 Westfield	\$255,000	9980 Seltzer	\$170,000	8829 Wormer	\$122,000
2109 Cameo	\$158,000	44077 Westminster	\$216,000	16924 Whitby	\$250,000		
6714 Cariton	\$310,000			14771 Yale	\$197,000	809 Autumn Ridge	\$258,000
1528 Commodore	\$228,000			15092 Yale	\$181,000	30511 Avondale	\$190,000
1622 Commodore	\$227,000					8029 Wormer	\$122,000
1951 E. Franklin	\$134,000					30754 Burlington	\$139,000
39878 Edmunton	\$189,000					35660 Canyon	\$155,000
47355 Fairlawn	\$290,000					219 Carson	\$201,000
44525 Fenwick	\$331,000					235 Carson	\$211,000
40464 Glen Eagle	\$171,000					240 Carson	\$197,000
40482 Glen Eagle	\$181,000					1756 Daisy	\$198,000
48171 Greenwich	\$113,000					36804 Dartmouth	\$207,000
48203 Greenwich	\$110,000					7630 Floral	\$108,000
44330 Harsdale	\$228,000					1852 Golfview	\$210,000
46512 Killarney	\$275,000					1973 Golfview	\$220,000
2823 Siever	\$110,000					2037 Golfview	\$220,000
2839 Siever	\$113,000					219 Carson	\$165,000
2814 Stanton	\$355,000					4956 Julius	\$108,000
41603 Strawberry	\$244,000					29925 Lacy	\$229,000
						37524 Lang	\$184,000
						221 Larchmont	\$211,000
						7309 Manor	\$86,000
						7717 Manor	\$93,000
						313 Mariqold	\$135,000
						912 N. Byfield	\$148,000
						8556 N. Farmington	\$130,000
						1550 Northgate	\$130,000
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						1260 S. Henry Ruff	\$129,000
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High-end condos turning over before construction completed

(AP) - Wealthy investors are buying and selling beach-front condominiums before they ever get built and are turning fancy profits on the rapid-fire deals.

The practice, known as "flipping," has become so widespread that real estate companies are promoting it, along with their more traditional ads aimed at people wanting second homes.

According to Alabama Gulf Shores real estate agent Bob Shallow, the strategy involves buying a condo worth hundreds of thousands of dollars for 20 percent down - though, in many cases, the investor actually parts with as little as 1 percent of the down payment - and quickly marketing it and selling it for thousands more.

Shallow, a 23-year veteran of south Baldwin County's real estate scene in Alabama, is a major player in the condo market, which he described as "without a doubt the best market ever - nowhere in the country is it so stable and flush."

Nearly 30 percent more condos - 312 units - sold in Baldwin County during the first three months of this year than during the same period in 2003, according to data from Metro Market Trends Inc., a Pensacola, Fla., firm that compiles real estate sales records. A similar analysis shows that the dollar volume of sales is up nearly 72 percent over last year.

SOLD BEFORE CLOSING

What these statistics don't reflect is the number of sales before closings, when condos are "flipped" before they are ready to

move in. The Mobile Register reported that based on interviews with buyers, builders, broker and bankers, condos in south Baldwin County commonly change hands one or more times before being completed.

Amy Stehmeyer, director of real estate sales at The Beach Club resort on the Fort Morgan peninsula, said that flipping "seems to be more the norm than the exception." Shallow said he knows cases in which condos have been sold seven times before anyone got a set of keys.

Flippers, while they can come from anywhere, are typically well-financed and well-connected to local real estate agents, who are known to reserve portions of projects for these regular buyers.

Pittsburgh businessman Don Hilty discovered Alabama's sandy vistas when he visited a Birmingham client's Gulf Shores beach house. The executive vice president of New Keibler-Thompson Co., a service contractor for steel mills, also saw an area ripe for investment, with the potential for resort-style development.

Seven years ago, he bought his first Baldwin County condo and he and his wife keep a unit on Little Lagoon as a beach retreat. But Hilty has purchased several other units and predicts he'll buy into four or five more this year with an investment group consisting of a few friends.

"We've bought some preconstruction, some we closed on, some we flipped," Hilty said.

"It's a little bit of an opportunity to make a couple of dollars outside of the stock market right now."

In most developments, 20-percent down payments are collected from buyers who commit to a project in the preconstruction stage.

With the deposits, developers and their lenders receive a layer of protection: A buyer is unlikely to abandon a down payment that could exceed \$100,000, said Larry Wireman, a developer.

In many cases, buyers will give the developer an irrevocable letter of credit for the 20 percent in lieu of the amount in cash. Banks typically charge between 1 percent and 2 percent of the amount that these notes represent, although institutions will sometimes issue one for free if the borrower is a good customer, Wireman said.

By using a letter of credit to buy an unbuild condo, then selling that condo before closing, an investor can enjoy returns that far outrun stocks, bonds and mutual funds.

Baldwin County real estate agents are not shy about promoting this on their Web sites. Shallow walks potential investors through the presale process, offering an example in which an investment of \$2,400 turns into \$240,000. Wade Ward Real Estate beckons buyers with "\$100,000 or a million to invest" to think about Gulf-front real estate, "an investment you can see, touch and even live in - try that on Wall Street!"

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Rates on 30-year mortgages fall below 6 percent level

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In good news for home buyers, rates on 30-year mortgages fell below the 6 percent level for the first time in three months, although economists said they don't expect rates to stay at this level for long.

Freddie Mac said Thursday, July 22 in its weekly nationwide survey that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages fell to 5.98 percent, down from 6 percent. The rate was the lowest since the last time the 30-year mortgage was below 6 percent on April 22, when rates averaged 5.94 percent.

Since peaking at a high for this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13, 30-year mortgage rates have been headed lower, reflecting in part a slowdown in economic activity in June.

The economy hit what Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan on Tuesday termed a "soft patch" in June. Greenspan, however, in delivering the Fed's mid-year economic forecast to Congress, sought to allay fears that the slowdown could threaten the

sustainability of the current recovery.

He predicted that growth would soon rebound even as the Fed proceeds with what Greenspan indicated should be a gradual pace of interest rate increases.

Frank Nothaft, chief economist at Freddie Mac, said that the Fed's outlook for the second half of this year was "more upbeat than expected" and he said this stronger growth will translate into further increases in mortgage rates and other interest rates set by financial markets along with the rise in short-term rates controlled by the Fed.

"However, the rise in mortgage rates will be measured, not extreme, and that will help keep the housing industry stable and affordable in the coming months," he said.

The Freddie Mac survey found that rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, edged down to 5.39 percent, the lowest level since late April and down from 5.40 percent.

Rates on one-year adjustable rate mortgages rose to 4.12 percent, up from 4.02 percent.

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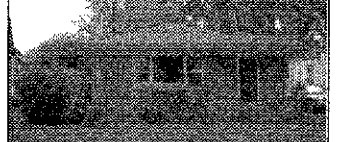
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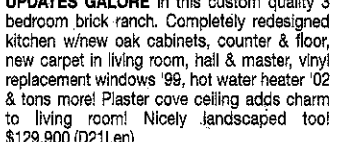
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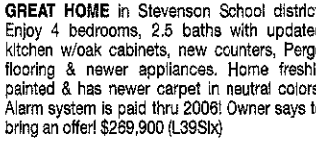
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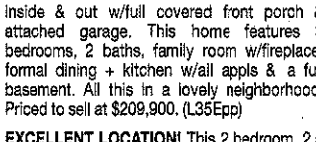
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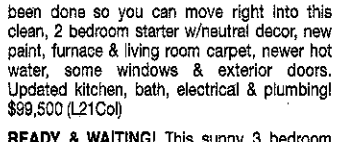
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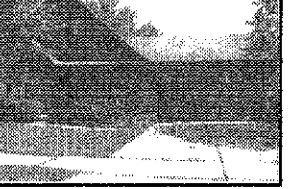

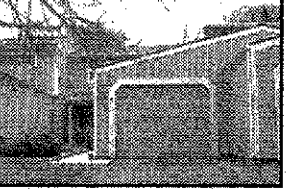

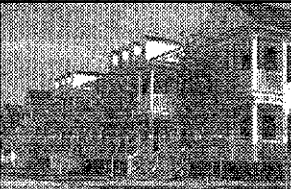

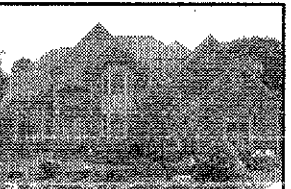

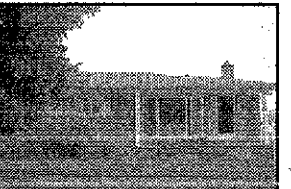

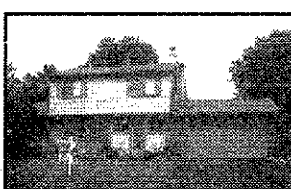






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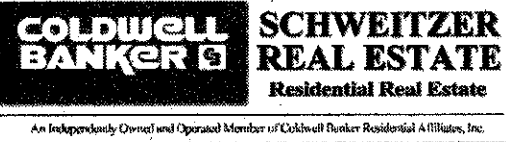
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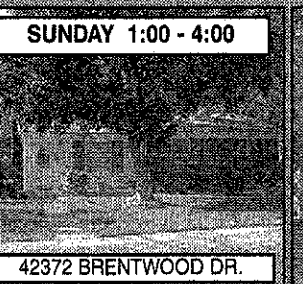



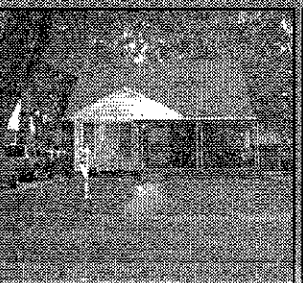



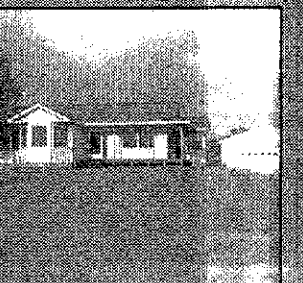








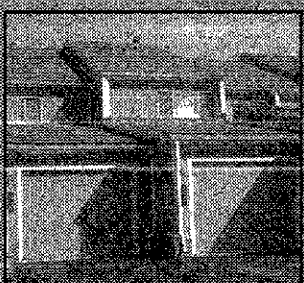
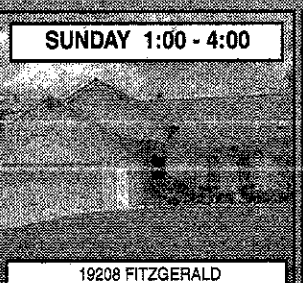







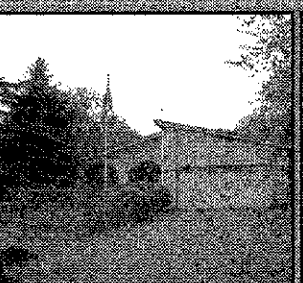
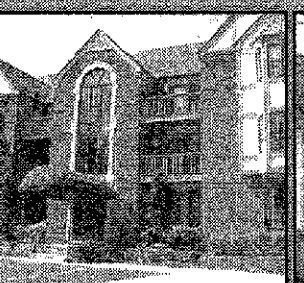


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MEDICAL ASSISTANT Immediate opening for a family practice office in Livonia. Full time position. Looking for a skilled professional who likes working in a small office. Fax resume to: 248-661-5374.

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Help Wanted-Domestic 5240
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LIVE IN CARE PROVIDER WANTED
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Job Opportunities 5310

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Position Wanted 5340

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Dining sets, navy sectional, tables, wall units, lighted curio, tall case clock, bedroom furniture, exercise equipment, washer, dryer, microwaves, dishes, flatware, kitchenwares, tools, books, antiques (78-45-LP), antique butter churn, costume jewelry, miscellaneous.

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NORTHVILLE Handyman Special
Spacious ranch on approximately 3 acres. 3 bedroom, 1 bath apt. Quiet country setting w/trees on rear of property. Needs major repairs - reflected in price. South Lyon Schools.
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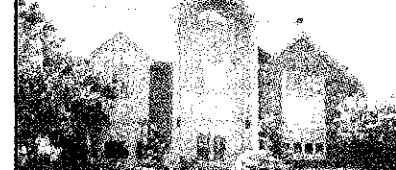
WATERFORD Private Up North Feeling
Huge lot w/great landscape. 3 bedroom ranch w/lake privileges. Newer C/A, furn, HW/H & electrical. Updated kitchen w/custom cabs. Florida room, vaulted kitchen ceiling, ceiling fans t/o. Updated bath. Metal garage roof.
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WYANDOTTE Spacious Starter
Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1.5 car garage w/openers, updated kitchen, windows, roof, electric, plumbing, roof & siding. Formal dining room, eat-in kitchen, basement w/full bath, large lot, all appliances & freshly painted.
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PLYMOUTH This Home Is Wonderful
Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/3 car garage, basement, family room w/gas fireplace, library, cherry kitchen w/island & granite counters, doorwall to deck, 1st floor laundry and so much more.
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PLYMOUTH Entertaining Home At It's Finest!
Price reduction! Marble flooring in 3 story foyer. Open flr plan. GR w/frp/c opens to sunroom, kit w/granite countertops & newer S/S appls, brkfst rm overlooking 40x22 pool & tiered deck. Fin w/o & 3.5 car att gar.
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CANTON Golf Course Frontage
Brick 4 BR colonial w/views of fairways & lg pond. Newer home w/builder upgrades. 2-story FR w/frp/c & wet bar. Gourmet kit w/cherry cabs, prem appls, hwd flr, 2-tiered paver patio, profess indscpd w/lights.
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NORTHVILLE Lovely 4 Bedroom Colonial
Walk to downtown from this lovely home on shady tree-lined street. Home boasts 1st floor master bedroom, DR, FR, FFL, 3 car garage, HW/H in LR & kitchen. Newer roof & furnace. Come see beautiful perennial gardens.
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WESTLAND Great Starter
With Livonia schools offers this 3 bedroom bungalow with hardwood floors, some newer carpet, updated kitchen, dining room & ceramic bath + new roof in '04. One year home warranty.
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SOUTH LYON Great Family House
Charming 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath bi-level with open floor plan, updated oak kitchen w/ceramic tile floor. Family room, walkout basement and 2.5 car garage.
(E54LYO) 734-455-5600 \$186,900



REDFORD Clean & Cozy Ranch
2 bedroom spacious living room freshly painted. Updated kitchen & bath, large dining room, terrific finished basement, newer roof, furnace, electric & H2O. Also a 1 car garage.
(E55DAL) 734-455-5600 \$99,900



SOUTH LYON Approx. 10 Acre Estate
Enjoy luxurious living on a park-like setting. Gourmet kitchen w/onyx stone counters, solid oak stairs, mostly Andersen windows. Professionally finished basement. Lg master bath w/raised corner jetted tub, double sinks.
(E89DIX) 248-349-5600 \$539,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Sharp Ranch
On approx. 1/2 acre. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on wooded lot. Spacious floor plan with vaulted ceilings in great room and kitchen. Two car attached garage & basement.
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PLYMOUTH Great Condo
Lovely 2 bedroom unit w/open floor plan w/great view of wooded area from private balcony that has 2 doors & 5x5 storage area. All appliances stay.
(E70PLY) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



LIVONIA What A Deal!
3 bedroom bungalow on approx. 3 acre lot. Newer 2 car attached garage, heat system, HW/H, roof & vinyl siding. All this in an area of newer homes.
(E65SAV) 734-455-5600 \$128,000



BRIGHTON Walk To Downtown
Wonderful end unit ranch w/2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 car garage, basement, great room w/gas fireplace, doorwall to deck backing to woods. Bring your fuesstest buyers!
(E32FOR) 734-455-5600 \$154,000



WESTLAND Classic Cape Cod
Livonia schools, 4 spacious bedrooms, 2 full baths, updated kitchen w/all appls included. All newer flooring. Updated baths. Home sits on lovely wooded corner lot. Brick paver patio and walk.
(E65DON) 248-349-5600 \$209,900



LIVONIA Indoor Swimming Pool
Come on! Take a vacation in your own indoor swimming pool. Recreation room w/full bath. This 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath ranch is truly unique.
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WYANDOTTE Move Right In!
Cute 2 bedroom dollhouse with updated kitchen w/appliances, updated furnace, H2O tank, roof, oversized 2 car garage, bath & windows + hardwood floors under carpet.
(E5519T) 734-455-5600 \$114,900



CANTON Classic Elegance!
Custom built on approx. 1 acre. Foyer w/wrought iron & wood staircase. 2 story GR w/frp/c & crown molding, kitchen and master bath w/granite tops. 3 bedrooms have a bath & WIC. Full bsmt w/walk-out & 3 car att gar.
(E51ROL) 734-455-5600 \$623,000



CANTON Move Right In!
Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, basement, great room w/gas fireplace, sprinkler system, professionally landscaped yard, large oak kitchen with plenty of counter space.
(E83STR) 734-455-5600 \$214,000



NORTHVILLE Awesome Condo
Turn-key everything is done! 3 bedrooms, white kitchen & half bath w/granite counters, formal DR, sunken great room with fireplace & doorwall to private deck. Border carpet, crown moldings, neutral paint t/o, ceramic foyer.
(E73EDD) 248-349-5600 \$172,500



NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beautifully detailed - offers 4 spacious bedrooms & 4.5 baths. Master suite features fireplace, WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/viking stove, sub zero frg, walkout LL w/whetted floors, sauna & full granite kitchen.
(E55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$1,250,000



PLYMOUTH Desired Location
Spacious 3 bedroom ranch on large lot. 2.5 baths including master bath, attached 2 car garage, 2 bay windows, hardwood floors. Enjoy lower township taxes + home warranty protection.
(E15DRU) 734-455-5600 \$329,900



GROSSE ILE In A Choice Neighborhood
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath rambling brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, basement, formal dining room, library w/day window, vaulted ceiling in great room w/fireplace, FF laundry, oak kitchen w/appl + 4 season sunroom.
(E36LAS) 734-455-5600 \$479,885



NOVI Elegant Southern Living
4 bedroom colonial to move in. Wonderful lot. Great kitchen w/large cabinets. French doors lead to gorgeous family room. Master suite w/WIC. Wonderful master bath. This is a must see home. Looks like a model.
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LIVONIA Expand Your Comfort Zone
Spacious 6 BR, 2 BA home has all the room you're looking for. Large kitchen/dining room and living room to the bedrooms. First floor laundry, full basement, deck, garage and more. Move-in condition too.
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NOVI So Spacious - So Light
First impressions are important. A gracious ceramic foyer greets your guest. Great room w/fireplace w/vaulted ceiling. Library w/built bookcase. FF laundry. Newer roof, updated marble in MBR & ceramic foyer.
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INKSTER Welcome Home
All brick 4 bedroom home w/2 full baths, updated in 2004. Kitchen all ceramic all new. 2 new ceramic baths, lower level family room w/built-in oak entertainment center, HW/H, electric, windows and more.
(E68FAJ) 734-455-5600 \$131,900



TROY Candidate For Architectural Digest
Spectacular 4 BR, 5 BA custom built ranch w/over 5000 sq. ft. w/approx GR w/cath ceiling, gour kit w/hexagon brkfst rm & cust cabs, fully equipped kit in LL + BR & office. Hobbyist or collector's gar + 3 car att gar.
(E32ADA) 734-455-5600 \$599,900



LIVONIA Welcome Home!
3 bedroom, 2 bath updated ranch w/finished basement, 2 car garage & inground heated pool. Home & grounds are meticulous. Newer windows, roof, gutters, sprinkler system. Updated kitchen, BA & BRs.
(E93BER) 248-349-5600 \$204,900



REDFORD Larger Than Most
Spacious 6 BR, 2 BA home has all the room you're looking for. Large kitchen/dining room and living room to the bedrooms. First floor laundry, full basement, deck, garage and more. Move-in condition too.
(E13GAY) 248-349-5600 \$184,900



WAYNE Perfect Large Family Home
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath cape cod on an approximate 5 acre fenced corner lot. Spacious bedrooms. Finished lower level. Room for add on.
(E95VEN) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



GARDEN CITY New Home
Desirable style ranch condo. Customize to your taste. 2 or 3 baths. 2 car attached garage, daylight window in basement, brick/vinyl, exception floor plan. You'll love it.
(E32BIR) 734-455-5600 \$189,900



CANTON New Construction Condo
2 bedroom, 1 full & 1 half bath, 2 car attached garage, basement w/garden windows, C/A, 1st floor laundry, deck overlooking pond.
(E56AVI) 734-455-5600 \$194,900



WESTLAND Feel At Home Right Now
Move-in ready 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/finished basement, 2.5 car garage, updated oak kitchen, updated furnace, roof, C/A, glass block windows, garage door. Great fenced back yard.
(E42BIR) 248-349-5600 \$155,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Great Home Backing To Woods!
Transferred seller's mourn their loss. 4 bedroom, 3 bath quad offers tons of recent upgrades and improvements. Open floor plan, large foyer, LR, DR, kit w/nook, fin bsmt, FR with fireplace and more. Awesome lot.
(E26HAR) 248-349-5600 \$379,900



NEW HUDSON Welcome Home
Colonial Williamsburg inspired home features spacious GR w/frp/c, lg country kit, hwd flrs, oak cabs, large island & walk-in pantry. French doors leads to custom deck w/hot tub, brick paver patio & walk.
(E50WIL) 248-349-5600 \$254,900



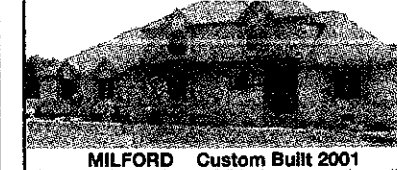
SHELBY TWP. Outstanding Open Floor Plan
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on large premium part wooded lot presents 2 story great room w/frp/c, lg kit w/island, 2 car att gar, partially fin bsmt, doorwall leads to large deck & stamped concrete.
(E79STR) 734-455-5600 \$324,900



NORTHVILLE Golf Community Condo!
A pleasure to show! FF master, open floor plan, 2 story foyer, curved staircase, ceramic tile in foyer & kit + granite tops, 42" cream cabs & SS appls, cath ceiling in FR w/gas frp/c + deck, full bsmt, 2 car att gar.
(E73LYO) 734-455-5600 \$379,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Why Pay Rent?
Excellent financing is available on this newer 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, two story in Nantucket townhomes. Includes all appliances. Neutral decor, close to pool, exercise room and clubhouse.
(E60CAP) 248-349-5600 \$132,500



MILFORD Custom Built 2001
Custom built 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath contemp shows like a model. Two story GR, custom moldings, library with French doors, double oven & cooktop. Newer custom deck. Located on approx. 3 acres w/horses allowed.
(E87HOL) 248-349-5600 \$469,900



NORTHVILLE Established Colony Estates
Terrific residence situated under towering trees, features charm & comfort from the roomy BR's through firefree FR to the custom bonus area in LL and all in between. This is truly a must see.
(E46WIN) 248-349-5600 \$344,000



LIVONIA A Wonderful Find
Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room w/fireplace & doorwall to deck, 1st floor laundry. Newer roof and most windows.
(F90NOR) 734-455-5600 \$263,500



REDFORD Cozy Home On Double Lot
3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow w/2 car garage attached by breezeway, finished basement w/2nd kitchen & bath. Newer roof, windows, kitchen and carpet.
(E18BRA) 734-455-5600 \$119,990



NORTHVILLE Style, Character & Charm
1870 col w/4 BR, 3 BA on approx. 80 acres w/option to split. Gourmet kit w/Corian counter & cherry cabs. Sub-Zero frg, Bosch stainless dishwasher, wine groto, FFL w/Corian, lib, LR w/frp/c & 3 car heated gar.
(E35CEN) 248-349-5600 \$499,900



DEARBORN Want It Now?
Immediate occupancy on this Dearborn brick ranch w/2 BR's & optional 3rd BR on LL, lg LR, spacious kit, nicely decorated interior, lg fin rec rm w/gas frp/c, deluxe wood deck, C/A, sprinkler sys, 2.5 car garage & more.
(E05MAD) 248-349-5600 \$145,900



NORTHVILLE Northville Schools
Great location! 4 BR colonial within walking distance to downtown. 2.5 car garage, FR w/fireplace, C/A, partially finished basement. Beautiful landscaped yard. Curb appeal, newer updates. Home warranty.
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NORTHVILLE \$1,200,000
REPLICA OF 1920'S ENGLISH COTTAGE. 4 BRs, 4.5 BAs. Home offers post and beam constr. Anderson wndws, french drs oversized tumbled brick, 50 yr shingles, garden house, bonus rm over gar. 349-6200 (24046622)

248-348-6430



NORTHVILLE \$629,900
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! 4 BR, 3.5 BA, grand foyer w/hdwd flrs extending to gourmet kit & nook. Kit has granite island, 42 inch cabs, FR has a bay, soaring ceiling & balcony. Much more! (D44243)

734-591-9200



NORTHVILLE \$489,900
PHEASANT HILLS SOFT CONTEMPORARY 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Open flr plan/2 story GR. Multi-level cedar deck w/fountain. Lg rms, mstr ste w/ bit-ins & spa tub. Cedar sun rm. Yard prof landscaped. 349-6200 (95ELM2)

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CANTON \$424,900
TOTALLY AWESOME FLOOR PLAN! Private location backs to woods! 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 1st flr mstr ste w/jetted tub, sep shower & prvt drwy to brk pvr patio. Huge GR, winding strcose, more! (R2433)

734-591-9200



HAMBURG \$409,900
WHAT A BEAUTY! Super maintained brick col on superb 1 acre lot w/wooded backdrop. 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs, deep bsmt, 3 car gar, patio. Terrific mstr ste- what are you waiting for? (23Q7807)

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CANTON \$407,000
BEAUTIFUL RANCH! Location! Location! Glengarry Village. Sub. and great lot! Former model home w/over 2238 SF, finished basement, & more! (L45377)

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HOWELL \$399,900
ELEGANT CONTEMPORARY! 1st flr master, gourmet kitchen, hardwood throughout 1st level. 3.5 baths, 3 car garage. Private beach across the street. All sports lake access! A real beauty! (23L3354)

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PLYMOUTH \$389,900
CLASSIC TUDOR WITH CIRCLE DRIVE The complete 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial. Ceramic tile foyer throughout kit, lndry rm & 1/2 bath. Finished basement. Prof landscaping. (23Q48998)

734-455-7000



PLYMOUTH \$364,900
A RARE FIND! CAPTIVATING COLONIAL! Gorgeous colonial in much sought after Tailwood Sub that backs up to forest. The whole hm has been updated & well maintained. Newer roof, wndws & siding. (T9801)

734-591-9200



NOVI \$348,500
GREAT HM CLOSE TO SCHOOLS. Charming home w/updated kit & brkfst area, formal LR & DR, FR w/tp & built-in bookcases, fin'd bsmt w/ lots of storage & full bath. And 4 seasons sunroom. 349-6200 (60MAN2)

248-348-6430



NEW HUDSON \$322,900
GREAT COUNTRY HOME! New Hudson beauty! 4 BR, 2.5 BA home on 1.38 acre lot, open flr plan, GR w/wood stove, loaded w/updates. Finnish sauna, tennis ct, great wxy access. 349-6200 (61GRA2)

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NORTHVILLE \$286,000
WALK TO DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE This lovely 1600 SF col is within walking dist to the elem & mid schools. Updates incl: newer kit, furn & vinyl wndws, fin bsmt w/BA, wood flrs, all apps. 348-6430 (24056939)

248-349-6200



BRIGHTON \$283,900
GORGEOUS STATELY COLONIAL This 2,100 SF beauty has 4 BR, 2 1/2 baths. Family room w/fireplace, Form DR, lg kit w/breakfast nook, unfinished bsmt, 2 car garage all on a 1/2 acre lot. (O324)

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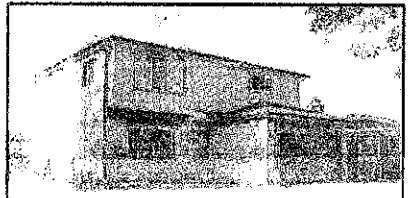
CANTON \$277,900
CLEAN & READY FOR YOU TO MOVE IN! 3 BR, 2.5 bath colonial offers quality construction, an open floor plan & a price you can afford. Updates incl: eat in kit w/oak cabs, DR w/FP, fin bsmt, and more. (V1544)

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LIVONIA \$274,900
1/2 ACRE PLUS YARD IN LIVONIA Updates include new furnace, roof, windows. Pride of ownership shows. Hardwood floors, kitchen has updated counters & flooring and huge walk-in pantry. 349-6200 (01PIC2)

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ALLEN PARK \$264,000
SPACIOUS COLONIAL! Lovely hm totally renovated & expanded in '92! Over 2900 SF! Two LR areas & FRI Multiple BR suites - perfect for guests or extended family! 349-6200 (24079621)

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LIVONIA \$259,000
ORIGINALLY 4 BR. CAN CONVERT BACK 2.5 BAs, big mstr with his/her closets, tons of updates incl: new kit, bath, flrs, wndws, paint, gar dr, HWH, FR w/drwl to patio, FP. Beautiful garden. (W35043)

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CANTON \$258,900
SPACIOUS 4 BR SUNFLOWER QUAD Featuring a common pool & tennis courts. Spacious kit boasts high ceilings, newer flr & cabs. Updates throughout incl crown molding, frnt door, wndws, crpt & lndscpng. (23B46780)

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SOUTH LYON \$249,900
4 BR, 2.5 BATH HOME Walk to downtown SL. Almost 2000 LR, LR, FR w/FP, kit w/brkfst area & sep DR. Mstr w/BA & WIC. New sump pump, all apps stay, 2.5 car gar. (F736)

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CANTON \$244,900
WHY BUY NEW? Check out 3 yr old unit w/many expensive extras. Premium lot, prof fin walkout lower level, 1st flr master, 2 additional BRs & den upper, 2 FR (24058261)

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NORTHVILLE \$234,900
SHARP CONTEMPORARY CONDO You'll be impressed with this one. Vaulted ceilings, stone fp, sky-lights, garage! Balcony overlooks woods & deer! A short walk to downtown, older mill 349-6200 (24049960)

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PLYMOUTH \$220,900
FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! 2-story cell makes this LR inviting. FR w/adj powder rm. Can be bit as 3 BRs. Avail upgrades. Ext lndscpng, sprnkrl sys, lawn main & snow remov. Prime location. (23A1205)

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CANTON \$219,900
EVERYTHING UPDATED! 4 BRs, 2 BAs, over 1700 SF, hdwd flrs in some rms, great kit, lots of curb appeal & backs to park! Great location, Plymouth/Canton schools & more! (A44155)

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GARDEN CITY \$207,500
MAN'S AMBITION-WOMAN'S DREAM In this 3 bedroom brick and vinyl Garden City colonial. 3 full baths, C/A, FR w/gas FP, den and LR, Form DR, rec rm, deck, 2 1/2 car gar w/workshop. (L285)

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PLYMOUTH \$194,900
THE "ARBOR" has an open flr plan. Fin lower lvl rec rm next to laundry & powder rm. Townhome community will feature lndscpng, sprnkrl sys, lawn main/snow remov. Low assoc. fees. (23A1205)

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LIVONIA \$189,900
QUEEN'S PARK CONDOMINIUMS Only 3 units, over 1560 SF of living space. Each feat 3 BRs up, den on main flr, 2.5 BAs, full bsmt, 1st flr lndy, oak cabs & so much more! \$189,900-\$193,900 (M9103)

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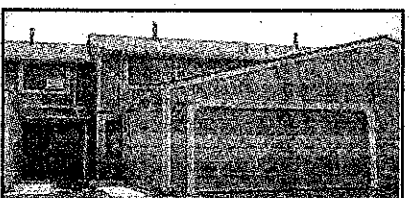
NOVI \$184,900
CONDO WITH A VIEW! Contemporary ranch condo on the water. 2 BRs, 3 BAs, finished LR, gar. Close to everything-what more do you need? Also comes w/pool, cabana & tennis courts. 349-6200 (70EDG2)

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LIVONIA \$179,983
BUDGET PERFECT! Ranch needs a new king & queen. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Newer windows & carpeting. Porch & fenced yard. Partly finished basement w/extra room. (23W28983)

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NORTHVILLE \$179,900
ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE 2 BR condo w/2 full baths + 2 half. Finished walkout bsmt. Updates incl: new carpet 03, roof in 03, furnace & A/C in 99, HWT in 03. 2 car attached garage. (Y856)

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WESTLAND \$177,500
ELEGANT LIVING AWAITS YOU 3 BR, 1 1/2 bath Tonguish home w/approx 1,930 SF of living space. FR w/nat FP hdwd flrs, newer carpeting and updated throughout. Det 2 car & att 1 car garages. (G658)

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CANTON TWP \$165,000
PICTURE PERFECT CONDO W/EVERYTHING! Move in cond, 1180 SF, has 2 BRs, 1.5 BAs, jetted tub, 1st flr lndy, newer appl, att gar, deck, & neut decor. Close to comm ctr, convenient to U of M & St. Joe's. 348-6430 (24052022)

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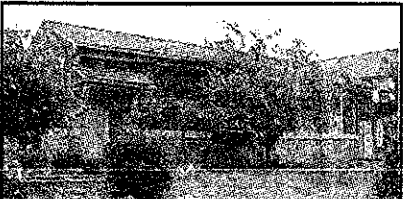
DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$159,900
SHARP 3 BRs, 1.5 BATHS. Nice Landscaping, covered patio, finished family room in basement, 2 car garage. A/C. Fenced yard. (R6531)

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REDFORD \$159,500
EXCELLENT CONDITION Huge LR & dining area, 3 BR, 2 baths, fin bsmt w/rec rm, work area, & 3/4 ceramic bath - very well done. Updated wndws, H2O. 2.5 car gar w/EDO. (J9217)

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NOVI \$154,800
RANCH DETACHED CONDO Great 2 BR carriage unit w/1 car direct access garage, new windows, carpet, neutral decor. Very open floor plan. Move right in! 349-6200 (45PEL2)

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WESTLAND \$134,900
DON'T MISS THIS Nicely kept 3 BR brick ranch in Westland w/lots of updates: furnace, roof shingles, air, insulation, sprinklers, carpeting, HWH, vinyl thermopane windows & more. (H146)

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WESTLAND \$129,900
DESIRABLE WESTLAND AREA Brick and vinyl ranch with newer windows, furnace and central air. Will have new roof prior to closing. Partially finished basement. (W114)

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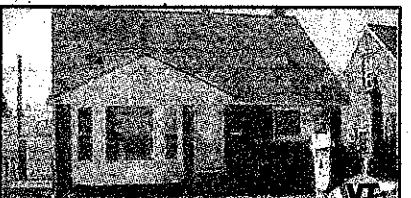
WAYNE \$119,900
RANCH Vinyl sided, 1,050 SF, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, dining room, kitchen w/lots of cabinets, 1st floor laundry, 22x24 garage, and much more. This one won't last. (G423)

734-326-2000



WAYNE \$116,900
ADORABLE BRICK RANCH 3 BR, 1 bath, 2 car garage. Completely updated kitchen & bath. New updates tool Newer wndws, furn, C/A, copper plum & elect. Beautiful hardwood floors. C11369

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INKSTER \$114,800
UPDATES GALORE! This 3 bedroom brick home with finished bsmt & 1 1/2 car garage. Features newer roof, windows, furn & C/A, plumbing, circuit breakers & more. Clean & bright! (A820)

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LIVONIA \$91,900
SPACIOUS CONDO IN MINT CONDITION Very clean & spacious 1 BR/1 bath condo w/lots of storage. Enjoy the beautiful scenic pond view. Eat-in kit, dining rm, balcony, full size laundry & more. 349-6200 (24056983)

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GREEN OAK
WHITMORE BAY QUALITY NEW CONSTR. 15 lots available. Lake access, dock available (included in price). Great amenities include granite in kit, mstr ste w/WIC & garden tub. Starting in 200's. 349-6200 00WH12

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ROMULUS
SCORE LOW- LIVE HIGH with this 3 BR cape on the 13th green. GR, DR, 1st flr mstr w/2 showers. 2nd BR has a 17' WIC. Lg bsmt w/rough plumbing for 3rd bath. Located on a court. 23M5944

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LIVONIA
WONDERFUL LIVONIA BRICK BUNGALOW. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, finished bsmt & 2 car garage. Many updates tool Newer wndws, furn, C/A, copper plum & elect. Beautiful hardwood floors. C11369

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FARMINGTON HILLS
INCREDIBLE HOME & AMAZING VALUE Built in 1990 & almost 1500 SF, huge GR w/cathedral ceiling, hdwd in kit & DR, stylish ceramic tile, huge, mstr w/full BA & lrg closet, wooded lot. R21316

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HARRISVILLE
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME NORTH OF OSCODA 9.68 acres of gently rolling property with a view of Lake Huron. Possible walkout site, electric at road. Close to Springport Golf Course. 349-6200 24047180

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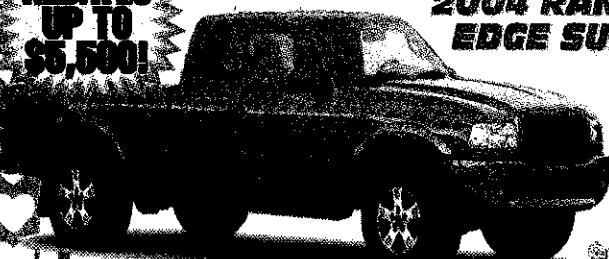
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2004	LAND ROVER S37	\$33,798
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2002	FORD MUSTANG GT COUPE 28,000 miles	\$16,998
1999	DODGE DURANGO SLT	\$9,998
1999	JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE	\$11,498
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2002	FORD ESCORT ZX2 15,000 miles	\$8,998
2002	FORD TAURUS SE	\$8,798

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2002	CHRYSLER 300M 28,000 miles, leather	\$16,488
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2001	FORD SPORT TRAC 4X4 Moon	\$15,498
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YEAR	MAKE	DISCOUNT PRICE
2003	FORD F250 SC LARIAT 5,000 miles, diesel	\$32,798
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1999	FORD F350 XL 16,000 miles	\$14,798
2002	FORD WINDSTAR SEL Leather, certified	\$17,498
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The 2004 Honda Accord and Acura TSX

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BY DALE BUSS

Occasionally, you get two vehicles that just beg to be reviewed together. That's what happened when I drove the Honda Accord and the Acura TSX in back-to-back weeks. Only considered together do these two like-sized vehicles - which derive from very similar mechanical platforms - demonstrate how well Honda Motor Co. has arrayed its products across the various segments of the American car market to give U.S. consumers ever more choices.

These cars, in fact, are a case of one basic vehicle configuration serving two very different market purposes. The short story is that the 2003/2004 Accord may represent the best value of any small family car in America, which is why it remains one of the best-sellers in this market, with sales of more than 400,000 units a year, ranking it close to Toyota's Camry. And the near-luxury 2004 TSX gives Acura, Honda's upscale division, its first decent shot at attracting the rather narrowly defined 30-something demographic that is too established for Acura's entry-level models but not quite to the point of purchasing one of Acura's fine luxury sedans.

The 2003/2004 Accord and 2004 TSX represent the two ends of Honda's timeline of success as well. Accord was one of the first models Honda introduced to the U.S., in the Eighties, larger than its earlier Civic model and a key to broadening Honda's success to the mainstream car market in this country. The TSX is brand new for 2004.

The 2003/2004 Accord represents Honda's first redesign of the model since 1998, and the company succeeded handsomely in presenting a vehicle that shows upgrades here and there over the old one but that doesn't in any way sacrifice the Accord's perfect middle-of-the-road tone. For the money, it is certainly one of the best vehicles available in America.

Entry-level prices are \$16,000, but you can pay more than \$28,000 for a version with all the bells and whistles; the EX I drove retailed for \$23,000. Gas mileage is 24 mpg in the city, a remarkable 33



The 2004 Accord is one of the best values of any small family car.

on the highway, also a big boon for the budget-conscious. Yet Accord seats five people in some comfort, is powered by a reliably optimized four-cylinder engine (although a six-cylinder upgrade is available), and rides remarkably smoothly. There's even ample room in the trunk, although the pass through from the trunk to the rear seat is too small to be of great value.

Standard new features include a bright LED-display instrument panel, a narrow above-console display of readouts for the radio and climate-control system. Plus, Accord now will go 110,000 miles between tune-ups while meeting clean-air standards that don't even go into effect in most of the country until 2006.

One of the tradeoffs for Accord's broad appeal, of course, is that its exterior styling - even in the new version - is nothing at all to get excited about. The only significant new feature is a subtle crease that runs down the side of the car, but you really have to look for it.

On the other hand, TSX is meant to draw comparisons with European-made Audi and BMW

sports sedans. And, in fact, Acura TSX is that rare automobile sold in the U.S. that actually originated on a performance-oriented European platform - in this case, the one for the Honda Accord, which is quite similar to the U.S. Accord.

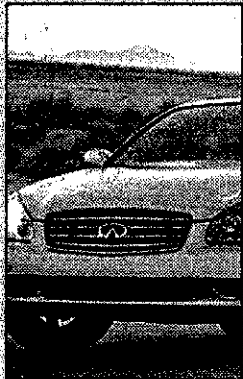
TSX is all about performance, and in the six-speed, manual-transmission version I drove, the vehicle delivered in spades. Fast off the line and through the range of acceleration needs, its get-up-and-go belied its rather petite (though sufficiently chiseled) profile. Priced at a suggested \$27,000, with mileage of 22 in the city and 29 on the highway, TSX comes loaded with perforated leather seats (heated up front), dual-zone automatic climate controls, a power sunroof, a 360-watt stereo with in-dash six-CD changer, 17-inch wheels and high-intensity-discharge headlights. A \$2,000 voice-recognition navigation system is optional.

It remains to be seen how well TSX will serve Honda in the targeted demographic. But at least Acura has a credible entry there now.

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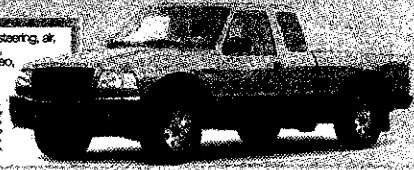
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Event Price **\$15,594⁶⁰**

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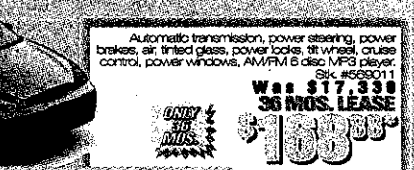
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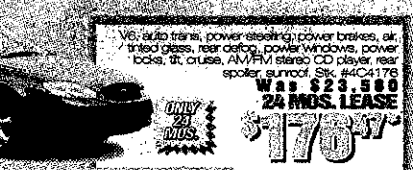
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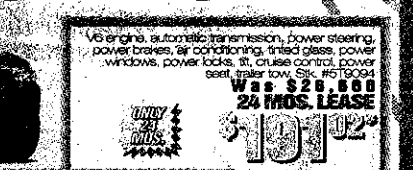
V6 engine, auto trans, power steering, power brakes, air, tinted glass, rear defog, power windows, power locks, air, cruise, AM/FM stereo, CD changer, rear spoiler, S/C #420176
Was \$23,880
24 MOS. LEASE
\$170



Event Price **\$12,285⁰⁰**

2005 Escape XLT Sport 4x4

V6 engine, automatic transmission, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning, tinted glass, power windows, power locks, air, cruise control, power seat, sunroof, S/C #470004
Was \$21,400
24 MOS. LEASE
\$101



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Was \$21,320
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\$206



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2004 Freestar Limited

V6 engine, auto, power steering, air, tinted glass, power seat, power windows, power locks, air, cruise, AM/FM stereo, CD changer, rear spoiler, S/C #418115
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\$245



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